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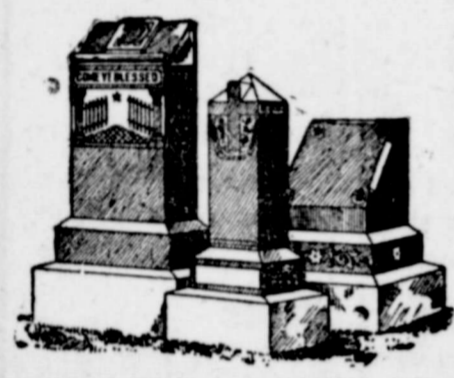
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ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

FOR SALE We have a life time scholarship in the famous Tyler Commercial College which we will sell at a reasonable discount. If you ever intend going to an up-to-date Business College, now is the time. Prepare yourself to lay away something for a rainy day. Address—**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS**

MONEY LOANED
ON REAL ESTATE
Long Time. Easy Payments.
Reliable Representatives Wanted.
The Jackson Loan and Trust Co.,
Fort Worth, Texas and Jackson, Miss.



Monuments and Tombstones.
I have received my new design book and marble samples from the Humbolt Marble Works—the best concern of its kind in the south. Let me figure with you when you need anything in this line.
L. Q. Browning,
Grapeland, Texas

TOMBSTONES MADE IN ANY DESIGN, ALMOST ANY PRICE

A Question of Health
IS OFTEN A QUESTION OF
PURE DRUGS
We take special pride in the absolute purity of our drugs and the absolute correctness with which
WE FILL PRESCRIPTIONS
A Question of Beauty
Is often settled by the completeness of one's Toilet Accessories. We have a full line of
TOILET ARTICLES
Our line includes everything usually comprehended under that head.
We have just recently added a line of Fancy Candies to our stock. We always carry a well selected line of Cigars, Pipes, Chewing Gum, Stationery, Soft Drinks, etc.
D. N. Leaverton, Druggist.

Lecture to Little Folks.
At the Christian church, Saturday evening, Dec. 4, at 3:00 p. m., Bro. Arnold will talk to the little folks only. Every boy and girl is cordially invited to attend. Bro. Arnold has something of interest to tell you.
Constable S. C. Spence left Monday for Ben Hurr on business.

B. Y. P. U. Program.
For Sunday, Dec. 5.
Subject—The Corrupting and Damning Power of Sin, Peter, 2, 2:22.
Leader—Mr. Garrett Richards.
Opening Song No. 24
Prayer.
Roll call.
Reading—Selected by Mrs. Mark Anthony.
Song No. 10.
What can we do to make known God's love—Miss Ethel Guice.
Solo—Miss Addie Eaves.
Talk—by S. E. Howard.
Song.
Benediction.
Rev. A. L. Carnes and Mr. W. A. Kleckley left Tuesday for Jacksonville to attend the annual conference of the Methodist church.

ABSTRACTS
You cannot sell your land without an abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the only complete, up-to-date abstract of the land titles of Houston county.
ADAMS & YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

THE BIG CONTESTON

Many Valuable Premiums Offered to Those Who Hustle

About the biggest thing going on in this county today, and the thing most talked about in the various homes, is the Messenger's Free Voting contest, which started off last week with a spirit of enthusiasm and interest, which is bound to keep it constantly before the public.

The list of prizes is so magnificent, containing so many premiums worth working for that it seems as if each active participant in the contest would get something of value, even if she does not get first or second place while the chance to get a \$400.00 piano for a few weeks' work does not come every day.

The prize list as announced last week amounts to about \$500. This amount will be increased by special prizes which we will offer from time to time.

These prizes are open to fair competition among the young ladies who live in this and adjoining counties. No other restriction is offered.

What is the object of this generosity? How can we afford to give these prizes? We will answer for the benefit of the skeptical. This may look like generosity on our part but it is not. It is strictly a business proposition with us. We have calculated the cost and the outcome. We want an increase in subscriptions, advertising and job printing. In short we want to build up the business of our paper and plant. We have taken this means to help the girls, the merchants, the town and the country, as well as ourselves. Let us all hustle and build up together.

List of Nominees.

Our list of young ladies is growing, several new ones having entered this week. Look over the list and if your friend is there vote for her, either by subscription or the free votes in the paper. The contest is on in dead earnest.

- " Willie Belle Neel, Elkhart
- " Linnie Ford, Latexo
- " Bula Bolton, Augusta
- " Sadie Story, "
- " Ciny Wall, "
- " Mary Bell Holcomb "
- " Adelle Davis, Grapeland
- " Luna Taylor, "
- " Mada Murchison "
- " Addie Eaves "
- " Lorraine Hanson "
- " Lovie Spence "
- " Sallie Mae Kent, Grapeland, R F D No 4.
- Miss Jewel Luce, Crockett, R F D No 1
- Miss Mary Hudson, Kennard.
- Miss May Trammel, Ratcliff
- Miss Mollie Vinsen, Crockett
- " Yola Kennedy, "
- " Myrtle Gossett, "
- " Bettie Kelley, "
- " May Fitchett, Percilla.
- " Mae Gregg, Weches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsy and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moolley eat Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in Elkhart.

Augusta News

Augusta, Texas, Nov. 28.—Thanksgiving day is one long to be remembered in the future history of our little town. Some time ago the ladies of our town outlined a program for a church dinner and supper on Thanksgiving day. The said program was carried out to a letter and has proven a success in every particular. Early Thursday morning the ladies of our town could be seen going to and fro presented a picture to the curious public that something of no small dimensions would happen in old Augusta that day—as the great crowd assembled the church bell rang in loud peals in thankfulness to God for blessings of the past year. This was a signal for the assembly to repair to the church, thence awaiting them was that eminent divine, the Rev. F. M. Trimble, who after the customary greetings, he proceeded to preach one of the best sermons that has been listened to in Augusta for many days past. His sermon was full of brains showing us where and how we ought to live. He pointed to the past in a manner that should go to the inmost cells of our hearts and then be kept as a daily memorandum for future reference. After services the throng marched to town where the feast awaited them. Your correspondent was kindly invited to attend the dinner. Wishing to do good for the Messenger as well as ourselves, we accepted the invitation and will endeavor to give in detail what appeared before us. In the outset we challenge the patience of our good editor and ask the pleasure of naming some in the above named affair—first we met Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Aya Story, Mrs. Trimble, Mrs. Dr. Bolton, Mrs. Hugh Long, Mrs. Sam Long, Mrs. Story, Mrs. Jake Sberidan, Mrs. Wm. Wall, and others the names of whom we have forgotten at present (I wish to say some of our ladies were detained on account of sickness.) Now to be in company with such people as we have mentioned is indeed a feast for the soul and it makes a man feel as though he was in another world surrounded by angels and it gives him a better picture of life, a moral life that we should live—the warm greetings, the pleasant smiles and the eventful southern hospitality that was offered by the ladies mentioned carried us back to the days of youth and we felt like giving three cheers for the good ladies of Augusta, but the end is not yet. Escorted by some of the fairer sex we marched down the aisle viewing the tables on either side; our pen is so short to do justice to what we beheld. Table after table loaded with all that would be good for the inner man and well suited to the queen's taste was there in quantity and quality not to be excelled anywhere. The program continued until night and after another able sermon by the Rev. F. M. Trimble, a delicious supper was served which was relished and highly appreciated. Our young gallants were there in their best behavior with the blushing maids that made the surround-

ing more lovely even to old folks. Many visitors from a distance. Bascom Holcomb and lady, Silas Holcomb and lady, from Alto, Mrs. Chas. Kennedy, of Grapeland, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gainey, Miss Zera Gainey and others whom we fail to recollect at present. In conclusion we will say the finest behavior prevailed and the ladies were well rewarded for their work. May your shadows never grow less.
Capt. Jim McLean has returned from a hunt on Neches river and reports a fine hunt. Our old friend, Jim Cunningham was in town yesterday. The old veteran looks as though he is with us for years to come. We are always glad to see him in town.
We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Robt. Gales' child three years old. The father and mother are bowed down in grief. They should recollect that their little one is crowned as an angel in heaven. They have the sympathy of the entire community.
Wishing the Messenger a long life and success in every way.
As ever, Old Gray.

Married in Florida.

Mr. J. J. Cook returned this morning with his bride and they will be at home to their friends in their pretty home on Royall street. The marriage took place on Nov. 15, at Panama City, Fla. The bride, Miss Mae Porter, was just recovering from a severe illness, but has stood the trip well, and all Mr. Cook's friends bid her a hearty welcome to her new home, one of the prettiest in our city, and lately purchased from Mrs. Fitzenburger. We hope to soon see the roses blooming in Mrs. Cook's cheeks as brightly as they bloom in her garden and that she and her husband may pass many years of married happiness among us.—Palestine Advocate.

At the Christian Church.

Please, Mr. Editor, say that all boys and young men between twelve and twenty-five years of age in the town and community are hereby invited to be with us and hear the lecture to boys and young men next Sunday at 3 p. m. Others are welcome. "How to be a Man." All boys want to be a man. "How to make Money." All boys want to make money. "Possibilities of a Boy." I love boys and want you all.
Jas. A. Arnold.

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Rev. Frank Luker of League City stopped off in Grapeland Tuesday morning while on his way to conference at Jacksonville.

To Our Friends and Customers:

Owing to the fact that our stock in all departments is larger than we want it to be, we have decided to make some SPECIAL CUT PRICES for a limited time to reduce our present stock. This SPECIAL PRICE SALE will begin December 1st, and continue to and including Saturday, December 11th. At present we have a full stock of all goods quoted, but we will not duplicate any prices after our present stock is sold, and it will pay you to come early and buy freely while our stock is complete....We will give Cash Register Checks with all sales as before, which you will please call for.

Groceries.

30 boxes of Brown Mule tobacco, at 35c per lb., or per box.....\$3.15
Only one box to a customer.
100 sacks Lucky Blend Coffee, each sack contains 5 pieces of chinaware, worth \$1 00 a sack, our special price.....85c
6 sacks for.....\$5.00
Limit 6 sacks to a customer
400 sacks White Wave flour, worth \$1 60 per sk., special price.....\$1 50
100 sacks No 1 Grand Saline Salt, worth 50c a sack, special price.....40c
Only one sack to a customer
5,000 lbs of granulated sugar, put up in 100 lb sacks, worth 6 1-2c, special price, one sack to a customer,\$5 90

Cut Prices on Saddles

As long as our present stock lasts, we will sell—
All \$35 00 Saddles at \$31 50
" 30 00 " " 27 00
" 25 00 " " 22 50
" 20 00 " " 18 00
" 18 50 " " 16 65
" 15 00 " " 13 50

These prices are only good for saddles now in stock and prices will not be duplicated after present stock is sold. We have a full stock of buggy and wagon harness, wagon lines, breast straps, bridles and collars. See us for lowest prices on all kinds of leather goods.

Furniture

We are overstocked on iron bedsteads and have cut prices to move them.

All \$12 50 Bedsteads now \$11 25
" 10 00 " " 9 00
" 8 50 " " 7 65
" 6 50 " " 5 85
" 5 00 " " 4 50
" 4 00 " " 3 60
" 3 00 " " 2 70
" 2 50 " " 2 25

We have a full line of all kinds of Furniture, consisting of Bureaus, dressers, chevils, book cases, tables, rocking chairs, parlor and kitchen chairs, kitchen safes, bed springs, matting and window shades. We make special prices on complete housekeeping outfits, including stoves and sewing machines. See us for Furniture.

Dry Goods Department.

In our dry goods department you will find a house filled with new, up-to-date staple dry goods, dress goods, ladies' coats, skirts and sweaters, Men's and Boys' Clothing, shoes, hats and furnishing goods, and we are making extra low prices, and in many lines have cut deep.

In clothing we have cut all prices deep, as you will see below:

All \$20 00 Suits now	\$17 50
" 17 50 " "	15 00
" 15 00 " "	13 50
" 12 50 " "	11 00
" 10 00 " "	8 50
" 7 50 " "	6 75

Men's heavy fleeced lined underwear, regular 50c goods for 40c for shirts or drawers, or per suit.....75c

Boots and Shoes

Men's heavy boots, half double soles, plain toe, sizes 6 to 9, regular price 2 50 special price...1.95

Men's light boots, light weight, half double soles, medium heel, square box toe, 5, 6 and 7 only, worth 3 75, for.....2.95

One lot boys' work shoes, oil grain uppers, with half double soles, No 3 and 4, regular 1 25 and 1 35 now.....1.00

Ladies White House and Capitol 3 00, in No 3 only, patent, kid and tan, this applies to this line of shoes only' worth 3 00, now 2.20

One lot children's and misses' light and heavy shoes, odd lots, sizes from 9 to 2, one third off.

Ladies Petticoats \$1 00

Not one of the biggest, but the biggest value of the season. No detail has been overlooked, either as to material, style, workmanship or dimension to make them perfect garments. Ruffled, embroidery and sheared flounces, worth 1 25 for black, navy and brown, special price at.....1.00

Our showing of ladies and misses' long coats is still practically complete and our values in coats at 2 50, 3 50, 5 00, 6 00 and 7 50 are the best yet.

We have some of the most attractive ladies' dress skirts and while some numbers are broken, most of them are practically complete and they are economically priced at 2 50, 3 50, 4 00 and 5 00

NOTICE!

We will give Cash Register Checks with all purchases up to December 11th, and all parties saving them up must send or bring them to us by

Tuesday Morning, December 14th stating name and whether boy or girl so we will know what presents they are contesting for.

All parties will be careful to comply with the above, as we cannot count any checks unless we know the name, and whether boy or girl.

Our line is complete in all departments and it will pay you to come early as the prices will not be duplicated after the present stock is gone. We buy cotton, hides, chickens, eggs and turkeys. If you have anything to sell bring it along and we will pay you the best possible price. Don't forget the date,

December 1st to December 11th, Inclusive

Be sure to get your cash register checks, as we will give them will all sales as before.

RESPECTFULLY,

George E. Darsey

Grapeland, Texas

\$10.00

\$10.00

TEN DOLLARS IN GOLD

WILL BE GIVEN FREE to the young lady having the greatest number of votes to her credit at the time FIRST COUNT is made January 4, 1910, at 4 P. M.

OTHER SPECIAL PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED

Make arrangements to get interested in this contest early. If you have a friend or would like to be entered yourself, fill out and send to this office, Nominating blank on this page

Receipt Books and Sample Copies Furnished Free.

FIRST SPECIAL PRIZE

\$10 - IN GOLD - \$10

Will be given FREE to the young lady having the largest number of Votes to her credit when the first count is made at 4 p. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1910.

Remember the Hustler Wins

How to Get Votes:

New Subscriptions.....	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
General Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
Job Printing.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Popular Voting Contest

NOMINATING BLANK

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I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

Address -----
As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatsoever.
Signed -----
Address -----

Be the first to nominate the winner of the Prize Piano and receive \$5.00 in cash.

20 Votes | Grapeland, Texas, Nov. 26, 1909 | 20 Votes

The Messenger's Free Coupon

Good for 20 Votes in our
PIANO AND POPULAR GIRL VOTING CONTEST

This Coupon is voted for

These Free Votes must reach our office on or before January 26, 1910, in order to be accepted and counted. No money is required with these votes. Every reader of the Messenger should support their favorite candidate and help her to be a winner. The Prizes offered to the Girls entered \$500 in this Contest amount to about

Free Newspaper Coupons not voted by Jan. 26, 1910, are void | 20 Votes

The Bon Ton Cream Parlor,

MARK ANTHONY Proprietor

Will give 25 votes with each cash purchase of one dollar. See us for fruits, candy, nuts, etc.



THE PRIZES:

D. H. Baldwin & Co's.

\$400 HAMILTON PIANO

Furnished by THE MESSENGER

- \$18.00 Ladies Genuine Cut Glass Water Set, given by A. S. Porter, Druggist.
- \$12.50 F. A. Faris, General Merchant, will give a \$7.50 gold Bracelet and a \$5.00 gold necklace.
- \$12.50 Kennedy Bros. will a dress pattern of the winner's selection and a pair of American Lady Shoes.
- \$12.50 D. N. Leaverton, Druggist, will give a Manicure Set and a cut glass puff box, total value \$12.50.
- 10.00 Mark Anthony, proprietor of the Bon Ton, will give a box of fine candy, valued at 10.00

Giving Them Away

The above merchants in Grapeland are giving FREE 25 votes with each \$1.00 cash purchase at their stores. Ask for them and then cast the votes for some girl on the list. You are not doing the square thing by your own or your neighbor's daughter if you do not get the merchants' coupons to which you are entitled, and present them to her, or cast them yourself at our office. Help the girls.

A. S. Porter, Prescription Druggist

DEALER IN

Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, Sundries, Perfumes, School Books and Supplies, etc.

We give 25 votes with each dollar purchase for cash.

Trade With **F. A. FARIS,** Dealer in

Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Farm Supplies. Cash prices paid for Cotton and Country Products. Ask for Voting Coupons

KENNEDY BROTHERS

FOR BARGAINS IN EVERYTHING

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Groceries, etc. We give voting coupons. Ask for them

D. N. Leaverton, Druggist

Dealer in Drugs, Patent Medicines, Sundries, Sick Room Supplies, etc. Prescriptions carefully compounded. We give 25 votes with each cash purchase of \$1.00. Ask for coupons.

Rules of the Contest.

1 Announcement—This Piano and Popular Voting Contest will be conducted on strictly honest business principals, with perfect justice and fairness to all concerned.

2 Prizes—The first Prize shall be a firstclass piano of a leading make, valued at \$400. Many other valuable and useful prizes will be given.

3 Candidates—Any young lady, married or single, in this and adjoining counties, is eligible to a place in this contest. The most popular lady is the one who shall receive the most votes: to her shall be awarded the beautiful upright Piano. Other candidates to receive their choice of prizes in order, according to their standing of votes.

4 Tie in Votes—In case of a tie, the value of the prizes will be equally divided, or a like prize granted to those tying.

5 Classes of Votes—The votes are issued in coupons of the following denominations:

New subscriptions	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Job Ptg. or Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Right is reserved to add additional classes of votes, and other publications, also to change or modify these rules and regulations as necessity demands.

6 General Instructions.—Names of Contestants will be printed in order according to standing and the amount of their votes published regularly after first count is made.

During first 60 days no candidates will be permitted to cast over 5,000 subscription votes during any one week. Advertising, Job Printing, Merchants' or Free Paper Voting Coupon Votes can be voted in any quantity at any time.

Votes will not be allowed on subscriptions at less than regular price of the paper.

Votes once deposited in ballot box cannot be transferred to another.

Postmasters' and Agents' commissions are suspended during contest.

No Contestant will be allowed to take more than one of the Extra Special Prizes that we may offer from time to time.

The publisher is not to tell whom anyone votes for, except in case of alleged error or irregularity.

Each Contestant is requested to send us a cabinet size photograph for publication as soon as convenient.

Make up your mind who you want to vote for before coming to the office, as the editor will positively not decide for you.

Contestants should keep a list of their votes turned in each week, and see that publishers' figures verify it.

All coupons should be placed in envelopes with name of contestants written plainly thereon.

Free 20 Vote Coupons will be published in this paper during the first 60 days of contest and can be voted without cost for any contest.

An Awarding Committee of three good business men are to be appointed to make final count and distribution of prizes.

Contest to run not less than 90 days; date of closing will be announced about 30 days in advance.

The Contest shall close at 4 o'clock on the on the date to be announced later. Two weeks previous to date of closing, the judges are to take the ballot box, carefully locked or sealed, to the bank, where it will be kept on a table in front window during business hours, and in the vault at night, until close of contest, when the awarding committee takes charge and makes final count.

During last two weeks all voting must be done in the locked box at the bank. If secrecy in voting is desired, place your cash subscriptions together with other votes and coupons, in sealed envelopes with name of Contestant on same, and deposit in ballot box. Envelops and subscription blanks for this purpose will be furnished. The strict compliance with these rules guarantees a fair and square deal to all concerned.

Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

SUBSCRIPTION—IN ADVANCE:
ONE YEAR.....\$1.00
SIX MONTHS.....50 CENTS
THREE MONTHS.....25 CENTS

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as second class Mail Matter.

THAT GRAND JURY REPORT.

The Grand jury report published last week had the following to say about Grapeland:

"Another matter which deeply affects the underlying principles of all stable government and society and which came in for quite a toll on our time was the disreputable condition of affairs in and around Grapeland as a consequence of a covert defiance of the local option laws of this county, most commonly known as 'bootlegging.' While this practice of evading the law is not unknown in other sections of the county, in no other section has the sinister and elusive custom of violating this law assumed the proportions of an organized and systematic effort as in the section named. The lawless practice is odious to the citizenship of that place and whatever attempts made by them to exterminate the curse and bring those guilty to justice, have been thwarted by the perjurer and sympathizer. The better element of citizens there had lost hope and society was rapidly becoming disorganized, and public sentiment drifting into a state of mind which usually appeals to summary methods. We had a score or more of the leading citizens of that town before us, and to our amazement and mortification, without exception, these citizens all testified that the officers of that precinct whose sworn and bonded duty it is to enforce the law, protect society and arraign the guilty, do not do their duty in these respects. They boldly declared that they believed the officers of that precinct made no serious effort to uncover this vile practice of bootlegging, and to apprehend those guilty of it. Bad and deplored as the illicit practice of selling intoxicating liquors in this precinct is, there is a darker picture yet growing out of it, too bad and deplorable to be condoned in any way, or tolerated by any good citizen. We have in mind the perjury committed by those who have been the beneficiaries or the victims, as you prefer to regard them, of this illicit custom. This moral delinquency, perjury, is the legitimate and logical fruit of this illegal traffic in alcoholic liquors. The purchaser of this liquor pledges his honor and mortgages his manhood to the seller that he will not give him away, to court or jury. In doing so, he lays the first stone and spreads the first cement for the foundation of a debauched and worthless manhood that should stir the indignation of all true men. Not a few, but many of those, who were parties to the purchase of this liquor, were boys not out of their teens. And now comes the distressing fact as a result, more so than the touch or taste of liquor—perjury. They appear before an officer or the grand jury. In solemn tones they swear to tell the whole truth. While outwardly vowing this, they are inwardly resolving not to tell it, determined to protect the crimi-

nal at the expense of his manhood. Like a pure woman who once wavers her loyalty to virtue, the first false step leads to the second, and the second to the third, and so on at the ratio of fatal ease and frequency, till he is a moral reprobate, when to lie becomes a second nature, and to tell the truth an appeal to him in an unknown tongue. They may feel that it is a matter of small import, and not material, and as an excuse, feel not unlike the Prince of Wales, who in the trial of a celebrated gambling case, when asked how he swore on the stand with reference to certain ladies, replied that he "had perjured himself like a gentleman." Wholly callous to the consequences of such false swearing to their own characters and to society, they go before those qualified to administer oaths, and with unblushing demeanor and hearts drilled to obduracy, they unman themselves to shield the man who violates the laws of his country. Briefly, they display a higher regard for their word to the law breaker than they do for their vows to their God. Most if not all of the present grand jury are veterans in such service, and it is the opinion of all that not within their experience has there been such willful and wanton swearing. The highest and noblest aspiration a young man can cherish is to be a good citizen, and instead of shielding criminals at the expense of the priceless jewel of manhood his highest aim should be to respect and enforce the laws of his country."

That is a very warm report and one that is calculated not to do Grapeland much good, but alas! We fear that the report contains much truth. The facts may have been a little extorted, but in the main they are correct. But we believe that conditions here are no worse than some other parts of the county, and if a close analysis of the situation was made the result would favor Grapeland. Be it said now to the everlasting credit of the good citizens of Grapeland that they had the nerve and backbone to try to put a stop to the pernicious evil.

Ratcliff News.

Ratcliff, Texas, Nov. 27. — Thanksgiving day is over and we are thankful that we are still this side of eternity and that we may live to see many more such days. The entire plant of the L. & T. Lumber Co. was shut down on that day, except the dry kilns. The day was celebrated in various ways, while a few celebrated it as they should have done. Health is very good so far as we know.

Dr. Coutrell took a great many hookworms from one of Mr. Jno. Smelly's boys a few days ago. The little fellow had been in bad health for about three years and seemed to get worse all the time, but he is getting along fine now and will be able to discharge his duty in a few days.

The first automobile that ever visited this place came rolling in Friday evening, handled by Albert Smith. He had with him H. F. Moore, Dan McLean and Jim Young of Crockett. They came from Crockett to Ratcliff in one hour and thirty-five minutes. We think this was pretty good time considering the roads. We understand there is a probability of an automobile line being put in between Kennard and Crockett. J. L. Brashear, our fellow

NOW IS THE TIME

TO MAKE YOUR PURCHASES FROM US

We were never better prepared to sell you the staples of life in something to eat or wear. In fact, our stock of merchandise is complete. Our house is full of REAL BARGAINS for you. We can sell you goods in quite a number lines at a price much less than the same goods can be bought for now. We advise you to make your purchases now and save from 1c to 3c per yard on dressgoods, etc.

The high price of cotton will make high prices on dry goods. Protect yourself now, by buying your supplies from us.

We handle one of the best line of shoes made. It is the Dittman Shoe. We can fit the whole famil.

See our line of clothing, hats, shirts, fine pants, work pants, ladies' skirts, dress goods, ladies' hats, etc.

See our sewing machines. 10 year guarantee with each one. Prices \$20.00 and \$22.50.

We also carry one of the most complete lines of Staple and Fancy Groceries in the city.

We will close out 100 pounds of Silver Moon Tobacco at 25c per lb.

We want your Cotton, turkeys, chickens, eggs and bees wax, and will pay you the top price.

We thank you for your trade and will always do our best to give the best for the least money. Yours to serve

F. A. FARIS.

townsman, left Friday for Longville, La., to visit his daughter, Mrs. Ed Womack.

Mrs. Bettie Crawford and mother, Mrs. Ball, of Lufkin, have been spending the week here visiting friends and relatives.

Last Saturday night a Mr. Henderson and Miss Baneda Long were united in matrimony.

Tom Patton and family moved to Trinity last week to reside.

A. P. McCelvey of Vernon has been in our midst a few days.

Rev. A. L. Connor of Elkhart is visiting his brother and father at this place.

Gilbert Anderson was painfully burned a few days ago about the lower body while playing in the yard with a little furnace, but is doing very well at present.

We hope to hear often from Old Gray and Albert Tyler.

W. O. W.

The Largest in the History of the Institution.

Our Fall attendance has far surpassed that of any previous year, and from present indications, we will enroll more than 100 new students in January. Our exceptionally large attendance is strong evidence of the Tyler Commercial College with the business men of the south. Many new students are enrolling daily: we do not even stop for the Christmas holidays. Christmas day and Sunday are the only days in the year that we do not matriculate students. We have one man who devotes his entire time to the enrolling of students and placing them where they can get board in nice homes.

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about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches and pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were.

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. A. S. Porter, Agent.

An automobile plowing through the sandy streets of Grapeland attracted the attention of the natives Wednesday afternoon of last week about five o'clock. The car belonged to Mr. Albert Smith, who purchased it in Dallas and was on his way to Crockett. We understand that an automobile line will be established between Kennard and Crockett by Mr. Smith and others.

Choked to Death

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by A. S. Porter.

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Trade with W. H. Lively.

Pretty line of ladies skirts at F. A. Faris'.

Eggs are still 25c at Kennedy Bros.

Phone 14. We deliver goods to your door. W. H. Lively.

F. A. Faris is the shoe man, buy your shoes from him.

Buy your dry goods of J. J. Brooks and save money.

Call on Wherry, for anything in the general merchandise line.

Buy your entire bill from Faris, stock complete, house filled to overflowing with bargains.

Mrs. M. C. Reed and daughter of Ioni were the guests of relatives Thanksgiving.

W. H. Lively is making attractive prices on merchandise. Buy your supplies from him.

Visit our store during the sale and see what you save. J. J. Brooks.

I pay cash for your eggs, butter, hides and poultry. Bring yours around to K C Alsop

Joe Royall of Palestine was the guest of relatives here Thanksgiving.

Be sure to read the full page ad in this issue telling of the great piano voting contest.

5 lbs. best roasted coffee and 5 piece dinner set only \$1.00 at F. A. Faris'.

Mrs. S. E. Miller left Friday for Mineral Wells to spend a few weeks.

Our sale is still going on, the last day will be as good as the first. J. J. Brooks.

Murdock Darsey was home from Jacksonville from Thursday until Sunday night.

We deliver goods to any part of town. Phone 14. W H Lively

You should see Dr. C. L. Moore, Dentist, at once if your teeth are in bad condition. Call on him at once at the Grapeland Hotel.

You should see Wherry at once for dry goods, shirts, shoes, pants, etc. They are being sold very cheap.

Clip out the Nomination Blank in this issue and start your young lady friend in the Messenger's Great Voting Contest

Mrs. Dora Pritchard and daughter, Miss Lizzie of Crockett, were here Thanksgiving, the guests of Mrs. Jas. Leaverton.

A BARGAIN.

Men's coat Sweaters that formerly sold for \$1.25 are now offered for 75c. See them at W. H. Lively's.

To Howard's for groceries.

KENNEDY BROS. *Kennedy Bros.*

Clewis buys hides and furs and pays cash.

Buy your wagon harness—heavy leather at Kennedy Bros.

All kinds of nuts and candy at W H Lively's.

All the latest buttons at Kennedy Bros.

Wherry keeps fresh groceries. Your trade is appreciated.

The best shoe made for the money. Sold at F. A. Faris.

Miss Maude McCarty visited her sister in Crockett last week.

Ladies' sweaters at Kennedy Bros.

WANTED—A good milch cow for her feed. M E Bean.

If you want good shoes buy them at Faris'.

Buy your flour from W. H. Lively. Car just received.

A beautiful line of Men's clothing just received at F. A. Faris'.

For shoes, try a pair of our shoes for good service and easy wear. Howard

Don't starve while Alsop's restaurant is open on second street. Give us a call, prices right.

Mrs. Edens Hollingsworth of Livingston is here on a visit to relatives.

If it is a nice dress shoe you want, get the Packard shoes at Kennedy Bros.

We meet any legitimate competition, get our prices before you buy. J. J. Brooks.

Read Kennedy Bros. ad for prices on staple dry goods for Saturday, Dec. 4th.

Buy your Ram's Horn Tobacco from F. A. Faris and get the best made.

Miss Clara Yarbrough of Elkhart visited relatives in Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.

Just received a car of flour at W. H. Lively's. Phone 14 and have a sack sent up.

You can get the best shoes made for the money at F. A. Faris'.

For fancy flour in barrels, at lowest market price, call at Howards.

Just received a lot of children's suits this morning at F. A. Faris'.

For a clean shave, call at Howards for guaranteed \$1 Shumate razors.

A beautiful line of Christmas rugs at Wherry's. The price is not too much.

The Kelley axe is the best made. You can buy them at F. A. Faris'.

A Lively store in a lively town where lively people can get lively bargains.—W. H. Lively's is the place, Grapeland the town.

The City Restaurant is the best place in town to eat. Short orders, and chille a specialty. M. E. Bean, Prop.

If you want the prettiest suit of clothes ever brought to Grapeland for \$12.50 see them at F. A. Faris'.

B. F. McQueen and family have moved to Latexo.

We have mixed car flour, meal, chops and bran at Howard's.

Pure ribbon cane syrup, 50c the gallon at F. A. Faris'.

Work has begun on the residence of Mrs. Jim Kennedy, near Dr. Stafford's.

Mesdames. Pritchard and John Millar and their children of Crockett were here Thanksgiving.

We serve you a better steak and chille for the money than anybody in Houston county. Try me on back street. K. C. Alsop.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. A. S. Porter Agent.

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Harold Leaverton went to Austin Thanksgiving to attend a foot ball game between the State University and the A. & M College. The University boys were defeated.

Our prices on dry goods, boots shoes, clothing, hats, piece goods, dress goods, groceries, are as cheap for the quality as any house in the county. Faris'.

I have just received a lot of up-to-date rugs. They will make excellent Christmas presents. Call and see them before they are picked over. W. R. Wherry.

Mrs. J. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by A. S. Porter.

Oriole Warbles.

Oriole, Texas, Nov. 29.—Ed. Messenger: Glad to notice in the Messenger that you have arranged to have another interesting voting contest, and I hope that every reader of the Messenger will take a lively interest in the contest and that the Messenger may be greatly benefitted by it.

I was glad to notice that the merchants of Grapeland notified the people through the Messenger, that their stores would close on Thanksgiving day. This shows the right spirit. Every town and neighborhood should strictly keep this day.

Commissioner Lively has a good idea on good roads. Hope that all you Commissioners will take an interest in this matter. Our roads in this vicinity, I am glad to say are in very good condition.

I was in Crockett the 27th, and there was a large crowd there and the merchants were all busy.

The new depot is progressing nicely and will be a good building when completed. The water works will soon be in operation, which will be a great advantage

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to the citizens of Crockett.

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I see in the Messenger, that Hon. R. V. Davidson is a candidate for Governor. He is a good man—a friend to the people and I hope and believe he will be elected by a large majority.

A. K.

Reynard News.

Reynard, Texas, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving has come and gone again and it was more generally observed of any I can think of, and if any community ought to be thankful, I feel like it ought to be ours. Mr. Taft said for us not to work any on that day and as a great many of us are touched with hookworm symptoms it was no trouble for us to observe that part of the request. Our turkey was a pullet which Mrs. Zack baked and stuffed until it eat just like a sure enough turkey and it lasted the remainder of the week.

Rev. A. T. Farror preached a good sermon yesterday. Rev. Farror and wife are spending a few days in our midst.

The balance of remnant cotton is coming in slowly and will soon all be in and then the money will all be going out and none coming our way until potato time.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Beazley and Mrs. J. L. Chiles and Master Leland spent the last part of last week in Crockett, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West returned last Tuesday from La Porte, where they had been visiting relatives. They also took in the fair at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Edens and Mrs. Dora White of Grapeland and Mr. W. C. Laseter and family of Daly's spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kent.

Hill Huff and Miss Eliza Ady of Daly's also spent Thanksgiving here.

A crowd from Grapeland spent Thursday and Friday on the river hunting and fishing.

The school suspended Thursday for Thanksgiving and resumed work this morning.

A good many from Daly's attended church here Sunday.

Quite a number of our people intend to take in trades day in Crockett the 2nd, what's the matter with Grapeland, she ought to be heard from on that line as she is the biggest little town in Texas. Our teacher got quite an airing from the school room during the holiday Zack.

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We serve oysters first on Fridays and Saturdays, come and try 'em. They're the best you ever ate. K. C. Alsop.

PRISONER HAD HUMOR.

While some prisoners in Helsingfors (Finland) jail were engaged in executing work on the prison roof, one of them, a professional electrician, noticed that telephone wires passed close by the window of his cell. Obtaining, nobody knows how, a telephone apparatus, he managed to make a junction with the wires and obtained a local telephone directory. He commenced calling up on the telephone all his friends and acquaintances. When these chats at last tired him, he began to "call" the entire prison administration, up to the governor. The telephone worked for about a fortnight, but was finally accidentally discovered by a warder and removed.

MOZART.

Mozart's age at the time of his death (December 5, 1791) was 35 years and ten months. It is impossible to say what the great musician's religious beliefs were, if he had any. Holmes, in his "Life of Mozart," says that he refused to have any minister or priest at his bedside, and that he was buried without religious rites. The place of his burial is unknown. He was buried near Vienna, in an unmarked grave, and when, 20 years or so later, the attempt was made to find his resting place it failed.

MALAY RACE NOT DYING OUT.

There is a very common idea that the Malay is a race that is dying out, killed in its own country by the enterprising Chinese, Tamils, Javanese (who, however, are kinsmen of the Malays) and Europeans. To those who come out east expecting to find a few miserable remains of a once powerful race, whose probable fate is that of the Australian aborigines, it comes as a revelation to find a sturdy, independent and courteous race, whose language runs from Suez to Australia and who, so far from dying out, are yearly becoming more numerous.—Java Times.

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IMPROVEMENT!



Jones—Hasn't that Smithers girl improved?

Brown—Rather! Why, I can remember when she was such a modest little thing.—Pick-Me-Up.

FEWER BRITISH SAILORS.

Ten years ago it was estimated that while, during the preceding half century, the British merchant tonnage had almost trebled, the number of British seamen engaged in the mercantile marine had decreased by 25 per cent., and the boys and young men by 85 per cent. In 1857 there were 96,914 petty officers and sailors, not including Lascars, employed in the mercantile marine of the United Kingdom; in 1875 it was estimated that there were 82,000; in 1899 the estimated number had fallen to 60,709, while in 1901 there were only 4,290.

JUST WHAT HE NEEDED.

"Reginald, dear, you puckered up your lips just then as if you were going to kiss me," said the beautiful creature languorously, as she lay stretched on the beach surveying the frolics of Neptune.

"I intended to," replied Reginald hesitatingly, "but I seem to have got some sand in my mouth."

"For heaven's sake swallow it," exclaimed the young lady. "You need it badly in your system!"—Young's Magazine.

BEWARE OF EXHIBIT A.

The old saying: "Do right and fear no man," has now a running mate. "Don't write and fear no woman."—Boston Transcript.

AND STILL THEY SPAR.

Miss Cutter—Her dress fits her like a glove.

Miss Snipper—Yes, like a boxing glove.—Puck.

HIGH LIVING.

He had not been brought up in the haunts of the wealthy, consequently his first experience of close contact with those fascinating creatures had left him, so to speak, gasping. His friends gathered about him, seeking details.

"Are those new friends of yours so very rich?" he was asked.

"Rich? Rich? Why, boys," here he lowered his voice to an awed whisper, "they keep a complete set of help."

RESTING THE SPIRIT.

It is not enough merely to transport the body to fresh fields and pastures new for the summer vacation. The mind also should be given a rest from home environment. The woman who packs her trunk full of bureau scarfs, photographs, sofa cushions and the like "to make the summer hotel room seem home-like" wonders why her raveled nerves do not smooth out by fall. The summer hotel rooms may be bare and the furnishings intolerably ugly, but the very change is beneficial, and when one reaches one's cozy domicile again all the home possessions will seem doubly dear from the change and rest.

DIVORCE BY MESSENGER.

The Jewish women in Russia have presented their first petition to the douma. In this petition they beg that the legislation be enacted to prevent husbands from sending their wives a bill of divorce by messenger. As things are now, a Hebrew husband can divorce his wife, with the consent of the rabbi, by giving her a bill of divorcement. If the wife does not wish to be divorced she can refuse to take the paper, and it does not become valid without her acceptance. When the bill is sent by a messenger the wife, not knowing what the paper is, has no means of protecting herself.—Chicago Journal.

RECOVER GOLD FILINGS.

A small carpet in the San Francisco mint is worth more than its weight in gold, and is to be burned in order that the precious metal filings that have been sprinkling it for several years may be recovered. The carpet is in the adjusting room, where files are used to trim surplus gold from coins after they are stamped. It frequently happens that a piece of overweight falls to the floor and becomes embedded in the grain of the carpet, and it is nothing unusual for the government to get a thousand dollars' worth of gold dust out of the ashes resulting from the burning of one of the floor coverings. The floor-sweepings are treasured with the utmost care.

GOOD ADVICE.

"I'm going to lick Smith?" "Why?" "He said I was a horsethief and a liar." "Did he prove it?" "No." "Then let well enough alone and don't get him any madder."—Cleveland Leader.

ONE ON PA.

"Say, pa?" "What is it?" "What was Horatius doing at the bridge party?"

THE COLOR SCHEME.

"Why do some lawyers carry green bags?" "In some instances they expect to bag that kind of game."

SUBURBAN AMENITIES.

Little Girl—Papa would like to borrow your lawn mower.

Subbubs—Tell your father I'm sorry, but I've made a rule never to let it go off my premises. But if he'd like to use it on our lawn it's at his disposal any time.—Boston Transcript.

IN A DRY STATE.

Tourist—Is it true that no drinking is permitted on the passenger trains in this state?

The Depot Master—It's true.

Tourist—What time does the next freight train leave?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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The fireplace is no longer the focus, in the Latin sense, of the home. The glow of the black log has given place to the black register that emits from floor or wall the waves of heat from depths below. It is true that there remain imitation fireplaces, illuminated with gas logs. But this artificial pretense has not even the dramatic quality of illusion. It will not suffice to make the most willing deceive themselves. The forest disappears, and in its stead comes heated air, fed from the depths of the mine and supplied with the groans of labor too oft dissatisfied. The melancholy days have come, when it is time to order a ton of coal and light the furnace in the chill cellar.

But, after all, it is this artificial warmth that makes cheerful the home in winter and draws closer the family circle that has been more lax in its happy bonds during the months of summer. The season is here that brings nearer the precious intimacy of domesticity. The force of those fine old words, husband and housewife, recurs with their primitive etymology. Walls and roof of domestic architecture regain the respect due to the essential.—Washington Herald.

GREAT MEN OF SCIENCE.

When Charles Darwin communicated to his fellow-scientists his announcement of the famous theory of the origin of species, another investigator, who had hit upon the same notion, said: "Let Darwin go ahead with it." Thus he put aside any ambition he might have had to be the exponent of a theory which was to command the attention of mankind. Darwinism might have been Wallaceism. But Darwin in his celebrated book does not withhold either from Alfred Wallace or any other person, no matter how great or small his contribution to the subject, his praise for assistance given. Alfred Wallace and Charles Darwin were men.

THE SOFT ANSWER.

Mr. Blower—Your automobile hit me, but I got its number all right! Fair Occupant—So nice. It will make a capital decoration for your den.—Puck.

WILLIE'S MEASUREMENT.

"How tall your little Willie is?" "Isn't he? He can almost reach the jam on the top pantry shelf."

WITH THE FISHES.



"Says nothing, but saws wood."

BAKING BY ELECTRICITY.

The electric oven of a bakery at Kerns, Switzerland, is about eight feet long by four wide, with a baking surface of three square yards, and will bake 100 pounds of bread at a time in two-pound and three-pound loaves. The furnace has 42 electric heated tubes. Baking heat is reached in two hours, and in 12 hours, eight 100-pound batches of bread can be baked, at a cost of 1.6 cent per pound for heating.—Popular Mechanics.

SQUILLS NO FRIEND OF HIS

For Some Unexplained Reason Harvey Lanigan Had No Faith in the Druggist.

Senator La Follette, discussing certain tariff changes at a dinner in Washington, said:

"One knows what will happen, even if one is not told outright. A word here and a word there show how the wind blows. Thus Harvey Lanigan never said he disliked his mother-in-law, but—

"Harvey Lanigan's mother-in-law was taken sick at his home one night and helped herself to a large dose of rat poison, thinking it was painkiller.

"They had a frightful time with the old lady. She had consumed sufficient poison, the doctor said, to kill a dozen persons. But she pulled through.

"It was a close shave," said the doctor the next morning. "She took enough to kill the whole family, but the stuff, fortunately, must have been in stock for some time, and nearly all its strength was gone."

"A month later a friend asked Harvey Lanigan to recommend a reliable druggist to him.

"Squills is a good man, I understand," said the friend. "Know anything about him?"

"Well," said Harvey Lanigan, slowly, "I couldn't conscientiously recommend Squills & Co. to you, old man. They swindled me on some rat poison once."—Louisville Times.

STATESMEN'S NICKNAMES.

The house has a witty way of assimilating the names of its members to their trades. Mr. McKinnon Wood, M. P. for Glasgow, is a timber merchant, and Sir Edwin Cornwall, M. P. for Bethnal Green, a coal merchant, and on their election were promptly linked together with the fancy names of Wood and Coal. Again, Sir John Dewar, M. P. for Inverness-shire, who is a member of the well-known Perth blenders, is "White-Label." One of the most genial of men is Sir Thomas Roe, M. P. for Derby. He has been a wood merchant in the Midlands and honorable gentlemen delight to know him as "Tommy Sawdust."

HER LIFE TO GOOD WORKS.

It is interesting to know that the granddaughter of the poet Longfellow has announced her intention to renounce society life and devote her time to nursing. She is Miss Delia F. Dana, the daughter of Richard H. Dana, and a debutante of this year in Boston society. Miss Dana attributes her resolve to give up everything and take up this work for others to a chance meeting with Dr. Grenfell, the Labrador explorer and missionary. She met him with friends on the train going from New York to Boston, and at that time made her resolve to abandon a purely social life. She will enter the Boston Children's hospital where she can be of service to the poor and suffering, especially among the little children.

AN ADVANTAGE.

"There's one great advantage about living away out here in the country," said Mr. Crosslots, contentedly.

"What's that?" asked his visitor. "A servant has to stay at least a week in order to earn enough to pay her fare back home."—Washington Star.

HONORED HER MEMORY.

Miss Maria Parloa, long known as a writer for women, died recently at Bethel, Conn., and very kind was the tribute of affection paid to the memory of the talented woman by her townspeople. The club to which she belonged attended the funeral, each member laying one rose upon the coffin, thus burying it in the profusion. She was one of the first writers of cook books.

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NO GOSSIP HERE.

First Suburbanite—The new people who have just moved in the neighborhood have already run up a big bill at the grocer's, and I hear he is getting worried about his pay.

Second Suburbanite—That so? They seem to live well enough.

F. S.—Yes, but apparently that is all show. Their parlor is very handsome, but their living rooms are almost bare and their table really skimpy. At least, their cook told our parlor maid so, and she repeated it to my wife. You know how the women will gossip.—Baltimore American.

A COOL HAND.



Merchant (to young man whom he knews has come after his daughter)—I must tell you frankly that I have lost heavily lately.

Young Man—Then you won't want to lose your daughter also, I suppose.

SMALL WEEKLY STIPEND.

Prince Edward of Wales, future King of England, until a few weeks ago received 24 cents pocket money each week while in residence at Osborne naval college.

FROWNED ON PUBLIC SMOKING

Restaurant in Moral New York Refused to Countenance the Proceeding.

At a New York restaurant where good beer and German dishes are the chief attractions, a man and two women, evidently his wife and daughter, were guests one evening recently. It was after the theater hour, and the place was almost full. When they had finished their bite the man drew a cigarette case from his pocket, handed it to the elder woman, and then both began to smoke. Presently a waiter went to the table and informed the people that women must not smoke in the place. Both man and woman seemed to be astonished and asked why. The proprietor advanced and said: "It is considered improper." The couple explained that this was their first visit to the country, and the man wanted to know whether his wife had committed an offense also by joining him in a drink. The dialogue ended by the strangers accepting the proprietor's invitation to his apartment, where his wife, who had witnessed the scene, made the strangers comfortable by offering cigarettes and joining them in the smoke. She said to the strangers: "I think as you do when I am upstairs."

SHE COULDN'T HELP IT.

A young girl who was walking on Commercial street recently suddenly let out a scream. People ran to her and asked what was the matter, thinking some men must have been rude to her, although no man was in sight. "Well," she explained in answer to questions as to what was the trouble, "I am 16 years old and am so good looking and so smart and feel so proud that I couldn't help making a demonstration."—Atchison Globe.

WANTED BALD HEADED BABY

One of the Many Things the Library in a Small Town Was Asked to Produce.

The man or woman in charge of a library in the small town needs to be equipped with a highly resourceful mind. Here is the way one librarian describes her day's work in Suburban Life. "Do you know, the people think they can get anything from the library. We have a telephone connection with all the town, and the farmers also. They call us up for the queerest things. Take one day—the bell rang furiously and when I answered a young farmer's wife said in despairing tones, 'Can you tell me what will make my butter come?' I looked it up in a hurry and told her. Then a man in town dropped in for a book on blacksmithing. He said he didn't believe his horse was shod right. He got his book and studied it out. A lady called up to know what would take the ink out of her dress, and a boy wanted material to write a composition on Napoleon. But the queerest of all was the nice couple who wanted to adopt a baby with a bald head, they specified. We found one for them. We like the people to believe we can do anything, and we do all kinds of things to make them think so."

A SURE SIGN.

City Visitor—How do you know this tree is a dogwood?

Suburbanite—I can tell by its bark.—Baltimore American.

PUTTING IT STRONG.

"You are quite sure that she would consent to marry him?"

"Consent! She would insist!"—Brooklyn Citizen.

MARKING SILVER.

An old-fashioned custom in marking silver is just being revived. Instead of the bride's monogram, flat silver may now bear the name of the bridegroom as well. The initial of the bridegroom's first name, with the bride's two initials and the initial of her married name are used. Thus, if the names are "John Smith" and "Anna Edgar," the silver is marked "J. and A. E. S." Forty or 50 years ago all brides had their silver done in this way, as those know who are fortunate enough to possess any of their grandmother's or their great-grandmother's silver. Many brides of to-day prefer their silver to be marked with the initial of their married name. But all bridal linen, both personal and for household use, should be marked with the bride's monogram or her own initials.

ADMIRALS OF THE AIR.

The Wrights have predicted that in a short time aeroplanes will be carrying the mails. And hard-headed business men believe that the next two or three years will see thousands of aeroplanes flying around over the country, and they are willing to invest their money on the belief. Besides the men whose enthusiasm prompts them to build flying machines several automobile manufacturers are preparing to put them upon the market. It is not only the era of possible flight but the beginning of the era of popular flight.—World's Work.

THE OLD MAID'S CHANCE.

"Do you ever lose that umbrella of yours?" asked the maiden.

"No, I don't," replied the man, sternly; "the person who takes that umbrella will have to take me."

"Do I understand that to be a proposal of marriage or a threat?" inquired the miss, sweetly.

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