

## AFEW WORDS ABOUT SEWER SYSTEM

Why I Oppose It.  
First. Because it was originated by a set of Boosters, the majority of whom, pay a small percentage of the taxes and who are brainless monstrosities gropeing in dark, howling because some influential said Howl and that said Influential has one chief business, and that is to extort from the Innocent Public, the Chiefest part of their Hard Earnings. These same Influentials are now influencing their followers to Howl, "That said sewer system will be maintained without water or without cost." Another senseless idea; but the ridiculous part of it all, they expect Sensible and intelligent Citizens to believe such Stuff; the fact is the whole System is simply a Half-Hammered, Half-materialized and in fact a Dismal Failure from a practical standpoint.

Second. Because the \$55,000 Bond Issue will cost, when paid out, \$135,000.00, have you ever figured it out? Get some of your influentials to figure it for you, if you would Vote Intelligently. Get them to tell you how much it will cost to maintain the system, consult the State Health Department about How you WILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN THIS SYSTEM. See How much water you will HAVE TO Use before you can operate it in Your Home or place of business, this is a proposition that Must Be Operated Strictly according to the Sanitary Code; or else YOU will go to Jail. Look into this business and vote intelligently; don't vote because Oneal Construction Company advises You that it is a simple matter of a few cents tax each year, but be wise. Oneal People are getting considerable pie out of this Project if it Works, therefore it behooves them to say these nice things to you for your vote.

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## FIFTY ATTEND FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs were happily surprised on last Sunday morning when their children and close friends began to arrive at their lovely home in the south part of Merkel to celebrate their birthdays.

Mr. Toombs was 64 years of age on May the third and Mrs. Toombs was 62 years old May the sixth. Both Mr. and Mrs. Toombs came to this country many years ago and are among the very most substantial citizens of Merkel.

A wonderful feast of every thing one could think of good to eat was served to about fifty, including the children of Mr. and Mrs. Toombs, grandchildren and close friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Toombs are the happy parents of eleven children, all of whom were present for this occasion, being the first time in four years. The children present were: Mr. H. H. Toombs and family, J. J. Toombs and family, W. W. Toombs and family, Mrs. Walter Boden and husband, Mrs. M. D. Angus and family, Mrs. C. Walton and family, Leen and T. J. Toombs, all of Merkel, and Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby of Petrolia, Texas, Joe Bailey Toombs of A.C.C. Abilene, and Mrs. Mose Cauthen of Alamagorda, New Mexico.

## CONVENTIONS IN-STRUCT FOR M'ADOO

The precinct convention held at the Tabernacle in this city on last Saturday afternoon, was well attended by local Democrats. The meeting was called together by Precinct Chairman W. O. Boney, who was made permanent chairman of the convention, with H. R. Hicks as Secretary.

After some little heated discussion the convention went on record as favoring sending its delegation to the County Convention instructed for McAdoo, after which the following gentlemen were elected as delegates: Geo. F. West, W. O. Boney, W. T. McAnninch, Dr. S. W. Johnson, J. C. Mason, C. L. Whitescarver, W. H. Frazier, J. S. Swann, H. R. Hicks, Rev. Fred S. Rogers and Emory McDonald.

And on Tuesday afternoon these gentlemen drove over to Abilene where they participated in the county convention which after a hard fought battle, also instructed its delegates to the state convention to vote for McAdoo, and to vote as a unit upon any and all questions. The following gentlemen from Merkel were chosen among those elected to the state convention: J. C. Mason and Dr. S. W. Johnson.

## MASON RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT

The Hon. J. C. Mason, of this city, has filed his name with the proper authorities to have same placed on the Democratic ticket as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner of Texas, and will soon enter upon a campaign of the state in the interest of same.

At the County Democratic Convention in Abilene, on last Tuesday, that body passed unanimously a resolution endorsing Mr. Mason for this most important office.

For six years Mr. Mason served in the state Legislature from his former home, Lamar county, and which his friends refer to as "without a blemish," and as being honest and capable.

For many years Mr. Mason has been identified with West Texas, having been a citizen of Merkel for some ten years, near which town he has considerable farm interest, and since he is a West Texas man, whom his friends declare to be highly qualified and capable of handling the affairs of the office of Railroad Commissioner, they feel that all West Texas should and will solidly and unitedly support him for this office.

This paper would call the attention of the readers of the Mail to the article published in these columns over the signature of Mr. Mason, and would urge that you give his claims fair and careful study when making up your minds as to whom to vote for as Railroad Commissioner.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, is improving nicely after several days illness which confined him to his home for a few days. We join many friends in the hope that he will continue to so improve that he will soon be at his post of business again.

## CHORAL CLUB CONCERT MONDAY

Twenty-five pretty high school girls, who are wonderfully talented, will be presented in the Girls Choral Club Concert Monday evening by Miss Fae Bland, Director. Admission will be thirty-five and twenty-five cents.

For the school year just closing Miss Bland has very ably directed this choral club, and it is through her efforts that the higher ideals of an education of the finer arts, as music and song, have been lifted. One's heart and mind must be trained and educated to appreciate the value of music and song and Miss Bland has done much in this way this year in so efficient ly training these young people. Songs that are filled with a deeper meaning and melody than words can tell have been chosen by the splendid director, which will instill into one the desire to forever more hear only the best of music.

Included in the program will be solos, readings and piano selections by high school pupils. Miss Roberta Gay, the very talented music teacher, will be the accompaniste during the evening's concert.

### The Program

1. a. Sweet and Low... Barnby
- b. Santa Lucia... Boat Song Choral Club
2. a. If... Kipling
- b. Penrod's affliction... Tarkington. Lola Dennis.
3. Sing on... Denza Choral Club
4. a. To a Waterlily... McDowell
- b. Hark! Hark the Lark... Schubert. Ona Fae Rose.
5. a. O Mary, Don't you weep... Negro Melody.
- b. Swing low, sweet chariot... Negro Melody. Choral Club.
6. a. O' Dry Those Tears... Del Riego.
- b. Dusky Sleep song, Hamon. Mona Margaret Jones
7. a. My Sunshine... Capua
- b. Silent now the Drowsy Bird Offenbach. Choral Club.
8. a. A Merry Life... Denza
- b. The Invitation of the Bells Planquette. Choral Club.

### Personnel of the Club

Fae Bland, Director; Roberta Gay, Accompaniste; Lola Dennis, Reader; Ona Fae Rose and Mona Margaret Jones, soloists. Choral Club: Edith Baker, Evelyn Curb, Grace Lee Cranston, Myrtle Daniels, Lola Dennis, Dorris Durham, Lucille Guitar, Mae Helman, Mona Margaret Jones, Minnie Maud Lamar, Gladys Middleton, Alma Patterson, Allyne Riley, Dorris Russell, Lucy Mae Stubblefield, Ruth Watts, Altos: Hazel Bell, Helen Booth, Jewel Burns, Leon Drake, Mildred Matthews, Opal Patterson, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Ona Fae Rose, Melba West.

## MR. AND MRS. SIMPSON LOSE THEIR BABY BOY

Little Thomas Dewitt Simpson, eight months old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Simpson, died Thursday following a few days illness, at 10:30 o'clock. Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at the Church of Christ, conducted by Eld. W. G. Cypert, with interment immediately following in Rose Hill Cemetery.

This paper joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and other loved ones, in the loss of their baby boy.

Mr. Geo. Woodrum, wife and Mrs. W. G. Cypert visited Mr. Rotan Cypert at Crosbyton last week end.

## LUNCHEON CLUB TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE

Next Tuesday evening the Luncheon Club will hold its semi-monthly meeting at Ed's Cafe at 7:30 o'clock, with Rev. W. H. Albertson in charge as Toastmaster. Rev. Albertson is a gifted orator, beaming over with wit and humor, and those in attendance may rest assured of a pleasant and profitable evening spent in talking over the city's best interest.

And, since this meeting will be held the night previous to the day of the sewer bond election, it has been decided to hold open house to any and all, who may be for or against the said sewer bond issue, who may wish to attend, although they may not be a member of the Luncheon Club, the only requisite being that they register their names with Mr. Turner, the cafe man, by NOON Monday, May 12, so that he will have time to prepare for any additional persons over and above the regular Club membership. It has also been decided that the membership may bring their wives, or best girl, on this occasion. And all who have already paid their dues will only be required to pay twenty-five cents extra for said wife or "best girl." While any one desiring to come and bring their wife or "best girl," who are not members, may do so at \$1.00 for the two, provided they register at NOON Monday, May 12th, as above stated.

It is hoped that those for and against the proposition will feel free to discuss their views in a friendly and business like manner, and in this way perhaps it will bring about a better and more complete understanding of the merits and demerits of the proposition.

Mr. Turner, the cafe man, thinks he can take care of about 150 people, provided they let him know that he is expected to feed that many people. So now if you expect to be present don't wait until time to sit down to the table to make it known that you will be there, because it is unfair to him and those who have already arranged for plates.

## RUFÉ TITTLE BUYS \$4,000 HOME HERE

A deal has recently been closed whereby Mr. C. R. Tittle, who now resides on his fine farm south of Trent, purchased the splendid home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, located on Oak street, for the sum of \$4,000 cash, and will move with his family to same about July first. We are glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Tittle will soon come back to Merkel. As to Mr. and Mrs. Guitar's plans for the future we have not learned, but trust that they will not leave Merkel, but either buy or build a new home among us.

## LECTURES AT CHURCH OF CHRIST WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday evening of this week at eight o'clock at the North Side Christian church, Eld. J. H. Lawson, of Austin, gave an interesting and appreciated lecture on the question of "The Bible versus Evolution," or "Will the Old Book Stand."

We are told that a good sized audience greeted the speaker, who is an able and fluent speaker, and that his address was well received and highly appreciated.

## CONTRACT LET FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

The members of the Merkel School Board met last Tuesday afternoon and opened bids for the erection of the new High School building, bonds for which was voted in the sum of \$40,000 some time ago.

The general contract was awarded to J. R. Horn & Sons, of Abilene, which was for \$27,925. The plumbing and heating was awarded to S. P. Osborn of Abilene for \$5,440 and the electrical work was given to the Sun Electric Co., also of Abilene for \$1,400, making a total of \$34,765 for the building completed.

Besides the above, the block of land consisting of 14 lots, has been purchased from Mr. Sam Butman, Sr., for the sum of \$2,100, and the Architects, David S. Castle & Co., of Abilene, will be paid the sum of \$1,700 for their services, making a grand total of \$38,565 for the building.

This will leave enough, it is thought, to furnish the building fairly well, but not so good as the board would like. But the board felt that it was better to build a good substantial building, one that would stand the test of time, and at the same time prove useful and ornimate to our city.

The bids run all the way from the above low bid to \$36,000, the highest, and there were eleven general bids made to the board to select from. And when completed Merkel will have one of the best and finest school buildings of its size in the state.

## JUDGE COBB'S FATHER DIES

Judge N. D. Cobb returned first of the week from Hearne, Texas, where he had been called to attend the funeral of his father, Judge A. G. Cobb, for many years one of Robertson county's best known and beloved citizen, who died on last Friday. We publish the following from the Dallas News regarding this one of Texts' native sons, who had been one among those old, pioneer, sturdy fellows who helped to blaze the way and to shape the destinies of this state and bring it up to the great empire for which it has become known:

Hearne, Robertson Co., Texas May 3.—Judge A. G. Cobb, 78 years old, died here Friday, after a short illness.

Judge Cobb was a native Texan. He was born in Leon County in 1846, and when a mere boy joined the Confederate forces, serving throughout the war, and was one of the three members of Camp Moorman, R. Boswell and T. W. McNeil of Hearne are survivors.

For eighteen years Judge Cobb has been Justice of the Peace of this precinct, being elected without opposition, and was a candidate for re-election. Judge Cobb was a member of the Baptist church and the Masonic fraternity. Services were conducted at the church, the Rev. C. E. Bullock officiating, after which the Masons performed their ceremony. Burial was made in Norwood cemetery.

He is survived by several sons and daughters. His wife died several years ago.—Dallas News. The Mail joins many friends of Judge N. D. Cobb in extending to him deepest sympathy in the loss of his beloved father.

## SEWER ELECTION FOR WED., MAY 13

On next Wednesday there will be held in the city of Merkel an election to determine whether or not the city shall issue bonds in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the purpose of putting down throughout Merkel a modern Sanitary Sewer System. And it is a big question a question of great importance to the future of this city. It is a question that means much regarding the health of the people of Merkel. And, while this writer does not claim to know "better than any one else," and we accord every man the right to his personal opinion about this or any other question, in that he may be for or against the question as he pleases, we do, however, believe that every person who has ever lived in a town where sewers are in use, will agree that it is better for the health and comfort of the inhabitants that said sewers are installed. We also believe that you will find that where a town has a good modern sewer that property values are increased and that rentals are

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## 28 TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL

The senior class this year consists of twenty-eight members, and is reported by Superintendent Roger A. Burgess to be the largest class to graduate in the history of the school. Another important thing is that in this class there are nine boys, for usually boys are more apt to drop out of school before they finish than are girls. However, the girls are almost two for one in this class. Miss Gladys Middleton is the class president and Miss Johnnie Sears is the Secretary and treasurer.

The following weeks will be busy ones for all school pupils. Beginning with Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 19 and 20, when the expression and music departments give their recitals, the remaining few days before the end of school will be crowded with various exercises. The seventh grade graduation will be held at the Methodist church on Friday evening, May 23. This program will include songs and talks by pupils, and an address by Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the Baptist church.

Then on Sunday evening, May 25, at the Methodist church, Rev. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, will preach the commencement sermon, on Monday evening, May 26, at the Methodist church, Dr. P. W. Horn, president of the Texas Tech, will deliver the commencement address.

The graduates are: Jack Trent Anderson, Brannic Gerald Bailey, W. Spencer Bird, Lois Christopher, Billie I. Cobb, Exa Mae Cole, Merrill M. Collins, Grace Lee Cranston, Myrtle Daniels, Venona Imogene Hayes Anna Irene Henderson, Harry L. McCandless, Gladys Middleton, Fairy Orr, Alma Patterson, Opal Estalene Patterson, E. Willard Reeves, Allyne Riley, Dorothy Sanders, Boog A. Sears, Johnny Clarece Sears, Kenneth Sharp, Lucy Mae Stubblefield, Mildred Swafford, Nell Elizabeth Swann, Maurine M. Tipton, Weston H. West and Anna Mae Wilkins.



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## WHY I OPPOSE THE SEWER BOND ISSUE

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Third. There are numerous corporations in existence who will install a perfect sewer system at their own expense, and operate it at their own expense, be responsible for all damages that accrue from the operation of it, and all this for 8 per cent on the investment, just like your Electric Lights and Telephone is operated, I say there are numerous companies itching for a franchise in the city of Merkel who will put in Your Sewer System, operate it, maintain it and furnish you an up-to-date system that you will be proud of, and all the law allows them to charge you is 8 per cent on their investment; your lights are operated just that way, and according to Law.

Fourth. It is an injustice to the Poor Man, the man with an Humble Home, with no means to install the system, with no water to flush it, or no means to secure water, we have many such homes in Merkel, yet he must be taxed to pay for those who are able to install and maintain it; the water works is an example of such a system, just a half hammered system, the man who reaps no benefit from the Water Works is paying just the same as the Man who is getting the benefit. I ask you, is it Justice? Will you do unto your Neighbor as you would have him do unto you or will you from a Selfish Motive vote to sink your Neighbor into everlasting oblivion. Give it a thought, be fair to your neighbor, do you think it just? Mr. Intelligent, will you be rewarded for mis-leading these people? Are You willing to stand the Test?

Hoping these few words will serve to an investigation of the proposition, I am Very Respectfully, J. G. HALE.

## TO VOTE ON SEWER BONDS WEDNESDAY

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safer and more profitable. And defy any one to show where there has been a town where sewers have been installed, that the citizenship wanted to dispose of them, or were even dissatisfied with them.

Every one agrees that they would be a fine thing, but give various reasons why they think, only think, they would not be a success. Some one has said the amount of bonds to be voted are insufficient to put the sewers over the city as is proposed and as is shown by the different maps now to be seen over the city. Well, this paper would ask the question How do you know? Have you figured on the matter or are you just guessing? The city officials have employed an engineering company, a company that makes it a business of making surveys for water and sewer plants, who send out experts to make surveys and get out plans, and in order to give to a city anything like an accurate cost of such a plant, these engineering companies must know the cost of both the work and material before they can make such estimate. Well then, is it not natural that they should know what they were talking about better than one who was only guessing at the matter.

Our city officials are honest men, and this paper believes that before they spend a dime of this money, or before the bonds are sold they will know whether or not the amount is sufficient to put the plant in or not. It would be highway robbery for them to sell the bonds and make a contract for putting anything less than a system as is proposed by the maps now on display and they are not going to do it.

Every law abiding man who maintains a home in this city is today, or should be, paying a sanitary fee of fifty cents per month, \$6.00 per year, for there is a city law requiring him to have his open closet cleaned at least once a month. And God knows if he is not doing this he is not fair to his neighbor who is. And to vote this bond issue will not cost the average family more than the sanitary fee as paid today, for after he has connected with the sewer they tell us there will be no more fees of any kind. That being the case, then why not let us have the sewer and do away with that filthy nuisance the "open closet," which is only a perfect haven for breeding flies and disease germs of every kind.

Many say we have not sufficient water, how do we know? The engineer says that it will not take more than six barrels of water to flush the sewers each day, and certainly he should know what he is talking about. Because his plans and work must and will be inspected by an engineer from the State Board of Health, a department maintained and kept up by the State of Texas. He must know what he is talking about.

No town throughout West Texas has a better trade territory than has Merkel, and Merkel has always been a good town—better than many others nearby—some of them county seats, but listen folks, some of these towns that have not heretofore been considered near as good a town as Merkel, are today pushing ahead; they are building and growing. Why? Because the citizenship has caught the vision of progress, and have put in such modern conveniences as sewers, paving, good lighting system, etc., and have made such towns more attractive. And it is up to the citizens of Merkel to decide on next Wednesday whether this city will make a forward step and vote to put in the sewers or whether we shall remain in the backward column of West Texas.

## NOTICE REBECCAS

There will be degree work at the Hall Thursday night, May 15th. Refreshments served. Itp

## Weekly Prayermeeting

The prayer meeting will meet on Wednesday at three o'clock with Mrs. Max Busbee. Song, Love Lifted Me. Prayer by Mrs. Sears. Leader, Mrs. Meeks, 1st. Corinthians 10th chapter. Song, Jesus is all the world to me. Prayer by Mrs. West. Lesson in the Book of Genesis, leader Mrs., Allday. Prayer by Mrs. Hollingsworth. The True and false prophecy, by Mrs. Tatum. Closing prayer by Mrs. Causseau.

Messrs. Ira Huss, splendid manager for the West Texas Utilities company in Merkel, in company with Mr. Chas. H. Mahan, efficient bookkeeper for the company here, spent Tuesday in Stamford, attending a meeting of the Managers and employees of the Company in this district. They report a very fine time in every way, especially the big barbecue given by Mr. R. V. Colbert on his ranch near that city.

I am glad to announce that I now have a large and complete stock of the Rawleigh goods on display at the W. D. Ramsey Grocery on Kent Street, and will be glad to have you call and see my stock, and feel sure that we can please you in many ways. E. B. Barnes, phone 147. It

At Salt Branch there is to be a play intitled "Old Fashioned Mother," by the Salt Branch school. The play is free and everybody is invited, Friday night, May 16th.

Bring your buckets or cans and get them filled with good pure hog lard, at only 15 cents per pound. Patterson & Baker's Meat Market.

## Based on the Following STATEMENT

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Loans, Time and Demand	\$350,404.25
Loans, Cotton	1,171.14
Liberty Bonds and United States Treasury Cert. Indeb.	138,450.00
School Bonds & warrants	138,450.00
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
Overdrafts	1,536.44
CASH & SIGHT EX.	168,307.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$693,716.55</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,247.57
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
RESISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	608,218.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$693,716.55</b>

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## Scholarship for Sale

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her. It

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## FORMER MERKEL GIRL MARRIES AT GRAHAM

We are informed that Miss Belle McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, who formerly lived here, was married at Graham last Tuesday, to Mr. E. E. Kimbrough of Fort Worth.

The bride is well known in Merkel, having been reared here, finished her high school education here, and was loved and held in high esteem by all with whom she was acquainted. The groom, we are told, is a young traveling man of Fort Worth, who is held in high esteem also by his friends. They will make their home in Fort Worth, where this paper joins a host of friends in extending congratulations and good wishes to the happy couple.

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## TO MY FRIENDS IN AND AROUND MERKEL

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I also have the Valspar Varnish top dressing Enamel, all colors, and as good as the best of brushes to put it on with, and all I want is a small profit.

Top materials of all kinds we make any kind of top you may want recovered. Canvas Cots, I buy or sell Canvas Cots, I have some Steel Cots in stock now and have lots of paper plates for the picnic down on the beach. Come around and see me when you want most any thing.

DOWELL The Top Man on Front St

## MERKEL COUPLE MARRIED IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The Mail is informed that at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, May 7th, at Fort Worth, Mr. Victor T. Tippet and Mrs. Ergeal Meador were united in marriage, at the Baptist Seminary, by the Rev. Albert Venting, immediately after which the happy couple left for a trip to San Antonio and other south Texas points.

The groom is a wealthy and well known South Texas ranchman, a man of fine business ability and sterling character, and who is well known here, having visited friends and relatives here for several years. He is a brother of Mrs. W. L. Harkrider of this city.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. N. Brown of this city, and is also well known and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends in this city, having been connected for a number of years with the Brown Dry Goods Co., as well as being quite prominent in church and social circles in Merkel.

The Mail joins a host of friends of both the contracting parties in extending to them congratulations and good wishes for a married career of happiness and prosperity.

As to just where they will make their home, has not been decided, which will not be done until after their trip to South Texas, and likewise one to Chicago.

Messrs. A. V. Dye, Chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department accompanied by Chas. K. Russell and Joe Owen, will leave Sunday for McKinney where they will attend a meeting of the State Fireman's Association.

progressive towns, and gradually shrink up to a small village, as is the case where there is no progress.

## P.T.A. PROGRAM

Devotional, Rev. W. H. Albertson.  
Reading, Flora Francese Anderson. Music, Inice Brown.  
Duet, Melba West and Helen Booth. A word to the teachers, by Mrs. Rogers.

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Mr. J. A. Stanford was here this week from the Rio Grande Valley to which country he moved last winter. We understand he and his family will likely move back here soon.

Mrs. Roy Adams and baby are visiting friends and relatives at Post City this week.

Jim Black of Big Spring was here first of the week on business and shaking hands with friends.





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**ELDER CYPERT WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY**

Eld. W. G. Cypert will preach at both the morning and evening hours, at the North Side Christian Church, next Sunday. And at three o'clock in the afternoon he will fill his appointment at Noodle.

For many years this good minister, who is one of the most faithful and able in all the West, has at different times conducted services for this church in Merkel, and he is always accorded a large audience and most careful attention.

A cordial welcome is extended everybody to hear him at each of the above mentioned dates, and especially it is urged that the local membership be present.

J. T. Biggs and family returned last week from their visit to friends in Comanche county. They report a very pleasant visit here.

I still have Maize and Kaffir Heads in the house. When in need see me. Shelled Corn, chops shelled oats and mixed cow feed of three kinds. Also 30 bushels of red top sorghum seed. **SOUTH SIDE GIN**, by L. L. Murray, Manager. 2t2

**M. E. Womans Missionary Society Notes**

The Womans Missionary Society met last Monday afternoon in their regular business meeting. After the regular routine of business such as the reports of officers, paying of dues and pledges, and a few other items, of business, we heard the report of one of our delegates to the annual conference at Vernon. Mrs. Tom Largent and Mrs. R. I. Grimes were sent to represent our auxiliary at this conference, and Mrs. Largent gave us a wonderful report of the meeting. She brought back some excellent ideas and helpful suggestions for our local society and this report was very much appreciated by our members, so much so that a rising vote of thanks was given these ladies for so dutifully representing us at the conference. Next Monday is mission study day, but as our books have not come we will have a program instead. We had a splendid attendance last Monday, there being 19 members and two visitors present. Let's make it one hundred per cent attendance on next Monday. Mrs. Grimes will give her report of the conference at next Monday's meeting. Come hear this report, and become better informed about our work.

**NOTICE TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF MERKEL**

And surrounding country. I have moved my family in your town and am a Jeweler and Watch Maker. I am located at Sanders Drug Store and will be glad to meet you all and will guarantee to do your work to your own satisfaction in watch Clock, Jewelry and Optical line. I don't claim to be the best, but as good as the best. Yours to serve, L. D. BRANNON. 1t

The Brown Dry Goods Company has recently added some handsome new fixtures in the way of a nice ready-to-wear cabinet and shoe department, all of which adds to the attractiveness of the store.

Miss Eugenia Williams returned first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives at Graham, Texas.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and all who assisted us in any way following the destruction by fire of our home recently. We shall never forget your kindness, and may a kind providence reward you and prevent a like disaster from befalling any of you. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Derrick and children, Noodle, Texas. 1tp

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Handley of Roscoe visited W. F. Hamblett Sunday. Leaving Sunday morning for Abilene, accompanied by Mrs. Hamblett, where they took dinner with her brother, J. H. Handley. He joined the party and they left for South Bend to visit another brother, J. R. Handley. Mrs. Hamblett reports a very splendid trip.

T. W. Collins, one of Merkel's splendid building contractors, is spending a few days here with his family, after having spent many months over in Jones county building modern new bungalows for as many as seven farmers. And he still has another contract to start on soon right near the city of Anson, which town Mr. Collins reports, as does every one who has visited that city, as growing very fast. Anson has lately installed fine water and sewer system, paved her streets and put in a beautiful white way. And now some six new brick business houses and many new up-to-date homes are being built.



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Sweet Pea Breakfast Bacon	22½	Vienna Sausage the best (per doz.)	1.15
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Schillings and Folgers 45 and	1.15	All 15c and 20c Jellies	22½
Extra Fancy select Santos Pea Berry		Large qt. Jar Strawberry Jam	45c
Coffee no better Pea Berry coffee at any price 35c	3 for \$1.00	5 lb Rex Jelly	45c
A good Rio Coffee with Premiums	30c	Lowneys ½ lb Coco 20c 2 for	35c
Schilling Orange Peco Tea	25c	K. C. Bak. Powders 50c size	45c
Try a can of this tea its better		3½ lb crackers (not the 3 lb size)	40c
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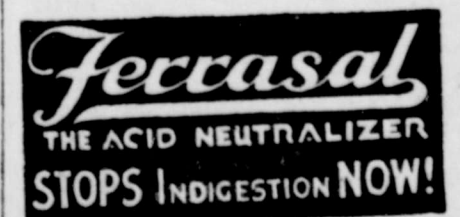
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J. S. Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Milliken and Miss Murphy Thomas visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown at Tuscola Sunday.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Mr. Lee Meeks of Plainview, has recently moved to Merkel, and has this week opened a first class Home Laundry. He is located on the North Side, two blocks northwest of the Church of Christ. His phone number it 101. Give him a trial. 1tp

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Mr. Cox, professor from A. C. C., delivered a very fine address to the students of Merkel High School Monday morning. The A. C. C. Quartette also favored the students and teachers with some splendid selections. The Merkel High School students welcome them back.



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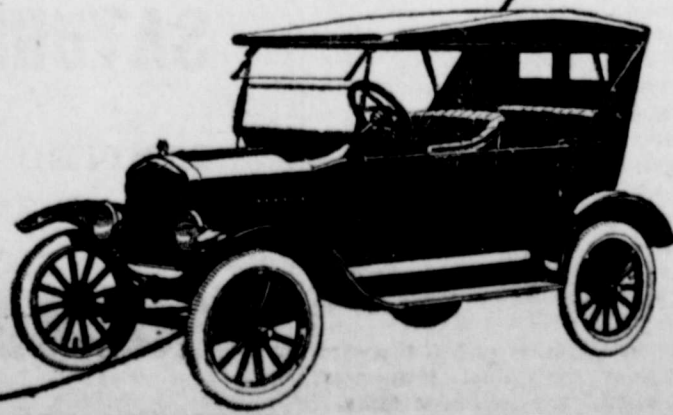
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kel, Texas as second class mail.

In the precinct conventions  
last Saturday, the Honorable  
James E. Ferguson was defeat-  
ed for delegate to the county  
convention in his own precinct  
in Bell county.

If you are a property taxpay-  
er and otherwise qualified, you  
are entitled to a vote in the  
sewer bond election in this city  
next Wednesday. If you vote  
and win or lose, you have at  
least had your say and have no  
kick coming; whereas, if you  
do not vote and the election  
happens to not go as you think  
it should, you have no one to  
blame but yourself. You should  
vote one way or the other.

We hear many of our citizens  
who have recently had occasion  
to visit the little town of Anson  
and many of them have had oc-  
casion to visit that city at dif-  
ferent times for the past ten  
and twenty years, and every one  
to a man, report that Jones  
county capitol is up and growing  
very fast. The town has recent-  
ly added new school buildings,  
water, sewer, paving, and now  
handsome new homes are going  
up all over that city. One man,  
a building contractor residing in  
Merkel for the past few years,  
yes, bought a 5,000 home here,  
who during the past eighteen  
months has built seven fine  
bungalow homes in Jones county  
four since January and another  
to start at once, states that he  
is considering moving to Anson.  
Why? Because the town has  
taken on new life.

Senator Joe Burkett, of East-  
land, who is a candidate for  
Governor of Texas, spoke on the  
streets of this city Thursday of  
this week to a small, but at-  
tentive audience.

Wayman Rose of Sweetwater  
was in Merkel Wednesday visit-  
ing friends and relatives.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday is Mother's Day. Spe-  
cial service is being arranged.  
Miss Lola Dennis will read.  
There will be special music and  
the pastor will preach a sermon  
in keeping with the day. The  
orchestra will be with us again  
Sunday.

Sunday evening the sermon  
will be "The Climax of Love."  
We were glad to note the in-  
crease in interest and attend-  
ance last Sunday.

Let's remember that next  
Monday evening at 7:30 the  
Business Men's Bible Class will  
have a luncheon. "Men only."  
They are planning a great time.  
Basement of the church.

Sunday school at 10 a.m.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and eight  
p.m. B. Y. P. U.'s at 7 p.m.  
W. H. Albertson.

**Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program**

For Sunday, May 11, 1924.

Subject: "Christian Education."

1. Introduction, Lila Mae Bird.
2. Our Life Stories:
  - a. Samuel, Charlie Largent.
  - b. Joash, Alfred Tittle.
  - c. Ester, Mary Ellen Ashby.
  - d. Timothy, Clyde Mayfield.
3. Our Master's Example, by Gladys Deutschman.
4. Christian Education Today:
  - a. What Baptists are doing for Christian education, Una Lee Gilmore.
  - b. Why I prefer a Baptist school by Agnes Sanders.
  5. Some Great schools of the U.S., by Mildred Swafford.

**Junior B.Y.P.U. Program**

Subject: The last days of a  
great prophet.

1. Introduction, by William Sheppard.
  2. Jehu anointed kind, by J. D. Ashby.
  3. Jehu Kills the king of Israel, by Eris Ash.
  4. The end of the wicked Jezebel, by Harold Boney.
  5. The priests of Baal are put to death, by Kenneth Mayfield.
  6. Elisha's death, by Bill Hamm.
- Every one come with lesson prepared. Wm. Sheppard, group captain.

T. M. Armstrong of Fort Worth returned Thursday after a brief visit with Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

**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." 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 nonentity 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 fluffy 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, gaily-decked damsel with whom he passed sandy 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.

**THE PLOTTER**

By JANE JORDAN

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MRS. CALICOT leaned back in her chair and sighed.

"It is most disappointing," she told her friend. "I must confess, when I invited Rowena to pay me a visit I had Rupert in mind. He is such a dear, worthy brother. So I planned to bring two desolate hearts together?"

"Why, Aunt Cora," she said—I had begged her to call me aunt—I don't believe your brother has ever had a girl in his life. He is so terribly grateful for a little kindness. Of course I was angry at Rowena's obtuseness and lack of fine appreciation."

Mrs. Mills laughed. "Forgive me, Cora," she begged. "You must feel badly indeed when you drop into the sentimental. I'm going to advise you, by proxy, if you still desire this silly young person for a sister-in-law. I have a little friend stopping here who is well versed in the ways of love, and, alas, in its management. Prudie-Prudie-Peach, my boys wickedly call her, has captured from other of my indignant young friends their supposedly assured suitors. She is engaged herself to a man in Boston."

Prudence Wharton was called in consultation. Prudence came. Rupert's sister, seeing her, drew a breath of admiration. Prudie was like fresh sweet plinks in an old-fashioned garden; impish, yet kindly little soul. She spread her silk accordion skirt and listened to the confidence. Then she nodded her small head with its quaint, high collar.

"I know just how Rowena feels," she said. "We all like to think there has been competition, else how can we be sure that we may retain that which we have won? Don't you see? If we have vanquished, we may ever vanquish."

The elder ladies looked their indecision. Prudie went on:

"I recall having met Mr. Rupert Flemming at a reception. He was in attendance upon a really lovely girl—your Rowena, no doubt. She seemed, now I recollect, languidly aware of his preference. Mr. Flemming had eyes for no one else. I know, for I tried to charm him for a half hour in the library; heard of his fame as a deep writer. He followed Miss Webster about as one hypnotized. And she flirted, to torment him, because of his dog-like devotion; yes, she did." Prudie laughed back at her listeners.

Suddenly a pucker knitted her brows. "Do you suppose," she asked Rupert's sister, "that your brother is calling this afternoon on Miss Rowena?"

"He will be at our home for dinner this evening," Rowena's hostess replied.

"All right and good," the reader of human hearts answered. "You will excuse me now, please." She flashed a placating smile and vanished.

"Leave the problem to Prudie," Mrs. Mills advised.

Dinner was about to be served in the Calicot home that evening when Mr. Rupert Flemming was called to the telephone. Miss Rowena handed the receiver over to her lover. She had first been asked for, and a pleasing feminine voice had explained to her announcing Miss Webster speaking. "Thank you, I wanted to locate Mr. Flemming through you."

Therefore, it may have been absent-ly or it may have been purposely that Rowena waited in the neighborhood of the telephone. Rupert took up the receiver briskly and the vibrant girlish voice that called him reached Rowena as distinctly as though she also were receiving the message:

"This is Miss Wharton—Prudie Wharton. You remember meeting me at the Merton reception, Mr. Flemming? You could give me so little time because Miss Webster happened to be with you. And I wanted so to know about your wonderful book—and we have a mutual acquaintance in Boston who will insist on hearing all about you at first hand. So won't you promise me a call very soon? I am a guest at Mrs. Mills this time. Auntie Sue is in New York. I usually visit there. Can you come here tomorrow afternoon for tea? Mrs. Mills will send her car. She does not like her guests to be disappointed when they have set their hearts upon a thing. You will come, Mr. Flemming?"

Rupert stood, frantically trying to recall Miss Wharton, who remembered him so well—who was so astonishingly anxious to see him. Trying to think "who in thunder" the mutual friend in Boston might be, he answered lamely: "Just a moment please, Miss Webster is here." That sounded strange, and he hastily added: "I have several engagements with Miss Webster; she will know if I am free tomorrow afternoon." He turned confusedly to the woman he loved. His glance was coldly received.

"Go, if you want to," said Rowena, in an unnatural tone.

Rupert was hopelessly troubled. Women were queer. Here was Rowena, all coldness in a moment; here was Rowena, her usually calm eyes deep with reproach.

"Do you want me to go?" he stammered.

"If you'd rather be with that girl than me, Rupert," she said.

His arms went around her. Surrendering, Rowena's head dropped on his breast.

Prudie, at the other end of the wire, turned from the silent messenger. "It's all right," she told Mrs. Mills.

**MOTHERS DAY AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, May 11, has been set apart as "Mother's Day". This church with the vast host of other churches will observe the day with appropriate services. If you have flowers at home, bring some to the church with you Sunday morning.

Services both morning and night. Let us work to make this one of the memorable days of the year in every department of our church. We are always glad to have visitors at all our services. You will be made to feel at home. Fred S. Rogers.

**A Delightful Social**

On last Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock the "Sunshine" class and the intermediate boys of the M. E. Church had a social. There were twenty one present.

Some of the games were, snap winkum, going to Jerusalem. After we had played a while, we were led into the dining room. Before eating Joe Riney returned thanks. The supper consisted of potato salad, fruit salad, chicken, potato chips, cakes, lettuce, bread, tomatoes, and soda-pop.

The ones present were: Elizabeth Harkrider, Ethel Hamilton Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Lunell Lamar, Ruby Fae Goliday, Orpah Patterson, Lorene Dixon, Lois Christopher, Mrs. Sublett, Joe Riney, Joe Largent, Victor Smith, Roscoe Owens, Charlie Largent, Weldon Coats, John D. Coats, Bernice Lassater, Thelma Jones, Milton Case, T. J. Rea, Marza Chaney, Sterling Sheppard, Dorothy Daniels, Erma Lee Rea. By the Sunshine girls.

**Gleaners are Entertained**

Mrs. J. E. Richardson and Mrs. Tom Toombs were the delightful hostesses to the members of the Gleaners Class on last Tuesday afternoon. A very interesting business hour was held, presided over by Mrs. Dr. Gambill. The secretary, Mrs. Fred Latham, read the minutes and gave a report.

In the social hour that followed the business session, a flower contest was enjoyed, with Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Dr. Gambill getting all answers right. Delicious refreshments of pine apple sherbert and cake were served. Those present were Mesdames Gambill, Case, Ferner, Richardson, Toombs, Verrier Sublett, Len Sublett, Latham, Earl Stanford, Lowe, Hayes and Huss.

**Presbyterian Missionary Society**

Program for May 11th.  
Subject "Latin America."

1. Opening song.
  2. Scripture: Psalm 145:1-21 and prayer, Mrs. Etta Tucker.
  3. Vignettes from Venezuela, by Mrs. Geo. F. West.
  4. Sentence prayers for the women of South America.
  5. Editorials, Mrs. H. C. West.
  6. Maria Paula, Mrs. R. L. Grimes.
- Mizpah benediction.

**Methodist Church Notes**

It was another great day with the Methodists last Sunday. 365 in attendance at Sunday School and a full house for preaching. Watch us grow. Next Sunday is "Mothers Day" and we are expecting 400 at Sunday School. We want every Methodist inclined to come and worship with us. Let every one see that any and all of the older folks have a way to come to church. We want all our folks present.

You will always find a welcome with us. Come, be with us and we will try to be of some help to you. T. J. Rea, pastor.

**M. E. Sunday School Notes**

Please don't forget that we are going to observe Mother's day in the M. E. Sunday school next Sunday, May 11th.

Let everyone be present and on time. Also we especially invite all the Mothers and fathers who are not already attending Sunday School to be present for the opening service, as we have a specially arranged program for this occasion.

Let's make this a banner day in our Sunday School. L. W. Cox, Supr.

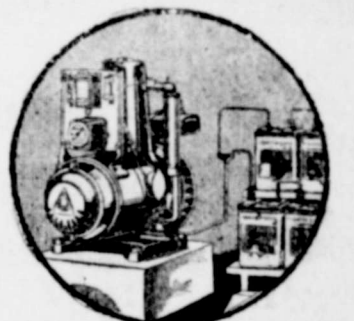
**Program for Womans Missionary Society**

- Monday, May 12th.  
Leader, Mrs. P. E. Sandifer.
1. Song service.
  2. Bible lesson, Mrs. P. E. Sandifer.
  3. Prayer.
  4. What play grounds mean to the youth of the community, by Mrs. H. A. Sanders.
  5. Financial needs of the woman's department in foreign fields, Mrs. Burgess.
  6. Report of our delegate to the annual conference, Mrs. R. I. Grimes.
  7. Why we were not on the honor roll, Mrs. Durham.
  8. Notes from the council Bulletin of April 16, Mrs. Geo. Brown

**WILL BUY POULTRY, EGGS**

The Poultry Association will buy Eggs and Poultry at the Swafford Feed and Coal Co. on next Saturday May 10. It

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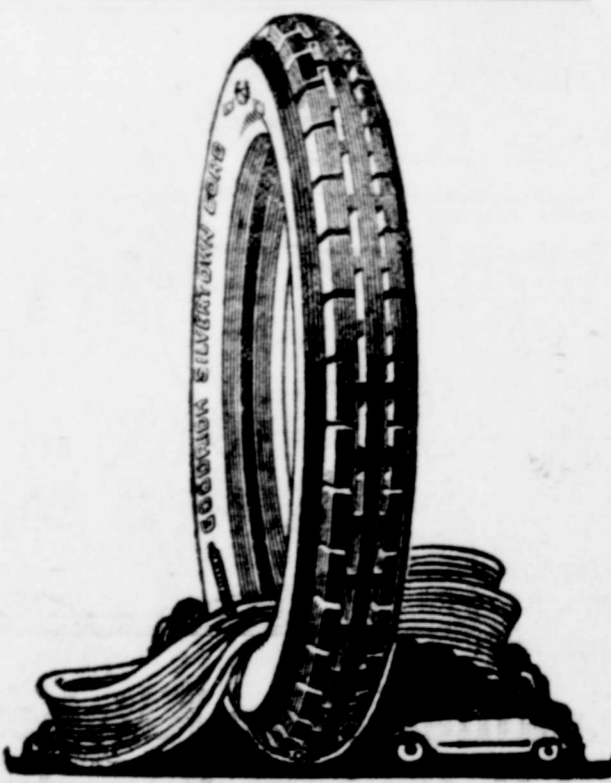
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#### THE RULE OF THE HOME

A Brooklyn judge asserts that more than eighty per cent of our criminals are under twenty-five. Another New York jurist observes that the average hardened criminal is about seven teen, and that the age at which the largest number of prisoners are committed to jails and reformatories is nineteen. This implies a youth situation of alarming proportions and implications.

How can this frightful wastage of young life be accounted for? Those nearest to the facts tell us that it is not the fruitage of a crime wave that inevitably follows in the wake of war. The causes go much deeper. In the final analysis the principal indictment falls upon one only institution and that institution is the average American home.

The tap root of the situation is contempt for rightly constituted authority. A generation ago the parents governed the family. Today the tables are turned and the family policy is largely dictated by the children. Consequently, before either the school or the church can assure any guardianship, the seeds of potential disorder have been sown. Nothing is plainer than that moral education, like charity, must begin at home.

The child who has not learned a wholesome respect for home-law will have nothing but disdain for school-law. The youth who has not been disciplined to regard either will leave school around fourteen and go out to defy all law. And when he falls into the stern hands of the guardians of the law he will have his parents to thank most of all.

The remedy is not better laws or better schools or better churches. It is better homes and better parents.—Dearborn Independent.

#### W. O. W. NOTICE

State Manager, McDill and a Sovereign Officer will be here Friday night, May 16th. Every one interested come.

W. M. Elliott, C.C. 1tc

#### NEED ANY HELP?

Cooperative commodity marketing of farm products is one of a new day in poultry and eggs which is before us.

Along with this, I think that substantial progress is being made with other types of farm organization work. As we are now going through the crises of some mistakes, I am an optimist over the reward which will come to poultry producers from the increasing ability of working together which we are developing. Of course we have made some mistakes in the past. It would be strange if this were not true. Consider for a moment the huge task involved getting hundreds of producers to work together in various associations. Then we have the task of developing leaders and methods and plans to fit into highly complex business life of today. But we are doing it. For example, take the farm bureau. Starting with nothing except a sincere will to serve, these organizations have gone ahead steadily, and we all have to fight our way against every opposition which outside interests could bring to bear. The members will have to learn to work together in a way that was not possible a few years ago, and now this is being extended to a most encouraging type of cooperation between organizations.

Our leaders need more support from the members of each local. Give them a few words of praise. These will be appreciated and will help him to render even better service. We can make our organizations into whatever we desire, and it will rise no higher than the support of the average member justifies.

We should maintain a kindly interest in the work. In no other way is the maximum progress possible. We must meet and talk and make plans; not wait for others on the outside to do it. I am a member from head to foot. W. R. Sumpter.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal—Best Colorado Lump—McAlester Lump—give us your summer orders and save money. Swafford South side, phone 44. 9t4.

### HER EXILE

By JANE JORDAN

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SHE came among them in strange reticence; tactfully aimed questions met with no success. There was a kind of haughtiness about the new resident which forbade intimacy. Later it was the exacting townsfolk who encouraged the coldness. Mrs. Gay was not desirable, they decided. True, her frocks in their modish good taste were superior, and the bungalow she had taken the finest in town.

There was craning of necks on Sunday when the remote neighbor attended service at the beautiful stone church, whose ancient date was registered on the doorpost. The organ was the pride of all. It was the gift of a now great musician who had come from Plainsville in his boyhood.

Rupert Rolf had repeatedly promised to return to his old home town to give an exhibition of his skill. The promise had been unrealized.

One day printed placards announced that the musician was to arrive that week in Plainsville; the following Sabbath he would play upon the gift organ in the beautiful church.

The placard in the store window seemed to scream at her with its red letters—Rupert Rolf! Rupert Rolf! And next Sabbath he was to play at the church she attended. Well, might she not still attend?

"Good-by," said the little girl; "my mamma would not want me to stop. Oh, Mrs. Gay, your eyes are wet."

Mrs. Gay laughed shakily. "Why, so they are," she said.

She wore a dark dress the day of Rupert Rolf's church recital. She went early to take her seat in the gallery, and sat palpitating throughout the preliminary opening of the service.

The minister explained that he was waiting, with little hope, the appearance of Rupert Rolf. The musician had not arrived in the town as expected, detained by engagements, but he had sent a letter, assuring his presence if possible, at the morning service.

The allotted time of waiting passed. The minister looked, smiling, over his people. "Our usual organist is out of town," he said. "I wonder if some one will not volunteer to play for us this morning? Please," he begged—and paused. There was no response; again the request was given.

"This is an unusual circumstance," the minister explained, troubled. "Will not some one kindly help in this manner?"

Again no response.

Some one arose in the gallery—signified her willingness.

The audience could not see the volunteer organist who went swiftly to take her place before the keys. They saw a dark-clothed back, an enveloping small hat.

The music poured forth. It was an offering. This was a musician indeed who played for them; untrained ears recognized the sympathetic skill, the beautiful rendering of a great composition.

She stood a moment, finding her way—the volunteer organist was the disapproved Mrs. Gay. Her face shone white and sweet beneath the drooping brim of the prim black hat—then she was seated beyond their sight. The minister came down the pulpit stair hurriedly afterward that he might not miss her, to extend his thanks. Many lingered, looking back curiously. A man arose in the rear of the building—a distinguished-looking blonde man. He, too, pressed hurriedly forward until he stood with the minister, and the one who had come to his assistance. But the man's hand went out first to the woman—"Gay," he murmured chokily; "Gay!"

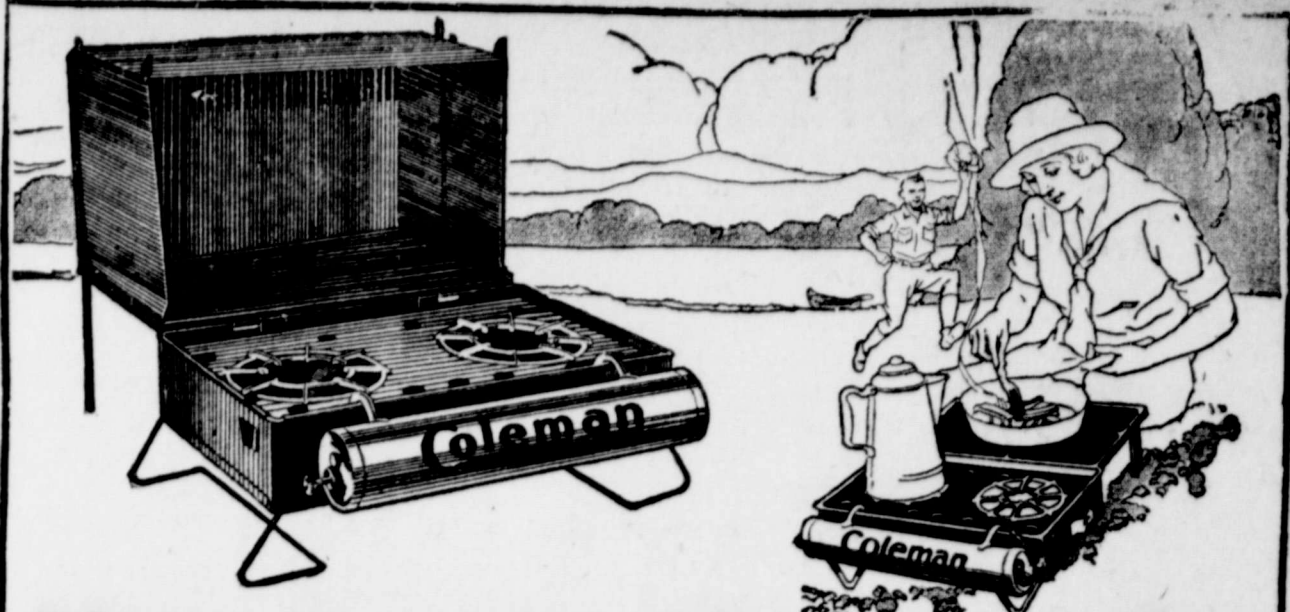
The little woman smiled; a smile which set her blue eyes all at once ashine. "Rupert!" she answered him; the minister waited. Suddenly his hand went out to the man. "Rupert Rolf," cried Reverend Roberts. "Here and I did not see you."

"I arrived very late," the musician replied. "My substitute was already at her post filling acceptably my place." He whirled about. "Mr. Roberts," said Rupert Rolf, "let me present to you—my wife."

The minister hesitated—"Mrs. Gay." "Gay," said the musician, "is my wife's given name. To you I may as well now explain. My wife and I were rival musicians. We met abroad, upon a musical tour. After our marriage we traveled together giving recitals. I had lived but for my music before I met her. You know, my life was so ordered. And—in an artist's madness of pride—I found myself humiliated one night, the very night I had so wished to excel—by my wife's superior performance. I and my loud attempt was lost, in her glory; can you understand a man's bitter jealousy? Now—I am overwhelmed at that madness. I know not what reproaches I brought to my wife—I know that next day she left me secretly, and my most absorbing effort to find her was unavailing. In order to place me first in the musical world which she thought my all—she had effaced herself completely. And—the musician's eyes, filled with remorseful tears, met those of his wife—"and broke my heart," he finished.

She met the townspeople gracefully, the gifted wife of the famous musician.

"Such a charming pair!" the residents said. "No doubt it was Mr. Rolf's wish that his wife remain unknown among us until he himself might present her."



## Now for the "Eats"!

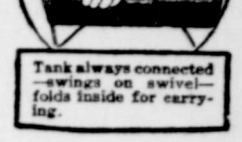
It's getting about time to start roundin' up that camping equipment. Better come in and look over the most complete stock of sporting goods in the country. We have one item in particular we'd like to show you—the new COLEMAN CAMP STOVE.

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(R. 7)

#### SANDBURR NEWS

The farmers of this community have been very busy replanting their crops since the sand storms a few days ago. Like the noted men of history, they were not discouraged over this misfortune, but have set in with new energy and zeal.

The young folks were entertained Tuesday night with a party by L. McCaleb.

Mrs. James A. Davis of Anson spent a few days among friends of this community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones of this community were visitors in Anson Sunday.

Our school will be out Friday May the ninth.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantrees visited Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Effie Scott of Abilene visited Mrs. Lee Welsh of this community Sunday.

#### CREAM WANTED

We test Cream Wednesday and Saturday of every week. Bring it in any time and leave it with us. T. L. Hamblet. 1tp

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

#### NOODLE NEWS

The farmers of this section are looking rather blue on account of the most of the cotton will have to be replanted.

Grandma Newsome, who has been real sick the past week, is no better. There is little hope of her recovery.

Little Miss Eva Ely has been real sick but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steel are all smiles. It is a girl.

Otto Bicknell and wife, Ted Bicknell and T. Winter visited Lloyd Jinkens Sunday at Windgate. They reported a good time.

W. U. Beene and wife spent Sunday with their daughter at Avoca.

L. Womack and family dined with J. Byrd Sunday.

Homer Herring and family made a flying trip to Roscoe Saturday.

J. O. Joplin, Jim Traynick and John Sears went wolf hunting Sunday evening and caught ten. The better the day the better the dead, proved to be a true saying in their case.

Miss Jewel Byrd took dinner with Quennie Roundtree Sunday. Several from this place went to Union Sunday evening to the dedication services.

Marshall Joplin is able to be

up again after several days illness.

Nailor Eoff and wife of Roscoe spent Saturday night with G. B. Richards and wife.

Bro. Campbell of Abilene will preach at Noodle Sunday. Every body come and hear this good man.

#### Intermediate League Program

Subject "Being a Christian in the home."

Leader: Ollie Morton. Song service.

Scripture lesson by leader. Prayer.

Special occasion Christian, by Elfe Chaney.

Members of special occasion Christians:

1. Mr. Grouch, Comer Patterson.
2. Miss Silence, Gladys Milliken.
3. Mr. Superior, Leonald Bailey.
4. Miss Wrong, Mary Hutcheson Quartette.

Announcements; Benediction.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts and family were in Merkel Sunday spending the day at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea. Rev. Stutts assisted the pastor in the services at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Dr. N. J. Smith of Hamlin was in Merkel Saturday looking after business interests.

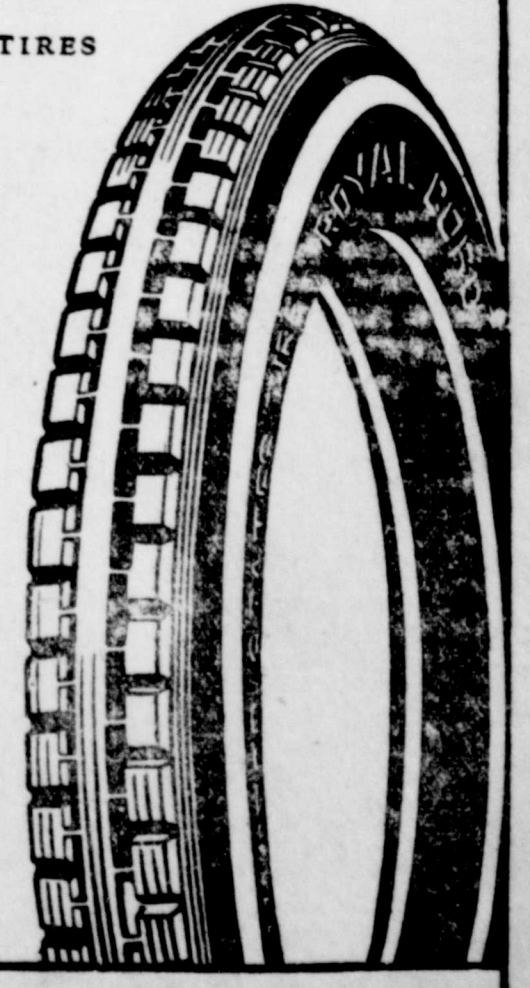
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FOR SALE—A broad cast binder in good shape, also planter and cultivator, or would trade for good Ford car. H. P. Wilkins. 1tp

FOR SALE—Span of good mules and about fifteen hundred bundles of Maize. See A. R. Johnston at the Merkel Motor Company. 1tp

FOR SALE—2 Holstein Bulls one about 9 month, the other 12 months old. Price \$20 and \$25. See F. J. McDonald, Merkel, Rt. one, 1½ miles northwest of Stith. 9t2p

HOGS For Sale. See E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—90½ acre farm in Hamilton county, to sell or trade for Merkel property, or exchange for small farm near Merkel. See W. S. Telford, Merkel Tex. 9t4

FOR SALE—Cotton Seed, culled and unculled, mebane, Kasch and Truitt strains, rolls dropped. Seed ginned while you were asleep. \$1.25 and up. Party who is stealing my seed from field is requested to call at barn and I will sell to him on credit. That may be cheaper for him. Lee D. Williams, Merkel, phone No. 9009-F12. tf

**LOST**

LOST—One \$5.00 bill and one \$10.00 bill between McFarland Garage and Patterson Meat Market, Friday afternoon. Found please return to Mrs. Laura Winters, Merkel, Route 2. 1tp Texas. 18t4p

**WANTED**

WANTED—Clean, white Cotton RAGS. No ducking, cotton bagging, or the sort accepted. Good Price. Merkel Mail Press Room.

Dodges! Buicks! A 33x4 new, fresh, first quality Vacuum Cup Fabric Tire for \$14.00. West Company. tf

Mr. J. V. Jones of Atlanta, Ga., is here on business in connection with the C. and H. Oil Company.

Mr. Frank Golliday is improving his home recently purchased, by remodeling the interior and painting the exterior.

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For District Clerk:  
J. K. FULLER,  
Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL  
J. E. McPHERSON  
For County Judge:  
CARLOS D. SPECK,  
J. M. STEVENSON  
For County Treasurer:  
AUSTIN FITTS  
County Attorney  
FRANK E. SMITH  
T. M. WILLIS  
ROY L. DUKE  
For Tax Collector:  
D. T. HARKRIDER,  
ED. DICKERSON,  
R. A. McCLAIN  
For Tax Assessor:  
J. T. HOWARD  
JOE T. PERRY  
(MRS) FLORENCE VANCE  
For County Clerk:  
W. E. BEASLEY  
For Sheriff:  
H. T. O'BAR  
JOHN S. BOND  
For County School Supt.  
M. A. WILLIAMS  
(Re-election)  
For Commissioner:  
T. R. LASSITER  
CHARLES P. STEVENS  
PHILLIP A. DILTZ  
HENRY R. HICKS  
JOHN S. HUGHES  
For Public Weigher:  
C. L. TUCKER  
(Re-election)  
**JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
For County Commissioner, Pre-4  
SAM L. GRAYSON

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Sam Swann left Monday for Leonard, Texas where she will visit her parents for some time.

Mesdames R. I. Grimes and Tom Largent returned last week from attending the Missionary Ladies meet at Vernon, Texas.

Miss Maurine Angus, who attends A.C.C., was at home the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn, Texas, were here last week end to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess spent Sunday with friends at Clyde, Texas.

Mr. Mellinger and family of Big Spring, Texas, were here to visit the former's brother, Max Mellinger, last week end.

Mr. L. R. Thompson of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank has been quite sick the past few days.

Mr. Hugh McRee visited his parents last week end. Mr. McRee is attending school at the University of Texas, and returned there Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black of Trent, Texas, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox and children of Abilene were Merkel visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black of Big Spring, Texas, were here for a few days visiting A. C. Rose and family.

Miss Jo Ann Black, attending A.C.C., Abilene, spent the week end with Miss Ona Fae Rose.

Mrs. Hampton and daughter, Lula, of Anson, Texas, visited in the A. B. Cranston home last week.

Mrs. Henderson and son, Jack of Abilene were guests at the A. B. Cranston home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and daughter, Miss Julia, spent Sunday in Sweetwater visiting relatives.

Ed Leslie and N. A. Dowell were in Abilene Friday on business.

Mr. G. W. Johnson was in Abilene Tuesday attending to business.

George Groene of Haskell, formerly of Merkel, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groene, and friends, last week. He left Tuesday for Stamford where he will attend the West Texas Utilities Company's entertainment, and from there he will return to Haskell. Mr. Groene says he likes to come back to his old home town.

Parker Sharp of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dry were here Sunday from Hamlin visiting Mrs. J. M. Dry and other relatives.

Mr. Buster Winters of Anson visited in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. John Woodrum and family of Abilene spent the day with Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Ballinger were here for a few days visiting the latter's father, Mr. J. S. Thomas, and family.

Mr. J. R. Hamblett was an Abilene visitor Monday.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. Charles Huber has been quite ill for the past week or more.

Mr. L. D. Brannon and family of Fort Worth have recently moved here and are now occupying the Haynes house. Mr. Brannon is opening up a jewelry repair shop at the Sanders Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney visited relatives in Roscoe last Sunday.

W. O. Boney and Judge E. S. Cummings were in Anson this week on business.

Mr. Warren Smith and wife are visiting Dr. N. J. Smith at Hamlin, and will likely be there for an extended visit.

Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby daughter came in Saturday from Petrolia to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

H. N. Patton of Atlanta, Ga., returned to his home after a brief visit of business with the C. and H. Oil Co.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Warren of Anson are here for a short visit to relatives.

Mrs. J. B. Warren is visiting with relatives at Waco, Texas.

Mrs. Ellis Warren returned Tuesday from a trip to Breckenridge, Fort Worth, and Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Ernest Mims of Abilene is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson.

Mrs. Dr. A. M. Armstrong of Houston, Texas, is here with Dr. M. Armstrong and family.

Sanders Drug Store has a REAL watch maker and repair man. We have with us Mr. L. D. Brannon who comes with very high recommendation. Bring us your work. All work absolutely guaranteed. SANDERS DRUG STORE. It

Misses Mary Campbell and Oline Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howerton of Calley Creek, Messrs. Lee Ponder and Lyston Coleman of Wingate spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Mr. Nixon, representing the Famous National Biscuit Company, announces a big demonstration of this splendid line of goods at Bob Martin Grocery Company on Saturday, May the 17th. 9t2

Ford Trucks! A new, fresh, first quality 32x4½ Vacuum Cup Cord Tire for \$16.00. West Company. tf

Mr. Charles Sutphen returned this week from Meridian, Texas, where he has been attending school.

Mrs. Chas. Hill and daughter, of Milford, Hexas, are guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Dalton Reese of Ranger, Texas, was here this week on business.

Mrs. H. C. Williams is visiting her son at Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Nora Anderson of Houston is here to be with her mother, Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, who is quite sick at the home of Dr. M. Armstrong.

Low prices on Watch and Jewelry Repairing and will take old jewelry on new jewelry. I also handle optical goods. R. A. Tarbutton, Jeweler. Merkel, Texas. 2t2p

Arb Stanford and family of Mission, Texas, is here on a visit to his father and brothers.

Clyde Daniels and wife of Anson were here Saturday visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott were in Abilene Sunday visiting with friends and relatives.

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**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. "Cardui was recommended to me and by the time I had taken one bottle I saw it was what I needed. I ate more and

rested better. I kept taking it and my skin and flesh took on a more healthy color. I felt stronger and, as the nervousness left me, the pain in my side was less severe. After taking nine bottles, I eat anything, go anywhere and feel fine. I weigh 160 pounds and am well. I feel that I owe it all to having used Cardui." Pain, in certain parts of the body, is a sure indication of female complications. The treatment needed is not the use of narcotic drugs, but—

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**Have You This Habit?**

By Margaret Morison

**TIMOTHY RUGGLES**

IF A stranger wanted to know the pools where the trout were in the spring, or his wife the hidden slopes where the first arbutus grew under the leaves, they asked Tim Ruggles. To Tim at fifteen, every square foot of his grandfather's broken-down farm was familiar and dear. When his grandfather died and the farm was sold, it was to the boy as if the end of the world had come. He did not at all understand. Then he heard someone explaining the old man's bankruptcy by his never having been "able to look ahead."

From that moment, fifteen-year-old Tim began to take count of stock. Although he felt as if he could not live away from the farm, he suddenly realized that the village offered him no future. He contemplated the few dollars that were his inheritance, and took a temporary job at the country store. After six months he made up his budget: so much for railroad fare, so much for living while on the hunt for employment, so much for margin. Then he said good-by to his river and his woods for many years.

In the big city wholesale house he deliberately set himself to work. For a year he ran errands. He was prompt and reliable in all his work, and through contacts and reading he studied up both fundamentals and fine points of the jobbing business.

When a vacancy occurred in the sales department, he applied for it and proved himself worthy of a trial. Then he made good in it. So, as he worked at the present, his eye was always on the future. He had acquired the habit of "looking ahead." And as he looked ahead, he went ahead.

Eventually he married. When his son was seven years old, he heard that his grandfather's old farm was again on the market. He and his wife and the boy made an excursion over one Sunday to go to see it. It was the first time he had been back since he himself had been a boy. They hunted in the gnarled orchard for the little red apple tree that bore such sweet fruit. They climbed the high hill from which a glimpse of the sea was to be caught. They even discovered up in the garret a dried bunch of herbs that through all vicissitudes had hung undisturbed upon the rafters.

"How I wish we could afford to buy it!" sighed Tim Ruggles' wife, looking at their son.

"We have bought it," said Tim. "I knew you'd want it when you saw it. I've been saving up for this day ever since I was fifteen—ever since I began to 'look ahead.'"

**HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?**

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**Mother's Cook Book**

"Smile, and while you smile another smiles; And by and by there's miles of smiles. And life's worth while because you smile."

**MAIN DISHES**

**A GOOD**, substantial dish which is as hard to get ready for a good-sized family is

**Alaskan Dish.**

Cut two pounds of round steak into eight pieces for serving. Dice one-half pound of salt pork. Cook the pork, one cupful of minced celery and one large onion in the pork fat. Fry the steak until brown on both sides, add to the rest of the ingredients, blend two tablespoonfuls of fat with the same of flour, pour over the meat and simmer all together for thirty minutes. Just before serving add one cupful of cooked spaghetti and one pint of stewed tomatoes. Serve on hot platter.

**Panned Oysters.**

Scald one cupful of oysters. When the edges curl, remove them from the liquor. Take one tablespoonful of butter creamed with two of flour, add one cupful of milk and cook until thick. Add one-half cupful each of broken nut meats and chopped celery. Season to taste and add the oysters. Remove the tops from rolls, scoop out the soft part, toast the tops and shells and fill with the oysters. The shells may be well buttered with soft butter before filling, adding to the daintiness of the dish.

**Baked Lima Beans and Tomatoes.** Soak a pound of beans overnight, parboil for five minutes or longer to soften, rinse and cook until tender. Add one teaspoonful of salt to each quart of water used. Season a pint of tomatoes with salt and pepper and onion juice. Add it to the drained beans. Put into a beanpot with two thick slices of bacon or salt pork and bake until the bacon is crisp and brown.

**Fricassee of Tongues.**

Sheep's tongues or small calves' tongues may be used. Take four, cover with boiling water and simmer until tender, adding a few cloves and a small onion; season with salt when nearly done. Remove, cool, skin and cut lengthwise; season well. The next day, roll the tongues in flour and fry in butter and chopped onion until brown. Serve with a brown sauce seasoned with a dash of lemon juice. Serve with hot boiled rice.

*Nellie Maxwell*  
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**MR. MASON HAS WORD TO SAY**

Merkel, Texas, 7, 1924.—To the Democracy of Texas: Two years ago I started to run for Railroad Commissioner, but serious sickness in my family prevented my canvassing the state, but I received over two hundred thousand of as good Democratic votes as there were in the State, carried most of the counties that I visited, and having a great desire to serve in this capacity, not for the emoluments alone, but for the honor, and service that I can render for the good people of Texas, and more especially West Texas, which seems to be overlooked in some matters. West Texas has never had a man on this board, yet we represent one half of the state in area, and are fast filling up with the best citizenship on Earth, they are a brave honest, and patriotic people, whose pride in their state is intense and well nigh unto fanaticism, and they stand ready to guard its interest, and maintain its good name as they are their own, and to them appeal against any manifestation of inefficiency, or obnoxious politics. I am a Democrat war and wool, never scratched a democratic ticket in my life, and appreciate very much the endorsement the democratic county convention, gave my candidacy on Tuesday at Abilene, also Amarillo, and several other county conventions in this state. And if elected to this very important office, I will give my time and attention to the duties of same, and give the good people of Texas the best, and most honest service of which I am capable, just such service as will stand the test of the most scrutinous investigation.

I realize that greed and graft are written in large letters upon the surface of events, and when an honest man announces for office, he is a candidate for trouble he is the packhorse of sentiment, and dromedary in politics, and often if he gains the goal of his ambition, e'er long he will feel the break of the Vulture in his heart, and the fang of the Serpent in his soul, yet I believe there is more good in politics than bad, and if public servants will keep their hands out of the flesh pot of corruption, and be true to the people, they need have no fear, but what the people will be true to them, but woe unto him or them becomes connected with entangling alliances, and special interests, for his doom is sure, and justly so. Upon my own reputation and qualifications alone, do I seek this nomination, and not upon the demerits of any other man, and my campaign shall be upon a higher plane than personalities, and muck raking, and sloop slinging, and to all democrats who endorse the above I make mp appeal, and dedicate this little piece of poetry in conclusion. You may hush my voice in the chambers of death. Or take from my veins their crimson blood,

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Against the plundering arrogant classes,

And the slanderous tongue of scornful men,

Shall have no terrors for me.

I'll stand in the battle, where I've always been,

No matter what the results may be.

J. C. MASON, Merkel, Taylor county, Texas. 1tp

Guy Darsey, Jerome Hutcheson, Bob McDonald and Delma Compton left last week for south Texas where they will enjoy a camping and fishing trip.

Ora Mayfield of Slaton is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mayfield.

**TYE CIRCUIT**

We had a good day at Tye last Sunday. Improvement was shown in Sunday School and church attendance. At the League service at 7:30 p.m. there was a fine program rendered on "Life." There were 110 present at this service.

Next Sunday we preach at Stith and Compere. We invite you to come and worship with us. B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

**Junior League Program**

Subject: "Honoring Mother." Song and prayer.

What we may give our mothers, Mrs. Rea.

Reading, To My Mother, Nell Durham.

Dickey's bright idea, Sterling Sheppard.

The Youngest Epworthian's Dream, Mrs. Durham.

Song, My trundle bed, by three juniors. Benediction.

Mr. Geo. McDonald of Abilene was here Monday on business.

Senator F. F. Freeman of Oklahoma City is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. P. A. Sandifer, and sister, Mrs. S. W. Johnson.



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**MUMMIES FOUND IN KENTUCKY CAVE**

**Catacomb Discovered Under Ruins of Old City.**

To students of American antiquities it is probably of general knowledge that the city of Lexington, Ky., stands nearly on the site of an ancient town, which, if one may judge by the wide range of its circumvallatory works and the quantity of ground it must have occupied, was one of great extent and magnificence.

It may, however, well be doubted if many of even such students are aware that in the year 1775 there was discovered there a catacomb containing a number of mummies, preserved by the art of embalming to as great a state of perfection as was known among the ancient Egyptians, 1,800 years before the Christian era.

This extraordinary find was made by some of the early settlers, whose curiosity being excited by something unusual in the character of certain large stones, seeming to cover the entrance to a cavern of some sort, removed the same, coming to others whose singular appearance caused them to push their investigations further. These obstructions being taken away, the mouth of an apparently deep and gloomy cave was disclosed to their gaze. This proved to be a catacomb, formed in the bowels of the limestone rock, about 15 feet below the surface of the earth.

Having added to their numbers and provided lights, they descended and entered, without further obstruction, a spacious apartment, where they were astounded to find that at the sides and extreme ends were formed niches and compartments occupied by figures representing men.

Their surprise was much greater when, on further research and inquiry, it was found that these figures were actual mummies in the condition before stated. Most unfortunately, the original discoverers were uneducated people and, it being at a period when a bloody and inveterate war was being carried on between the Indians and the whites, supposing, in their ignorance, that these were the remains of some tribe of Indians, a revengeful and vindictive spirit urged them to destruction.—Adventure Magazine.

**Believed in Books**

Even at an early age Andrew Carnegie believed in books. The impulse to found libraries—so we learn from Mr. A. B. Farquhar in the "First Million the Hardest"—came to him when he was only a messenger boy. Early one morning, says Mr. Farquhar, Carnegie was sent with a dispatch to Mr. Anderson, the steel master of Allegheny, with instructions to wait for an answer. Mr. Anderson had returned late the night before, and the butler said he could not wake him. Young Carnegie walked into the library, and became immersed in a volume on steel making and the tremendous advantages of steel over iron. When Mr. Anderson finally came down with his answer the boy turned and apologized for having taken the book. Mr. Anderson asked whether he was interested in steel. "Oh, yes, it is fascinating to me," Carnegie replied. "Take the book home and read it, and return it when you are through with it," said Mr. Anderson. Carnegie did so, and was told to take another; then Mr. Anderson said he might have access to the library. Carnegie then and there made up his mind that if he ever became wealthy he would found libraries, and give young men the same opportunity that he was enjoying.

**Ripening**

It is one of the charms of art that it is not to be completely understood. In an age in which so high a value is put upon facts, information, positive knowledge, it is a relief to have still reserved to us a place apart where it is not necessary to know all. . . . The truth of art . . . does not seem to be all known, finished and finally stated, but on the contrary to be ever growing, more rich in significance, more profound in substance, disclosing heaven over heaven and depth under depth. The greatest books share our lives, and grow old with us; we read them over and over, and at each decade it is a new book that we find there, so much has it gained in meaning from experience of life, from ripening judgment, from the change of seasons in the soul.—George E. Woodberry, in "The Heart of Man and Other Papers."

**A Poor Substitute**

The motorcar was bumping and jolting along the country road at a pace of about four miles an hour. The road seemed unworthy of the name—it was more like a cart-track. There were holes nearly everywhere, and where there weren't holes there were ruts.

The passenger in the back seat began to get very fed up after about an hour spent in traveling in this way. He leaned over the driver and said:

"Are you sure we've taken the best road?"

"I'm sure we've not," replied the driver. "But I'm pretty sure that some one else has, and a nice thing they've left in its place."

**Lost His Case**

"Gentlemen of the jury," said a blundering barrister in a suit about a lot of hogs, "there were just 36 hogs in that drove; please to remember that fact—36 hogs—just exactly three times as many as there are in the jury box."

That counsel did not win his case.

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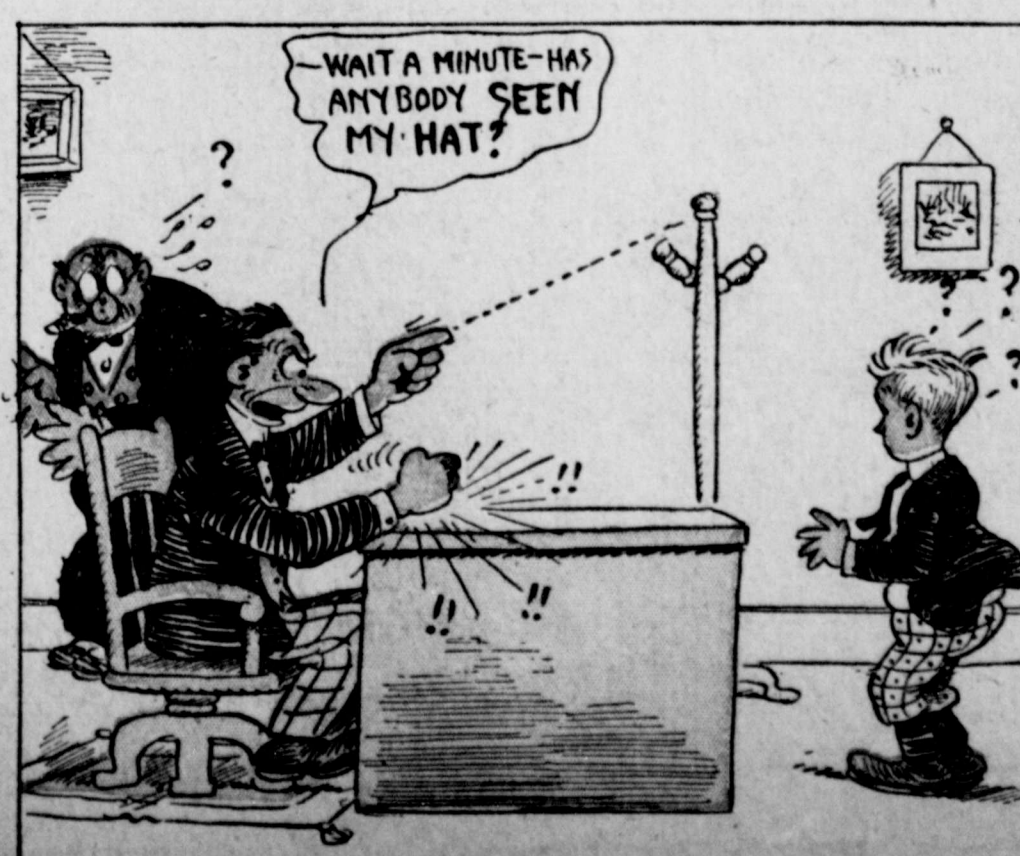
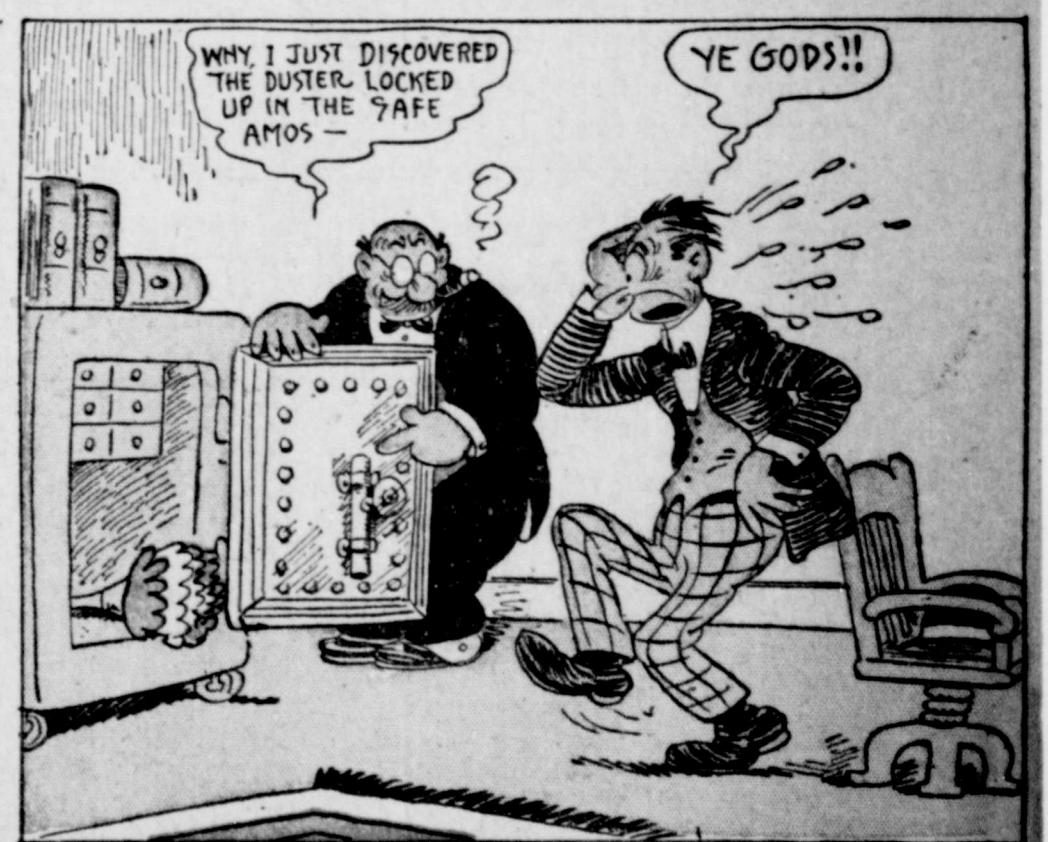
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## SEEZEM and SQUEEZEM





# Following the Old Trail Herd

Reminiscences of Days When Cattle Were Driven from Texas to Northern Markets.  
By AUSTIN CALLAN.

Until thirty years ago the chief ambition of the average boy in Southwest Texas was to "go up the trail." In the old days his education was considered unfinished until he had followed at least one herd of cattle on one of the long drives from ranch to market. It was a hard job, but was fascinating and carried a certain amount of high up cowboy honor with it.

Now and then some American tells how many times he has crossed the Atlantic; another will boast of a transcontinental flight in an airplane. But no ocean voyage has the thrills of the trail in that long ago; no cross-country flight through the air is attended by such romance and dangers.

The herds that left Texas were driven to different points. Some were for the range in the Northwest and headed in towards Cheyenne, Wyoming, or the Dakotas. Others were delivered at Dodge City, Coffeyville and more or less important places in Kansas. But the chief market, perhaps, was Kansas City, Missouri, and it was the ambition of every "puncher" to rattle his spurs up and down the broad sidewalks of that metropolis.

The accustomed time for a herd to leave Texas was in the spring. It was impossible, of course, to provide any feed for the cattle and they could not be started until the grass commenced to rise. At the end of winter a bunch of stock would be rounded up and headed north. Generally a sale was made at home, with delivery at one of the points herewith mentioned, but sometimes a rancher would put up a herd and take chances on the market, either at Dodge City, where there were many buyers, or in Kansas City, the great cattle-selling center of the old days.

## "Drifting" Northward.

As a herd slowly moved north, coming in contact with the rising grass, which was a little later the further you went, the cattle would take on flesh and generally would be in good condition by the time they reached the end of the trail. The average distance per day covered by a herd was not very great. Often it didn't exceed ten miles. Stock were put on the trail early in the morning, when they would travel best because of the dew on the grass, and before noon, as they got hungry, they were permitted to graze and kept slowly drifting northward, if possible.

Sometimes, however, long drives had to be made on account of water. Now and then it was necessary for a herd to be driven seventy-five miles without a drink. This called for day and night movements. The cattle would be bedded for a time but when they would get up and commence "milling" the boys would have to take them on. At such time it was no trouble to drive a herd; the trouble came from trying to hold it back. A cow can usually smell water, if the wind is favorable, from fifteen to twenty miles, and as soon as the herd gets a whiff of moisture the cattle commence to trot and are mighty hard to control.

With the average herd on the trail there was a boss and an assistant boss.

The next important position was that of pointer. Each herd had two pointers who worked in the lead and generally there were two assistant pointers. Next came the flankers and their helpers and then the drag drivers. In addition to these, there was a cook and a horse wrangler.

## Trail-Driving Hardships.

Trail-driving, in spite of its hardships and hazards, appealed to the men of its time. It called one away from civilization and safety, out on a long, lonesome journey. There were the risks of sickness without a doctor, of an accident from your horse falling, especially when the cattle stampeded on a bad night and the boys had to ride like fury through the storm, with slippery ground and flashes of lightning. And then there was also the risk of trouble with Indians along the way. But it was these very dangers that made every red-blooded boy want to follow the trail. In the early years of marketing cattle, wild bands of Indians were encountered often enough to keep the cowboys on the lookout for them; and in later years, Indians on the reservations in the Indian Territory made it uncomfortable for many drivers, but those who used proper diplomacy and furnished a few beef steers got along all right; however, the boss who was hard-boiled and stubborn usually had his herd stampeded, or his saddle-horses driven off.

In pioneer days of cattle driving Indians who would raid and steal the cowponies was the most provoking thing to happen along the trail. If the redskins wanted a fight they could always get it—the old timers were brave and they liked excitement—but in that far away time, throughout the cow kingdom, a horse was the most valuable piece of property that any man could possess. There was practically no other mode of travel, and when the Indians got the cowmen's mounts they had them down and out; they were powerless to offer pursuit.

Many of the big herds that went to Kansas City and the Dakotas and Wyoming originated in Southwest Texas. One of the early drivers of prominence was John Chisholm and the old "Chisholm Trail," over which his herds and the herds of others were driven, was often the scene of a romance, thrilling adventure or tragedy that might be weaved into a story rivaling that of the "Scottish Chiefs."

Crossing the Colorado river at the "Trap" and going northward through the old town of Trickham, in Coleman

county, and then out by Santa Anna mountains, the cattle trail of early days took the cowboys through the Indians' favorite habitation. Fights with Indians occurred often in that section and it was no uncommon thing for a puncher to have to leave the herd to render assistance to a horse-wrangler who had been attacked by the redskins.

Tom Snyder was a trail driver who was quite a character and known for his thrilling adventures from the mouth of the Concho river to Coffeyville, Kansas. He lost his horse when he tangled up with some debris in the Colorado river, was knocked senseless once by lightning, had a hand-to-hand encounter with a big Indian chief and broke in the door of a city prison to rescue a friend—all in one trip to Kansas.

## Tom Snyder's Narrative.

"I came to Texas the fall of 1869," declared old Tom in one of his reminis-



"There was one who looked into my face and exclaimed, 'It is Tom. God bless you!'"

cent moods. "I was looking for excitement; that's what brought me here, and I reckon I've had enough of it." Then he took a long draw at his briar root pipe and a far away look came over his face as he settled down to a spirited narrative of cowboy life on the wild frontier.

"I guess I ought to begin by making a confession," he declared. "I was in love back at my old Indiana home. But my girl discarded me and somehow I couldn't get into the 'deck' again. That made me desperate. I loved her as I never will learn to love another woman. Well, to make a long story short I wound up on a ranch in Southwest Texas, reckless and ready for anything that might happen. In fact, I had a disposition along about that time to assist in 'starting' things if they hung back a little. Of course, I learned to play cards, drink and run pony races; most all of the boys did these things. And I was taught how to shoot a pistol and to draw one quickly, too. Sometimes a fellow's life depended on the celerity he possessed in wiping out his old 'gat' and making the other fellow take back water.

"The first real trouble-maker I encountered, however, was not a

"Diamond Dick" with a deadly aim, or a bellicose Indian, or a stampeding buffalo. It was a little wiry mustang pony and he threw me so high that when I eventually did come down I hit the earth on the hardest spot between sun-up and the Sandwich Islands.

## Man-Eater Boss.

"My first spring in Texas found me with a cow outfit, in that country just south of the Colorado river. I was assigned to a pool wagon that had a regular man-eater for a boss, and the only thing that kept me from seeing if he had an appetite for his favorite meat was the accustomed rule of the range, that is, a tenderfoot wasn't supposed to start anything the first season. The country was rounded up and the outfit put a trail on the herd. Our destination was Dodge City, but I came very close to cancelling my berth and winding up in the bottom of the Colorado river.

Heavy clouds hung for several days over the section northwest of us and in crossing the swollen waters my horse became entangled in something and I lost him. I had to swim out and get me another pony and borrow a saddle from the cook until we reached the next town where there was a saddle shop.

"In the Buffalo Gap country a storm came up one night while I was on guard and the cattle commenced running. A bolt of lightning killed a steer not over ten feet from me and I was knocked to the ground. Just how I escaped being trampled to death under the hoofs of the stampeded steers is more than I ever knew, but I reckon my dear old-fashioned Baptist mother could tell you.

"It was a long trip through Texas to Doan's store on the Red River. Often we got lonesome and sometimes I wondered why I left the old Indiana home, anyway. Wasn't there other girls and hadn't there always been a good soft bed for me to sleep in? And didn't loving hands pat the pillows and make them fluffy and restful and inviting? But around the camp fire in the evenings we would shake off our melancholy, hide our sentiments and have a rip-snorting time.

"What did we do? O, there were games and songs and pranks—just anything a fellow might propose. Sometimes we'd even pull off our boots and run a footrace. We almost 'broke' a cow outfit up north of Gainesville with a boy we had along who could run like a deer. I won three dollars and a pair of O. K. spurs betting on him. The punchers were all jolly, and if a fellow got 'ringy' we'd give him the leggings; that meant to hold him and lay on a few

licks with that particular article of cowboy equipment.

"I guess it was at Coffeyville, Kansas, that I acted the biggest fool of my life. But the old trail-drivers were true to each other and when the police put a pal of mine, 'Teck Morris,' in the lock-up I knew he wasn't going to stay there, and he didn't stay any longer than it took for me to find a way for his escape. 'Teck' was an out-of-door fellow and he couldn't stand confinement. Besides, he hadn't done a thing in the world but shoot out a few street lights; it was a bright moonlight night, anyway, and the street lights wasn't especially needed.

## Rescuing an Immigrant Train

"Indians did you say? Well, I've been up against them, too. Sometimes they made trouble for us in those days, but a respectable sized trail herd always had enough men along to give the red devils every bit of fight that they wanted, and then some. On one trip to the Northwest we had 5000 head of cattle that we were taking to Wyoming, and most of the country we went through was uninhabited. An immigrant train traveling from the East to Southern California was attacked just ahead of us. I was up near the Colorado line. I had gone ahead to locate some water, accompanied by another cowboy. We came to a little running creek and there was a smouldering camp-fire near its banks. I remarked that somebody had taken dinner there, and my attention was attracted to a crumpled up newspaper on the ground. I got down, picked it up and to my surprise found that it was printed back in the Indiana town from which I hailed.

"A few minutes later, as we rode over a ridge, I saw several prairie schooners winding down the valley towards the setting sun and then I saw something that thrilled me as I had never been thrilled before. A bunch of Indians were headed in the direction of this wagon train and each one was riding at full speed and yelling like a demon. We lammed spurs to our horses and attempted to reach the immigrants ahead of the red devils. In this we failed, but it was our assistance, no doubt, that saved the day for the immigrants. While the engagement was well under way, the point of our herd could be seen at a distance coming over the hill; the attacking savages were frightened by the approach of the herd and hastily retreated.

"The men, women and children rushed up to thank us for what we had done, and there was one who looked into my face and exclaimed: 'It is Tom.' She squeezed my hand and said, 'God bless you!' It was my old Indiana sweetheart who was coming out to seek a new home in the West.

"A moment later we were riding back to join the cowboys, to whistle and sing by the side of the winding herd, to play our rough jokes and drink black coffee. But for the rest of the day my thoughts were far from the herd and the winding trail and my cheeks felt the touch of the only tears that dampened them in all the years I had spent on the Texas frontier."

# THE CAPITOL OF TEXAS

CONSTRUCTED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF TEXAS BUILDING MATERIAL.

By HORACE C. WALKER.

By an act of the Sixteenth Legislature, in 1879, 3,050,000 acres of land in Northwest Texas were set aside for the purpose of building a State Capitol. Out of this vast tract the famous Littlefield ranch of 300,000 acres, which is now being cut into small farms and sold at prices ranging from \$30 to \$50 an acre, was later carved. But even at the absurdly low price of \$10 an acre the original tract would now be worth \$30,000,000. When the contract for the State Capitol was let, however, officials considered this tract of land of much less value than the cost of the Capitol building.

According to the latest estimates of the State Board of Control, issued in 1920, the Capitol grounds and buildings thereon are valued at \$7,500,000.

The State-House of Texas, located on Capitol Hill in the heart of Austin, with its massive body of granite blocks and ornamented pilasters looming up from the surrounding paved walks, lawns and terraces, make the Capitol grounds of Texas the beauty spot of the Southwest and represents Texas as could no other building. This artistic, yet imperishable mass of granite, second in size only to the National Capitol at Washington and the seventh largest building in the world at the time of its completion, is typically representative of Texas in its immense proportions as well as in the building materials of which it is constructed, practically all of which came from the Lone Star State.

## Shrine of Texas Patriotism.

Completed in 1888, this symbol of the solid principles upon which the State was built, has become the shrine of Texas patriotism, the place where all historical data of early Texas has been collected, and where State history, since the memorable day of its completion, has been centered.



The Texas Capitol, facing south, at the head of Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

The old Capitol, erected in 1856, was destroyed by accidental fire in November, 1861, and for a time the offices of the State government were housed in a temporary structure built at the head of Congress avenue.

The act of the Sixteenth Legislature, passed February 20, 1879, setting aside 3,050,000 acres of land in Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, Lamb, Bailey, Hockley, Dallam, Hartley, Cochran and Oldham counties for the building of a State Capitol was afterward protected in subsequent dispositions of the public domain, and was finally disposed of in a body to the London Freehold Syndicate, composed of Chicago and English capitalists, who contracted to build the Capitol for the land. This syndicate consisted of Farwell, Taylor, Babcock and their associates, who obtained the land at a valuation of something like fifty cents an acre, building the State-House in return for this vast tract.

Later, 51,000 of the 3,050,000 acres of this land was recovered from the syndicate, and, according to a recent announcement by the Attorney General's department, is to be placed on the market for sale as soon as it can be surveyed.

The act which set aside three and a half million acres of land for the building of a Capitol, also provided for the act into effect. The personnel of this board consisted of the Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. In nine years from the time of the passage of the act by the Sixteenth Legislature, the surveying of the land, preparation for the building, starting of construction for completion, etc., had taken place.

## Laying of the Corner Stone.

On March 2, 1885, one year after (Continued on Page 5, Column 1)



# CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

## THE KIND OF PRESIDENT NEEDED.



I am barred against discussing, in this Magazine Section, anything that bears on politics, evolution or the Ku Klux Klan, which is virtually tantamount to saying I cannot discuss anything except the moon's phases, bobbed hair and how to cure meat. Having already discussed each of these themes, exhaustively, I must invade the realm of politics slightly, though I promise not to reason from a partisan basis, or touch upon any candidate's former prohibition record or connection with Tea Pot Dome. I will not even attempt to say whether Texas' delegation to the national convention should go hog-tied for one candidate or left foot-free to dance in the tent of any man it may see fit. With this promise possibly I may "get by" with a few words that have a slight political bearing. When asked a few days ago what kind of a President the country needs to bring order out of chaos, kick political corruption over the dump and put the people on the high road to prosperity, I took the matter under consideration and studied it out carefully. Usually when asked such a question I answer right on the spot, "a Democrat, of course." But such an answer means little these latter days. There are Democrats and Democrats. There are Democrats who, if placed in power, would ruin the country. They are "reactionary" Democrats or "progressive" Democrats, according to the Democratic brand you happen to wear. And there are Democrats who would exalt political righteousness and make the country blossom as the rose. They are "progressive" or "reactionary" Democrats, according to the Democratic brand on your forehead. I shall not stop here to point out the difference between a progressive Democrat and a reactionary Democrat—if you don't know that much about politics you have no business trying to play the game. I will go far enough to say a "progressive" Democrat is yourself, or a fellow you are trying to elect, and that a "reactionary" Democrat is one who opposes you, or a fellow you are trying to keep out of office. Neither am I going to waste space pointing out the differences between a Democrat and a Republican.

Before the queenly month of May steps from the stage to make way for the bridal month of June, Texas Democrats must do their bit toward choosing a man to bear Democracy's standard through the coming charge on the national White House.

The Texan who doesn't know these differences is so dense the Commissioners court ought to take charge of him and put him in a place where he cannot harm any person. A man had the effrontery a few days ago to tell me that there is now no differences between the Democratic and Republican parties. He went on to say that there is no longer such a doctrine as state's rights, the issue around which the two parties were originally formed; he also declared that neither party now makes the tariff, the coinage question, imperialism, the league of nations, nor any other question an issue, and dared me to name a clear-cut difference between the parties. Rather than answer the weak-brained fellow I turned away with contempt. I know there is a big difference, a fundamental difference, between the parties. The Democratic party stands for everything that's good, while the Republican party advocates everything that's bad. It has always been so, and always will be so, no matter what the issue, or whether there are any issues.

But what kind of a man does the country need for President? This is the question now agitating the minds of the people of the United States. I have promised not to discuss the question from a party standpoint, and I will not. I have studied history to find the kind of men who have served best as chief executives, and have studied closely the pictures of all the Presidents. I find that times were good during the reign of George Washington; I also find that taxes were very low while John Quincy Adams was President. The thing to do, then, was to study the pictures of George Washington and John Quincy Adams, and this I did. The pictures of these distinguished patriots show that both were bald-headed. And so it is clear to me that what this country needs is a bald-headed President. There hasn't been such a President since John Quincy Adams, and matters have been constantly growing worse since that great statesman left the White House. By consulting Holy Writ I find that the Lord never favored hairy men for official position. Esau, who had a heavy suit of hair on his head and body, was born head of Israel, but the Lord took his birthright away and gave it to bald-headed Jacob. Long-haired Sampson had a good job as Judge, but instead of looking after his country as he should, he gave away state secrets to a heathen suffragette and was by her lured to a tragic death. Long-haired Absalom had a large following and a fine chance to capture the throne of Israel, but he let a tow-headed mule hang him to a limb and became an easy target for the javelin of Joab. It is

easy to see that what this country needs is a bald-headed President.

At Houston last week there was a Horse-Shoe Pitchers' Tournament. For three days the devotees of this noble game forgot the world's mad rush for gain, the race for Governor, the squabbles between the Ku Kluxes and the anti-Klansmen, the cruel war over bobbed hair and evolution, and gave themselves to "ringing the stob" with their trusty shoes. Brethren, it looks like a return to the old-time Democracy, when man was without guile and ignoble longings welled not from his breast. Verily, the people are beginning to ask for the old paths—to walk therein, and soon we may get back to the simplicity of the daddies, when mah jong, golf, jazz, adenoids and appendicitis were unknown.

## RICH AND POOR NOT TREATED ALIKE.

Rich and poor are not accorded the same treatment. In days gone by I took little stock in the rantings of politicians who wept because the rich were granted so many special privileges while the poor had to tread alone the wine press of toil and sorrow, and their toil went unrequited. But I am convinced the poor are not treated as well as the rich, and feel that an investigation should be started. Not long since I was afflicted with a misery in the abdominal region that subjected me to much pain. I had a wealthy neighbor who suffered from a like affliction, and the likeness of our afflictions made us kin and companionable. We spent much time together, comparing notes and pains, and found that our symptoms were exactly the same and our hurts exactly alike. My neighbor consulted a physician, described his symptoms and aches, and the physician, after making several examinations, sent him to a fashionable watering place, where the eating is splendid and the widows numerous. Learning of this I hurried to the same physician, described the same symptoms and aches, rather glad that I was sick so that I might join my neighbor at the fashionable watering place. But after looking at my tongue and thumping my diaphragm, the physician prescribed calomel and castor oil. It is just such discrimination, such oppression of the poor, as this that has filled the world with unrest and driven so many people into socialism and anarchy.

MAKING ADVERTISING PAY. I have always contended that advertising pays, and pays very well, indeed, if properly and intelligently done. From

the papers I learn that one of the country's very rich men is the proprietor and manufacturer of a celebrated corn cure. This very rich man started business a few years ago with hardly enough money to buy cans to act as containers for his remedy; but he advertised; advertised faithfully and intelligently. You will take note of the fact that the advertisements of this business man who grew immensely rich in a very few years have always been illustrated with the photographs of persons applying the corn cure after having made ready to retire for the night. You will also take note of the fact that the picture of the person in night habiliments applying the corn cure is never that of a man. I have made a careful study of the corn cure advertising, (merely to learn the art of advertising,) and find that in selecting pictures to illustrate his advertising the advertiser has never used the likeness of homely or unshapely woman. Lots of money is wasted in advertising. If the corn cure man had illustrated his advertisements with pictures of bandy-shanked, knocked-kneed men, arrayed in ill-fitting night shirts, applying the corn cure, he would have gone broke the first year.

The great contest of the future is to be between the automobile and the radio. The auto will do its very best to keep all of us on the go, but the radio will have a strong pull toward making us stay at home. If either should be destroyed we could do away with the expense of maintaining homes or save the money we spend building roads.

FATHER'S DAY. Attention is directed to the fact that the first Sunday after the fifteenth of June is "Father's Day." Please consult your calendars and mark the exact date. In giving a key to enable you to locate the date of this great day of the year I feel that I am giving real and valuable information. I think I am the only person alive who knows when Father's Day comes. I must confess I didn't know how to find the date for honoring father until I read the information in an obscure paper a few minutes ago, and I fear it will pass from my memory when I finish this item and take up the very important evening work of watering the onions and slopping the pigs. Please don't forget the date after you have found it, and please don't forget, when the day rolls around, to properly observe the time set apart for honoring father. Sew the buttons on dear old dad's vest, put his shirt where he can find it Sunday morning, patch the seat of his trousers, don't burn quite so much gas-

oline, and make him happy. Remember, father wasn't a very important figure at his wedding. Nobody sang "here comes the groom," and nobody praised the fit of his coat or pantaloons. He hasn't been an important figure in any family event since he was led to Hymen's altar. The old man has never had good table manners, and has always been more suited to the back yard than to the parlor, but remember, if there were no fathers the race would soon run out and expire by limitation. Resolve right now that you will make your Easter bonnet last two seasons, and make dear old father happy.

## WAR THREATENED.

As these lines are written a war cloud much larger than a man's hand is seen on the horizon and is coming this way, accompanied by the mutterings of distant thunder, and with old lightning occasionally plunging his keen rapier into the central blue and streaking the heavens with ribbons of gold. Japan is mad because Uncle Sam has told her to shinny on her own little islands and keep her feet off the sacred soil of the United States. I have been a pacifist since Germany was licked to a frazzle, and have rejoiced over the reduction of armies and the sinking of battleships, but now a change is coming over the spirit of my dreams. Most of us are pacifists when we are in a good humor and nobody is talking about us, but let some nation meddle in our affairs and the jingo spirits arise within us even as the sap comes up in response to the kisses of the sun. When all is serene we talk of the golden rule and the sermon on the mount, but let some nation rub our hair the wrong way and we begin to think of "recking tubes and iron shards." I don't believe the doors of Janus temple are again to be thrown open; I can't believe that grim-visaged war will again go stalking over the world, scattering a baptism of blood and death on every side, but with you I am determined that the slant-eyed Japs shall not dictate a line of the laws that go on our statutes, and that they shall obey to the letter every word of the laws we enact. That's the kind of a hair-pin I am, and when I look at you I see another hair-pin of the very same mould and bend. Let us hope that "common sense will hold the fretful realm in awe," and that Uncle Sam and Japan will settle their dispute in "the parliament of man," but if Japan will not do this, then of course we'll soon become versed in Japanese geography, and learn the names of the rivers in the land of the Mikado, just as we learned the names of the streams in France and Belgium when we drove the Kaiser's hordes from the soil of our allies.

# GROWING TEXAS TOMATOES FOR NATIONAL MARKETS. 840 CARLOADS SHIPPED 1923.

By LOY W. DUDDLESTEN.

During the past four years the production of tomatoes for national markets has developed into one of the leading industries of East Texas. Since 1919 the amount of acreage adapted to that crop, especially in 1923, has rivaled that of King Cotton in Cherokee and Smith counties, while other Eastern Texas counties, including Cook, Dimmit, Anderson and Walker, have planted considerable acreage. The production of tomatoes is the first money crop for these counties annually, and is second only to cotton in importance.

The East Texas tomato grower faces odds that confront possibly no other producer of fruit in the state. He grows a product which is highly perishable and must be marketed as quickly as it ripens. His necessities are moisture and a favorable season in which to start his crop; warm spring days, but not the terrific heat waves which are characteristic of July. He must have rapid and efficient methods of transportation, but not too swift or a congested market will result. If he produces a good crop, while that of Mississippi is cut short by a freeze (which is fortunate, in a way, for the East Texas grower) he thinks that at last his day has arrived, although he is likely to awaken any morning to find the thermometer hovering around 20 degrees, his tender plants killed by frost in the fields, and his entire investment of the season lost. The tomato grower produces his crop and gathers it in a season when many things detrimental to it may happen.

## 840 Solid Carloads, 1923.

But in spite of all difficulties, approximately 840 solid carloads of sound East Texas tomatoes found their way to various markets of the United States during 1923. Although the 1923 acreage was not as great as that of the preceding year, the season, as a whole, was one of the most successful in the history of the industry in this part of the state, so far as actual returns were concerned. Not only was the demand good and prices high during the shipping period, but the quality was also far above the average. The good prices received during the season were due, for the most part, to the decreased production, which in turn was caused largely by the heavy production

and correspondingly low prices of the preceding year.

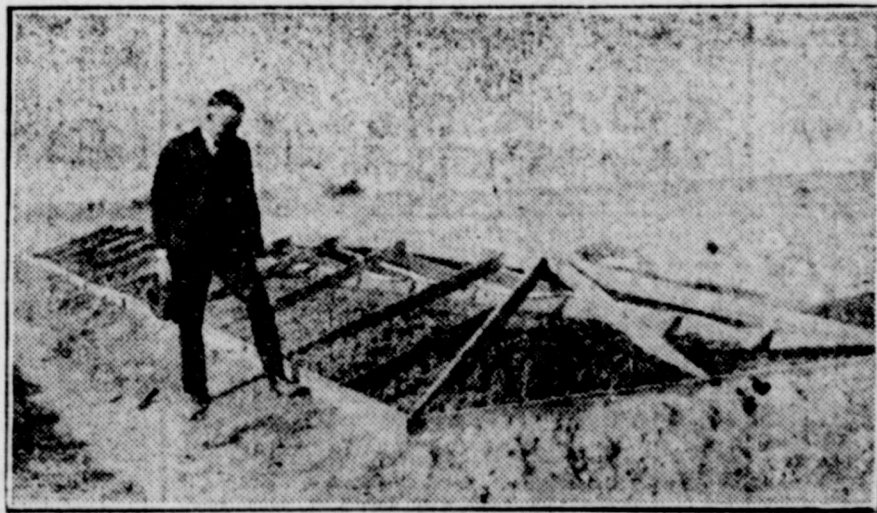
Excellent returns were received by many of the East Texas growers for the 1923 crop, and in many instances fabulous sums were received by the producer from an exceptionally small acreage. During the height of the 1923 season, one grower near Gresham received \$264 for a wagon load of tomatoes, while D. B. Singletary of Alto placed a large wagon load on the market in that city in the morning, and in the afternoon drove home a new automobile, representing the returns of the load. R. R. Knight of Noonday sold the crop from three and three-fourths acres for \$1304. He stated that the total cost of production did not exceed \$250, netting him a profit of \$1,054 for three months' tomato production labor. One of the best records of the 1923 production was that of Howard White, a negro boy, near Gresham, who sold \$1100 worth of tomatoes from one and one-half acres.

The 1924 acreage is approximately the same as 1923, although it varies in certain districts of the tomato belt. The acreage in central and southern Cherokee county has been slightly reduced, while in the county of Smith, the acreage has been greatly increased, possibly as much as twenty-five per cent. In the other tomato producing counties of the East Texas belt the acreage remains practically the same as 1923, with a number of slight increases.

## Market Has Expanded.

To the average person in Texas, the tomato is a garden vegetable and little more. To the East Texas farmer it is a fruit—a crop—just as is cotton, corn, or wheat to other areas of the state. The South has not developed as great a market for the tomato as have the Northern, Eastern and Western consumers. In former years the distribution of tomatoes was confined to Kansas City, St. Louis, Pittsburg and Chicago, but now is greatly enlarged. Many

Western cities are heavy consumers of the East Texas tomato, including Denver, Salt Lake City; Boise, Idaho; Portland, Oregon; and Seattle, Washington. The East Texas tomato is desired by the Western people more so than the California and Mexican tomato. It is to these markets that the majority of the East Texas production goes, while Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth consume a considerable portion. Tomatoes are extremely popular in these national markets because the fruit is one of the first vegetables of the season which can be purchased. The East Texas tomato is considered a delicacy by the



Young Tomato Plants, growing in cold frames. (Pine straw is heaped over the sheeting which covers the frames during cold weather).

wealthier classes of the larger cities, who buy the fruit by the crate and place it in refrigeration. Not only is the tomato easily digested, easily prepared for the table, but it is considered of great food value, as it is high in iron content.

Texas and Mississippi are the principal tomato growing areas of the South, and the greatest belt in these two states are the East Texas of this state, commonly known as the Jacksonville-Alto-Tyler belt, and the Crystal Springs district of Mississippi. In former days, when the markets of the fruit were found principally in the Northern and Eastern cities, the Mississippi growers had a great advantage over the Texas producers, inasmuch as they were closer to the market centers and there was but little delay in the transporting of the

tomato. However, since the market has gained a westward trend and both sections are equidistant, there is considerable rivalry in marketing of the tomato in both states. The Mississippi crop opens the market approximately one week ahead of the East Texas crop, which breaks in the great market centers at the very time the buying is at high ebb and the East Texas growers then reap the returns in highest quotations. During the period of the shipping season from June 9 to July 4, 1923, East Texas shipped approximately 18 per cent of total tomato shipments of the United States. The movement of the fruit from Florida did not interfere with the East Texas shipments, as the fruit from that state was mostly out of the way when Texas started. The movement from Tennessee did not get under way until July 28, at which time the Texas movement closed. There was no peak to the East Texas movement during the 1923 season, shipments being distributed rather evenly.

Following is a list of the East Texas points which shipped either green or pink fruit, or both, during the season of 1923: Dimmit, Frankston, Alto, Dialville, Gallatin, Jacksonville, Mount Selman, Rusk, Wells, Bullard, Flint, Tyler, Whitehouse and Dodge. The shipments from Alto, Jacksonville, Rusk, Bullard, Tyler and Whitehouse were the heaviest and are the principal producing centers of the tomato growing districts of Eastern Texas.

## Growing the Tomato.

Tomato growing is becoming one of the principal industries throughout East Texas, due to the fact that the crop precedes both cotton and corn, being harvested before either of the two, and does not interfere with their cultivation. Thus, tomatoes are grown and marketed by July, and the remainder of the crop year can then be devoted to the harvesting and marketing of other later crops.

There are three distinctly different kinds of soil upon which tomatoes are produced. These three kinds of soil are to be found in various portions of the East Texas belt, proper, but in a few instances are to be found near each other, and often the methods of producing fruit on one kind of soil is far different than those applied on the other. The three soils as they are known to the tomato grower, are called the white-sandy soil, the gray loam, and red land, which is alone characteristic of this part of the state. Each soil has its qualifications for the production of fruit, and as might be supposed, each are different. Each soil produces tomatoes at a different time of the season, although this time is slightly varied, and is but scarcely discernible, except to the interested grower. The tomato produced on the red soil ripens and matures more rapidly than that grown on the other two soils, due to the fact that it is warm natured and can be prepared for the plants much sooner than any other East Texas soil. As a rule, the early fruit is shipped in a different manner than that of the regular season, and commands almost unlimited quotations in market centers. Much of the fruit grown on the cold-natured sandy lands is wrapped green and shipped to the Western markets where the demand is the greatest for that variety. Therefore, the soils upon which the tomato is grown, has much to do with the quality of the fruit and the market to which it will be shipped. Many growers prefer each of the three different kinds of soil, and each have practically as many adherents as the other.

## Prompted in Hot Beds.

During the first week of each year, or not later than January 15, the East Texas tomato grower begins to look forward to the preparation of the crop for the coming spring. While the other farming districts of North, East, or West Texas, are making no active preparation to plant crops, the East Texas tomato grower is making extensive preparations for the tomato crop by constructing hot beds, cold-frames, and by breaking and fertilizing the soil. The preparation of the hot bed is the first undertaking and is made much in

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# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER  
THE STATE

**SANDY RIDGE SCHOOL BONDS.**  
The community of Sandy Ridge, in Falls county, has voted a \$10,000 bond issue for the construction of a modern school building. The bond issue carried by a vote of four to one.

**LARGEST STADIUM IN SOUTH.**  
Actual work of construction of the University of Texas stadium, to be the largest in the South, started in Austin April 4. It is planned to build the first unit to seat about 28,000 persons.

**SAN MARCOS PARK OPENED.**  
Rogers Park at San Marcos was formally opened to the public on Monday, April 21. This is one of the most popular resort and bathing places in all of South Central Texas. Many improvements have been made since the close of the 1923 season.

**CALDWELL CORN CROP FINE.**  
Advices from Lockhart are to the effect the corn crop of Caldwell county is up to a splendid stand. Farmers have been delayed in working their crops some on account of heavy rains. Considerable cotton has been planted despite unfavorable weather.

**WACO HAS OVER \$1,000,000.**  
The city of Waco has on deposit in the banks of the city over \$1,000,000, the exact figure being \$1,190,048.65. The city auditor's report recently filed shows very extensive street and other city improvements were made last year.

**500,000,000 PLANTS SHIPPED FROM COTULLA.**  
Up to April 22nd 500,000,000 onion and cabbage plants had been shipped from the Cotulla section for replanting in truck gardens in the colder Northern and Eastern States. A solid carload of 3,500,000 cabbage plants was recently moved from Cotulla to Alabama points.

**TEMPLE BANK DEPOSITS GROW.**  
Bank deposits at Temple are greater at this time than at any time in the history of the city. The four banking institutions have deposits totaling \$4,800,000. This is regarded as remarkable, particularly at this time of the year when bank deposits are usually low.

**BAPTIZED WITH WATER FROM RIVER JORDAN.**  
Dr. L. F. Key, pastor of the Marvin Methodist Church, of Tyler, used water from the River Jordan April 21 in baptizing several infants and a class of boys. The water was brought to him by a friend engaged in relief work in Near East.

**EASTER BASKETS TO SOLDIERS.**  
The auxiliary of the Travis American Legion at Austin prepared during the week preceding Easter and sent out forty-four Easter baskets to Austin boys who are in the American Legion Memorial Hospital at Kerrville and those in the army camp at Fort Bayard, Oklahoma.

**OVERLOADED TRUCKS DAMAGING HIGHWAYS.**  
The Denton Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to the Commissioners' Court to voice protest against overloading of trucks operating between Denton and Dallas, which are said to be doing heavy damage to the highway.

**KELLY FIELD FLYER BEATS RECORD.**  
At Kelly Field, San Antonio, April 23, Lieut. O.E. Powers in a MB-3A made 174.7 miles an hour over a triangular course of forty-five miles, which is a record for this type of plane.  
Lieut. R. L. Maughan, winner of the Pulitzer race in 1922, fell behind Powers for first place with 174.4 miles per hour—three tenths of a mile less speed and one and two-thirds seconds more time.

## MORE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST CALIFORNIA.

Further quarantine restrictions against the spread of the hoof and mouth disease have been proclaimed by Texas. Governor Neff has issued orders restricting the shipment into Texas from California of grain, hay, straw, fodder, trees, shrubs or flowers. The regulation also applies to foreign countries.

## WORKING GIRLS HAVE CLUB ROOM.

Working girls in the city of Bonham have organized a club and have arranged club rooms for their convenience. The club is known as the P. W. G. Club and a formal opening of the club rooms was held recently. A splendid program was rendered which was enjoyed by the public.

## MARLIN OPENS TOURIST PARK.

The city of Marlin has built a beautiful tourist park just north of the city limits on the King of Trails Highway. Nothing that will go to make the park comfortable and attractive to tourists is being left out. The main park building is being equipped with shower baths, dressing rooms and other conveniences.

## LIVESTOCK EMBARGO LIFTED.

The embargo placed on the stockyards at Denver, Colorado, a few weeks ago was short lived. It was lifted after authorities agreed that cattle thought to have been infected were not diseased stock. The embargo was placed when 76 calves, part of a shipment from Folsom, N. M., developed illness.

## CARLOAD OF LILIES SHIPPED.

During the week preceding Easter Sunday, a whole carload of Easter lilies were shipped out of the city of Waco to points further north. Each plant was potted separately. There were a total of 3,000 plants with approximately 10,000 blossoms. The plants went to Fort Worth, Dallas, Wichita Falls and other points.

## CATERPILLARS INVADE TRAVIS COUNTY.

Caterpillars in countless numbers have appeared in Travis county, particularly in the section along the Colorado River. They are the same species of insects which have for several months past spread over the Southwest and in the Southern States as far east as Florida.

## BLANKET MILL FOR HOUSTON.

High-grade cotton blankets will be manufactured in a mill to be built in Houston on a 114-acre plot, according to recent announcement by the Houston Chamber of Commerce. The mill will cost \$500,000. It will be Houston's second cotton mill. The first, already in operation, makes cotton twine. Money for the construction has been subscribed largely by local business men. The mill will employ 400 men and women, working in three eight-hour shifts. There will be 225 looms, and it is claimed to be the only blanket mill in the South.

## BIG SAW MILL FOR CENTRAL TEXAS.

Will Rogers of Lometa, Texas, is erecting a large saw mill for the manufacture of hardwood products on the property of Judge Tom S. Henderson of Cameron. The mill is located in Milam county, near the Lee county line. Boilers and mill machinery are now on the ground and houses are being erected.  
The plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000 and will turn out dimension timbers of ash, elm, hickory, post oak and hackberry. The owner already has orders booked for more than thirty cars of these timbers, most of which is for contracts with state and federal highway engineering departments.

## AGRICULTURAL SURVEY OF STATE FARMS.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Speer of the prison survey commission announces that a complete agricultural survey is to be made of the State prison farms, under the direction of Lewis E. Long, junior farm economist of the United States Department of Agriculture, and that the work will start at once.

## COTTON FARMERS IN CONTEST.

Central Texas cotton farmers are being urged by Malcolm H. Reed, former president of the Texas Cotton Association to enter the \$4,000 cash prize contest for the best five acre yield of cotton. Mr. Reed, who is an Austin cotton merchant, was largely responsible for the offering of this prize which was one of the last acts of the Texas Cotton Association during Mr. Reed's administration as president of the body.

## CONCENTRATION POINT FOR WOOL AND MOHAIR.

Brownwood has been made a concentration point by the Southwestern Wool and Mohair Association, as announced by M. W. Coll, whose headquarters are in Houston, where the general headquarters of the association are located. The Brownwood concentration point will be used for wool and mohair from Brown and surrounding counties, where the stored products will be offered for sale.

## HALF OF COOKING OILS FROM TEXAS.

More than half of the eggs and potatoes fried in this country this year in refined cottonseed oil will be prepared in oil from the presses of the Texas cottonseed oil mills. This statement is borne out by the report of the United States Census Bureau which shows that of the cottonseed crushed in the United States during the present season up to March 31, totaling 1,097,026 tons, 880,296 tons of it has been crushed in Texas.

## SURVEY FOR FLOOD CONTROL.

The House committee on flood control at Washington has acted favorably on a bill authorizing preliminary surveys by war department engineers of the Cimarron and Canadian rivers in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Witnesses testified that waters impounded along these rivers would irrigate vast areas of fine agricultural lands. It is thought that more than 1,000,000 acres of fine farm lands in the Texas Panhandle could be brought under irrigation through this method.

## SHOULD BE MANUFACTURED IN TEXAS.

More than fifty articles of commerce, derived from cotton by-products, now made almost exclusively in the factory centers of the North and East, logically should be manufactured in Texas and other Southwestern States, according to a report of the industrial relations committee of the Dallas Manufacturers' Association.

There are 190 cotton seed mills in Texas. These mills represent an invested capital of approximately \$10,000,000 and give employment to about 3,800 workmen.

## MONTHLY STATEMENT OF STATE COMPTROLLER.

Comptroller Smith's monthly statement of the State's finances shows that for March the Texas Treasury handled \$12,299,616 in receipts and disbursed \$8,649,899. For the first six months of the current fiscal year the receipts were \$32,789,387 and disbursements \$24,703,508. Of the latter amounts \$10,645,885 was general fund receipts and disbursements of \$9,435,204. The remainder was special fund accounts.  
The deficiency account on attached witnesses, Sheriffs and similar claims had grown to \$232,500. An appropriation by the Legislature is necessary to pay these claims.

## PLAINVIEW'S COTTON CONTEST.

One thousand and five hundred dollars in cash prizes is being offered by the Plainview Chamber of Commerce for the greatest production of lint cotton on twenty-acre tracts in the Plainview trade territory. The contest is divided into two classes, with \$1,000 in prizes for dry land farms and \$500 for irrigated farms. The only obligation of the farmer entering the contest is that he shall keep records of his methods and conditions affecting the cotton. The twenty-acre patch was designated to prevent the cash prize from becoming the chief consideration of the farmer, as might have resulted from a smaller acreage. It was also thought that the twenty-acre patch would give a more accurate test of ordinary farming conditions than would a smaller acreage.

## STATE AUTO SEALS ABOLISHED.

Seals on all automobiles will be abolished by the State Highway Department in the future and only number plates will be used.

This was decided upon by the highway commission after a ruling from the Attorney General, declaring they had the right to do so. Just when this ruling will become effective is yet to be announced.

This step is being taken because it has been found that in the larger cities seals have been stolen from cars and used on other cars in order to evade the payment of the registration fee.

## LONE STAR TRAIL MARKED.

The Lone Star Trail, beginning at St. Augustine, Florida, and extending westward through the States of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and into Texas at Old Pendleton, on the Sabine River, is now marked as far as the Angelina River at the King's Highway.

The tourist on this trail is easily guided by a series of seven-inch red stars shining on a pure white background and bordered by two distinctive blue bands, one inch wide. These marks are placed at frequent intervals and at all road intersections, and stand on signboards 2x8, set two feet into the ground, painted white, and so arranged that the driver sees at a glance the route he is traveling.

## TEXANS HONOR SAN JACINTO SOLDIERS.

Five thousand persons gathered at San Jacinto battle ground April 21 to celebrate the victory which eighty-eight years ago gave Texas her freedom from Mexico.

W. E. Kendall, grandson of General Sherman, who commanded the Texans' left wing during the battle, read General Sam Houston's report of the victory.

Following a regatta by the Houston Launch Club, the Texas and American flags were raised by United States marines. The monument commemorating the men who died in the battle of San Jacinto was almost covered with flowers laid about it by the people who attended the celebration.

## BILL WOULD PENSION INDIAN WARS VETERANS.

Officers and enlisted men of the Texas Volunteers who served in the defense of their State against Indian depredations from 1878 to 1880, inclusive, and widows of such officers and enlisted men who were married to them prior to March 4, 1917, would benefit under the terms of the bureau omnibus pension bill which has passed the U. S. Senate.

Those who are on the pension rolls or who may hereafter be placed on the rolls under the acts of July 27, 1892, June 27, 1902, May 30, 1908, or March 4, 1917, would receive \$30 per month and upon attaining the age of 72 \$40 per month and 75 years of age \$50 per month. The widows would receive \$20 per month.

## SAN SABA PECAN GROWERS TO SPEAK.

A number of pecan growers of San Saba have been asked to address the meeting of the State Pecan Growers' Association which meets at Fredericksburg during June. The San Saba country is one of the greatest pecan producing areas of the world and many of its citizens are well informed on pecan culture. Those slated for addresses at the association meeting are: D. F. Moore, Miss Mildred Moore, W. J. Millican, Miss Zoe Millican, F. R. Risen, Mrs. Edgar T. Neal.

## EAGLES CARRY OFF LAMBS.

Large eagles have been causing more losses than wolves among sheep and goats on some ranches along the Devils River and Rio Grande. The birds of prey have swooped down and carried off lambs and have even attacked and killed yearling goats, according to Elton Holland of San Angelo. Forty lambs from among 1,900, owned by Mr. Holland on the ranch of the late J. B. Murrah, in Val Verde county, were killed by the eagles. Holland trapped five of the eagles and poisoned three others. One of the birds of the Mexican species measured eight feet from tip to tip. Strychnine was placed in the carcass of sheep in poisoning the eagles.

## \$500,000 FOR SURVEY OF POTASH FIELDS.

Senator Sheppard is asking for an annual appropriation by the U. S. Government of \$500,000 for five years to enable the Geological Survey to prospect for raw potash, and \$50,000 annually during the same period for the Bureau of Soils of the Agricultural Department to experiment in obtaining potash from waste and other substances.

The new bill by Senator Sheppard would require that the Government be reimbursed out of any minerals found for the expense of its exploration work.

Dr. George R. Mansfield of the United States Geological Survey, says potash is found in twelve wells in the Texas counties of Loving, Ward, Reagan, Midland, Mitchell, Dawson, Glasscock, Scurry and Potter. In Germany and France potash is mined as a salt, the German wells being from 3,900 to 5,000 feet in depth, while in Alsace the average depth is about 1,700 feet. It was pointed out that in Texas the minerals were nearer the surface than in foreign countries.

Potash is a most valuable fertilizer for all soils and the United States is now wholly dependent upon foreign countries for this essential mineral.

## TEXAS TO PLANT 30,400 ACRES IN WATERMELONS.

In watermelon production, Texas will be second only to Georgia this year, if favorable weather attends present plantings in the South, according to a report of acreage to truck and fruit crops released by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics through the co-operative State-Federal market news service at Austin. Plantings of 30,400 acres are listed for this State, compared with 40,700 acres for Georgia, 28,830 for Florida, 10,080 for South Carolina, 8,540 for Alabama, 4,490 for North Carolina and 3,800 for the Imperial Valley of California.

Last year's Texas watermelon crop was one of the most successful on record, according to the State Federal Market News service, which advises that prior to October 13 some 5,883 cars were listed as moving to market, compared with 4,131 the preceding season and 4,298 in 1921. Weatherford headed the list last year in the shipping of this commodity with a season's total of 804 cars, followed by Bellville with 347 cars, Peters with 343 cars, Sandia with 287 cars, Stockdale with 245 cars, Hempstead with 234 cars, Cat Springs with 221 cars, Sealy with 209 cars and Seguin with 179 cars.

# Texas Bluebonnet, State's Official Flower

By HORACE C. WALKER.

Texas bluebonnets, the official State flower of Texas, now reign supreme at the zenith of their glory in almost every section of the State. The highways and byways, the roadside and the field, are now covered with the largest crop of Texas bluebonnets that has appeared in several years.  
Untoward weather this spring has prevented the blooming of our famous flower as early at it usually appears; but the rainy fall and winter have prepared the way for an enormous number of these wild plants, now adorning every meadow and vale. Wet weather has caused the comeback of the bluebonnets when, in many sections of the State, they appeared to have been lost forever, according to Prof. B. J. Tharp, botanist at the University of Texas, who has devoted his life to wild flower study and is recognized as the most eminent authority on bluebonnets in the Southwest.  
Upon request of the Texas organization of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, the Twenty-Seventh

Legislature passed a resolution March 7, 1901, adopting the bluebonnet as the official flower of the State of Texas.  
Lupinus texensis is the botanical term for Texas bluebonnet, and there are no bluebonnets going by any name other than "Texas bluebonnet," according to Prof. Tharp. The reason for the name, he explains, is the fact that the bluebonnet was first discovered in Texas; and Texas seems to be the one section of the entire earth where the discriminating lupinus texensis grows best.  
"The bluebonnets this year," said Prof. Tharp, "are more vigorous in growth and larger in size, than they have been in years. The cause for this abundance and greater development of the plant this season has been due to the fall and winter through which we have just passed.  
The Texas bluebonnet is a member of the bean family. It develops seed pods at maturity similar to the bean. Pollination is not produced by the wind, as is the case with other flowers. Only bees and other insects, according to Prof. Tharp, carry the pollen from the

male to the female of the species.  
Few persons know anything about the cultivation of our Texas bluebonnet, its characteristics and its type. For this reason, little luck is had by most flower-lovers in attempting to domesticate the plant.  
One factor known by few persons other than botanists concerning the culture of the bluebonnet is the fact that it is a "winter annual" plant botanically speaking. A person planting bluebonnet seed in the spring would be disappointed if he expected to produce flowers.  
The Texas bluebonnet, according to Prof. Tharp, must be planted in the summer—August is the best time. It then grows through the fall and winter like a weed, benefitting by the rains in late August and September, and finally blooms in the spring, March being usual the month of its first appearance.  
The coldest weather, temperatures, even below zero, have never been known to freeze this hardy plant in the least.  
But by the term "winter annual" it is meant that the species is not of con-

tinuous growth. The bluebonnet lives but one year, and then dies.  
"When they die they are dead," said Prof. Tharp, "and if no seed have been left there will be no more bluebonnets the next spring; there is no comeback of the bluebonnet except from its seed. The blooms usually last about six weeks and the plant dies, but I have found late ones as far along the seasons as August in full bloom, although this is very unusual."  
The cycle of growth of the Texas bluebonnet is this: Planting in the summer; germinating in the fall, with rains; growth through the winter, and the final blooming which occurs in the spring. This cycle of the life of the bluebonnet covers ten months; and the spring blooms, which attract attention for the first time, are but the culmination—the last step—of a whole lifetime of about eight and a half months of growth.  
The Texas bluebonnet has a peculiar adaptability to varied soils. It is found on the blackland prairies of Central Texas, the sandy lands of other

sections, and even grows on the poorest of limestone soils. It only attains perfection, however, in the blackland belts, according to Prof. Tharp.  
While the Texas bluebonnet is primarily a Texas flower, it grows outside the State to some extent also. It is found as far north as the Yellowstone National Park, and it grows in the mountain districts of the Western States also. It is confined, however, to the Southwest, and the plant grows to its best only in Texas.  
The term "bluebonnet" applies to the greater portion of this species of the bean family, but there are also yellow, white, and even pink varieties of the "bluebonnet," although these are exceptions and do not follow the rule, as most of the species are correctly termed "bluebonnets."  
Extreme West Texas, and the piney woods of East Texas, according to Prof. Tharp, are the only sections of the State where the bluebonnet does not grow wild. It is successfully grown even in these districts, however, with a little nurture.



# Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim

Being the Experience of Two Real Fishermen in Texas Lakes, Rivers and Creeks  
By JACK MAXWELL.

Well, hits bin several months sense we fellers had a fishin' talk with the readers uv the Magazine Seckshun uv your Home Town paper. An' durin' that time thar has a rite smart happened whut mite a made purty gude readin'.

Howsumever, durln' the years whut Me an' Jim has fished our way 'long down the windin' strems uv life we has arrived at this konklushun: In the fishin' game thar be a whole lotta things a feller experiences whut don't kum under the head uv jest ketchin', cookin', an' eatin'. Yes, indeed, thar is meny things kumprisin' a day's ketch whut he can't string'er put in a basket—things wonderful within themselves—thet happen out clost to the end uv the long trail whut leads from the cradle to the Head Camp.

Just fer instance, here it is spring uv the year ag'in, an' all Natur lookin' her best an' everythin' as purty as a speckled pup with a brand new collar. The flowers bloomin' an' the birds singin' an' the perfumed breezes from the south comin' loaded down with the sweetness uv May. Yep, the spring uv the year, in Texas, always hold a joyful message fer Me an' Jim, fer hit seems like hit tells us to git out an' away from the dailey grind uv chasin' dollers an' cents down the avenues uv brick an' mortar—whar life is a ferece game uv the survival uv the fittest an' whar the fite goes on an' on from early morn till dewey eve.

## Spring Comes to Happy Valley.

When the fust day uv May kum 'round, this year, I looked outta my window down in Happy Valley, an' everythin' sure did look beautiful—the ground all kivered with a carpet uv green an' under a buddin' tree two red-breast robbins wuz a billin' an' a singin' love songs.

As I stood thar a lookin' things over, I wuz wishin' thet Jim wuld come over an' go a fishin' with me, fer altho hit wuz the fust of May, yet I felt sorter

lonesum an' wanted to git out an' kummune with Natur an' ketch a mess o' fish fer me an' Lindy Lou's Sunday dinner. Jim had bin on my mine but a minit, when who should I see a pokin' his head 'round the corner but the old raskel hisself, with a cane pole acrost his shoulder an' a can uv wurms in his left hand, whistlin' as happy as a lark.

I didn't wait fer Jim to "git to the house. No, indeed, I run rite out to the shed an' got my fishin' pole and wuz all set to go by the time he got inside the yard. Seein' thet I wuz reddy, Jim says to me: "Whar do you

think we'd better try our luck, bein' hits May day and the fish is liable to be off on a frolic sumwhere." We'll, thet wuld all depen' on whut you are goin' to fish fer; iffen you leave hit to me I'd suggest thet we go down to Mill Branch an' try an' ketch a mess uv perch." "Nuff sed," ansers old Jim, an' we wuz on our way to the leetle branch whut runs jest south uv our Home Town on the Inter-rubin, an' one uv the purtyest perch strems et be found anywhar near 'bout. Of course, we never ketch any grate plenty big to fry. And I'll tell the wuld that when Lindy Lou cooks a mess o' perch to "delishus brown," with plenty uv nice crisp bakun mixed in to give the rite flavor, hits go way yer hot cakes an' yer East Texas ribbon-cane syrup.

## The "Favorit Leetle Crick."

The walk from my Home Town to the leetle crick wusn't more'n a mlie, throu beautiful fruit an' truck patches,

which grue on either side, as we wended our way 'long, breathin' the pure ohzone uv spring and a listenin' to the matin' song uv birds in low hangin' branches uv post-oak, pecan an' pale-green willows which border our favorit leetle crick.

On this day we wuz a usin' very lite poles, not over 7ft long and just about twice the size uv a led-pencil with a taperin' off not bigger than the leetle end uv a rat's tail. To the pole we had somethin' like eight feet uv line, a bottle cork fer a float and a leetle bitta hook, not much bigger an' a number 8; fer bate we had, as above stated,



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brought along sum fishin' wurms—nuthin' better when a fishin' fer perch and brim, and lotsa times a bass uv medeum size can be ketched with the meek an' lowly wurm, fer hit sure is tantelizin' fish food.

The place whar we wuz to try our luck wuz down at the deep hole, whar the boys swim in the sumertime. Standin' with hits roots in the water wuz a grate big oak tree, and rite in the over-hangin' roots wuz whar the perch, an' now an' then croppie, had ther hangin' out place, in water 'bout five feet deep.

Slippin' up quiet-like to the edge, Me an' James set down, looped on a wurm an' genteely eased hit down into the kool depths uv the old "swimmin'-hole" an' waited fer a "nibble." Purty soon, we seed Jim's cork kummence to cut dido's, an' then hit went slowly under an' down back below the over-hangin' roots of the old oak tree. Lookin' at Jim, I saw thar wuz a spring-time grin acrost his old face, an' with a gentel swish uv the leetle cane pole, he set the hook an' begin playin' thet fish back an' forth—fer all the wuld like a bass fisherman—till finerly he lifted a nice fryin'-size perch outta the water an' put him on the stringer, not even losin' his fishin' wurm.

While Jim wuz a batin' up agin I saw my cork start to cuttin' up, like I wuz a gittin' a nibble, and then hit stopped. Fer the frackshun uv a second hit didn't move, then I seed hit go slowly under the water an' rite strate down 'tward the bottom—just like a cropey wuz a monkyin' with the bate. Givin' the fish time to git the hook well in hits mouth, I give my pole a quick upwad lift, an' had him on fer keeps. Jest as soon as I snagged him I knos I had a cropey—cud tell by the way he wuz a doin' his stuff, fer a cropey never cuts up eny grate site when fastened to a line; sorter curls his tail up to one side an' takes hit easy.

Well sir, while I wuz a stringin' my fish I seed Jim a luggin' in a tother one, and hit, too, wuz a sizeable cropey, an' on Jim's stringer hit went 'long with his perch. Thet made Jim two to my one, but rite afterwud I hooked a big

perch—reguler old yeller-belly—and hit wuz "Even Steven" frum then on till we quit 'bout sundown.

## Real Fun and Sport.

In my time I has hed sum gude fishin' fust one place an' 'tother, but honest-to-gudness I believe thet Me an' Jim had more reel fun and sport a ketchin' them perch an' cropey than I ever had fishin' befour in my life. Hit looked like evry time we stuck a wurm under the water a fish wuz a waitin' to gobble hit up. Our corks kept bobbin' purty nigh all day long.

When we quit fishin' an' counted our ketch, we had 42 perch and cropey, all big 'nough to eat an' thet's not a countin' the leetle fellers whut we throwed back to grow bigger fer next season. A lotta fellers wait till they gits home to clean thar fish, but Me an' Jim allus cleans our'n rite whar we ketches 'em. And if hit be in the sum-ertime we dries 'em off nice, stuffs 'em with sweet green grass an' then wraps 'em in lotta paper. Iffen a man will fix fish this way, he won't hardly ever take home a bad fish, even thet he be fishin' in the month uv August.

Goin' on home ole Jim sez to me: "I wonder who the guy wuz whut sed hit's not all uv fishin' just to ketch fish?" "Dunno, sez I. But, let thet be as hit may, he sure did know his okra an' iffen you an' Me didn't have enything but jest these fish to remember this day by, why, I don't think I'd wanta go fishin' agin. When a feller once more smells them dogwombs an' sees the green comin' back to the trees an' the sunbeens dance on the water of his favorit crick, why, Jimmy, ole boy, its worth more'n all the fish in the wuld. Ketchin' the spirit of spring is the biggest ketch eny man ever made. It kinder rejuvrenates his tired ole bones an' puts back into his heart the joy uv eternal youth an' the faith ter believe thet all things 'as created fer his gude an' welfare."

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the sixth series of "Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim." Other series will be published from time to time in the Magazine Section.)

## THE CAPITOL OF TEXAS.

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work on the building had begun, Texas Independence Day was fittingly celebrated by the laying of the corner stone to the great Capitol. The members of the Nineteenth Legislature and executive officers, societies of various kinds, military companies, professors and students of the University of Texas, teachers and pupils of the city schools, fire companies, and a large number of persons from all over the State gathered early on that morning, thirty-nine years ago, to witness the laying of the corner stone upon which the massive structure was soon to rise. The Grand Lodge of Masons had charge of the ceremonies. Will Lambert, secretary of the Citizens' Executive Committee for the occasion, later wrote:

"The second day of March, A. D. 1885, the forty-ninth anniversary of Texas Independence, was one never to be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to have witnessed or participated in the stirring events which occurred on that day in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the new Capitol."

In the cavity made in the stone, which rests in the northeast corner of the great structure, a large number of coins, books, papers and other articles were deposited.

May 16, 1888, the new State-House was dedicated. This was, indeed, a memorable day in the history of Texas. The dedication was attended by persons from all sections of the state—officers and soldiers of the United States army and a large number of State militia companies. The day was opened by a grand international military drill and display, which was followed by speaking from the main entrance of the new Capitol. The speakers of the day included Governor Ross, A. W. Terrell, Temple Houston and Colonel Abner Taylor, the contractor who built the Capitol. Among those persons present at the dedication were several generals from the United States and Mexican armies with numbers of distinguished citizens, including three Ex-Governors.

The Texas Capitol, which is built on plans similar to those of the National Capitol, at Washington, is 566 feet six inches in length, including the porticos at either end. It measures 288 feet ten inches at its widest point; and it is 311 feet in height. This majestic State-House contains in all, 258 rooms, and there are innumerable corridors, halls and passageways connecting the various parts of the building.

## Building Materials From Texas.

Standing on a commanding elevation at the head of Congress avenue, the edifice resembles a Greek cross with its projecting center and flanks. Texas red granite from the quarries of Burnet county make up the exterior walls. This granite is said by authorities to be equal in beauty and imperishability to any in the world. Although built on modern lines in architecture, the Capitol blends the ideas of the ancients concerning beauty with the usefulness of present day methods.

Texas material has been used in the construction of the State-House wherever it was possible; the fact that al-

most every item of material entering into the construction of the building has come from Texas is a wonderful illustration of the varied resources of our State. Stone, lime, wood, brick and many other materials, besides the granite exterior which were used in the building of the Capitol, all came out of the State of Texas. From the topmost point of the famous Lone Star held by the Goddess of Liberty, surmounting the dome and modeled after that of St. Peter's in Rome, to the deepest foundations, the Capitol of Texas is a fitting monument to this greatest of States.

Situated at the intersection of the four main corridors on the first floor is the historic rotunda lined, as are the upper walls under the great dome, with portraits of the Presidents and Governors of Texas from the earliest days of its history. These portraits were painted by William H. Huddle, a native Texan, and were bought by the State under an act of the Legislature passed May 20, 1888. These pictures formerly adorned the walls of the Supreme Court room. Huddle also painted the famous picture which hangs in the front corridor of the Capitol, representing the scene after the Battle of San Jacinto when Santa Anna was brought into the Texas camp a prisoner. The portrait of David Crockett, which hangs on the opposite wall of the front corridor to the left of the entrance, was also painted by Huddle.

## State Executive and Business Offices.

The first floor of the Capitol houses the offices of State executive; the second floor is devoted chiefly to the Legislature departments of government, and here are found the hall of the House of Representatives and the Senate Chamber; while the third floor houses the judiciary. The higher courts, namely the Supreme Court, the Court of Civil Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals are located on the third floor.

Entering at the main door, the Governor's business offices are located on the right. Other executive offices on this floor are as follows: Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant-General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Agriculture, Insurance Department, Statistics and History, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, Board of Control and the State Geologist. The Capitol Police Department, the Confederate Pension Bureau, and the office of the Capitol Electrician are also on this floor.

The Senate Chamber and House of Representatives, the State library and reading rooms, the reception rooms of the Governor, offices of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, the Legislative committee rooms, the press room and the office of the State Inspector of Oils are all located on the second floor.

On the third floor the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals, law libraries, galleries of the House of Representatives and Senate Chamber, reporters galleries and offices of marshals, clerks and other officials of the department of justice are situated.

The fourth floor is made up of twenty-three unassigned rooms. All

the conveniences necessary to a complete modern structure of its enormous size have been incorporated in the building. Protection against lightning is secured by ingenious methods, every point of the slate roof and steel dome being insulated by direct connection with the ground.

The Senate Chamber is located in the east wing of the Capitol, and the House of Representatives in the west wing. The stand of the President of the Senate and the Speaker's stand in the House face each other across the long corridors connecting the two halls.

## Dramatic Setting.

Entering the Senate Chamber, one is impressed with the dramatic setting and arrangement of this large hall. Opposite the entrance, across the floor of the chamber, which is covered with thick green carpet, one sees the stand of the President of the Senate, and behind this, dark green curtains hanging gracefully between large pillars forming a portiere at the rear of the stand. Over these pillars are draped three flags. Two Texas standards, one hung gracefully on either side above the portiere, with Old Glory extending from the center and hanging down over the official desk of the President of the Senate which is located on a raised platform, compose the background and the center of interest that catches the eye upon entering the chamber. Huge windows on the north and south and great clusters of electric lights in the top illuminate the chamber perfectly. There are thirty portraits, paintings and group photos on the walls of the Senate Chamber proper, and as many more around the walls of the balcony above. Of these thirty pictures, two paintings by the artist McArdle stand out pre-eminently. Huge canvasses twenty feet long and ten feet across, representing the "Fall of the Alamo" and the "Battle of San Jacinto," are located on the west wall, the former to the right entrance to the chamber and the latter upon the left of the main entrance. On the east wall to the left of the President's stand are large portraits of Jefferson Davis, John A. Wharton, Albert Sydney Johnston, Barnett Gibbs, Texas' youngest Lieutenant Governor, Thomas J. Rusk, statesman and hero of San Jacinto, and Stephen F. Austin. To the right of the stand on the same wall, one sees in order portraits of John H. Reagan, Mirabeau H. Lamar, General U. B. McAlexander, commander of the Texas Brigade in the World War, and Mrs. Rebecca J. Fisher, mother of Texas. Other pictures on the walls of this historic chamber include those of Robert M. Williamson, Indian fighter and Texas Congressman; Clara Driscoll Sevier, the woman responsible for the preservation of the Alamo; David Culbertson, and numerous groups of Senate members during different sessions of the Legislature.

## Famous Paintings in Legislative Hall.

The hall of the House of Representatives, however, is the largest room in the entire Capitol and one of the most interesting as well. Situated in the west wing of the building on the second floor, the hall proper holds 29 portraits and group pictures of members of the House

during various sessions of the Legislature. To the left of the Speaker's stand on the west wall of the house are portraits of Stephen F. Austin, Governor Hogg, Frank R. Lubbock and Ed Burleson. To the right of the stand one sees portraits of Sam Houston, A. W. Terrell and another famous painting by McArdle entitled "The Settlement of Austin's Colony." On this same wall, encased in glass, is also seen the noted Confederate battle flag of the First Texas Regiment of Hood's Brigade, recovered from beneath the bodies of sixteen Confederate soldiers killed in action. Immediately over the Speaker's stand, which is raised similarly to that of the President of the Senate, is the electric voting machine which records the votes of members of the House on questions coming before that body in its meetings. Each desk is connected with the voting machine and is supplied with push-buttons which, when pressed, register on the face of the machine the vote of the Representative, a red light signifying "aye" and a blue light a negative vote. Above the Speaker's stand to the left of the voting machine is a large United States flag extending over the stand from its staff, and on the right is the flag of Texas similarly draped.

The balconies of both the Senate chamber and the House, while occupied only by spectators during sessions of the Legislature, contain many very interesting pictures of Texas lawmakers from the earliest times down to the last session of the solons.

The old Land Office Building, erected in 1856-1857, stands on the southeast corner of the Capitol grounds on an elevation equal to that upon which the Capitol itself is situated. The Capitol greenhouse and flower gardens occupy the northeast corner of the grounds. Two artificial ponds, one located in the little valley between the Capitol and the old Land Office building and the other on the west side of the State-House, are stocked with many-colored fish the year round. These small, glass-surfaced lakes, set in the broad lawns of the Capitol grounds surrounded by weeping willows, ancient oaks and native mesquites, preserve this spot in the heart of Austin as a haven of natural beauty not to be surpassed.

## Monuments Adorning Capitol Grounds.

Five large statues adorn the grounds of the Texas Capitol, four of which are located before the front entrance, two on either side of the main walk; the other being situated just across the driveway at the southeast corner of the State-House. Approaching the Capitol, the monument to the Confederate soldiers is first seen on the left. This is a huge marble edifice surmounted by five figures, the central one representing Jefferson Davis. The other four figures, one on each corner, represent a cavalryman, an infantryman, an artilleryman and a sailor. This monument was erected by surviving comrades in 1901.

A little further up the walk, on the same side, one sees the famous monument erected in 1891 to the Heroes of the Alamo, a four-post granite statue surmounted by the figures of a defender of this ancient structure. The names of the men who died for Texas in the

historic siege of the Alamo are carved in the posts of the monument with other appropriate inscriptions.

To the right of the main walk is the monument to the volunteer firemen of Texas, erected by the State Firemen's Association in 1896, in honor of Texas firemen who had lost their lives in the performance of duty. On the same side of the walk, nearer the Capitol, is the noted Ranger statue, erected in 1907, to memory of the famous company of Terry's Texas Rangers.

A tall, obelisk-shaped marble shaft, surmounted by the figure of a soldier of the Confederacy, stands near the southeast corner of the Capitol, the monument to Hood's Texas Brigade of the Army of Northern Virginia. This marble pillar bears the names of numerous battles of the Civil War in which Hood's Texas Brigade participated. It was erected by surviving comrades and friends in 1910.

Five cannon, situated on either side of the main walk, guard this approach to the Capitol. Two of these, short-barreled stationary guns, stand on either side of the steps as one enters the State-House. Both guns have unusual histories. They were presented to the "Republic of Texas" by Major T. J. Chambers, one in 1880 and the other in 1910. Each cannon passed through the Texas revolution and the Civil War, but the one last presented to the State adorned the entrance to a Federal government building in Washington, D. C., for many years after its service before being returned to this State.

The Capitol grounds proper cover four large square blocks, extending from Colorado street on the west to Brazos on the east, and is between Eleventh and Thirteenth streets on the south and north. The present appraisal of \$7,500,000 on this plot of ground makes it one of the most valuable in the State for its size.

## GROWING TEXAS TOMATOES.

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the same manner as that used by green houses and by plant growers over the State. Many tomato growers prefer the artificially heated hot-beds, while others prepare beds of rich humus and thus take no chances of the seed or plants becoming overheated or destroyed.

The plants are prompted in the hot beds until they are of considerable size, approximately three inches in height, being given all the while as much sunshine as possible. By the second week in February they are ready to be transplanted to the cold frames which have been prepared in the fields. The cold frames are prepared similarly to the hot beds, but are much larger and longer, and are covered with thin sheathing as a protection from unfavorable weather and winds. The temperature of these frames is much colder than the hot beds, and thus prepare the tender plants for the open fields, by giving them a gradual change in temperature, making them hardy, and more able to survive weather conditions prevalent during earlier stages of growth in the field. The plants are carefully transplanted.

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# TEXAS FARM NEWS

## BRIEF REVIEW OF FARMING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The acreage of both corn and cotton in Bowie county, East Texas, is said to be about the same this year as last.

One hundred per cent lamb crops are being reported by sheep men in Crockett and other West Texas counties.

From the ranch of Cyrus B. Lucas, of Berclair, two carloads of Brahma bulls have been shipped to Sinaloa, Mexico.

Much land will have to be replanted to cotton in Central Texas, because of heavy rains packing the ground and preventing germination of seed.

Small grain in Denton county is looking good, but farmers have been unable to plant the usual corn acreage of the county on account of wet weather.

Corn, in Navarro county, East Texas, is growing rapidly. Fields are fairly clear of weeds. Pastures are extra good and fruit bids fair to make a normal crop.

T. C. Butler, of Young county, sold last year \$900 worth of eggs and fliers from 150 White Leghorn hens. He raised all his feed and fed balanced rations.

Colonel T. N. Jones of Tyler has offered prizes of \$25 in two Smith county school districts to the boy or girl, 18 years old or younger, who produces the largest quantity of cotton on an acre during the present crop year.

With the spinach season drawing to a close, and the carlot movement slackening, Texas has been busy shipping new commodities, and has gradually picked up volume on new potatoes, strawberries, beans, cabbage and the important onion crop, which it is expected will roll 3,500 cars, compared with approximately 2,400 in 1923 and 4,200 in 1922.

Denton reports thousands of dollars of loss during the winter from wolf depredations, despite almost constant hunting of the animals. Many calves and kids have been killed by the wolves.

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce has made arrangements with manufacturers of fertilizer to furnish two cars of limestone at the price of freight only to farmers of that community as an experiment in crop culture.

Prospects are very flattering for a good blackberry crop in Smith county. There are about 4,000 acres in blackberries in this county and several thousand pickers will be needed to gather the crop.

The first big shipments of cattle in the annual spring movement from the breeding ground of the Southwest to grass in Oklahoma and Kansas to be fattened for market was made from San Angelo, April 10.

Reports from the Panhandle and lower Plains country, as well as other sections of West Texas, indicate that the range conditions are the best in many years, due to the abundance of moisture caused by the late winter rains and snows.

Kerrville, Kerr county, Texas, reports the sale of 1,000,000 pounds of mohair from the spring clip. The price is quoted as being above that received at other accumulating points in Texas and the amount is said to be larger than any other shipping point.

The Chamber of Commerce of Temple has voted to sponsor a cotton-production contest in Bell county during the coming cotton-growing season and has provided prizes aggregating about \$250. These will be increased later on, it is announced, as interest in the contest develops.

Approximately 5,000 head of steers have been sold from the immediate vicinity of El Paso for delivery to Kansas grass, according to Lee Bell, inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

Farmers of Texas are still alive to the boll weevil menace and many of them have taken precautionary measures by laying in stocks of poison and by purchasing boll weevil destroying machines to combat the insects should they appear in the cotton fields.

Goat shearing has been completed in the district around Lampasas, according to reports. Local buyers paid from 50c to 80c. Shearing of sheep is now in progress. Some of the growers who stored last spring in warehouses have received their account sales for last season's clip.

Reports from various sections in East, Middle South and East Texas indicate that no great increases will be made in cotton acreage. In some sections the rains delayed planting and the ground was broken wet, leaving the soil in clods and making cotton cultivation impracticable, hence in such sections there probably will be no appreciable increase in cotton acreage.

Through their respective commercial organizations, Wills Point, Edgewood and Canton, all in Van Zandt county, are offering \$1,000 in prizes to the farmers for the best yield of cotton on five-acre tracts. Rules governing the contest recite that the lint must be not less than seven-eighths of an inch in staple, and it is expressly stipulated that what is termed "half-in-half" cotton will not be considered.

The Alto, Cherokee county, Commercial Club has perfected plans by which premiums to the amount of approximately \$1,200 will be awarded farmers of Cherokee county during this year for early and extraordinary yields of cotton, corn and tomatoes. The purpose of the series of contests is to increase the yield per acre of all crops grown in that section of the State, and to stimulate greater interest in the production of more and better crops of cotton, corn and tomatoes.

Denton, Parker, Johnson, and Tarrant counties are expected to produce a crop of at least 1,200,000 crates of honey ball melons during the coming season, according to an estimate by Ireland Hampton, manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. An order for the first 100,000 crates has been placed with a local box concern, he says.

"Last year twenty-five acres in Tarrant county produced approximately 15,000 acceptable crates of melons," Mr. Hampton said. "This year seed has been sown over 2,400 acres in four counties. Our estimate is based upon last year's average yield of 650 crates to the acre."

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The East Texas Cotton Palace, to be held at Athens September 29 to October 4, will offer \$500 cash for the best ear of corn grown in the world in 1924. The contest is open to the entire world in three divisions.

The first division is open only to corn growers in Texas, the second class is limited to corn growers in the United States, excluding Texas, and the third class is open to the world, excluding the United States.

The exposition will be called the International Parcel Post Corn Show and exhibits will be accepted only by parcel post. Only one ear of corn will be accepted from an individual. Judging will be based upon length of ear, shape, circumference and number of rows of corn on the ear.

First picking from 500 acres of cantaloupes planted on the Santo Domingo plantation in Starr county, South Texas, are about ready for shipment according to Leahy & Garguill, the California growers, who have the plantation under lease. They expect to ship at least 400 cars, and have their packers on the ground making crates for the expected heavy shipment, which is three weeks ahead of the California crop.

Phil Hull, cattleman of Eureka, Kansas, has purchased 280 head of 3-year-old steers from Harry Anderson of Eureka, Kansas, at 8 1/2c a pound immediate delivery. The cattle are located at Groom and were purchased by Mr. Anderson sometime ago from Wesley Knapp, banker, of Groom. This is said to be the highest price per pound that has been paid for steers in the Panhandle this spring. The cattle are in splendid condition and of excellent quality.

The range has seldom been better in South Texas, grass is still good and weeds are coming fast. There have been few losses of cattle, and cows suckling young calves are in unusually strong condition. Prospects are best in years for fat sheep and goats and for large increase.

Moisture has been excessive in the coast country and bed grounds wet, the range has suffered from excessive rainfall and cold. There will be a few early cattle but stock movement may be delayed. Calves are coming fast.

Webb county heads the list in acreage in Bermuda onions this year, displacing Dimmit, which had the heaviest acreage last year, according to the State markets and warehouses departments. Complete onion plantings this year total 10,230 acres compared with 12,680 a year ago, and average condition on the estimated acreage in Webb county and upper counties, taking into consideration loss of stand, is estimated by the truck crop specialist of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics at 53 per cent of normal.

Exceeding the startling record made in February, the birds entered in the Texas national egg laying contest did the sensational in the matter of egg production at the A. & M. College of Texas during March. Results just compiled show that the record of M. A. Lee's Barred Rocks, an egg a day in February, the first occurrence of the kind in the seven years of the contest, was duplicated by three birds in March. Two of the birds to perform this feat were Barred Rocks from the M. A. Lee flock and one was a White Leghorn owned by H. M. Leathers of Woodland, Wash. Mr. Lee is a resident of Seadrift, Calhoun county. Of a total of 123 hens in the contest more than half the entries produced twenty-four eggs or more.

Planting should be behind a middle breaker furrow, getting well below the surface, and the nuts should be planted four to five inches deep.

The first cultivation should be done with a drag harrow, first running with the rows, immediately turning across the rows with the same harrow, this should be done within a few days after they come up. The harrow will pull a few vines, not enough to damage materially, and it will cover up many of them, but they will all come out and be in perfectly clean ground and in good shape for your cultivator and sweeps. Peanuts should be "laid by" perfectly clean.

Peanuts and hay are more easily damaged from rain than any other crop grown; after the vines are partially cured a light rain will ruin the hay and blacken the nuts. If the weather is very open and dry at harvest time, September 15th to October 15th, so we can take the risk of windrowing them two days, they may be put in large hay rick stacks, eight or ten feet wide, as long as you please, provided they are covered; long, small stalk cane, in bundles, doubled laid on them in shed cover style, will prove water proof. If only a light frost falls on them, it will make the hay while in the ground. The only safe way to save peanuts is to plow them up and stack them same day around small poles with cross pieces nailed to the poles about six inches from the ground. Place the nuts quite against the pole with

### GROWING PEANUTS SUCCESSFULLY.

By A. S. HENRY, Arlington, Tex.  
The land should be a deep loam sand, preferably, what is usually called "blow sand." This kind of land will not grow corn, cotton or small grain profitably, but will yield 25 to 50 bushels of peanuts, and one-half to one ton of peanut hay per acre; semi or hard sand land, or black waxy land, will not grow them successfully.

The land should be bedded with a middle breaker from 15th of March to 1st of April. The rows should be three feet wide and the planter set so as to drop the seed six to eight inches in the drill. I used a middle breaker bottom on a planter and set the wheels to the width of the rows, thereby getting them uniform. Time to plant, April 15th to May 15th.

Good seed is highly important to get a good stand and yield.

I would not think of planting seed that had not been cleaned, which takes nearly all sticks and pops, leaving sound, clean nuts to plant. Sticks and pops will go through your planter, but will not germinate, resulting in you getting skips instead of nuts and hay in the fall. It would prove a valuable investment to pay \$3.00 per bushel for selected and cleaned seed, rather than plant the general thresher run with sticks and pops free of charge.

Properly preparing seed for planting is quite as important as good seed. They should be placed in a barrel, filling it nearly full, placing heavy cloths, old sacks will do, over them, fastening the sacks between the nuts and barrel, and place heavy weights on them, to prevent the nuts from rising; when you fill the barrel with clear water, leave them in the clear water twelve hours, then add cresso stock dip, enough to turn the water a light milk color, stir with a long stick and it will readily mix. Leave the nuts in the cresso water six hours, then dip out nuts ready for planting. Save the dip water for the next preparation, placing the nuts in this cresso water, adding just a small quantity cresso after soaking them twelve hours in clear water.

The cresso dip is mole-proof and the eighteen hours in water will make the nuts come up in about one-third the time it takes them when planted in natural condition.

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only one layer as high as you can reach, capping them three or four days with green vines and nuts left in the ground for that purpose; in this way you can save your crop if it rains every other day. Around these poles the air circulates dry, making both nuts and hay much better than sun-cured.

Mr. Barlow, manager of Bain Peanut Company of Texas, at Fort Worth, said he could place his hand in a sack in the dark and tell if peanuts were cured around the poles.

There is a prevailing opinion that peanuts exhaust the soil they grow in, but that is not true. In order to keep soil from "blowing" after peanuts have been harvested it is best to plant the land in rye.

No better feed for livestock can be produced on the farm than peanut hay. After threshing, bale the hay (or vine) and you have about as good forage as alfalfa. If you have no threshing machine, the crop, after being harvested, can be baled with the nuts on the vine, provided the crop is windrowed properly and well cured before baling, but when put up in this manner it should at first be fed sparingly because of the rich protein content.

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**COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS.**

"Crimson Gulch hasn't parking space enough to accommodate the automobiles that come to town."

"No, sir," answered Cactus Joe. "This here is a growing community with expenses to meet. If we can't catch a flivver for speedin' we get it fur standin' still."

Clerk—Do you want a room for 25 or 50 cents?

Stranger—What's the difference?

Clerk—Well, we put a rat trap in the 50-cent room.

**DISSATISFIED CUSTOMER.**

A man bought a suit from a Jewish clothier for ten dollars. When he opened the suit at home he discovered it was alive with moths. He took the suit back to the Jew and said: "I can't take this suit, it's full of moths." To which the Jew replied: "Well, vat do you vant for ten dollars? Mockingbirds?"

**STUTTERED TOO MUCH.**

Grocer: "Sorry, young man, but you won't do for this business. You stutter too much."

Applicant: "W-why, s-s-sir?"

Grocer: "Well, you see folks are so suspicious of us grocers that they think we sand the sugar an' everything. When they ask questions it wouldn't do to have a clerk hesitate with his answers."

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS.**

The memory test was monopolizing the conversation of two colored men in Tennessee.

"Ah 'members," said one negro, "of de time when de Mississippi Riber warn't no wider dan de Ohio am now."

"Gwan man, yo' ain' got no memory!" exclaimed the other negro. "Ah 'members de time de Mississippi didn't run no furdur dan St. Looey."

**VALUABLE.**

A prosperous looking man drove up to the curb in a car that was not so prosperous looking. Immediately he was accosted by a small boy.

"Watch yer car fer a nickel, mister."

"Beat it, kid. This car of mine won't run away."

"Nah, but I kin call yer when it starts to fall apart."

When Slim Slokum read in the newspapers that on January 1 of this leap year there were 132,000 old maids in California, he said they probably didn't mind it, as they were used to being Sunkist.

**HAD HIS NUMBER.**

It was on the overland limited and the conductor was perplexedly studying the slip of pasteboard that had been given him by a pompous-appearing passenger.

"Where are you bound for, sir?" he asked.

"I'm going to Los Angeles," returned the passenger, "although I must say that I do not see why I should be annoyed by questions, since you hold in your hand—"

"I know it," interrupted the conductor mildly, "but the ticket you have just handed me calls for a solid gold watch."

**JUST NEEDED A SQUARE MEAL.**

A haggard individual rushed into a doctor's office and demanded a cure for his indigestion.

"What work are you engaged in, my good man?" asked the M. D.

"Sir, I am editor of the Dinner Horn," responded the sick man.

"Then you are not suffering from indigestion," replied the doctor, "take this half dollar and buy yourself a square meal!"

**\$2 WORTH OF "ACTION."**

An Iowa youth who became much interested in boxing while in army service, took his father to a boxing show the other night, the son willingly paying the admission.

"Now, Pa," said the son when they were seated, "you're gonna see more action for \$2 than you ever saw in all your life."

"I don't know, son," said the father, "\$2 was all I paid for my marriage license."

**FAIR ENOUGH.**

The turkey had been carved, and everybody had tasted it. It was excellent. The negro minister, who was the guest of honor, could not restrain his enthusiasm.

"Dat's as fine a turkey as I ever set ma teeth in. Brudder Williams," he said to his host. "Whar did you get such a fine turkey?"

"Well, now pahson," replied the carver of the turkey, exhibiting great dignity and reluctance, "when you preaches a speshul good sermon, I nevah axes you whar you got it. I hopes you will show de same consideration."

A nifty young flapper named Jane, While walking was caught in the rain. She ran—almost flew— Her complexion did, too, And she reached home exceedingly plain.

**NO ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.**

Little Jimmie was coming home from school when he saw his father in altercation with a tramp at the back door. Words led to blows, which culminated in the tramp going down under a staggering blow.

That night after Jimmie had finished his prayers, his mother asked if he had not forgotten the customary supplication for the Lord to take care of his father.

"Didn't forget it," retorted Jimmie, "but from what I saw pa do to that tramp he is perfectly able to take care of himself."

**UNCLE SI.**

Lem Frisby asked Uncle Si Perkins whom he favored among the many candidates for Governor of Texas. "I'm not so perticular," answered Uncle Si, "who'll be our next governor; that's several purty good fellers in the race, but if we all paid a leetle more 'tention ter farmin' 'stead uv politics this here State would be better off in many ways. I berlieve the prizes now a bein' offered by towns in Texas fer bigger cotton yields far more 'portant than who'd be next governor. All our livin' comes from the soil an' the soil is what we should study most uv all. Land is so doggoned high thet we got er make hit perduce more or farmin' from nigh on is a eny' ter pay mighty porely. It ain't eny use dodgin' the facts an' figgers—\$60, \$100 an' \$150 land is got er make more'n a bale ter four or five acres, or somebody is a goin' smack busted. We've hed 10c cotton before an' I 'spects we'll have hit agen. The best way ter get reddy for hit is ter make our farms perduce more cotton year in an' year out an' more corn."

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Always signal with hand when slowing down, turning or stopping, even though you have an automatic or mechanical warning device.

Be careful not to pinch the inner tube when applying or removing an outer casing. Pass the hand around inside before reapplying the outer head.

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**TEXAS AGRICULTURE PROMINENT.**

Texas holds a place of prominence in the annual national agricultural report from Washington, received recently by Roscoe Ady, industrial commissioner of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Texas stands first in the nation in total state production of cotton, grain, sorghums and watermelons; second in rice; third in onions; fourth in peaches; fifth in broomcorn; seventh in sweet potatoes; tenth in corn; eleventh in oats; eleventh in cantaloupes, and twelfth in wheat.

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Calhoun, Parkton, Md. FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE PANHANDLE wheat and cotton lands for sale and lease for other property; from \$15 to \$30 per acre. Write to National Realty Co., L. Frazier, 11 W. Grand, Oklahoma City, Okla. NINETEEN acres of land just 4 miles from the courthouse on tarred, boulevard as high telephone, electric lights, small house and barn, well, windmill, plenty water, the best subdivision near San Antonio, will sell or trade. 300 W. Woodlawn Avenue, San Antonio, Texas. FOR EXCHANGE Will Trade 20-acre oil lease on structure Delta County, close to drilling well, fully financed, for royalty or lease, located elsewhere. Write America National Brokerage Co., Dallas, Texas. GROWING TEXAS TOMATOES. (Continued from Page 5). the frames, and prompted to quick and healthy growth as much as possible by being given fresh air, abundance of water, and sunshine whenever possible. After March 20 and April 1, it is considered safe to transplant the plants to the fields, which have been well prepared with commercial fertilizer some ten days previously. This operation requires skilled hands and rapid work. As the plants are approximately four inches from each other each way in the cold frame, a small trowel is used to cut the earth about each plant in the shape of a cube, taking all earth about the plant without molesting the tender roots or exposing them to the air. The plant is picked up with the trowel and placed with its apportionment of rich "mother soil" on a low sled, drawn by a horse. When the sled is loaded with such cubes and plants, it is drawn up and down the rows in the fields and skilled hands transplant the tomatoes. In this manner the plants are moved practically intact, and thus continue to thrive. The greatest cost in preparing the crop for the field is the tomato sheeting which protects the plants and is absolutely essential. The cost of seed is but a few dollars, while materials for the construction of the hot beds and cold frames can usually be obtained on any farm. Continuous Pruning. After being placed in the field, the plants require cultivation with the plow but two or three times, but do require continued pruning. This operation is not practiced where the tomato is grown for home use, but when it is desired that the crop mature early and be of excellent quality and size, it is necessary to prune each "shoot" which springs forth at every joint, leaving only the cluster for blossoms and the top of the plant. After three good clusters of fruit and blossoms have been put forth by the plant, the top is then cut out, and the plant staked and cut. Pine sticks four feet long are used for this operation, which is considered necessary to assist the plant in holding up the great burden of fruit to later maturity. The first cluster of fruit at the bottom of the stalk matures first, and is the source of the very choicest and most desirable tomatoes. The tomato begins to ripen during the latter portion of June, and if a favorable season is experienced, much fruit is shipped from June 9 to July 4. The fruit is shipped during two stages of maturity, in the pink and green stages. When shipping pink fruit, the tomato is pulled from the vine when showing the first signs of ripening. Men and boys go over the entire field selecting the pink fruit and bringing it to the packing sheds at the edge of the field, where it is packed by skilled hands in four-basket crates. Here the tomatoes are critically graded and examined for shape, size, color, and variety. Only experts are permitted to pick the fruit, thus up-holding the standard which the East Texas fruit has on the National markets. After being carefully packed, graded, and labeled, the crates are trucked to the railroad centers to be placed in refrigerator cars and sent direct to the market centers. Gathering and packing the tomato must be done daily during the height of the season. The refrigerator cars are iced and prepared for the fruit at various points over the tomato belt, and are sent direct to the loading platforms and sheds each morning. The cars are loaded through the day, and by evening are made up into a special "fruit train" which makes all speed to the market centers over the entire United States, with no stops. Before being loaded, the crates of tomatoes are carefully inspected by government or company inspectors, who see that the quality, variety, and texture of the fruit is maintained according to standards. This gives assurance to the consumer that the fruit is in excellent condition when he receives it, and that he gets the value of his money when buying the East Texas tomato. To insure proper ventilation of loaded cars, small wooden strips are placed between each crate, and the crates thoroughly braced, which work must be done accurately to insure the fruit from being bruised or damaged, or even broken open while in transit. Packing. The above description is the manner in which the pink tomato fruit reaches the markets, but the packing of the green tomato fruit is much different. It is pulled while very green, yet mature, and graded according to size in the same manner as the pink fruit. However, it is trucked to the shipping and packing sheds at the railroad centers and sold to the buyers in the bulk. The buyers of the green tomato fruit employ Florida graders and packers, who are skilled in their labors. However, this practice is dying out as many local men and women are becoming skilled in the packing of green tomato fruit and many sections no longer employ Florida men to do their packing. This fruit in the green stage is wrapped with soft tissue paper, in a manner similar as oranges and lemons, and are packed in six-basket crates. The crates are loaded in refrigerator cars in the same manner as the pink fruit, but do not require icing. During recent years, the tomato has been placed on the market co-operative-

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WANTED man in every 30 counties with \$2,000 to \$5,000 cash on property to manufacture and distribute. Address NEEDHAM AIRLESS INNERTUBE, 329 N. 4th St., Waco, Texas.

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 Spend your vacation on Grand Mesa with its hundreds of lakes among the clouds. Your trip through Western Colorado, over excellent highways, offers an ever-changing variety of scenery which can only be found in the Heart of the Rockies. Free information. Chamber of Commerce, Grand Junction, Colorado.

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 AN Exceptional offering is being made by W. J. Dobbs, 424 Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas, on oil and gas leases in vicinity of his well near Caddo Lake. Only \$10 per acre! Investigate!

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 MAIL 25c and 6 exposure roll films for one print each, 40c for 12x12 Exposure. Rolls postage paid back to you. ONE DAY SERVICE.  
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 In the market at all times for cotton rags and jute bagging. We pay the top market price. We buy hundred pound lots and up. Dallas Sanitary Wipers Co., 2015 Lattimer St., Dallas, Texas.  
 WILL buy Confederate stamps on envelopes, also collections. Send them for each offer. Prompt returns. M. W. Belcher, Insurance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.  
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 There is a big need for oil storage in the Luling field of South Central Texas, especially since the bringing in of so many big producers across the San Marcos river in what is known as the Guadalupe extension of the Luling field. Many wells are being drilled to the top of the pay sand and shut down awaiting the arrival of pipe lines or adequate storage facilities.

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 FREE PARKING FOR AUTOMOBILES.  
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 WOOD & EDWARDS  
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**IN FORT WORTH**  
 If you are sick, we can help you. Write, wire or see us at once. Agency for Battle Creek Sanatorium Health Foods.  
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 Repairing and Rewinding High-class Work. Prompt Attention Given Break Down Jobs.  
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 Have your Old Clothes Dyed. Dyeing is an art, we know how. Faded coats, suits and dresses can be made to look like new. Work guaranteed not to fade or rub off.  
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 —Old and New by the World's best makers, \$10.00 to \$1,000.00.  
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 —American and Genuine Italian. Guaranteed perfect fifths.  
 —All kinds in Canvas, Keratin and Genuine Leather.  
**THE VIOLIN SHOP**  
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 "Everything for the Violin"

**BUCKSKIN FELT HATS**  
 ASK YOUR DEALER.  
**WILLARD HAT CO., DISTRIBUTORS**  
 DALLAS, TEXAS.

**\$381,910 TO COMBAT BOLLWORM.**  
 In passage of the agricultural appropriation bill by the House April 24, an appropriation of \$381,910 for eradication of the pink bollworm was approved. The bill makes the usual allowance of \$8,860 for surveys to determine the actual distribution of the pest in Mexico and to exterminate local infestations in Mexico near the United States border, in co-operation with the Mexican Government and \$5,000 to investigate control measures.

A total of \$368,050 is given for surveys and inspections in Texas or other States to detect infestations, and to conduct control measures, including Northern Mexico. Not to exceed \$200,000 of the total may be used to reimburse cotton growing States in the enforcement of non-cotton zones. None of the money is to pay the cost or value of crops or other property injured or destroyed.

The Honey Grove, Bonham county, Chamber of Commerce has announced prizes as follows, to be given on next season's cotton crops in Honey Grove's trade territory:

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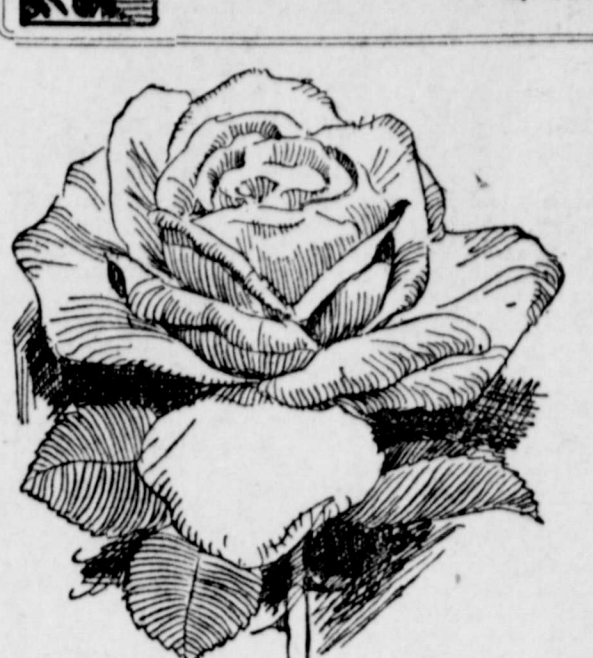
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**MOTHER'S DAY.**  
 The second Sunday of this month, May 11, we will all do honor to the Greatest Woman in the world—OUR MOTHER.

What are you going to do for your Mother?

If your Mother is still living, there are many things that you can do to both please and honor her, but I am sure that the best thing that you or I or any one could do is to be a good and honest boy or girl. If you want to please her, do for her the thing that pleases her the most, such as presenting her with a bouquet of flowers, or a box of candy, or a new magazine.

If she is dead, go to her grave and place on it, with your own hands, fresh flowers—if only some of the beautiful wild flowers of the field. If you cannot do this, try and get some one to do it for you.

If you cannot do something for your own dear mother do something for some other person's dear mother whose child is far away.

**FLOWER CONTEST.**  
 My dears:  
 It has been such a long time since I have written to you that I feel you must have almost forgotten me. Every month I have been sending you some stories about great men and women, the little birds, and David. Did you like the story of David? There is a dear little reason why I haven't written you any letters—it is a dear little girl with big blue eyes that has come to my home to stay.

This month I am going to start something very new for you. The way that I happen to be able to give it to you is almost like a story. Out in one of the suburbs of Fort Worth there lives one of the nicest old men that you ever knew. I went to see him a few days ago and he has promised to help me write some interesting stories about the Texas wild flowers for you, so that when you see them you will be able to tell them apart and know their names. This month we are going to tell you about the Wild Hollyhock and Lewis' Wild Flax.

How would you like to earn a lovely prize and at the same time do something that would be oodles of fun? Well, I am going to give five wonderful prizes to the boys or girls that can make the best collection of wild flowers and give them their proper names between now and November First, this year. The contest will be judged on the greatest number of flowers of good specimens, correctly named and described and neatly pressed and mounted.

Perhaps you do not know how to gather and press flowers. It is done as follows: First, select the prettiest and best one of each kind that you find. A good specimen must be a root, leaves, stem, flower and fruit or seed, if possible. If the fruit or seed pod cannot be gotten on the same flower secure one of each. The whole plant must be together. Dig up the plant carefully and remove the dirt from the roots so as to not tear them. Place the whole plant between several layers of newspapers; be sure that the flower, stem and leaves are laying straight, as you cannot change their position after pressing. Place the papers under a solid weight. Remove the weight every day and change the flowers to fresh papers. Do this until they are thoroughly dry; then mount on a plain piece of paper, or better still, in a large account book or a special mounting book. Cut narrow stripes of paper and paste the leaves, stems and roots in place. Only use enough to hold the flower in position. When you select a flower, write on a slip of paper the name, color of flower, place and date that you found it, and the kind of soil that it grew in. If you do not know the flower's name, leave a place blank where you can insert it later. The month before the contest closes I will help you locate the names.

Enter your name with me before June 10th. Send your name, address and age. This is for any boy or girl under eighteen years of age. Your friends and parents may help you with anything except the pressing, mounting and the writing in the book.

Make two books, one to send in and one to keep, as no books will be returned after the contest. Now let me hear from at least 500 boys and girls. I

will tell you what the prizes are next month. They are wonderful, and I am sure that you will be sorry if you do not enter.

Address, Aunt Mary, Box 1012, Fort Worth, Texas,  
 With love,  
 (Signed) AUNT MARY.

**LITTLE NATURE STUDY.**  
**The Fringed Poppy Mallow**  
 (Callirrhæa digitata).

This beautiful little flower blooms early in May. It belongs to the same family as the familiar cotton plant and the Hollyhock, Hibiscus and Abutilon. Most of us call it the Wild Hollyhock.

You will find it on the prairies and in the valleys in any sort of soil, but it especially likes the rocky kind.

Its scientific name, "Callirrhæa," means the "beautifully flowing," name given to a famous fountain outside the walls of Athens, Greece.

Each year it comes up from its own roots, which are thick and woody. The branching stems grow from 8 to 20 inches high. The leaves are quite handsome, being divided into slender divisions like fingers. The flowers vary in color. There are red, purple and white, the white ones being the rarest. The petals are beautifully fringed and are borne on a long stalk.

The fruit is quite small and the seeds so tiny that the true character cannot be distinguished with the naked eye.

It is a beautiful flower for cultivation.

**Lewis' Wild Flax (Linum Lewisii).**  
 This flower begins to bloom early in May and continues throughout the year until the late fall. The Flax family has about 26 different species and there are about 26 kinds in the United States.

Like the Fringed Poppy Mallow, it has a thick woody root that does not die in the winter, but grows year after year from the same stalk. The flower is of a deep blue color and exceedingly delicate. It has 5 petals, which soon drop off, 5 sepals, 5 stamens and the same number styles. The leaves are small, narrow and crowded on the stem. The stem is simple up to the flower, and is quite tough; this is because of the strong fibres. So strong are they in some species that they may be used in making linen.

Lewis' Wild Flax is found in the western states. The fruit or seeds are found in a dry capsule, or chest, containing five compartments and when the chest becomes thoroughly ripe it cracks open and the 10 seeds are scattered on the ground. So abundant are these plants in some localities that they give a bluish look to the fields.

**LEGEND.**  
 When I was a very, little girl, I took the part of a Robin Red Breast in an old, old play. Of course, the story is not true, but I think that it is very pretty. Don't you?  
 A way up in the north where it is very cold each year, a certain man was appointed to keep the fires going, because, without them, the people would freeze to death. One day, this man became suddenly ill and could not go about his duties of keeping the fires burning. As time passed by, the fires grew smaller and smaller. The wood was nearly all burned away. A little robin that had lingered behind its brothers and sisters, when they had flown south for the winter, saw the fires dying out. It knew that if they were allowed to go out the people would freeze to death. So it flew down and scratched and scratched among the embers, carrying tiny sticks in its little beak, and keeping the sparks alive until the other people came and saw the sick man and how the little bird had saved their lives by keeping the fires going. They replenished the fires with wood. That night they held a great feast and gave thanks to the Lord for the little bird.

The next day while the little robin was drinking in a pool, he saw that his breast feathers had become red from the heat of the fire. To this day, the children of that robin have a red breast in remembrance of the brave deed.

**LITTLE GIRLS' COOK BOOK.**  
 I would love to know if you are following these little recipes and trying them. Are you? I have heard from a great many of my dear little girls who have tried all the recipes and their mothers are very much pleased that they are learning to cook so well. Are you one of these? Are you a neat little housekeeper, and do you help your mother?

**Frozen Custard.**  
 3 cups hot milk 6 tablespoons sugar  
 3 eggs 1/4 teaspoon vanilla  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 Beat the eggs, add the sugar and salt and gradually add the scalded milk. Cool, flavor and freeze. This is fine.

**Egg Nest.**  
 Hard boil as many eggs as are wanted. When cold, peel, then cut in halves across the egg. Remove the yolk, mash, add pepper, salt, salad dressing (a small amount) and a little minced ham for each egg. Replace this in the hole, pin two halves together with a tooth pick, serve on a lettuce leaf or decorate the plate in any style you wish.

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**HUMILITY OF CHRIST:**  
 —Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.—Phil. 2: 5, 3.

**GREAT THINGS:**—Fear the Lord, and serve him in truth; for consider how great things he hath done for you.—1 Samuel 12: 24.

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**HOME PROBLEMS.**

**THE SPRING WARDROBE.**  
Straight lines are followed in all costumes from the early morning to the evening full dress. A well fitted brassiere is needed to give the straight line to the back and preserve the smooth unbroken line in the front.  
The young women and young matrons will find the shops crowded with alluring and becoming things. By far the most popular fad is the scarf, as this summer will see it at the height of fashion. Lengths of crepe de chine lined in a contrasting color, with embroidery at the end, seems to hold first place. These can be easily made at home. The dimensions being about eighteen inches in width and about two yards long. The Deauville scarf is still popular, and also the scarf of varied colors. Dresses are very straight and simple in design. This will be welcome to the girl who is clever enough to be able to make her own clothes. The side drapes at either side are still very good. Printed silks hold their own. Morning or afternoon dresses are unadorned, but the evening dress may be as frilly as your heart desires. The smartest neck line is oval-shaped. Buckles of bronze, crystal or cut steel for afternoon hat trimmings. Coats are also fastened with a buckle. For sport wear, there are woolen fabrics in different weights—plain, plaided or striped. For sport wear, the felt hat continues to be the favorite. Blouses are quite tailored for afternoon wear, strictly along tailored lines.  
The little ones come in for their share of pretty things this season, as well. Oodles of buttons, tucks and pleats are used, and give an air all their own to their smart little clothes. Gay colors are used to a good advantage. Embroidery is used extensively and the designs are very oriental.  
Study your needs, and then make your selection from the most becoming to you and not the ruling fad. Individuality is the keynote to a well dressed woman.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS.**  
To remove the wax and color stain from the drippings of a colored candle, proceed as follows: Place the goods between two blotters, and run a warm iron over the top one, until the wax is absorbed. Then, soak the goods in a small quantity of denatured alcohol until the stain is gone. Wash in warm soap suds, if table linen, etc., rinse and hang in the sun. For material that cannot be washed, the alcohol is enough. Hang in the air until the odor is gone.  
A covered box can be made by one of the men members of the family, painted and kept in a corner of the kitchen for the stove wood. Never keep back of or near the stove, as it is a source of many a fire. Being covered and painted, it will not be so unsightly. If kept full by the children, it will save mother many a step.  
Give the mother plenty of fresh vegetables this time of year. The human system is in need of their invigorating vitamins.  
Some people are very quick to say chicks hatched in May are hard to raise. An old poultryman I know, who is singularly successful, says it is one of the best months. He attributes this to the fact that this is the nature month of reproduction in the "feathered family."  
Watch all tender young growing plants for lice. They are more easily gotten rid of if not allowed to make much of a start. A spray is usually the most effective. There are several very excellent kinds on the market.  
All transplanting should be finished by now. Be sure and keep them well watered as this is vital to the life of a transplanted tree, bush, etc.  
To tide watermelon or cucumber vines over a dry spell, put a gallon crock or pail near each, keep filled with water; hang rags over the side and it will keep the vines supplied with water.  
Come on women, write me your discoveries that will be a help to your neighbor. It is only when we have helped others with something that it really belongs to us.  
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**LATE FASHIONS.**

This dear, little dress is simply wonderful if made up with voile and organdie. Another lovely combination is one of the beautiful printed silks and organdie. The shirring at the hips gives a lovely effect. Organdie can be washed, if handled carefully, and pressed with a warm iron, so do not hesitate to use it for the children, as it was never so popular as now.



**FIRST AID TREATMENT and QUESTION BOX.**  
Last month I told you how to move an injured person. This month I am going to tell you how to splinter a limb before moving the person. This should be done under all circumstances, if a limb is broken.  
In selecting a splint, anything that is strong enough to give support can be used, such as canes, umbrellas, pillows, etc., but the most desirable is a piece of wood the length of the limb. Next to the leg or arm, place a layer of soft cloth or cotton, then wrap the splint in a clean cloth (see that there are no lumps) place next to the padding, straighten the limb as much as possible without pulling it and then bind the splint to the limb with a stout bandage. For the leg, if a wide splint cannot be obtained, it is well to bind the two legs together.  
In any emergency, the first thing to remember, is to "keep your head," because if you run here and there, and do not THINK first what to do and then act, you are liable to do more harm than good.  
When any person is injured, if a doctor can not be secured, apply an ice cap to the injured part, if there is any swelling. Watch an ice cap the same as a hot water bag, as it can cause a burn much more quickly. If ice can not be obtained a clean cloth wrung out tight in cold water and applied frequently for about ten minutes and then rest for twenty minutes and apply again. This can be kept up for two hours unless there is an open wound in which it is best to simply cover with a clean cloth until the doctor arrives. Apply cold to the head, elevate the head of the bed, and apply heat to the body, if it is cold, for a person with a skull injury.  
A sprain or a strain should be treated much the same as a broken bone. Only arnica can be applied to relieve the swelling.  
I have something very interesting for you next month.  
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**WHAT SHALL WE EAT?**  
The spring time of the year is the wonder time of nature. It is then that Old Mother Nature puts forth her best efforts to please both man and beast. However, it is now that we must be constantly on our guard in respect to our diet. There are many duties that are necessary for each member of the family, father is hard at work in the field, mother with the garden and chickens, and the children are tired after the long shut-in days of school work. Each of them needs a replenishing of the tissues that give us our energy. If we would only follow the indications that are given us by nature. First of all, we must not stint ourselves on the use of vegetables, they are absolutely necessary. It is also wise to eliminate as much as possible meat from our diet. Meat killed during the winter months is not so good now (except bacon), fresh meat is much out of the question, because of the condition of the cattle and the warm weather. To what then will we turn for the food to give us the energy we need for the spring work? The answer is very simple—the egg, of course. For those who are fortunate and able to have their own chickens this time of the year finds the hens at the best production period. For those less fortunate the price of eggs is the attractive thing.  
Every farmer should raise enough chickens to supply his own table. However, it is deplorable that there are thousands of Texas farmers whose farms have never seen a chicken. Recently, Phoebe K. Warner, that wonderful little woman of the Panhandle country, published the actual figures of a farm survey, about the number of farmers that are not raising chickens. Later in the year I am going to tell you how one man made a small town lot pay him by raising chickens.

**TESTED RECIPES.**

**Asparagus.**  
This delicious vegetable can be served in many attractive ways. It is very rich in the wholesome food values.  
No. 1. Cut off the lower tough end and the hard scales on the sides. Wash thoroughly and cook until tender (about 20 minutes). Do not remove the top, it is delicious. Drain and serve on squares of toast and covered with drawn butter. The proper way to eat this is to cut off the tender tops with a fork and then the stalks can be taken in the fingers and eaten. Salt to taste before serving.  
No. 2. Cook as above directed. When done, drain and place on a small plate, pour over this a cream sauce that has previously been prepared.

**Flour Ball for Teething Children.**  
Tie one cup of wheat flour in a thick cloth, and boil it in one quart of water for three hours; remove the cloth and expose the flour to the air, or heat until it is hard. Grate it when wanted. Put one tablespoonful into half a pint of new milk, and stir over the fire until it comes to a boil; add a pinch of salt and a tablespoon of cold water; and substitute for a feeding once a day. For a young child, add more boiled cold water according to the formula you are using. This gruel is excellent for children suffering with summer complaint. Brown a tablespoon of flour in the oven, or on top of the stove in a baking tin; feed a few pinches at a time to a child, and it will often check diarrhoea. Flour browned is excellent if used in place of talcum. This is very useful to remember at this time of the year.

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