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Cross Plains, Texas.

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Rains Fall Is General and Invaluable to the Country.

Monday, commencing in the early part of the day and continuing till the noon hour, and varying in intensity, a slow rain fell which according to The Review rain gage measured 1 1/4 inches precipitation, with a few showers since. By some kind of a climatical felicity for the peanut farmers and infelicity for those that sow grain, the rains have waited to this unusually late date to fall. Certainly since peanuts have been a staple crop has there not been such a pretty fall for the harvesting of the crop, which almost in its entirety has been sold without being wet by rain. However, this continued dry weather has probably ruined our chances for a big grain crop. The rains we have had and are yet to have, tho, can make bountiful crops for every class.

I want your produce.
Cliff Borden at Bill Gibbard's old stand.

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BUY YOUR FIREWORKS

from— The Candy Shop.

IF THE PRICE ISN'T RIGHT

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Perry Gillett of the Bayou has bought a Saxon roadster from Higginbotham Trading Co.

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COTTON REPORT

According to a report received by the Farmers' National Bank there've been ginned to the 1st 9,711,453 bales as against 13,076,207 bales in 1914 in the United States, estimated by the Government.

BIGGEST STOCK OF FIREWORKS

in town. Be sure to see our stock.

THE CANDY SHOP

Married.

H L Proctor of Brown county and Mrs. Shafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R M Paschal of this place, were married Sunday, Nov. 28, in Brown county, Rev. Ernest Pyle officiating. They will make their home here where the groom has bought an interest in the livery stable. Congratulations and a long life.

GIVE CHINA

A nice Fruit Dish, cake plate, or any of the hundreds of appropriate pieces of china and glass ware which abound at this store, would make lasting gifts, sure to be appreciated.

THE RACKET STORE

The German Side of the War on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. See it at The Electric

CLIPPINGS FROM SCHOOL JOURNAL

School opened this week with eight new pupils.

Vincent and Elizabeth Hart have returned from Mineola and are in school again.

Our library has now increased to 217 books, and we hope to double this amount soon.

There has been a number absent this week on account of bad weather and examinations.

There has been a number of visitors this week, among whom were Miss Leota Powell of Baird, Miss Miller of Brownwood, and Mrs. Roy Bond.

A number of high school students went to Baird Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon, viz. Misses Boyles and Powell, Messrs. Odum and Ellis.

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Best way for us to get acquainted is to let me order that winter suit for you on Trades Day or Dollar Day or any old day (my prices and fit will make our acquaintance pleasant) or by letting me clean and press your clothes.

Let me do your work the modern, sanitary way, on my new Hoff-man press.

TART the Tailor

Taylor Bond has bought a new Overland touring car, Jno. W Robins of Clyde, the county agent, delivering the car Saturday thru the local agent Sam Barr.

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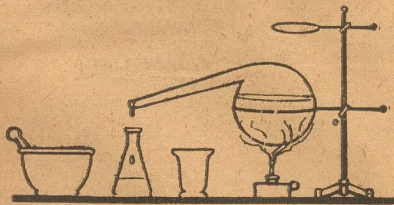
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BURKETT NEWS LETTER

Crowded Out Last Week

Henry Wooten and Oscar Burkett are both enjoying the comfort of Reo Cars now. Henry and Oscar say the Reo is the only real car going.

B. D. Wesley, Paul Thate, A. J. Nation, Henry Wooten and Good Woldridge were visitors of Coleman Monday.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated with a great dinner given by the patrons of the Burkett school. The dinner was served at the school house after which the school rendered a short but most enjoyable program. Shortly after the program was rendered a basket ball game was played between Rae and Burkett which resulted in a score of 7 to 2 in favor of Burkett.

There was a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lindley Saturday night. Hot chocolate, fruits, and cake were served which made the occasion a most enjoyable one.

There was an entertainment at R. E. Harris' Friday night. A large crowd attended and all present report a nice time.

G. H. Keller has announced as a candidate for road commissioner of precinct No. 4.

W. T. Burns killed nine hogs Friday.

J. T. Audas is putting in an auto filling station at Burkett.

The ladies of the Woodman Circle are to have a supper and program Dec. 3. All the old folks over fifty-two years of age are invited to be present as this supper is given in their honor.

Quite a number of the Burkett people went to Cross Cut Sunday to the unveiling.

Bert Brown is in the market for your pecans and eggs. See him at the Cash Restaurant.

The Burkett gin ran Saturday for the last time this season. Burkett ginned about 500 bales against 1200 last year, so the boll weevil gathered about 700 bales for us this year.

J. T. Audas has placed an order for a Ford but says he thinks he will cancel his order and order a Reo car.

Jim Stone, of Bangs, was in Burkett Saturday in his Case car.

Mr. Scroggins of near Grosvenor was in Burkett Saturday.

Dr. Hester has located his office on Main street in the west part of town.

Drew Cannon's mother of Scurry county is visiting him.—Rambler.

To Pay Your Cemetery Dues

The Cemetery Association asks that all who have subscribed for the keeping up of the cemetery to please call at the Bank of Cross Plains and pay their dues, as the money is now needed for work to be done.

Wm. Franke, T. J. Harris, J. M. Coffman, Committee.

Want Ads.

One Cent a Word.

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—See Mrs. T. D. Greenwood



Remember, friend, the sale at Carter's

CROSS CUT ITEMS

The rain Monday was greatly appreciated by farmers of this section. Small grain was needing rain very much.

Miss Mary Henslee of Abilene is visiting her sister, Mrs. Judie Clark, at present.

We are glad to report that Custer Woodriddle is still improving, although he is not able to be up as yet.

Miss Vienna Gaines and Miss Lillian Peoples of Cross Plains visited at Cross Cut Friday night and Saturday.

There was singing at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Newton gave the young people a party last Friday night. Everyone present reports a pleasant time.

Cross Cut school boys and Red River boys played basket ball Saturday. The score was twenty-one to eight in favor of Cross Cut. The Cross Cut players were: goal throwers Wilmer Triplet and Earl Lee Comer; center, Ralph Newsome guards, Pony Davis and Raymond Newsome.

Frank Forbes and family of Cross Plains visited at Roy Newton's Sunday.

R

W. R. Higginbotham of Dallas, who is the head of the various Higginbotham stores throughout the country, was in town Saturday night in the interest of his business here.

CHANGE SCHEDULE

The Katy has changed its schedule, the train now leaving at 6:30 during the week at 7:00 on Sunday.

Miss Ellen Barnes, who has been working for some months at Cross Plains, came in Wednesday. She has accepted a position with the Higginbotham Mercantile Co. and went to work at once.—Rising Star Leader.

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Respectfully,

J. C. McDermott, L. O. Payne, G. W. Klutts, Geo. T. Baum, J. L. Keller, A. Rudloff, W. L. Jones, R. P. Odom, S. P. Long, W. O. Spencer, J. S. Connelly, J. C. Teague, J. W. Payne, W. B. Duncan, Ed. Henderson, J. H. Rone, J. A. Pyle, W. T. Wilson, H. H. Bond, J. O. Hall, E. E. Horn, M. L. Jones, J. L. Baum, S. E. Odom, Jno. Baum, Arthur Young, S. H. Arrowood, W. D. Drewry, H. B. Eddington, P. W. Payne, Wm. Neeb, Otis Odom, C. R. Steele, L. Steele, R. M. Renfro, Z. T. and J. W. Westerman, J. E. Austin, J. A. Miller, and O. M. Baum, J. L. Mann, M. and Bill Wright, C. H. DeBusk, S. I. Hunter, J. W. and W. P. Ellsberry, Noah Johnson.

SELLS LIVERY STABLE

J. G. Aiken and son "Windy" have sold the livery stable to R. M. Paschal and H. L. Proctor, who will continue the business. Mr. Aiken has not decided as yet what he will do.

H. C. FREEMAN BUYS SHOP

H. C. Freeman of Pioneer has bought the Patterson and Williams blacksmith shop, taking charge of the same last week. Mr. Williams will return to his home at Blake where he has a farm. Mr. Patterson does not know as yet what he will do. Mr. Freeman will soon move here. He has had twenty-five years experience as a general blacksmith, and is prepared to do most any kind of repair work. He should do well.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have bought the Patterson & Williams Blacksmith Shop and will continue the business as heretofore. I have had twenty-five years experience as a blacksmith and feel that I am able to do any kind of general repair work that may come my way. I am going to make horse-shoeing a specialty. *Shoeing will be one dollar straight.

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LEARN WAY TO MAKE LIVING

Good Advice for All Women Who That Tendered at Woman's Club at Pittsburgh.

A woman of wealth, but who is nevertheless identified with elvish work and is a practicing lawyer, lately gave a talk before a Pittsburgh mothers' club. Here is a part of what she said:

There is one question to which every woman ought to be able to answer. Yes, it is this: "Can you earn a living if you should need to do?"

If there is one lesson more than another that has been emphasized in recent years it is that the untrained suffer most when a pinch comes. Another lesson that is most sufficiently understood is that there is practically no security in fortune.

Be prepared, is advice for a woman as well as for a nation. Train your daughters, you mothers, to something that will pay a return sufficient at least for a livelihood. It can do no harm, and it may mean just the difference between happiness and misery in later life.

There is nothing more pathetic than the sight of some unfortunate woman, brought up to a competency and utterly unprepared to support herself, who has been suddenly reduced to poverty. We all know some such woman. Pottering along at things that are of no real use, at work given by pitying friends or strangers, more or less dazed by contact with a world that is foreign to her, sinking little by little to meaner surroundings and more desperate makeshifts, she at last disappears, sucked under in the maelstrom she has neither the strength nor the training to resist.

Surely you don't want to run even the faintest chance of becoming such a derelict, you don't want your daughters to run any such risk. So be prepared. Be fit for something, trained to something, ready to take hold if you must. Know at least one thing so well that people will be glad to pay you for doing it. Be able to say Yes if the world should ask you if you can return fair value for a living. It is the surest of human safeguards.

TROUBLE FOR LOCAL EDITOR

Cricketer Threatened Physical Resentment of Report of His Prowess in the Game.

At a village cricket match the fielding side were for a time a man short. A farm laborer was pressed into service. Just before the team's own man arrived a ball was hit in the substitute's direction. To the surprise of the spectators generally, and himself in particular, he made the catch.

The local paper the following Saturday was anxiously scanned for the record of this feat, and disappointedly found it reported merely "caught sb." "What's caught 'sb.'?" he asked a friend.

"Don't thee know? That means 'twere accidental!" was the reply.

Next morning the editor of the local paper was greatly amused by the following epistle:

"Dear sur—You say in yore paper as how I cort a man out in Saturday's match—accidental—I mite summon you for libel, but I won't, but should you 'appen to git a dump on the nose one day wen we meat you will knov Bill Wiggins has done it, and it won't be no 'sub' neither."—London Tit-Bits.

All Lessons of Life.

The worst kind of trouble and sorrow should only teach us the lesson of a wider sympathy and love. We should never allow ourselves to become immersed in our own griefs, for that only intensifies them. Let us shut them out of our minds as much as possible.

By letting no day pass without doing some kindness to others who are perhaps far worse off than we are, the trouble, which seemed so gigantic at first, will gradually sink to Lilliputian dimensions. By thinking sunny thoughts and shutting out the intruding dark ones we can rob grief of all its sting. By admitting only the thoughts of love and peace we help ourselves and many others.

Forgiveness.

A Swedish count has an autograph album in which three statesmen have written a sentence of their respective philosophies. The eighty-year-old French minister, Guizot, wrote: "During my long life I have learned two wise rules: the one is, to forgive much, the other, to forget nothing."

Underneath these words the French statesman Thiers wrote: "I have found that a little forgetting does not detract from the sincerity of the forgiving."

On the same page there was space enough for an autograph of the German chancellor, Bismarck, who said: "During my life I have learnt the need of forgetting much and having much forgiven me."

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

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

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

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Office of the Department
of State.

There is only one woman in the United States who has knowledge of international events before they happen. Her name is Margaret M. Hanna. She is the confidential secretary and assistant of the second assistant secretary of state, Alvey A. Adee, who is the only permanent official of high rank in the department.

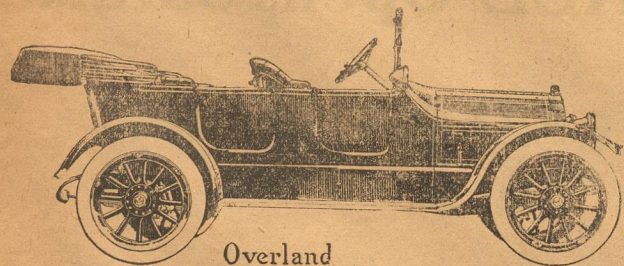
No matter who may be the executive head of the department, and regardless of whether the administration is Democratic or Republican, the course of the foreign office is steered by Mr. Adee. All of the diplomatic affairs

are managed by him. The complex unwritten code called international law is to him familiar in its every paragraph, and he has all precedents at his fingers' ends.

But it goes without saying that such business involves an immense amount of detail. Which is where the peculiar and exceptional talent of Miss Hanna comes into play. She takes all that part of the work of Mr. Adee's hands. To him she is like a card catalogue to a librarian—and quite a bit more, in addition.

Not until the present generation, strange to say, was it discovered that women are the great systematizers of detail. Even the cleverest men are not in the same class with them at that sort of thing. Hence the fact that nowadays many captains of industry prefer to employ as their confidential secretaries women who, with special capability in this line, know how to relieve them of all bother about the petty machinery of their office business. Thus they are at liberty to devote their entire attention to affairs of major importance.

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secretary of state. Incidentally to her duties she helps to prepare many state papers that are in the last degree confidential in character. She is the custodian of many an important secret affecting the welfare of the country; but, from her point of view, this is merely a part of the day's work. She forgets the secret automatically when she leaves the office and goes home.

It has often been said that a woman cannot keep a secret. Perhaps most women cannot. Holding that belief, wrongly or rightly, the department of state prefers not to employ them in confidential capacities. Too much is often at stake to make the taking of any risks advisable. But the rule is broken in Miss Hanna's case. She knows how to keep a secret, and the government of the United States is willing to bank on her reliability in this regard.

When the Workers Quit.

To the number of men under arms add those engaged in making war munitions except food and clothing—though a great deal of war clothing is wasteful in that it is used up far faster than if the wearers were in a civil occupation.

Economically considered, all these men are idle, for they are producing no wealth. For Great Britain their number has been calculated at something like half the total working population. The proportion is probably about the same for the other belligerents, except Russia, where it is somewhat lower.

Suppose something like half the gainfully employed population of the United States struck work, sat down and twiddled their thumbs for two or three years, being supported in idleness by the government during that

period. The result would be some destruction of real estate, blowing up bridges, throwing explosives into factories, burning villages. Suppose there was a very high casualty and mortality rate among the idlers. Our economic position would then be about like Europe's. The government would be borrowing immense sums to support its millions of pensioners, and our problem would be to offset the drain as much as possible by levying on labor that is not normally employed productively—the surplus labor of women, children, the aged and the halt—and by economizing in all possible ways.—Saturday Evening Post.

Hog May Not Trespass.

Chief Justice Ailshie of the supreme court of Idaho makes the following comment in Fall Creek Sheep company vs. Walton on the effect of a statute relating to trespassing hogs:

"The man who drew the amendment made swine an exception in the laws of Idaho from all other kinds of trespassing animals. So now when that cloven-footed quadruped of ancient notoriety goes foraging beyond the protecting care of the swineherd he at once loses his character as a domestic animal and becomes ferae naturae, subject to capture by anyone on whose premises he may at any indiscreet moment find himself. Of course the hog doesn't care much about his character; he would ordinarily just as soon be treated as a wild animal as to be treated as if he had been domesticated for centuries. His fate is generally about the same either way."

Conscience Fund Grows.

The United States treasury conscience fund is growing. It now exceeds \$500,000, received from smugglers, tax dodgers and others.

All for Fifteen Shillings.

Recently there appeared in a London newspaper an advertisement for an experienced insurance clerk, wages 15 shillings a week. The advertiser got a lot of sarcastic letters, like the following, and he deserved them:

"Dear Sir—I would respectfully apply for the position you offer. I am an expert in insurance in all its branches. In addition, I converse fluently in Gum Arabic, Gergonzola, Zola and Billingsgate. I write shorthand, long hand, left hand and right hand. I can supply my own typewriter, if necessary, and I may mention that I typewrite half an hour in ten minutes—the record for Great Britain. I would be willing also to let you have the services, gratis, of my large family of boys, and, if agreeable to you, my wife would be pleased to clean your office regularly without extra charge. The cost of postage for your answer to this application can be deducted from my salary. Please note that if you have a back yard I would make bricks in my spare time."

Science and Nature.

One great feature of the nineteenth century, from 1850 onwards, was the extraordinary progress of science and the interpretation of nature.

Everywhere it was discovered that by keeping close to the sphere of reality, by seeking to understand nature, we were able to make large progress, not only in knowledge, but also in the

practical conveniences and utilities of life.

If science won successes in the intellectual sphere, they were rapidly adapted to the uses of mankind, and the conquest over nature meant not only definite mental acquisition but a larger material comfort.

Thus the keynote of the time was naturalism in thought and utilitarianism in morals and social life.

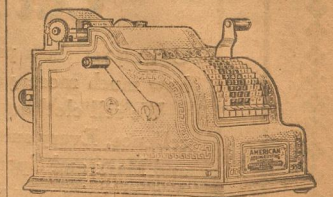
Center of Universe.

A recent speculation is that Canopus, in the southern constellation of Argo, is the center of the stellar universe. Though second in apparent brightness to Sirius, it is really much larger, and is at the inconceivable distance of 489 light-years from us. Its volume is estimated at 2,400,000 times that of our own sun, while its brilliancy is supposed to be 49,700 times as great.

Honey Shortage.

Even the bee has a war. Germany has always been the largest buyer of American honey, but this year has taken only \$10,000 worth. There is a honey shortage in England, however, and our bees may be happy yet. Taken altogether, according to official reports coming to the department of commerce, American bees have behaved handsomely this year. They have made an unusually large crop, the average yield being 36.2 pounds for every colony, as compared with 32.2 pounds last year.

Our ordinary crop is 50,000,000 pounds, and it will be greater than that this year. Prices are down, however, because of the shifting market and heavy yield; and also because of a very much heavier crop in the West Indies, which is handled here. This country has never sent much honey to Europe. Only \$4,000 worth went



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See the German Side of the War Friday afternoon and Saturday night. (adv)

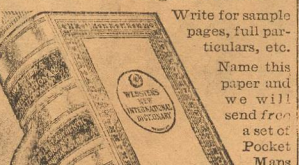
For sale at half price a large kitchen range, almost new with six eyes and enameled reservoir.

Mrs. J. E. Lindquist

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MEN'S SUITS Cut All To Pieces

Compare these prices with all other sale prices and see how much more you save by trading here.

We sell clothing that is the Country's standard of excellence. Every suit is doubly guaranteed. Harf Schaffner and Marx and Spero Michael Co. suits.

\$10.00 Suits now priced at	\$6.35
12.50 " " " "	\$8.35
15.00 " " " "	\$9.45
18.00 " " " "	\$11.85
20.00 " " " "	\$12.65
25.00 " " " "	\$16.95

Ladies & Childrens Coats CUT and CUT DEEP

We have this week received a large shipment of ladies and childrens coats that were bought at less than manufacturers cost. We are going to sell them to you for less than our competitors paid for theirs—that sounds good, Don't it?

\$5.00 Ladies and Children's Coats	\$3.95
6.50 " " " "	4.45
8.50 " " " "	5.95
10.00 " " " "	7.35
12.50 " " " "	9.95
15.00 " " " "	9.95

GROCERIES EXTRA SPECIAL

100 lbs Extra High P't flour	\$3.25	1 gal Red Velve syrup	.50
100 lbs Blue Ribbon flour	3.00	1 gal Karo, Lassies, or Mary Jane	.40
8 Bars White Laundry soap	.25	1 gal Country made Sorghum	.50
9 lbs Good Coffee	1.00	10 lb Bucket Jack Rabbit lard	.90
12 two pound cans Tomatoes	.75	1 lb Clipper Tobacco	.20
12 three pound cans Tomatoes	1.10	1 lb Climax, Star or Peachy	.45
5 Bot's Honest or Garret snuff	1.00	2 gal Jar Sour Pickles	1.00
25c can K C Baking Powder	.15	25 lb Good Rice	1.00
1.00 Bucket of Coffee	.75	5 lb P K G Rolled Oats	.20
		25c Bottle Catsup	.15

THE BIGGE

You should have seen the last Saturday eager to get the best and biggest a dry goods store in Cross Plains. They were so busy it was we could sell goods so much cheaper than anyone else they carried out goods by the armful. If the prices were lower, the people who did the buying would have known it.

Ask your neighbor about the prices at this big Sale. Ladies Coat Suits at half price and everything in this big store is marked at a big reduction in price.

Everything is new, too. We have no carried over goods from last year. So you. Don't listen to them, they have an axe to grind. Come see for yourself.

Remember you have a chance to get the

Come Expecting Big Bargains
Disappointed

6 1-2c Calico for only 3 1-2c
Only 10 yds. to a customer

\$115.00 BUGGY FREE

To the person buying the most merchandise in all departments of our store from now until Dec. 24 we will give \$115 buggy absolutely free.

We will keep a record of every dollar's worth of goods that you buy from now until Dec. 24, and the one who has purchased the most goods during this sale gets the buggy free on Dec. 24.

TRUNKS & SUIT CASES

\$5.00 Trunk and Suitcases	\$3.85
6.50 " " " "	4.75
8.50 " " " "	6.45
10.00 Trunks	7.45
12.50 " " " "	8.95
4.00 Suitcases	3.15
3.15 " " " "	2.85
2.50 " " " "	1.95
1.50 " " " "	1.15
1.25 " " " "	.95

MEN'S HATS

\$6.00 Stetson Hat	4.95
5.00 " " " "	3.85
3.50 Men's Hats	2.95
3.00 " " " "	2.35
2.50 " " " "	1.80
2.00 " " " "	1.25
1.50 " " " "	1.10

One lot Mens Hats in staples and fancies worth up to \$3.00, your choice \$1.00

WHITE QUILTS

\$1.00 Quilts	2.00
" " " "	2.50
" " " "	3.50
" " " "	5.00

10c gingham limit 10 yards to

SALE Opens Saturday, I

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BEST EVER!

great crowds that thronged our store
 greatest bargains that were ever offered by
 wondered and many of them asked how
 else in town. They bought, too. "Believe me"
 are not the lowest and our bargains the best the pro-

alf price, Men's Suits at almost half, Groceries far below the regular price

ome people will lie to you and say we have old carried over goods to sell
 We absolutely guarantee everything to be just as we have it advertised.

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| Rocking Chairs | Handkerchiefs | Silk Hose |
| Davenport | Boxed H'dk'fs | Bar Pins |
| China Closets | Stick Pins | Lavalieres |
| Art Squares | Chifferobes | Cuff Links |
| Linoleum Rugs | Silk Kimonos | Watches |
| Hand Bags | Combination | Brooches |
| Suit Cases | Sets | Overcoats |
| Mesh Bags | Ties | Carving sets |
| Gloves | Knit Scarfs | Silk Hose |
- Many other Articles too numerous to mention.

Clean Sweep Sale Prices
 Are Strictly Cash. Charge Items
 at regular prices and do not count
 on the "Free Buggy."

Ladies Coat Suits at Half Price

In order to clean out every coat suit in our stock and
 start the New Year with a clean slate, from now until
 they are all gone the price will be exactly One Half the
 regular selling price.

\$15.00 Ladies Coat Suits	\$ 7.50
20.00 " " "	10.00
25.00 " " "	12.50
30.00 " " "	15.00
35.00 " " "	17.50

Dress Goods and Silks

Prices have been greatly reduced on every article of
 dress goods and silks in the house. Every piece was
 was bought this season too.

\$2.00 Dress goods	\$1.45
1.75 " " and silks	1.35
1.50 " " "	1.20
1.25 " " "	.95
1.00 " " "	87 1-2
.75 " " "	.55
.50 " " "	.41
.35 " " suitings	22 1-2
.25 Suitings	17 1-2
.20 " "	15
15 " "	11 1-2

ILTS
 .89
 \$1.65
 1.95
 2.95
 3.95
 one lot 5c
 a customer

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

One hundred pairs ladies
 and childrens shoes in pat-
 ents and Vici Kid, worth
 \$2.50 up to \$4.00. Your
 choice for only \$1.00

6 1-2c Calico 3 1-2c
 (Limited 10 yds to a customer)

EXTRA SPECIAL

3-lb cotton bats 41c

HOSIERY

25c Iron Clad and Knox
 Kit hose for ladies, men
 and children 19c
 15c hose ladies men and children 10c
 10c " " " " 7 1-2

EXTRA SPECIALS

Pearl buttons 2 1-2c
 Dress pins 2 1-2
 Boss ball thread per box 19
 6 1-2c Cotton checks 4
 10c Bleach bomestic 8
 8 1-3 " " 6
 20c Best feather tick 15

10 Mattress tick 7 1-2
 50c Table linen 37 1-2c
 65 " " 45
 \$1.00 " 79
 1.50 " 1.15

And so on thru-
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Dec. 4; Closes Dec. 24.

TRADING COMPANY

PLAINS

THE N. B.-H. B.'S

Miss Ellen Barnes was hostess to an open meeting of the N. B.-H. B. Club last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Clark. The girls came early and brought their work, while the boys met at the City Drug Store, and were bidden to come at eight, after which progressive "42" was played at nine tables. At 10 refreshments of sandwiches and fruit salad were served.

Invited and out of town guests were, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams, Mother Wesley, Misses Ada Rhone, Powell Tarver, Ferguson, Phillips, McGowen and Robertson, Messrs. Jno. Carter, Kincaid Phillips, Lawrence, Broad and Taylor Bond, Neeb, Forbes, Ellis, Odom, Bill and Ross Wagner, Scott, Slaughter and Ed Lee.

Miss Barnes left the 1st inst. for her home at Rising Star and this party was given in honor of the club of which she has been a member.

Miss Lois Elliott was hostess to N B-H B girls last Friday evening at her home in the west part of town. Several members were absent, but work began at the usual hour and the evening was spent very pleasantly. At closing time refreshments delicious were served to Mrs. Mangham, Miss Powell and the club members, the club to meet next with Miss Gilliam.

AT COTTONWOOD

Mr. Smith, owner of the gin here is preparing to move to Coleman County.

Mr. Will Hurst of Coleman county is visiting his brother Andy.

A nice rain fell today which will soon put everybody to breaking land.

Bro. R. H. Williams filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

The party at Bob Young's Saturday night was a very enjoyable occasion.

Dr. E. Payne who left for the west several months ago has returned and will remain here.

MARRIED

Charley Worthy and Mrs. Emma Coughran were quietly married Sunday afternoon in the Atwell country. Everybody knows Charley, and Mrs. Coughran was raised here and both have a host of friends who congratulate them on their happy union and wish them a life of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Shnaks visited at Clyde Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Eunice Hembree is working this week for Higginbotham's at Cross Plains.

Miss Allida Ferguson is still working for Davis-Garner & Co. at Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehorn have one to Alabama in response to a telegram stating that Mrs. Whitehorn's mother was very sick and was not expected to live.

Dr. Payne and our druggist Walter Robbins were Tuesday visitors at Cross Plains.

Cicero.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

Hundred pound sack of sugar for only \$6.00.

THE RACKET STORE

Shackelford calls attention to the change in his ad.

BURNT BRANCH NEWS

The rain which came Monday morning retarded peanut threshing for a while, but put a smile on the grain farmer's face.

Mrs. Richardson who has been here with her daughter Mrs. J. H. Warren for the past year has returned to her home at Granger, Tex.

Otis Odom has moved back to his place west of his father's ranch and Price Odom has taken charge of the ranch for the coming year.

C. R. Steele, wife and babe took dinner at his fathers near Caddo Peak Sunday. Also Otis Odom and family.

Messrs Frank Drury and Echols Ford, Misses Etta Mae Drury and Jewel Hightower attended the singing convention at Rowden Sunday. They report a good singing and fine dinner.

R. C. Hightower and son John were Atwell visitors Saturday night

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Whit Naron the 5th inst a fine girl; mother and babe doing well.

Lee Payne and brother-in-law Herman Rudloff went to Coleman city Sunday. Odom Ford went also.

We are glad to report Mrs. Ernest Riggs up after a weeks illness.

The party at Willie Drury Saturday night was enjoyed by the young folks. Out of community guests were Harper Brown and Skinny Holly of Turkey Creek.

Lafayette Tegae and daughter of Brown county have returned home from visiting his brother Clingman Teague.

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Fred Stacy has returned to his home at Stanbro, N M, after spending a time winding up some business matters. He subscribed for The Review.

SPECIAL PRICES

on percolaters, caseroles, and baking dishes for Christmas presents.

THE RACKET STORE

Frank Bryson the first of the week shipped a car of hogs to Ft Worth. He is buying and shipping a good many hogs.

The De Laval the separator you will eventually buy

A Home or An Automobile--which?

It's mighty nice to be able to have both of them. Worlds of pleasure can be derived from either. From the automobile, a year or two; from the Home a Life time. Every man should have a Home and those who can afford it should have a Home and auto too. The automobile is a Liability, the Home, a real Home is an asset; an investment in happiness as well as dollars. You owe a home to your family and yourself.

Did you ever stop to think, or investigate how cheaply a real home could be built? Let us give you the prices of two or three nice cottages. Which should you buy if you only have the price of one, a home or an automobile?

Our beautiful book of ideal Homes is for your convenience and is free. Ask for it. Any service we might be able to render you will be free. Call on us.

Shackelfords' Lmbr. Yd.

"We Specialize in Building Homes"

For Sale—A five-room house with five lots, also twenty additional lots. Would consider a good car. For bargain price see Jeff Clark.

Don't fail to see the German Side of the War, Friday night and Saturday afternoon. (adv.)

For sale, —I am overstock on Brown Leghorn hens—at 35c each. J L Ferrell

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have returned to their home at Moran after visiting Mrs. Robinson's sister Mrs Sam Long of Dressy. Mr. Robinson will be remembered kindly by the newcomers from his work at the depot immediately after the railroad entered the town.

THE BROOM INDUSTRY

Is facing a complete shutdown. The crop of broom corn has failed the past two years. There isn't a ny more broom corn. Everywhere it was rained out. 28 of the largest broom manufacturers in the U. S. met last month and decided to advance the price. We bought 500 brooms before the advance went on; half of them are now in stock and we will give our customers the advantage of our buy on those we now have on hand. It will pay you to ay in a supply now.

THE RACKET STORE

Walker Jones and family left the first of the week for their old home at Oplin, Geo R Rucker of Oplin moving them. Here's hoping them well.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Purgative, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Fresh car flour goes at sale prices
Davis-Garner & Co

Buy the whole family Shoes at
our Sale
Davis-Garner & Co

When You Need Lumber

Don't fail to give us a trial.

A complete line of everything used in wooden construction as well as Brick, Cement, Lime, Hardware, Paints, Oils, Building Paper, etc.

BRAZELTON-PRYOR & COMPANY

T. A. DAVIS TO CROSS PLAINS EXTRA SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

T. A. Davis of Cross Cut informs us that he has sold his farm and home at Cross Cut to S. D. Stone of the same community and that he and his family will move to Cross Plains where they will remain for the winter, at least. We understand Mr Stone and family will move to his newly-acquired property at Cross Cut to take advantage of the school. We are glad to have Mr. Davis in town.

Boys \$3.00 school suits \$1.00 each
THE RACKET STORE

AT ROWDEN

The rain Monday fine and will be a great help to grain farmers.

The district singing convention met at Rowden Sunday and was well attended.

Rev. Speck of Abilene preached here Sunday.

Mr. Venson and sister Miss Ada Sikes returned home Saturday for a short visit with their parents Mr and Mrs Sikes, from the Christian college.

The school is progressing nicely. Will Harris of Kent county is visiting his aunt Mrs. Gibbs.

Pat Elder of Plainview has been here the past few days, where he was called on account of the death of his sister Mrs. S L Munsey.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Gennie Wilson of the Comal school community, who has been seriously sick, is now convalescent.

BUY BROOMS

now at the old price and save money
THE RACKET STORE

DON'T MISS THIS BARGAIN

Boys school suits for the price of the pants—only \$1.00 a suit while they last. On sale Saturday

THE RACKET STORE

CHRISTMAS EVE TURKEY DINNER

We will serve to the public on Xmas, Eve a turkey dinner, at 35c

The Crystal Cafe.

Mrs. C A Mangham returned Tuesday from Killeen, where she attended the marriage of her niece Mrs R sa Simm to Mr. Littlepage of Goshwite. Miss Simm is known to many of the Cross Plains people and join in wishing them much happiness.

FRUGALITY HAS ITS ROMANCE

It Is to Be Found in the Practice of Saving Some Part of One's Earnings.

There is an injurious idea prevalent among young Americans that frugality, economy, caution and frugality are among the mean qualities, and this accounts largely for the meretricious pride of spending time and money, just as it partly explains the popularity of so many amiable wastrels. A "good fellow" may be not a self-condemned fool, but he cannot discredit the axiom that a fool and his money are soon parted, says the Minneapolis Journal.

Many of what we have come to call "wants" are desires of the imagination, or of vanity or of self-indulgence. We have drifted into a confession of the meaning and value of happiness as contrasted with pleasure, and are prone to accept ostentation in lieu of the fact and substance of thrift. The ways of thrift are different from the ways of parsimony.

There is an admirable quality of dignity and simplicity about the frugal but adequate way of living, that emphasizes the vulgarity of extravagance and the childish folly of pretended opulence. There is a savor of gentility about the practice of saving part of one's earnings that leads to its own quiet romance, and life itself takes on a calmer, cleaner, sweeter value if we conserve and cherish at least a portion of its daily offerings.

Sensibly regarded, there is nothing sordid about the habit of frugality; but there is a squalor and a slovenliness about the wastage of time and the squandering of money that is as unthoughtful as any phase of the thoughtlessly selfish living. And there is, too, a gently humanizing influence about the habit of saving that makes for modesty, industry and sympathy—those quiet, homely agencies that go furthest to stabilize and sweeten life.

Words in English Language.

The English language is constantly growing and almost every person's vocabulary changes from year to year. The first edition of Webster's dictionary, two quarto volumes, published in 1828, contained 70,000 words and this number was increased by several thousand in the second edition of Webster's dictionary in 1840. An edition of 1890 contained 175,000 words and the latest edition has more than 400,000. Many of these are technical, scientific, or for other reasons restricted to limited use, but nevertheless they are words. Obviously an educated man has a larger vocabulary, or command of words, than an uneducated one and a professional writer or public speaker needs more than a day laborer. Shakespeare had a vocabulary of about 15,000 words, but some that he used are now obsolete, while a large number of new ones have been added. Milton used about 8,000 words. It is not likely that any public speaker ever uses more than a few thousand words or the average citizen or man on the street more than a few

FAVORITE DISH IN MEXICO

Hot Tamales Worth Introduction Into American Kitchens—How They Should Be Made.

The Mexican recipe for making hot tamales is to cook one or two chickens until tender. Remove all meat from the bone, shred it in the chopping machine and add to it the liquor in which the chicken has been cooked. This is seasoned with any desired condiments, especially red pepper, and thickened with cornmeal. The rolls are about the size of link sausages and they are wrapped in the inner husks of green corn. Tie the husks with strings at each end and boil them for three hours. It is best to taste the preparation before adding meal to note whether it is rich or needs more seasoning, allowing for the meal to be added, which will take up the sharp flavor.

To make tamale pie, take one pound of hamburger steak or left-over meat cut fine, add one level cupful of seeded raisins, one dozen stoned olives, salt, pepper and red pepper to taste. Stew until tender and thicken with one tablespoonful of cornmeal. Then stir one and one-half cupfuls of cornmeal into boiling salted water, add one tablespoonful of shortening and cool to the consistency of mush. Line a buttered baking dish with about two-thirds of this mixture, pour in the meat, cover with the remaining mixture and bake for one-half hour.

Fossil Forest in America

Yellowstone Park Contains One of the Most Remarkable of Natural Curiosities.

Remarkable fossil forests exist in Yellowstone park, the most remarkable, it is believed, of the several fossil forests which have been discovered—there are others in Egypt, in California and in Arizona—because in the Yellowstone most of the trees were quombed in their original upright position and not found recumbent and scattered about the ground.

In Arizona, for instance, the fossilized trunks have evidently been carried a long distance from where they originally grew.

In the Yellowstone the trees now stand where they grew, and where they are entombed by the outpouring of various volcanic materials.

Now as the softer rocks surrounding them are gradually worn away they are left standing erect on the steep hillsides just as they stood when they were living; in fact, it is difficult at a little distance to distinguish some of these fossil trunks from the lichen-covered stumps of kindred living species. Such an aggregation of fossil trunks is therefore well entitled to be called a true fossil forest.

It should not be supposed, however, that these trees still retain their limbs and smaller branches, for the mass of volcanic material falling on them stripped them down to bare, upright trunks.

ADD TO BEAUTY OF EARTH

Writer's Tribute to the Tree Is Worthwhile Remembrance Throughout the Ages.

Oh! Don Pepino, old trees in their living state are the only things that money cannot command. Rivers leave their beds, run into cities and traverse mountains for it; obelisks and arches, palaces and temples, amphitheatres and pyramids rise up like exhalations at its bidding; even the free spirit of man, the only thing great on earth, crouches and cowers in its presence. It passes away and vanishes before venerable trees. How many fond and how many lively thoughts have been nurtured under their tree! How many kind hearts have beaten here! His branches are not so numerous as the couples they have invited to sit beside it, nor its blossoms and leaves together as the expressions of tenderness it has witnessed. What appeals to the pure, all-seeing heavens! what similitudes to the everlasting mountains! what protestations of eternal truth and constancy!—from those who are now earth; they and their shrouds and their coffins. The caper and fig tree have split their monuments, and boys have broken the hazel nut with the fragments. Emblems of past lives and future hopes, severed names which holiest rites united, broken letters of brief happiness, bestrew the road and speak to the passerby in vain.—Walter Savage Landor.

All Want to Wear Gowns.

The craze for legal gowns, says a Calcutta newspaper, has now spread to the mukhtears of Bengal. A few years ago vakils obtained permission to wear gowns. Black gowns were suggested by vakils but as these would have led to their being mistaken for members of the bar, blue gowns were given them. Recently the pleaders asked that the privilege of wearing gowns should be extended to them and the necessary sanction was granted, green being the color selected. Not to be outdone the mukhtears are now moving in the matter and the initiative has been taken by those practicing in the Jalpaiguri courts who have petitioned the registrar on the appellate side of the Calcutta high court to be allowed to wear gowns. The color suggested is chocolate. The matter is under consideration by the chief justice.

In a Restaurant.

"I'll give that waiter," said a customer in a quick-lunch room, "an order that will simply paralyze him."
"What will you have, sir?" presently asked the waiter.
"Bring me," said the would-be tormentor, "some verulam and ova!"
"Yessir." And the waiter, a seedy-looking man, went away with a twinkle in his eye, and returned with a large plate of something hot.
"Here yare," he said. "Eggs and bacon. In ordinary English a shilling, but in classic form three-and-six. 'Verba rebus aptare,' as we used to say at college. Anything else, sir?"—London 'Tit-Bits.

Cupid's Caviar Honey-moon.

That their honeymoon will be to Russia was announced by Gregory Mason, a magazine writer, and Miss Eleanor Flowers, an actress, just before they were married by Judge George C. Tennant in the courthouse at Jersey City.
Mr. Mason is to act as war correspondent of the Outlook, while his wife will continue her stage career by becoming connected in a student capacity with the Fine Arts theater in Moscow.

WHITE RUSSIAN PUREST SLAV

His Racial Habitation Is the Most Backward Region of the Empire of the Czar.

A sketch of white Russia, the first part of old Russian soil to feel the power of the invader, is given in a statement issued by the National Geographic society.

"White Russia comprises four Russian governments, Vitebsk, Smolensk, Moghilef and Minsk. It is said that the name is derived from the predominant color of the peasant dress. This division of Russia is bounded by the Pripiet river basin on the south and by the Duna, or southern Drina, on the north. It supports a population of about seven and one-half million, two-thirds of which is white Russian and the rest Lithuanian, Jewish and Polish. Here, likely, is to be found the purest Slav type, almost unblended. This region, blanketed by swamps and marshes, and smothered in forests, is one of the poorest, most backward regions in European Russia.

"Thins dwelt here before history began for Europe. They were expelled by Lithuanians, who in turn gave way before migrating Slavonic tribes. The country finally passed back to the Lithuanians, then to Poland, and was won piecemeal by Great Russia. Polish oppression and religious persecution worked a wholesale desolation here, and thousands of peasants fled into Russia, while those who remained intrigued for Russia's coming. The whole of the region was not annexed by the Great Russians until the end of the eighteenth century. Starvation has swept this land again and again with as terrible effects as those experienced by India in the grip of famine.

"The White Russian is not of so sturdy a build as the Great Russian, nor so comely as the Little Russian. He is less aggressive than his northern neighbor, and more heavy than his southern neighbor. His hair and eyes are light, and his face is generally drawn. The garment peculiar to him is his white overcoat which he wears on all special occasions as proudly in sweltering July as in the winter. His villages are small, isolated and badly kept. His homes are primitive. His fight for existence is a bitter one. From his ranks are recruited the workmen for the hardest, least-paying tasks of the empire."

QUALITY TO BE CULTIVATED

Not Altogether a Matter of Curiosity in Asking a Woman if "She is Vain Enough."

That may seem a strange question to ask most women, for, according to the opinions of the other sex, we possess all the vainglorious tendencies of the peacock, and then some; but there are women, and we all know them, who are not vain enough. They really could not care about their personal appearance, or they would not let the wisps of hair float unrestrained about otherwise half-dressed coiffures, or noses go shiny when the least dab of powder would remedy matters. It is not so much one's personal appearance that counts, for, after all, such people will tell you that they would rather take the time for improving their souls or their minds, or something equally intangible; but one should remember that one owes a certain amount of visible personal charm to one's neighbors; that even if you do not care whether your hair lies flat and unbecoming on your head, other people get some pleasure out of seeing you with a fluffy, prettily arranged coiffure. Again, there is a psychological effect from well grooming. A good complexion, beautiful hands and nails, becomingly arranged hair, a good, erect figure all act upon one's manners. A wave in the hair will take the kinks out of one's disposition. So cultivate enough vanity to make you always look your best and to emphasize your own good points.

Measure of Laughter.

A meter for laughter is the latest invention of commercialized drama. The device registers automatically and in degree the amount of laughter induced by moving picture films. It is some invention and its uses should not be monopolized by the movies. Its one great function in life is evidently to check up the applause and laughter reports now found so copiously scattered through the columns of the Congressional Record, much to the chagrin of blushing veracity. The machine we really need, however, is one which registers the spirit of humor and not the effect. It would save humanity many weary moments if the inveterate story teller could first try his stuff out on a machine instead of his long suffering friends. It would not do, however, to have this machine around when the politicians are making their promises to their constituency of congenial suckers.

CHANGING PURPOSE IN LIFE

Matter for Careful Consideration, and by No Means Always to Be Condemned.

Sooner or later there will come reminders of the query, "Should it be according to thy mind?" One career may be taken and another abandoned. Such change of purpose and pursuit should not indicate fickleness, for the most resolute have experienced it. Buds of unusual promise may sadly fall of flowering. Trees and vines confidently cherished sometimes signally disappoint in fruitage. The alleged ways of wisdom do not invariably result in their promised pleasantness and peace. Faithful workers, in a good cause, themselves hindered and hampered by circumstances beyond their control, see fidelity to its opposite apparently favored by smiles of fortune which they have woefully missed. Now, without pursuing this phase of human experience further, let us recall the great part of human nature as noting a "divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we may." Go on planning as best you may, and with determination which neither fire nor flood can vanquish. Yet the race may not always be to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. At the table of generous bounty a familiar face may be missing evermore and a long-used chair be forever vacant. The heart knoweth bitterness that seems to taint its entire cup of life. Boasted foresight fails to grasp the next morrow. Now the bugle sounds truce to longer conflict and surrender is signaled, as for the dawn of a glad new day, in "They will be done."—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

ANTS ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

Time of Turmoil and Tragedy for Many of the Small Creatures of the Earth.

A recent epidemic of ants in different parts of the country is really due to the fact that the ants were celebrating their wedding day, remarks the London Times. They were out on their marriage flight and honeymoon.

Generally speaking, there are three kinds of ants in this country—the workers, the winged males, whose life is a short and merry one; and the young queens, who live in charge of the queen mother. In the summer, when the weather is favorable, the winged males and the young queens leave the nest for the marriage flight. The latter race away pursued by the ardent wooers, who fall in their thousands to enterprising swallows, missing their way and dropping to rest their tired wings on any object within reach. But the young queen flies on. She is strong of wing, for her husband must be the best of the crowd. The crowd of pursuers dwindle from myriads to thousands, from thousands to hundreds, to dozens, until at last only one is left.

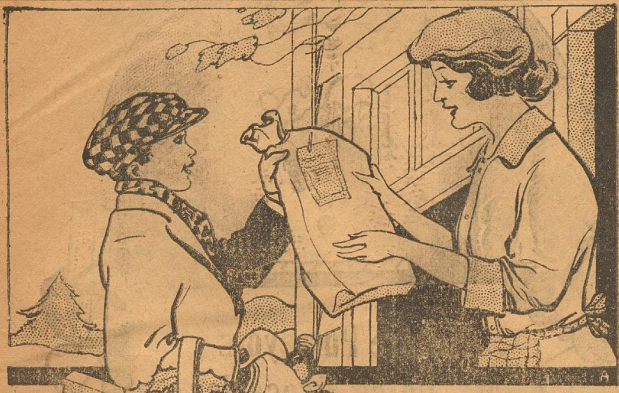
That was the meaning of the plague of ants. It was the marriage festival, and the winged ants we saw in our gardens were the unlucky crowd of mourners left behind, trying to find their way home. On her return to her new-chosen nest, the queen spends the afternoon chewing off her wings. These are now useless, seeing that she must no more leave the ant-hill. Henceforward she spends her days furiously laying eggs.

Armenian History.

The history of the later years of the Armenian kingdom is bound up in the history of Am. The stronghold city became the capital of the Bagratid kings of Armenia in 961. The Byzantium emperor captured it in 1046, and it was then a hive of many scores of thousands, a wealthy city and an inviting one. The Seljuk Turks carried fire and sword throughout its confines 18 years later; the warlike Georgians took it five times between 1125 and 1209; the Mongols overran it in 1239 and an earthquake in 1219 completed the work of ruin. The great cathedral, the most perfect survival, was founded in 1010, just at the beginning of the city's long chain of misfortunes.

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AROUND PIONEER

The school is progressing nicely under the splendid leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Misses Mae Stone and Lucile Wyatt.

Mr. Gentry has sold the telephone exchange here to a Mr. Aikins of near Cisco. Mr. Gentry will move to Cisco soon where he has purchased an interest in a garage. We are very sorry to lose Mr. Gentry, but at the same time we are very glad to welcome Mr. Aikins among us.

B F Eakins has purchased the Bob Kelley house and lot at Pioneer which has just been recently vacated by R D Carter and will move to same soon from his farm southwest of here. He has rented his farm to C H Foster who will take charge of it soon.

Harvey Dennis returned last week from Rule where he has been doing farm work for the past six weeks.

Miss Myrtle Smith of Lampasas is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W R W Smith, and attending school here.

Miss Hettie Armstrong who has taught two successful terms in the public school here is now attending the North Texas State Normal at Denton.

The children's social given by M. and Mrs. Ed Hill Saturday night was well attended and en-

joyed by all.

Ed Curry who is buying cotton seed has just returned from a trip to the west. He states that conditions are good west of here but the boll weevil has made its appearance there, tho as yet has not done the damage it has here.

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Obituary.

Mrs. Lou Munsey who died last Monday, Nov. 29, and buried here Tuesday, Rev. G W Thomas conducting the funeral services, was thirty-five years old on May 2, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H E Elder of this place. She leaves her husband, two girls Mae and Vera, to mourn her death. She was a member of the Baptist church. She had lived in this country for ten years or more.

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ATWELL NEWS

A nice rain fell Monday which will be a great benefit to wheat and oats.

Rev. J W Cadwell of Putnam preached here Sunday. He was accompanied by Messrs. Whitlock and Hays.

Mr. Isomhower of near Moran visited at the W. A. Ellis' home Saturday night and Sunday.

Henry Purvis and wife of near Cisco have moved to Mrs. Stephen's place northwest of Atwell.

J D Maddux made a business trip to Rising Star Saturday, returning home Sunday.

G T Brashears and wife visited their sick daughter near Haskell Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. and Mrs. L C Reed.

The young people were entertained with a musical Wednesday night at Mr. Haley's.

Ed Busby of Red Springs came in last week for a short visit with homefolks.

Miss Cora Purvis who is teaching at Scranton visited home folks Sunday and Monday.

Herman Andrews of Putnam visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

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