

TAYLOR F. DAVIS IS ACTING P. M.

As is well known, the four-year term of Mr. G. E. Comegys as Postmaster of the Merkel Post Office, expired on January 18, and owing to his health he was not an applicant for re-appointment and on Tuesday of this week Mr. Taylor F. Davis was checked in and is now in charge as acting Postmaster until such time as a permanent appointment is made by the department.

Mr. Comegys and his able assistants have given the patrons of the office excellent and accommodating service, and it is with regret that we lose him from this position. However, under Mr. Davis' administration we feel sure that those having business with the Post Office department in Merkel will have no cause of regret, for we are sure they will find him both accommodating and most highly capable of performing the duties of the office in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner.

Mr. Davis received his appointment as Acting Postmaster last week and on Tuesday of this week took active charge of the office until the appointment of a permanent postmaster. He and a number of citizens are applicants for the position.

C. C. CAMPBELL ANSWERS THE CALL OF DEATH

After an illness of several months, Mr. C. C. Campbell died in an Abilene Sanitarium on February 11 at seven o'clock in the evening. On the following morning his remains were brought to this city for funeral and burial which took place at three o'clock in the afternoon at the church of Christ, conducted by Elders O. J. Adeock and W. G. Cypert, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery in charge of members of the Odd Fellows, of which organization the deceased had been a member for many years.

Mr. Campbell came to this city and section of the country many years ago, possibly twenty years, and during most of this time had engaged in newspaper work, at one time being editor and owner of the Daily Telegram, published in Merkel during the city's best days. He always stood for the best in the progress and development of the town and community and the editorial policy of his paper had its share in shaping the progress and development of our little city in the early days.

He was born February 20, 1862. We are informed that he became a Christian in early young manhood, identifying himself with the Church of Christ, and in which faith he remained true and faithful until the final summons came to come up higher and take his place among the true and faithful.

It was the writer's privilege to have been associated with this good man for the past several years, he having been at different times in our employ. And let us say here that we count it a blessing and privilege indeed. For we always found him not only to have been clean and honorable, but a man full of the religion of Jesus Christ. He was always kind, and never did we hear him even make a slight remark about any one. If he had an enemy we never heard of it.

Mr. J. W. Teaff dropped in one day this week and handed us the necessary shekels to keep the family weekly coming, saying that they could not well get along without it.

N. T. A. C. BAND TO BE ON RADIO PROGRAM

For the benefit of the already numerous radio enthusiasts in this city and community, this paper is glad to announce that we have a communication from Messrs. Roy Elliott and Spencer Bird, two of our boys who are students at the North Texas Agricultural College, at Arlington, stating that the College band will broadcast over W.B. A.P., at Fort Worth, on the evening of February 26, from 7:30 to 8:30.

This college band is one of the finest bands in the state, and all who tune in will have no cause to regret.

ROAD WORK TO START MARCH 1ST

Mr. W. H. Frazier, who will have the supervision of the grading and graveling of the road leading north to connect with the Stith gravel road, asks this paper to announce to all concerned that the work on this road will not start until Monday, March 1, on account of illness of one of the men in charge of the grader, and all parties interested in or expecting to work on this road may be governed accordingly.

It was expected that this work would have begun next Monday, Feb. 22, and the delay is regretted very much but cannot be helped.

MISS BELLE WELLBORN FOR DISTRICT CLERK

This paper is pleased to place in the announcement column this week the name of Miss Belle Wellbourn, as a candidate for the office of District Clerk of Taylor county, subject to the action of the democratic Primary next July. Miss Wellbourn is the very popular and thoroughly efficient deputy of the present district clerk, Mr. J. K. Fuller, which position she has held for the past several years. During this time she has given entire satisfaction to all those having business with the office, as is evidenced by the fact that the entire bar association of Taylor county has pledged her their united support, as well as requests from many other sources coming to her asking that she make the race for this office.

There is no question but that Miss Wellbourn is well qualified and fitted to fill this position with satisfaction to the public and with honor and credit to herself. She is thoroughly familiar with all the duties of the office of District Clerk, and her services have been satisfactory to the present efficient and popular incumbent, Mr. J. K. Fuller, who will not be a candidate, and this paper urges the voters over the county to give her candidacy due and fair consideration when voting for District Clerk in the coming July Primary.

Will Preach at Trent

Elder W. G. Cypert of this city announces that on next Sunday morning and evening he will preach at the Church of Christ at Trent.

He cordially invites every one who will to hear him, and urges that the church membership be present.

Among the many new and renewal subscriptions to the Mail lately, we are glad to count that of Mr. J. A. Woodard, this city's ever faithful and efficient night watchman. A man that our town can't well do without.

SCHOOL CIRCUS ON HERE TO-NIGHT

Don't forget the high school circus which will be staged at the High School Building tonight, Feb. 19. Tickets are being sold by members of the different classes, each ticket being counted as so many votes toward electing that class' representative as the most handsome boy in high school. Buy your ticket from the class you favor and help them to win.

There will be a parade Friday afternoon at four o'clock starting at the high school building and going up main through the business part of town and from there through the main residence section. The parade will feature clowns, darkies, bicycle riders, animals, wildmen, decorated floats and band, and will also advertise a number of the business firms of the town. Don't miss this; it will be interesting and amusing.

PIONEER OF ESKOTA LAID TO REST HERE

At eight o'clock in the early morning of February 16, Frank Ezra Allyn, for the past thirty years a prominent and well liked citizen of this community, passed away, and his spirit took its flight to that home in Heaven where pain and sorrow are unknown.

Deceased, we are told, was born August 21, 1851, and for many years had been the accommodating station agent for the Texas & Pacific Railway at Eskota, and where he had gained the friendship and good will of all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at the family home in that city at 9:30 February 17th, with burial in charge of the Masonic Order at Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel.

NO ROOM FOR ARGUMENT

A small overproduction of any farm commodity will bear the market materially, but it takes a very large underproduction to bring the price back to the old level. Every producer of cotton in the South knows this to be true.

At a recent gathering of citizens interested in the cotton crop of the south, one man, in his address, said:

"Cotton growers east of the Mississippi river pray that Texas will have another drouth, while Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma cotton growers silently hope that boll weevils and other insects will destroy the crop in other cotton growing states. Farmers will plant a large acreage and then pray the good Lord to send some disaster to reduce the crop in order that a fair price may be received for what is left."

Farm and Ranch does not undertake to say just how near this speaker came to the mark. It is a question for each farmer to answer for himself. It is a demonstrated fact, however, that even a small overproduction makes hard going for the producers, and that another large crop will mean prices so low that the cost of production will not be covered by receipts. Now is the time to give serious consideration to the charges going the rounds that farmers in the Southwest have the cotton disease in such a form that it is incurable. Farm and Ranch does not believe everything it hears, but for some reason we have not been able to answer the question "Why did Texas plant 18,000,000 acres in cotton in 1925 and then send \$100,000,000 out of the state for pork, butter and other foods, besides large sums for feedstuffs?"—Farm and Ranch.

EVOLUTION TO BE HIS THEME HERE

The announcement is made that Dr. A. P. Barrett, one of the founders of Abilene Christian College, will speak in this city next Sunday evening at the Church of Christ, at 7:30, and that his subject will be "Evolution," a question that is being discussed throughout the entire world.

We are informed that Dr. Barrett is a very fluent and able speaker, a great Bible scholar, and a man that interests his hearers upon any question. And it is expected that he will be given a large audience upon his visit to our city.

B. M. WILLIAMS CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC WEAIGHER

The Mail is this week authorized to place in its announcement column the name of Mr. B. M. Williams, as a candidate for the office of Public Weigher for the Merkel Precinct, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Williams first came to this community some 35 years ago, and is therefore too well and favorably known by the voters of this precinct to need introduction or commendation at our hands. During most of these years he has been engaged in farming in this immediate community, and with his many friends feels that he is amply qualified to conduct the affairs of the office which he seeks, and do so satisfactorily. He promises if elected, fair and impartial services to one and all alike, with special privileges to none.

Mr. Williams also states that he will give his personal time and attention to the duties incumbent upon the office, and the fact that he has made a success of his own affairs is evidence of his capabilities to properly conduct this official position, and this paper would ask the voters to give his claims due consideration when casting their vote for public weigher of the Merkel precinct.

For six long years Mr. W. O. Boney, one of our popular, and clever real estate and loan dealers, has carried without missing a single issue, a nice advertisement in the Mail, and he says, "It pays or I would take it out." And he is also among the many renewing his subscription to the "home town paper." At least his business has been growing year by year, and while there is no doubt but that one's own personality and hustling ability with courteous and fair treatment has a big part in the growth and development of any business, and no doubt this is the case with "Bill," yet he gives due credit to his advertising policy. His ad, is a fixture in this paper and everyone notices it.

TRENT COUPLE MARRIED HERE LAST SUNDAY

On last Sunday afternoon Eld. W. G. Cypert, in his usual appropriate and happy manner, pronounced the words that tied in holy wedlock Mr. Joseph Bright and Miss Mae Drigger, both prominent young people of Trent.

The ceremony was pronounced in the presence of only a few intimate friends of the couple, and we understand they will make their home at Trent.

We are very thankful to M. L. Estes for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for another year. For many years he has been one of the "regulars."

REMAINS OF C. H. MATHIS SHIPPED TO DALLAS

After an illness of only a short duration, Mr. C. H. Mathis, who for many years had made his home with his half brother, F.H. Latham and wife, died at their home here on last Tuesday. The remains of the deceased were shipped to Dallas for burial, where he had been reared and where other loved ones had been laid to rest.

Deceased was born in Selma, Ala., 61 years ago, and early in life became identified as a member of the Presbyterian church. For a number of years Mr. Mathis had been blind and unable to get about, but those who know him say he was a very fine man, kind and good to all with whom he was associated.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham accompanied the remains to Dallas, where funeral services were to be held prior to burial in a Dallas cemetery.

SCHOOL TO OBSERVE NATIONAL HOLIDAY

The following program will be rendered at the high school auditorium at ten o'clock Monday morning in observance of Washington's birthday.

Song, America, Congregation. Devotional, Rev. Cypert. Choral Club, song.

Reading. Solo, Mrs. Lytton Howard. Reading. Violin Solo. Address, President Hunt of McMurray College.

Star Spangled Banner, by the Choral Club.

Tree planting will follow the program. Everybody in the entire community is invited to attend this gathering. The Parent-Teachers Association is arranging for the trees to be planted on the school campus.

J. A. Summerhill, Supt.

METHODIST MEN ENJOY LUNCHEON

At the call of the very energetic and able pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, the men of the Methodist church enjoyed a get-together meeting on last Friday evening. There were present for the occasion about fifty men and each and every one went away feeling that it was good to have been there.

Although there were interesting talks by a number of men, the principle address of the evening was delivered by the pastor. His message was timely and appreciated by all, and it will no doubt bear splendid fruits in bringing about a better understanding and a more thorough cooperative spirit among the men of the church.

A delicious refreshment plate was served those present by the Missionary ladies of the church.

White Church Cemetery

Again it is my privilege to call your attention to the date set by the board of trustees for our next cemetery working. In trying to harmonize with rural conditions during the fall months of 1925, we failed to decide on a date suitable for the majority of those who were interested in our fall clean up.

The work needs to be done now, so let us meet at the Cemetery Wednesday, March 10, 1926 and see that the ground is properly cared for. We expect many to be present who have never attended any of our previous meetings and in order to have this so let us cooperate in the distribution of this announcement. Dillard R. Snow.

LESLIE-MIDDLETON FORM PARTNERSHIP

We are informed that Messrs. E. E. Leslie and B.P. Middleton have recently formed a partnership in the ice business in Merkel for the coming season. Mr. Middleton who for some year or more has been conducting a filling station recently sold the same and will devote his time to the ice business with Mr. Leslie.

We are also authoritatively informed that these gentlemen recently purchased a lot on Front street adjacent to the N. A. Dowell Top and Paint Shop, and have begun the foundation for a new brick business house in which, when completed, they expect to operate a grocery business.

For several years Mr. Leslie has conducted the ice business and it has been our experience to receive at his hands the very best and most satisfactory service. And with Mr. Middleton's association with him we feel sure that the people of Merkel will continue to enjoy the best and most accommodating service these men are capable of rendering.

M. A. WILLIAMS FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT.

Mr. M. A. Williams, the very efficient County School Superintendent, authorizes the Merkel Mail to place his name in the announcement column as a candidate for re-election to that office subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Mr. Williams' official record and work in behalf of the schools of the county are well known and so far as we have learned, have been very satisfactory. The Mail would urge that his claims for re-election be given careful and fair consideration. Concerning his work and the conditions regarding the schools, he says:

"I have put forth every effort for the advancement of the cause of education in Taylor county, doing to the best of my ability what I have found to be needed.

"I am keeping the records of the office open for public inspection at all times and am glad to have anyone directly and indirectly interested come to the office to look through all records and accounts.

"I am working for a high degree of efficiency in the teaching personnel of the school under my jurisdiction and wish to thank both teachers and trustees for the hearty cooperation they have given me in this respect.

"Improvements can be seen in the civic conditions of the schools and in the equipment for play as well as work. I have no specially new project for the next term except a continuance of the same program looking to better schools for all the children.

"I can see in the next few years a need for more equipment for teaching home economics and farm shop work in the rural schools. Some schools have already made preparations for housing classes in these lines and others expect to do so in the near future.

"I came to Taylor county in 1903 and taught in the rural schools of the county each year until elected to this office, with the exception of two years spent as superintendent of the Clyde schools. Before coming to the county I had taught two years at Zion Hill in Callahan county. I taught six years at Potosi, six years at Guion, three years at Ovalo, one year at Iberis, and one year at Cedar Creek, having spent the past 22 years working in and with the rural schools."

ANNOUNCEMENT



To my friends and the
Automobile Trade

I take this method of announcing to you that I have taken charge of the Middleton Tourist Camp and Filling Station, which I will operate under the name

HI WAY SERVICE STATION
and CAMP GROUND

I will keep at all times a complete line of the best gas and oils to be had (Magnolia) also a complete line of Tires and Tubes.

I will appreciate a share of your business.

I have with me, Mr. Buford Smith and either of us will be glad to render you any service possible.

Yours truly,

PETE WHITE, Prop. of

HI WAY SERVICE STATION
AND CAMP GROUND

CARD OF THANKS

To those good friends who have been so kind in contributing to the relief, and attended my father in his illness, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks, and pray that every blessing will be theirs. Especially do I wish to thank the members of the Christian Church and Bro. Cypert. Also the brethren of the I.O.O.F. Lodge who have so nobly stood by my father, Mr. C. C. Campbell, in his afflictions, for all of which I am grateful and appreciative. Sallie Mary Campbell. It

YOUNG WIFE AFRAID TO EAT ANYTHING
"I was afraid to eat because I always had stomach trouble afterward. Since taking Adlerika I can eat and feel fine." (Signed) Mrs. A. Howard. ONE spoonful Adlerika removes GAS and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Removes old waste matter from intestines and makes you feel happy and hungry. Excellent for obstinate constipation. Merkel Drug Co., in Trent by R.B. Johnson. 1/2

FARM & RANCH LOANS
At 6, 6 1/2 and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. NO RED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

Apple Pie Originator Deserved High Honor

An old legend tells of how the bakers of a certain town in England paraded before the king with their pies. As the baker of the pie which pleased the king most was to receive a bag of gold, the bakers tried to outdo each other in originality. For instance, one baker made an enormous pie crust filled with flowers, on which were seated ten children, who sang for the king. The other bakers were not far behind in their ideas of what would most please the king's eye.

The king was very tired and hungry when he reached the town, and although he dutifully admired all the beautiful pies, he couldn't help thinking: "If only one of these pies could be eaten!" Let it be said that until this time pies had always been made of meat. No one ever thought of having pie for dessert.

At the rear of the procession came a peasant with a plate upon which was what was obviously just a pie. The king halted him and grasped the pie eagerly.

It was a perfect example of the baker's art, crisp and fragrant, with a golden brown crust, but the king didn't even stop to look at it. He devoured it as if famished, and then demanded to know of what the pie was made.

The peasant answered that it had been made of apples from the tree that shaded his hut. He was too poor to make a pie of meat, much less compete with the other bakers, who had scoffed at him for joining the parade.

But the king was so pleased with the extraordinary pie made of apples that he gave the peasant the prize, knighted him and commanded him to send one of his apple pies to the palace every day.

Witches Had Regular Periods for Meeting

In the Middle Ages "covent" or "convent" was used to describe a religious assembly. Hence "Covent Garden," from the garden of a convent that once stood on the site of the famous London fruit and flower market. By degrees "covent" came to be used to describe any gathering of twelve people with a leader. In the case of witches, it came to stand for a company of twelve, with their chief impersonating or representing the devil. In England, every district seems to have had its coven, and local meetings were usually held once a week; but the "Sabbath of Witches," held four times a year, and usually on a Thursday, for some strange reason, was the more important of the gatherings. Once in every seven years there would be what was called a "Great Sabbath," at which all the covens of a wide district would congregate, and tradition has it that on that occasion the chief witch or "Devil" himself was sacrificed.

Mother Robin's Bravery

In an old tree-stump a pair of robins built their nest. When the young were nearly ready to leave I heard a great commotion, and the many cries of distress from several species of birds told me that an enemy was attacking. When I reached it, the hen was standing at the entrance to her home, and with wings spread was doing her best to drive a weasel away. I performed the latter deed for her, but the weasel returned in the night. When I saw the nest the following day I saw how gamely the robin had fought to protect her young. All the latter had been taken away by the marauder, but he had only obtained them by passing over the dead and mangled body of their mother.—London Globe.

REFRIGERATORS

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF REFRIGERATORS, 9 DIFFERENT MODELS

If you are in the market for one, or ever expect to be, it will pay you to see them. We got these in a car and saved local freight, therefore quality considered, we are in position to sell them to you worth the money. We want you to come in and inspect them. Terms if desired.

CAR OF IMPLEMENTS HAS JUST ARRIVED

See that Avery Twin Jack Cultivator. We don't take our hats off now to anybody's cultivators. See it before you buy.

P. S. See our Terracer

Liberty Hardware Co.

"IF IT'S HARDWARE, WE HAVE IT"

LISTEN! LISTEN!

ON SATURDAY FEB. 27 WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT. COFFEE, CAKES HAM ETC. Special prices and many bargains to offer you and FREE goods to give you with your bill for this day. We will introduce to you the modern way of selling Groceries, how you can save money by paying cash, and why our business has picked up since adopting this new method. Remember the date and don't fail to be here. This will be a treat you will remember
Carson's Cash & Carry Grocery

Stop Night Cough This New Way

Quick Relief Thru
Simple Treatment

Thousands who have been unable to sleep nights due to irritating night coughing can now obtain practically instant relief and sleep soundly the very first night—through a simple but wonderfully effective treatment.

This treatment is based on the prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You take just one teaspoonful at bed-time and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but it quickly removes the phlegm and congestion which are the real cause of night coughing. So with the throat soothed and cleared, coughing stops quickly, you sleep undisturbed, and the entire cough condition soon disappears.

Dr. King's New Discovery is for coughs, chest colds, sore throat, hoarseness, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. Fine for children as well as grown-ups—no harmful drugs. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. At all good druggists. Ask for



Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

HEBRON NEWS (By Brown Eyes)

We are sorry we have stayed away so long, but we're back to stay.

The health of this community is good at this writing excepting bad colds. We are glad to learn of Mr. Bill Bayless' improvement who has been on the sick list for the last two weeks.

There was a birthday dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Mullen's in honor of Mr. Mullen. Several of his Abilene friends were present. Those from this community were Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Misses Evesland and Bessie Lou Pannell.

Mr. Carey and family spent Sunday with their son Oliver Carey and family.

Mrs. Pannell visited Mrs. Bayless Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Matthews Saturday night.

The old folks rendered a fine B.Y.P.U. program Sunday. Mr. Mullens made a good talk on why children should obey their parents.

Mr. William Pannell visited Odis Horton Sunday evening.

Robert Davis is leaving our community. We are sorry, and he will be missed in the Senior Sunday school class.

Alma Davis and Blanche Carey spent Sunday evening with Winnie Bayless.

There will be Sunday school at ten-thirty in the morning Sunday. B.Y.P.U. at 7:30 in the evening. Everybody come and take part.

Mr. T. H. Spears, splendid citizen from the city of Blair, dropped in to chat with the Editor a little while last Saturday, and incidentally renewed for the Mail another year, he being among the paper's list of "faithfuls." He reported having his winter plowing about finished and "all set" for another crop, the prospects for which he believes to be very good at this time.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Mildred Smith.

Topic: "What does Christian Endeavor mean to me?"

Song: "Stand up for C. E."

Invocation, Rev. Little.

Scripture reading, Matt. 20:25

28, Dean Murray.

Talk by leader.

Christian Endeavor and the

Will of Christ, Nina Belle Russell

Christian Endeavor as a training

school, Helen Compton.

Song.

Developing Christian Execu-

tive, Doris Russell.

Christian Endeavor social

training, Christian Russell.

Reading, Norma Shannon.

Song.

Christian Endeavor around

the world, Eunice Russell.

Reading of the pledge and

comments, David Rerries.

Offering.

Pantomime of "Rock of Ages."

Song: Mispah.

Misses Tracy and Harrison

Entertain

On Thursday evening, Febru-

ary 11, Miss Tracy and Miss

Harrison entertained a newly or-

ganized club of young ladies.

The club members were met at

the door by the hostesses dress-

ed uniquely as Martha Washing-

ton and George Washington.

After the guests assembled they

were entertained by readings

from Miss Modyne Sheppard.

Tables were then arranged and

all enjoyed a few games of

bridge. While delicious refresh-

ments consisting of angel food

cake and punch were being serv-

ed the members decided to name

the organization "If a Don't

Have a Date Club."

Those enjoying the occasion

were Misses Kathleen Sudderth,

Maurine Hearn, Madge Yoakum,

Velma Sterling, Vennie Heizer,

Frances McMurry, Souise Dou-

thait, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo

Booth, Modyne Sheppard, and

Mrs. Brannon.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Colonel J. A. Buford, one of the city's substantial and "old-time" citizens, has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail, along with a nice word of commendation for the paper's efforts in boosting the city's best interests.

Mr. R. A. Reagan, one among the successful farmers of the Noodle community, was in the city last Saturday and while here called at this office to renew his subscription to the Mail. Thanks, we appreciate it.

We want your Eggs. Highest market price. G. M. Sharp. 1912

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

THE HIRED HAND SAYS—

LET ME MAKE A CORRECTION

A lot of folks think that, because we carry the most complete stock of Genuine Ford parts in West Texas, we cater principally to the needs of Ford owners. The Boss has asked me this week to let every body know that we carry about as much stuff for Automobiles as we do for Fords. Here's a list of Automobile Supplies we carry for most any make of car:

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| Fan Belts | Firestone Gum Dipped Cord |
| Piston Rings | Tires, Balloon and Regular |
| Brake Lining | Accessories of all kinds |
| Battery Cables | Cylinder Head Gaskets |
| Headlight Bulbs | Fittings for Tubing |
| Automobile Wire | Generator Brushes |
| Starter Brushes | Rim Lugs and Bolts |
| Pistons for Dodge and Chevrolet | Radiator Hose |
| Valves for Chevrolet and Dodge | Copper Tubing |
| Gaskets for Chevrolet and Dodge | Bushings |

Bring us your Auto needs. We'll try to handle them just as you would want them handled. Complete stocks, quality merchandise, fair prices, unexcelled service—always

West Company

THE HOUSE FOR
DEPENDABLE AUTO NECESSITIES

P. T. & CONCERT, COZY THEATER FEB. 23

DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM FOR FARM, POULTRY AND DAIRY

1st. Farmers in the Merkel territory are vitally interested in stocking the country with good broods and good herds. Under present conditions of farming they realize there is no longer any room on the farm for the non-producing hen, the scrubby milch cow—no feed for farm animals that are liabilities rather than assets.

2nd. To obtain paying poultry and dairy stock, Merkel farmers are studying practical and possible means of so stocking their farms. Their efficient county agent, successful local breeders, industrial authorities in our industrial colleges and the worthwhile farm and stock publications are the reliable sources from which they are seeking this knowledge.

3rd. Merkel farmers are lined up for a big 1926 Feed Crop. Cotton may still be king, but feed for the farmers' animal friends will be Queen. By a big feed crop they do not only mean the big maize crop, but a large variety of feeds adaptable to this farming section, not forgetting the small grain, plenty of

forage, and the winter green pasture that can easily turn the dairying business from failure to success.

4th. To further promote a paying poultry and dairy business the Merkel farmers are interested in playing fairer with their home produce merchants and the produce market in general by producing big infertile eggs and sweet marketable butter. They realize good butter is not made by accident, but by intelligent handling of the milk even before it reaches the dairy house. They are studying butter making from experts who have learned the art.

5th. Merkel farmers and merchants are now busy studying present marketing conditions—ways and means of remedying the faults now existing by brotherly cooperation, taking stock in local commercial organizations and remembering the old adage: "Even sticks bound firmly together can not be easily broken."

6th. Merkel farmers and merchants are facing the year 1926 with FAITH that the new har-

vest will yield a full crop for their earnest and intelligent efforts, with hope that a new era awaits the great West Texas farming world and with Charity for their fellow men who, according to their idea of things, may err in bringing a greater and more stable prosperity to the community where they have chosen to live.

PASSING THOUGHTS OF MERKEL PEOPLE ON DIVERSIFICATION

It pays a merchant to handle more than one line of merchandise. The same applies to the farming business. Grimes-Smith Drug Company.

Diversification means dividends. Darsey Furniture Co.

The difference between Safe and Unsafe farming is the difference between success and failure. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Build your Biddies a good coop and brooder house and they will live for you. Burton-Lingo Company.

Diversification will solve the farmers' problems. Jones Dry Goods.

Health is your greatest bank account and it is compounded daily. Dr. H. P. Hulsey.

Buying and trading at home means greater prosperity for all. Cash Tailor Shop.

We are going to help the farmers get started raising poultry. Liberty Hardware Co.

FARM & RANCH LOANS

At 6, 6½ and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. NO RED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.

SHORT AND INTERESTING STORIES IN POULTRY RAISING AND BREEDING

Observations and Experiences Given By the County Agent, Mr. J. R. Masterson.

In China a man is regarded as rich if he owns an acre of land. In spite of this congested condition, China produces eggs so economically that she imports large quantities to the United States annually. Perhaps we could learn some lessons of thrift in poultry production from the lowly Chinamen.

There is a tendency on the large markets today to place the egg standard on the basis of pounds instead of count. The indications are that in the future the housewife will call for eggs by the pounds instead of dozens when she calls at the grocery.

P. W. Mitchell presented the county agent with an egg that measured nine by five and a half inches. It was from a Jersey Giant pullet. Mitchell predicts that when this young bird reaches maturity she will match watermelons in measure.

This is a poor season for culling poultry, according to the county agent. Even the poorest hen will begin to lay soon and will pay the cost of her keeping during the four months ahead. The hen of 50 egg capacity will lay her annual output during the next four months. She has been boarded through the fall and winter, and the owner should maintain her in the flock so that he may partially get even in maintenance cost before summer. Then she should be culled and marketed for next fall before she starts into the long resting season.

Did you ever think of the hen seriously? With as much concen-

tration as our minds dwell upon cotton? Listen: there will doubtless be years when the drought will come and when little cotton or maize will be grown. But the dry weather does not lessen the profit from the investment on a good hen. She lays her regular allotment even if it does not rain. How about a farming program for less cotton and more hens?

We are wondering why some one does not go into the poultry business in this section on a large scale? M. Johnson a few years ago started into the poultry business with six hens and a rooster. Recently he completed a \$60,000.00 residence and he paid for it with poultry. And yet some people say that there is no money in the poultry business. Think it over.

It is usually better to mate hens with cockrels and pullets with cocks. The ablest poultry students advocate this manner of mating.

Sometime ago, a man was peddling eggs at Abilene. Another man said to him, "I haven't the nerve to carry eggs from house to house in a basket." Said the first man, the one with the eggs, "You are a renter, aren't you?" "Yes," responded the man with a false pride. Responded the man with the egg-basket on his arm, "I am not a renter. I own a section of land, and I made my money by attending to details. I was a poor renter too one time, but I found that the egg basket would assist me in buying a farm. And I have none of the false and foolish pride about marketing eggs. The business man sells his products when he can to whom he can. He sells a lot of nickle articles too." The

renter walked away and remarked as he went, "I guess that you are right."

It is interesting to observe the yard of a German, Bohemian, Swede, or other foreigner. There a large flock of poultry is invariably present. And that foreigner prospers. He knows that when the old hen cackles she's putting pennies into her nest. They practice the thrift that Benjamin Franklin so eloquently propounded. And watch that foreigner accumulate.

How important is the little hen in the United States? Here is the answer: The poultry products of the United States equal in value to 16 per cent of the entire live stock of the nation, more than the entire wheat crop, more than the entire oat, barley, rye and rice crops by \$100,000,000.00, more than the entire fruit crop by \$150,000,000, twice as much as the entire lumber and wood products, nearly three times as much as the entire tobacco products, and more than the entire annual oil well products by \$250,000,000. After all, isn't she about the most important little figure in American life?

The last U. S. statistics show that there are 2618 farms in Taylor county. If every farmer owned 100 standard bred hens with a capacity of 200 eggs each, Taylor County's egg output annually would be 52,360,000, or 4,363,333 dozens. If these eggs sold for one third of a dollar a dozen, the income to the farmers of Taylor county from their egg output would be \$1,454,555, not including the income that the broilers, fryers, hens and roosters would offer to the producer.

A good hen will give the producer a net profit of \$2.00 a year. A hundred good hens will bring the former a monthly income of \$16.66, enough to pay the cost of coffee, flour and sugar, which is a large part of the necessary purchases of the West Texas farmer.—Abilene Times.

HOW TO MAKE GOOD BUTTER SUGGESTED BY W. H. WOODLY

Milk when drawn from a healthy cow is pure and wholesome. If the cow's udder and flanks are clean, if the milker is clean and milks with clean dry hands, if the place where the milking is done is clean and free from dust, if all the vessels used are clean and sterile, if the cream is kept in a clean, cool place, good, sweet-flavored butter is easily made.

Milk should be set in a cool place as soon after being drawn as possible and stirred with an up-and-down motion to eliminate the animal heat. The same process should be used in caring for cream if a separator is used. Warm milk or cream should not be mixed with that which has been cooled. A homemade cooling tank can be easily provided on any farm that has a well or pump, and such a cooler is as good for milk products as the ordinary kitchen ice refrigerator.

Ripening and Churning. Cream (not milk) that will make about three pounds of butter per gallon should be churned. On churning day the cream can should be set in a pan of warm water and the temperature raised to about 75 degrees in winter and about 70 degrees in summer. A thermometer should be used. Cream should be kept at about this temperature until it develops a mild acid flavor. Then it should be set in cool water and cooled to the churning temperature. This should be 55 degrees to 60 degrees F. in summer and 58 degrees to 65 degrees F. in winter. It should be held at the churning temperature for a couple of hours, when it will be ready to churn. The churning temperature should be such that the butter granules will be firm and that the time required for churning will be about thirty minutes.

Before churning time the churn and butter worker should be cleaned with boiling water and then chilled with cold water. The paddles, printer and other equipment should be treated in the same way and put in a bucket of cold water until used.

At churning time the cream should be poured into the churn through a strainer. In winter, twenty to thirty drops of butter color may be added. If a barrel-churn is used, the churn should be about one-third full, and should be turned at about sixty revolutions per minute. After a few turns it should be stopped and the gas allowed to escape. When the granules begin to form

every three or four turns and the butter examined, to avoid over churning. When the granules are the size of grains of wheat, churning should be stopped and the buttermilk drawn off through a strainer.

Washing and Salting. Twice as much pure, clean washwater as there is buttermilk should be ready. This water should be at churning temperature. In winter it may be a degree or two warmer, and in summer a degree or two cooler.

After the buttermilk has been drawn off, half of the washwater should be poured into the churn and the churn turned 3 or 4 times. This water should then be drawn off and the balance of the water added. The process should be repeated. If the churning temperature has been right and the butter is not over-churned, the second washing should be almost clear.

The butter is now taken from the churn and placed in the worker, which has been thoroughly rinsed again with the cool water. The butter is spread out about two inches thick, and about one ounce of salt to each pound of butter sprinkled over it. The mass is pressed carefully into a thin layer and then folded on itself. The working is continued until the salt is evenly distributed.

Printing for Market As soon as the salt is worked in it is ready to be printed. For general market purposes, the plain rectangular print is advisable. Sometimes, if the weather is warm, the butter may be set in a cool place for a few hours to harden.

It should be pressed into a mass thick enough to fill the printer. The printer should be pressed on the butter until filled. The edges should be scraped off with the paddle and the printed butter pressed onto a good quality of parchment paper and wrapped. It will then be ready for the carton and should be put in a cool place until used or marketed.

All vessels which have contained milk or milk products should first be washed in warm water, then scrubbed with a brush in hot water containing washing powder. After bebbing thoroughly rinsed or scalded with boiling water they should be placed in the sun. It is of special importance that while they are in the sun they should be protected from dust and flies.



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One of the picturesque features of railroading is the terminology used by railroad men themselves to describe things which are known to the traveler in an altogether different tongue. The engineer, known to his associates as "eagle eye," "hog-head" and "throat puller," gets assistance in running his "mill," "kettle" or "battleship" from the fireman, who answers to "diamond pusher" and "tallow pot."

The brakeman as "ground hog" or "car catcher," rides in the "doghouse" or "buggy," synonymous for caboose. The yardmaster, familiarly, "switch boy," gives out orders from his "knowledge box."

Passengers ride in "varnished cars" and view the surroundings from the "rubberneck car." Freight is transported in the "sidedoor pullman" and coal in the "whale belly."

In the switch yards cars are "shuffled up" or "sawed off." The railroader "freezes the hub" when a hot box develops and "wings her" in case the emergency brakes are required.

If ever necessary to jump he "hits the grit." At quitting time he "plans for home" and on leaving the service he "pulls the pin."—Boston News Bureau.

All Shades of Color

Play on Gulf Waters

"I have found where the sample sets of colors used on all the Mediterranean are located—the Gulf of Tunisia," declares a writer in the Detroit Free Press.

"Due to varying depths, changing character of the bottom, clouds, sky, and atmosphere, there is here to be seen a marvelous display of color—all shades of blue from warm purplish through chilly cobalt to greenish, and even many shades of green—it is never twice alike, and would, I should think, be the inspiration or despair of a marine painter."

"Nor is color confined to the water, for in March and April the fields are dazzlingly gorgeous, with crimson poppies, yellow daisies, and blue flowers whose name I do not know. These flourish in such profusion that green becomes the minor note in an incredible polychrome display."

"The amount of raw color, so to speak, in the landscape at times is simply incredible, not to be imagined by any one who has not traveled outside our Central West."

High Standard of Justice

British justice sets up high standards for itself, as is illustrated by a story that appeared in a recent issue of the Manchester Guardian. "Mr. J. Sharpe, the Tower Bridge magistrate," the article reads, "gave a lecture to all concerned on Wednesday as to the necessity of keeping a prisoner's antecedents from the knowledge of the court until he had been found guilty. There is, of course, no more elementary principle of English justice than this. Once at the central criminal court Mr. Russell Gurney remarked to a man who had just been acquitted of burglary: 'You are a very fortunate man. I know all about you. You have been convicted three times before.' The words were no sooner out of his mouth than he was told that there were further indictments against the prisoner, but as it was impossible that he could now receive a fair trial he was discharged."

Fat and Genius Akin?

The relation between feeding and genius, which Sir Arthur Keith of England has been stressing of late, was noted long ago by Theophile Gautier, who, himself exceedingly stout, contended that all true men of genius should be fat. In support of his theory he cited the elder Dumas, "always fat and jolly," that "more barrel than man," Balzac, and "that hippopotamus in breeches," Rossini, as well as the plump and well-fed Victor Hugo and Sainte-Beuve. A more recent critic has declared that Zola did all his best work when he was very stout, and that his talent dwindled with his physical bulk. On the other hand, why is "fat-witted" an adjective which means the very opposite of talented?—Pierre Van Paassen, in the Atlanta Constitution.

Marvelous Brain

The brain is a curious organ. It is almost insensible to pain, for one thing, and it is much less subject to disease than the rest of the body is. Even when there is definite brain trouble, it is often impossible to detect in the brain tissue any alteration of substance. It is also very difficult to exhaust the brain by intellectual work, provided the other organs are in a healthy condition. Finally, the brain does its work on an exceedingly small amount of substance. Sir Arthur Keith, the British surgeon, has put the fact very graphically by saying that the energy contained in an ounce of sugar would be enough to produce one of Shakespeare's plays if it should find its way to a brain as gifted as Shakespeare's was.—Youth's Companion

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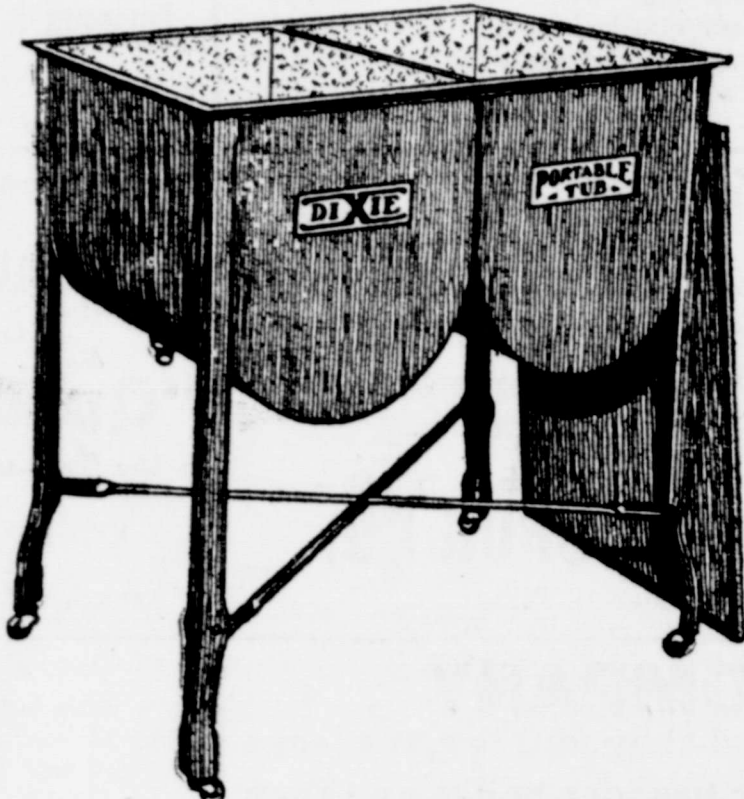
An actor fell in love with a chorus girl who did not return his affection. After he had proposed to her for the twentieth time she became exasperated, and said, excitedly: "Look here, I wouldn't marry you, not if you was the last man on earth. I don't want nothing to do with you. Is that plain English?" "It's plain enough, my dear," replied the actor, "but I don't know English, you know."



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Sunday was a good day with the Merkel Baptist Church. Good crowds both morning and evening. There were seven additions to the church during the day and a mighty good spirit among the people.

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday school at 10 a.m. with a place for all who want to study the Bible. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

B. Y. P. U.'s all meet at 6:30. Training classes meet Monday 7:30 p.m. This is a good time to start in with one of the classes. There will be a class start Monday night in "The Department Sunday School," by Flake and Blankinship. The class in the "Sunday School Manual" will

start on the third division of the book Monday and the class in "Old Testament Studies" will finish their book and be ready for a class in "New Testament Studies." This is the best time you will ever have to take some of the work. In addition to these classes we will be glad to start a class in any one of the books that you may need to finish up your course.

Womans Missionary Society meets Tuesday at 2 p.m. The women had a delightful social gathering with Mrs. J. S. Swann last Tuesday and brought numbers of beautiful and useful things for the shower for Miss Blanche Walker, one of our Missionaries to China.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last Wednesday for the Adult Bible

Class to boost. It remains to be seen if they will set a high record for attendance.

You will find a cordial welcome in any of these services. Come help us worship the Lord more acceptably. Come help us praise His Name for all His Goodness unto the children of men. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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Methodist Womans Missionary Society Notes

At the Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon the last lesson in the study book was given. The next book to be used will be a Bible study. This was a splendid meeting with twelve present and two new members. On next Monday there will be a program from the Voice. A

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15.

Sunday evening at 7:15 the Senior Endeavor will give a special program. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this service. We urge the entire membership of the church to be present at all regular services Sunday and especially at the evening hour. Let us give our young people due consideration in their splendid work. Choir practice Wednesday at 7:30. Chas. H. Little, pastor.

Missiary Program

From the "Voice." Song; prayer. Bible lesson, Mrs. Butman. Is U. S. A. a mission field, Mrs. Largent.

Reasons for Jesus work in Judea, Mrs. Ellis.

The relationship between making America Christian and world evangelism, Mrs. Hulsey.

Your personal responsibility for making America Christian, Mrs. Rainbolt.

The Bennett memorial, Mrs. Durham.

Reading, Mrs. McSpadden.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and every one who in any way extended aid and comfort during the late illness and death of our brother, C. H. Mathis. Especially do we appreciate the kindness extended by the Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham. 1t

Mr. H. B. Vestal, of route two, Trent, while trading in this city last Saturday, dropped around and had us set the date of his subscription to the Mail up another notch. He always comes around just before his time expires, and says "keep 'er comin'."

large attendance is expected. Every member of the society is urged to come and bring some one with them. The first all day district meeting of the year will be held at Baird in March. We are being urged to be ready with a large attendance at this meeting. Come next Monday afternoon and help carry forward the work of the Missionary Society. Supt. of Publicity.

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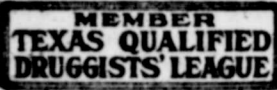
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Read the advertisements in this issue of the Carson Cash and Carry Grocery. It will pay you. Don't forget it if you want to save money on groceries. 1tp

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Remember the Carnival for Friday night at the High School building. Do not miss this occasion. Big parade Friday afternoon. If you enjoy real fun and a jolly good time, be on time and stay until the program closes. This entertainment is given for the benefit of the high school Annual and Library. Help your school by attending.

We regret the serious illness of Mrs. Christopher, mother of Mrs. Len Sublett. We hope she may soon recover.

The typewriting department is doing some good work this term. Supt. J. A. Summerhill expects to get affiliation in typewriting this term. He has standardized this department. Watch this department grow.

We are glad that Miss Gilbreath was able to assume her work this week after being out last week with the "flu".

The P. T. A. is very active this week getting trees planted on the campus. We certainly appreciate this movement.

Mrs. Howard will give a program next Tuesday night at the Cozy for the benefit of the P.T.A. She will be assisted by Messrs. Delma Compton and Paul West. We hope everybody will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this classical program.

Little Light Bearers Entertain

Announcement is made that the "Little Light Bearers" with their mothers, are to be entertained at the Presbyterian Manse on next Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All are urged to come.

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The Dramatic Club

On the afternoon of Feb. 5th, the members of the Merkel Dramatic Club of the Expression Department were charmingly entertained by Misses Ruby Fae Golladay and Mildred Hamm at the beautiful home of Miss Golladay. The George Washington effect was cleverly carried out in every detail of the afternoon.

About 3:30 the guests began to arrive. They were received by Mrs. Golladay, who greeted them in her usual happy manner. Then amidst soft strains of music the hostesses, arm in arm, dressed as Martha and George Washington, slowly and solemnly entered the room. This was indeed a surprise to all.

The program for the afternoon consisted of a humorous reading by Miss Deshazo Simpson and a piano solo by Miss Gladys Deutschman. After this several games and contests in which Misses Lucy Tracy and

Ruby Joe Higgins were awarded pretty prizes, were enjoyed very much.

After a jolly good afternoon delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Berdelle Adcock, Deshazo Simpson, Elizabeth Harkrider, Ruby Joe Higgins, Tommie Durham, Inice Brown, Lucy Tracy, Gladys Deutschman and the hostesses. The guests bade farewell to the hostesses to go home and later dream of George Washington and the cherry tree.

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CROSS ROADS ITEMS

The farmers are very busy putting up their land.
Mr. Ted Bigham's baby is very sick.

There will be a Sunday school entertainment at the school house Friday night. Every one is invited to attend.

The W. M. S. met with Mrs. M. G. King last Tuesday afternoon with eight members and one visitor and after the business meeting we all enjoyed the social hour together. The W.M.S. of the Baptist church will meet on their next regular meeting day for the study of the Manual. Some ladies from Abilene will assist in the study and at 12 o'clock a lunch will be served in the church. Each lady of Tye and Cross Roads is urged to be present.

Mr. M. G. King visited his sister, Mrs. Annie Fuqua Tuesday.

Makers of History

Forgetful of Past

It was at Balaie that a shadowy guest called on the procurator of Judaea, stayed to supper, even stayed (unlike Pilate, his host) for an answer, to a casual question. Did he, the guest inquired, recall a Galileean of the name of Jesus . . . Jesus of Nazareth . . . crucified for some offense?

The old man frowned, groped in his memory, put a vague hand to his head and answered faintly, "Jesus, Jesus of Nazareth? I do not remember."

That exquisite effacement of the past is the perfect comment of an ironist upon the intelligence of historical characters, is the opinion of Philip Guedalla, recorded in Harper's Magazine. Pilate, one feels, was not alone in this unawareness of his own significance.

How many figures, faced in history with eager questions upon their supreme achievement, must murmur a vague, unsatisfying "I do not remember!" It is so easy to miss the point of others that one may sometimes be forgiven for missing one's own—the more readily, perhaps, when it was a failure. For we may leave the memory of our failures to other people with perfect confidence. Posterity is never a tactful listener; and that side of our immortality will always be secure.

But these omissions often have a simpler cause. Sometimes deliberately, they are due quite frequently (William was such a case) to sheer inadvertence. The poor dears make history and never notice it; or they make it and then, like a posted letter, quite forget it.

Pledge of Allegiance

Phonetically Rendered!

Day after day the pupils in a certain school stood and solemnly recited the well-known pledge of allegiance. Then came a day when they were called on by the teacher to write the pledge. Here are two of the answers, said by the teacher to be typical:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands. One nation in the visible, and for liberty and just for all."

"I pledge a legion to my flag and to the republic for riches stand one nation invisible with liberty and just for all."

A similar perversion of phonetics is reported by a Miss Murphy, who teaches school in a Massachusetts town. Each day the children recited the Twenty-third psalm. One day a pupil was selected to recite the psalm alone. Came the passage, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life . . ." His version was:

"Surely good Miss Murphy shall follow me all the days of my life . . ."

"Grenadier"

A grenadier was originally a soldier whose special duty it was to throw hand grenades. Grenade is from the French word for the eastern fruit, pomegranate, the small spherical explosive called grenade resembling the fruit in shape. Hand-grenades were used in the war in the sixteenth century, but the word grenade was also from the first used to imply an explosive shell fired from a gun. These weapons were employed after 1690 by special troops called grenadiers. They became obsolete in the Nineteenth century, but the Japanese returned to their use in the siege of Port Arthur in 1904. They contained high explosives and were found to be effective. They were also used in the trench warfare in northern France in the World war, but were generally called trench bombs.

Sincerity

The power of genius is essentially the same as the disconcerting quality of sincerity when brought face to face with false pretensions. The rest of us are constantly peeling off new wrappings which conceal us from ourselves, and finding that yesterday we acted a part; but the genius is he who has arrived at the basis of his nature and whose morrow believes not

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