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KILLED BY A FREIGHT TRAIN

Mr. S. W. Jones was run over and killed by the southbound local freight train Saturday morning about ten o'clock. The local was switching in the yards and Mr. Jones was attempting to cross the track, supposedly to watch a runaway team which had just crossed the track. The engineer was looking back for signals and did not see Mr. Jones. Several people saw the danger he was in and halloed at him, but the wind was blowing strong and he failed to hear them. Mr. Jones saw the engine just as it struck him but too late to jump. The engine and two cars passed over his body, terribly mangling it from the waist down. Death was instantaneous. The body was carried to the undertaking department of Geo. E. Darsey and prepared for burial.

Mr. Jones was about seventy-eight years old and was an ex-confederate soldier. He was born in Georgia, coming to Texas in young manhood. He is survived by a wife and three children, his son H. C. Jones, who lives just north of town, and two daughters, one living in Mississippi, the other at Ranger, Texas, and a brother in Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had just returned to Grapeland from Ranger and were getting ready to go to housekeeping north of town. His business in Grapeland Saturday was to buy some furniture and household goods, and he had purchased them just a few minutes before his untimely death.

To his aged wife, bereaved children and relatives the Messenger joins in sympathy in this sad hour of trouble.

The remains were laid to rest Sunday morning in the Parker cemetery.

In The New Depot

Station Agent J. O. Edington and his assistants moved into the new depot last Thursday evening and trains began stopping there Friday morning. The telegraph wires have not been moved at this writing, but will be some time this week. The gravel is here, which will be placed around the depot at the earliest possible moment.

The depot is a credit to the town, and our citizens duly appreciate the recognition they received at the hands of the railroad officials—we appreciate it the more because it was so long coming.

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We are requested to announce that Rev. J. F. Cagle will preach at the Christian church next Sunday morning and night. An invitation is extended all to attend.

OUR LETTER FROM ANTRIM

Jan. 5.—Here we are with our first letter for 1913 and looking backward we can see some of our 1912 mistakes. We are not unlike the majority of people—we are always ready to offer a bit of advice when really we might profit more by accepting some from the other fellow, and having traveled quite a bit we find human nature very much the same the world over.

People are beginning to prepare their land for another crop, and while we are preparing to produce another crop, we should at the same time be thinking something about the way we are going to market it. Are we going to continue to "saw wood and say nothing" and next fall dump our entire crop on the market as fast as we get it ready? This, Bro. Farmer, is the most vital question of the two. Most any one can grow and harvest a cotton crop, but the combined efforts of the heads of all farmers' organizations, together with the advice of most of the governors and leading men of the south, have so far failed to find a remedy for the difference in what it cost and what it is actually worth.

Anyone with "bat sense" knows that it does not take the difference of from 10 to 20 cents to get our cotton to the spinners, yet the representative sent to Europe by the Farmers Union report that 20 to 22c per pound is the price paid there for cotton. We want to see the time come when the farmers can make their own contracts year by year with the people who use his product, and manufacture it into goods, thereby cut out all this "gambler's graft" that this grand old government of ours so willingly allows them to unjustly rob us of. I hope the editor will pardon me for using so much space, but unless the farmers wake up to their own interests and get busy and do something for themselves they can rest assured that the other fellow is not going to do it for him. We have our newspapers, both county and state, to be grateful for continually urging that the farmers be given more consideration, and they are always willing to give publicity to anything that would be of an advantage to us, and we should be good enough to stand by them until the victory is won.

Rev. J. I. Weatherby filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Quite a crowd from New Prospect attended, among them were Mrs. Lee Finch, Misses Tinie Collins, Erie Bridges and Gladys Finch. Several boys from there were present, but we failed to get their names.

Mrs. Amanda Weisinger is very sick at this writing.

Little Murtice Waddell, eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Waddell, fell and broke her left forearm Sunday. Dr. Paxton of Elkhart was called in and set it in place.

Wm. Durnell Sr, John Durnell and G. L. Waddell were in Grapeland Saturday doing some trading. They report the roads to be very bad.

Wm. Patterson has bought the shingle knife that John Gray used to own and is cutting shingles at the same old place. ANTRIMITE.

THE NEWS FROM HAYS SPRING

Jan. 5.—As it has been some bit since Hays Spring was heard from through the columns of the Messenger, I will come again and give a few dots this week.

There have been several cases of pneumonia in our community since our last writing, some la-grippe and other troubles, tho' nothing fatal yet. The doctors have been pretty busy out this way for the past two or three weeks. Misses Lorena Brown and Annie Shifflet, also Will Zachery have had pneumonia, but are on the road to recovery now, and we hope the sick ones will all soon be enjoying the blessings of good health again.

Christmas has come and gone since we wrote last, but nothing very great has transpired to mark the event.

Mrs. E. M. Carson of near Jacksonville with her two little girls visited relatives in our community during the holidays.

Mack Herod who lives near Clyde, Texas, visited friends and relatives in our midst. The Messenger gave it that Mack Herod and family of Southwest Texas were on a visit here, but it was only Mack who made the visit, and instead of him living in Southwest Texas, he lives near Clyde, in Callahan County. Mack moves about so much he is hard to keep up with.

There has been some moving about in our community in the last few weeks. Mr. White Sims has moved from the A. B. Spence place to the place known as the Woodell place, near C. A. Story's. C. H. Robinson has sold his farm west of Hays Spring and has moved to the D. W. Martin farm, which we are informed belongs to one Mr. Bradley who now lives in Missouri, but will soon move to his property here.

Mr. Montgomery, who has been employed for awhile at the G. W. Johnston saw mill has located on the Martin farm in the residence just vacated by C. W. Jones.

Mr. Russell has been domiciled for this year on the Cool Lively farm with Luther Lively.

Mr. Nanney whom we have previously mentioned in our writing as having purchased the J. L. Ward home in this community made his advent into our community just before Christmas and now has charge of his new home. The men we have mentioned as moving to our community are all men with families and we look for this to be for the betterment of our community and school, and we hope they will take an interest in our Sunday school and church affairs.

On account of sickness and bad weather we have had to miss having Sunday school two Sundays of late. Rev. W. A. Craven also missed his appointment at Hays Spring the 4th Sunday in December on account of rain.

JULIUS.

George Horne, who is holding a position with the railroad at Buffalo, is here on a visit to his parents.

PREPARE NOW For The Fall Harvest

By planting your crops right. Use only tools that are adapted to your land and the best seeds to be bought. We have made a careful study of the kind of farming tools needed for this section of the country and you will always find us with a big stock on hand. We have the very plow that you need. Come and let us show you. We've just unloaded a car of stalk cutters, riding and walking planters and cultivators, disc plows harrows, etc. We will at all times have a large supply of Georgia stocks and plow shapes on hand, and have a large stock of plow lines, bolts and farming hardware.

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COMPETITION RULES IN RATES.

Density of Traffic a Powerful Factor—Stock and Bond Issue not Considered.

Competition is the most powerful factor known in rate making. It recognizes the mandates of no court; it quickly tears to pieces the well balanced tariff sheets of every common carrier that comes under its influence and all other elements that enter into rate making yield to its power. The following map gives a practical illustration of the effect of competition in rate making in Texas:

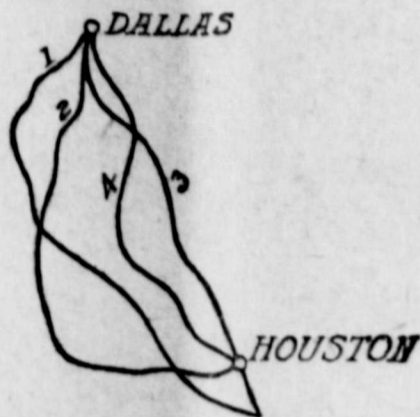


FIG. 2. MARKET STARV. CHART.

There are four direct lines of railroad running between Dallas and Houston. The stock and bond issues on these lines vary from \$29,103 to \$45,022 per mile. The value of these properties according to the Railroad Commission's estimate vary from \$15,686 to \$29,932 per mile. The assessed values vary from \$17,863 to \$32,399 per mile. The amount expended upon them by the owners varies from \$30,000 to \$60,000 per mile; the density of population and traffic is more widely at variance; the railroad mileage varies from 249 to 367 miles, yet the rate from Dallas to Houston via all lines is the same.

The most potential element next in importance to competition in rate making is density of traffic. It is a far more agreeable personality than any of its associates among the rate making powers. It enjoys the distinction of being the only influence that is able to reduce rates without decreasing the earnings and is a welcomed guest to both shipper and carrier.

Efforts have been made by the legislatures to use the stock and bond issues as a basis for rate making, but these factors have been ignored by custom and denied recognition by the courts.

Office That Nobody Wanted.

Viscount Haldane, the lord chancellor, has just told how he came to be appointed British minister of war, an office he held till recently. When the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was forming his ministry nearly seven years ago he suggested one or two offices to Lord Haldane.

"I replied," Lord Haldane continued: "There is another office I should like. I do not know much about it, but it is full of most fascinating problems."

"Sir Henry asked: 'What is that?' I answered: 'The war office. Is it full?'"

"Sir Henry exclaimed: 'Full? No one will touch it with a pole.'"

"I went to the war office, and really had a very easy time there. I found a number of young generals, with minds full of our shortcomings because they had come fresh from South Africa with its evidence of unpreparedness. We all sat down to think together, and that was how the imperial general staff grew up."

London's Water Supply.

The eighth annual report of the metropolitan water board states that the total amount of water supplied by that body during the year ended March 31, 1911, was 82,170,000,000 gallons, representing a weight of 366,800,000 tons and a daily average of 225,000,000 gallons. The total volume of water abstracted from the Thames was 49,962,000,000 gallons, the remainder being obtained from the Lea and from gravel beds, natural springs and wells. The supply from the last named source amounted to 14,484,000,000 gallons. The month in which most water was supplied was June, the difference between the daily average of that month and that for January being 35,000,000 gallons, or five gallons per head of the estimated population of the board's area, which is 7,099,871. The average daily supply per head throughout the year was 31.57 gallons, a decrease from 331.98 gallons in 1909-10.—London Globe.

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A LETTER FROM JOHN MOREHEAD

Bryan, Texas, Dec. 30.—I promised a lot of my friends in Houston and Anderson counties that I would write to them, but as it would take too long to write them all a separate letter, will ask the Messenger to print this.

We landed in old Brazos county safely. I think my family will like our new home fine, and as for myself, I am no stranger here, for I was partly raised here, where I spent most of my boyhood days. I have met several of my old friends, and they seem to be glad that we have moved among them. We have a splendid school, two churches and lots of good neighbors.

This is a fine farming country. A man can work more land than in the sandy country. He can use improved tools to a better advantage. I am breaking my land with riding plows. I can bed six acres per day with one team, so you see that saves some labor. We can raise nearly everything you can in Houston county.

Now, a word to my friends: Some of them said we would come back. If I do I hope I will receive a warm welcome, so if you see me coming "put on the skillet and heat up the lid, for we are going to have some crackling bread." Wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

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Seth Fitchett of Elkhart visited relatives in Grapeland Sunday.

EXPERIMENT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

John Luce, who lives southeast of town in the San Pedro community, planted a few acres of long staple cotton last season as an experiment, and is highly pleased with results. Mr. Luce shipped the cotton to New Orleans, and Friday while in town informed us that he sold it for 19 1-2 cents per pound. Mr. Luce's other cotton crop was planted with Mebane seed, a very high grade of seed, and which brings a better price and makes a better yield than ordinary seed, and the difference between the two kinds was \$35.00 per bale.

There is a move on foot among the farmers to plant enough long staple cotton to justify one of the gins here to put in special machinery to gin it, as the ordinary gin machinery tears up the locks.

We understand that a large acreage around Crockett will be put to long staple cotton, and we hope our farmers will take an interest in it and plant some. It may not grow perfect like it does in the Red River country, but it will make better cotton than the ordinary kind and always brings a handsome price.

Two Thousand Students

We have just been informed that the slogan of the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas for 1913 is two thousand students. It's record for 1912 so far passed the fifteen hundred mark, that it is now determined to make a record of two thousand enrollment in 1913.

You may take the editor's word for it that our young people could not do better than to spend from \$90 to \$100 for board, tuition, and books, completing a course of shorthand, bookkeeping or telegraphy in this famous institution or better still, spend about \$175 for two of these courses. What young person can place a hundred or two hundred dollars and three to five months time to a better advantage than to invest it in a thorough business training that will bless the remaining years of his business life? Young people in this community, who a few years ago borrowed the money to attend this institution, are today out of debt and on the road to success as a result of having the courage and determination to make an effort to do something, to be somebody and add further proof to the old saying, "where there is a will there is a way." There is plenty doing for those who are prepared. Be ambitious. Be one of the two thousand to enter this famous institution during 1913 that you may go into a good salaried position or into a business of your own with some assurance of success.

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"The hold which the disease gains in the body before the victim becomes aware of his true condition, and the rapidity with which it eats its way into the vital organs."

"Would not the proverbial 'ounce of prevention' check the progress of the disease?"

"There is no doubt of it. The trouble is that victims of this disease mistake the symptoms for some trifling ailment in the stomach or bowels; therefore they do nothing to arrest the course of the disease until it is well advanced."

"What is the origin of kidney trouble?"

"Almost invariably bad digestion, followed by torpid liver and a constipated habit."

"What are the symptoms?"

"Headache, dizzy spells, sluggish brain, restless nights, pale or sallow skin, bad breath, lack of appetite, heart burn, sour belching, backache or tenderness over the kidneys, nervous weakness, dark rings around the eyes, tired feeling, too much or too little urine, and sediment in urine."

ITS EFFECT ON THE HEART.

"In what way is the heart affected from kidney trouble?"

"In all cases the heart is disturbed, though in many instances the palpitation does not become alarming until the disease has advanced to a serious point. A severe heart throbbing and nervous trembling is noticeable, especially after a little bodily exercise; the victim frequently imagines he has heart disease."

HOW TO CURE IT.

"What is the proper course of treatment for kidney disease?"

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THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 1913

A small opening often leads to large opportunities. Watch the little things in life.

All of us have something to be thankful for during the year just passed if we but stop to think of it.

Every man has an inalienable right to work, but some do not insist on using all their prerogatives.

A person who can't get along with his neighbors will usually find that the fault is not with the neighbors.

A real unselfish man is the one who gets busy moving the things out of the way of the one who is rapidly going up.

The rural mail carriers of the country are expressing anxiety as to their fate when the parcels post gets to working in earnest. Of course their burdens will be increased, but how much we are unable to say. It has been suggested that they hitch a "trailer" to their wagons, and that is probably a pretty good hint.

POSSIBILITIES OF PARCELS POST

There are great possibilities to the local merchant in the parcels post to go into effect the first day of the new year, if the home man will avail himself of them. Under the zone plan the home man has the advantage of delivering cheaply to the people in his territory, and it is up to the home merchant to impress this fact on his customers in the rural districts. The big mail order houses have controlled a large business through the mails and by express and freight simply because they advertised their goods and made it appear to the buyer that he could be served to advantage in this way. And now, under the new parcels plan the home merchant can use exactly the same methods, and guarantee quick and cheap delivery. To carry out such a plan the local paper is going to be of value, in that it can advertise your goods to the buyers, convincing them of the fact that you can sell and deliver goods as cheaply as the other fellow. The merchants who get busy and use this plan will find that they have a good thing in the new postal plan.—Anderson County Herald.

Some of the characteristics of the savage remain with the civilized man. The man who skins his friends can probably trace his ancestry back to some Indian who scalped his enemies.—Ex.

Buy it of your home merchant—he is your friend. Besides, it is a matter of business—his interests are identical with yours. Did you ever think of it in that way? You need the home merchant's stock quite as much as he needs your trade. In a measure the home merchant and his customers are partners. So when the matter of trading comes up for discussion in your family don't let any suggestions from the outside change you from patronizing the home merchant. And to the merchants—don't hold back and let us do all the

talking. Encourage people to trade at home—talk to them through the columns of this paper. How can you expect us to preach trade at home to people and laud you and your goods to the skies when you sit back and do nothing? You ought to advertise your business every week. It's for your benefit as well as ours.

Hetty Green, the alleged richest woman in the world, surely the most widely quoted woman in America, says there will be no lawyers nor courts in the department of the next world to which she is going, and she says she knows it. Perhaps Mrs. Green will go on making money until she leaves an estate so large as to keep the present crop of lawyers busy wrangling over it in court. In that event they might miss her entirely in the hereafter. Perhaps she has arranged to go to a place where lawyers are not admitted.

Give your farm a fair chance this year. It may be there are thousands of farms that have never had a chance to produce all they are capable. Do not let this complaint be lodged against you this year. Begin now to remove difficulties so that land, labor and season may have an opportunity to fill your barns and storehouses.—Farm & Ranch.

League Program

Subject—What Jesus Taught about the Father. John, XIII. 7-15.

Leader—Roy Wherry.
Opening Song by League.
Prayer.
Song—Thelma Lee Clewis, Melba Brock, Lucindy Darsey, Lucy May Murchison.
Reading—Mabel Boykin.
Recitation—Rena Ross Richards.
Song—Grady Woodard, Jack Murchison, Herman Murchison, Jack Spence.
Reading—Bess Howard.
Roll Call.
Reading—Arthur Guice.
Closing Song.
Benediction.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:—

Whereas, on the 10th day of June, A. D., 1912, Mrs. Maud Woodard, administratrix of the estate of Franklin C. Woodard, deceased, filed in the County Court of Houston County her application for the partition and distribution of said estate, and alleging that Mrs. Maud Woodard, Mrs. Nannie Cain, wife of A. W. Cain, Mrs. Kate Bass, wife of F. L. Bass, Mrs. Ida Allen, wife of Byron Allen, Miss Cora Woodard, Columbus Woodard, Fannie Woodard, Broadus Woodard, Frank Woodard, Mabel Woodard, Wesley Woodard and Juanita Woodard are each entitled to a share of said estate:

Therefore, you are hereby commanded to summon and require the said Mrs. Maud Woodard, Mrs. Nannie Cain, A. W. Cain, Mrs. Kate Bass, F. L. Bass, Mrs. Ida Allen, Byron Allen, Miss Cora Woodard, Columbus Woodard, Fannie Woodard, Broadus Woodard, Frank Woodard, Mabel Woodard, Wesley Woodard and Juanita Woodard and all persons interested in said estate, to be and appear before said County Court at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the courthouse of said Houston County in Crockett on the first Monday in February, A. D., 1913, the same being the 3rd day of February, A. D., 1913, then and there to show cause why such partition and distribution should not be made.

Herein fail not but have you then and there before said court on said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: O. C. GOODWIN, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at my office in Crockett, this the 27th day of December, A. D., 1912.

[SEAL] O. C. GOODWIN, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:—

Mrs. Maud Woodard, administratrix of the estate of Franklin C. Woodard, deceased, having filed in our county court her final account of the condition of the estate of said Franklin C. Woodard, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the county of Houston you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February term, A. D., 1913, of said county court commencing and to be holden at the courthouse of said county, in the city of Crockett on the 1st Monday in February A. D. 1913 when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness: O. C. Goodwin, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in Crockett this 27th day of December A. D. 1912.

[SEAL] O. C. Goodwin, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, Texas.

His Stomach Troubles Over

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

(Advertisement.)

LOCAL NEWS

Fresh groceries always on hand at Darsey's. Adv.

Get your carbon from Leaverton while you can. Adv.

Darsey will exchange merchandise for country produce. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively went to Palestine Sunday.

When in need of anything you will find it at Darsey's. Adv.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor and little Raleigh have gone to Houston to spend some time with relatives.

Plenty of Baker perfect barbed wire and Ellwood wire fence at Darsey's. Adv.

It's a long way back to the days when a business could succeed without advertising.

If your razor fails, buy a new guaranteed Shumateat Howard's for \$1.00. Adv.

Get your farming tools and implements from Geo. E. Darsey. (Advertisement.)

Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas. Will pay \$20.00 per ton. Adv. J. W. HOWARD.

Mrs. Geo. Crook and little daughter of Crockett were the guests of Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey last Friday.

Darsey has just unloaded a car of John Deere cultivators, planters, stalk cutters and harrows. (Advertisement.)

Miss Addie Eaves accompanied her sister, Mrs. Ethridge Payne, to her home in Reagan, and will spend some time there visiting.

Bring your own container for carbon. We have a limited supply which we will sell at \$1.50 per gallon CASH. Adv. D. N. LEAVERTON.

Boarders Wanted

I want four boarders. Rates \$10.00 per month. (Adv.) Mrs. France Haltom.

Subject for Sunday morning, "Three Ways of Meeting Sin." Everybody invited. W. A. CRAVEN, Pastor.

Peas Threshed

I am equipped with gasoline engine, ready to thresh your peas. Charges one tenth. See or write. J. D. KEEN, Adv. Route, 1.

Get your heater and stove pipe from Darsey. Adv.

Frank Grounds of Palestine was here Saturday.

Dr. W. B. Taylor went to Crockett Friday on business.

W. T. Taylor and family have moved to a place south of town.

Smith Dailey has gone to Austria to enter a business college.

Builder's hardware and supplies, doors and windows at Darsey's. Adv.

Wyatt Driskill and family left last week for Troup where they will reside in the future.

For Houston County home raised syrup or the best Georgia Cane, call at Howard's. Adv.

Buck's stoves. The same all the year. Unexcelled in quality. For sale at Darsey's. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davidson of Route 2 are the proud parents of a fine girl baby, born Jan. 2.

Get your plow lines, plow points, land slides, mould boards and fixtures from Darsey. Adv.

For leather goods in horse collars, bridles, back bands, etc. call at Howard's. Adv.

Dr. Sam Yarbrough of Trinity spent several days here last week with relatives and meeting old friends.

Chas. Ivey of Palestine was down Friday and Saturday on a visit to his father, Mr. Henry Ivey, who lives east of town.

You can get the Messenger and your favorite state paper one year each for \$1.75. Subscribe now.

Carbon at Leaverton's drug store. Bring your container. \$1.50 per gallon CASH while it lasts. Quantity limited—better hurry. Adv.

J. B. Laseter and family, who have been making their home at Angus for the past year, arrived a few days ago and will make their home here.

Carbon for \$1.50 per gallon CASH. Bring your own container. Better hurry as the supply is limited at this price. Adv. D. N. LEAVERTON.

Notice of Truck Meeting

All farmers who are interested in growing truck this season are requested to meet at the courthouse next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock to transact some very important business.

S. E. Howard is beginning New Year with full line of groceries and solicits your trade and sends best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Adv.

Some of the young people of the town are rehearsing a play entitled "Broken Links" which will be presented just as soon as the new school building is completed.

Strayed

Red roan heifer, 2 years old, branded S inside of a triangle. Suitable reward paid for recovery. B. R. EAVES. (Advertisement.)

Dr. McCarty reports the following births, all boys: To Mr. and Mrs. Will McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tunstall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baggett, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Caskey.

We are requested to announce that the first quarterly conference of the M. E. Church will be held in Grapeland at the parsonage on Thursday, Jan. 16. Presiding Elder Shettles will preach at the church that night.

Notice

Rev. R. L. Brooks, (Universalist) will conduct a three days meeting at Sun Set church, about three miles east of Grapeland near old Shiloh church, beginning Friday the 17, inst, continuing until Sunday night.

W. P. Davidson's team became frightened Saturday and ran away. They started on the east side of the railroad and were stopped in front of the Messenger office. It was this team Mr. Jones was trying to see when he was struck by the local and killed.

J. E. Hollingsworth was exhibiting some tomatoes Tuesday, which he grew last fall and put away to get ripe. They were just as fresh and nice looking as though they had just been pulled from the vine. This only demonstrates that a fall crop of tomatoes would pay well.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be in Grapeland Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1913, for the purpose of collecting 1912 tax.

Geo. H. Denny, Adv. Tax Collector.

To Our Subscribers

If your subscription has expired remember this is the time of year to settle up and square accounts for another year. If your subscription to other papers expires about this time we can likely save you some money, for we club with many different papers, such as the Galveston News, Houston Post, Dallas News, Farm and Ranch, Holland's Magazine, Ft. Worth Record, etc. Be sure to see us about your subscription. The Messenger.

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We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS



You can't keep up without a BANK ACCOUNT. The march of time adds to the value of but one thing—money placed in the bank. All else decays before it. Thwart time. SAVE your money and put it in THIS BANK.

F. & M. STATE BANK

Attention!

Winter is not over and we have on hand several bolts of---

10c and 12c OUTING, in both dress and under wear styles, will sell these at - - - - 8c as long as they last.

We still have a few of those "SUPERIOR" suits for men that we are going to dispose of at ACTUAL COST. We need the space they occupy. Ask your neighbor how he likes that suit he bought of us, then come and get you one. You'll never regret it.

Our stock of shoes is always complete.

Also our line of GROCERIES.

Sugar, 16 pounds to the dollar.

High patent flour - - - - \$1.25

Extra high patent flour - - - - \$1.40

"Bob White"—the best flour sold in

Grapeland, every sack guaranteed - - \$1.50

Let us fill your 5 gallon oil can for - - 75c

Also let us fill that jug, keg or barrel with pure ribbon cane syrup.

We have all kinds of—

Farm Tools, and some good Wagon and Buggy Harness. Get our prices on these.

T. S. KENT

QUALITY IS THE THING
Grapeland, Texas

Look At Your Bank Account



Is the service you now receive satisfactory? Do you contemplate making a change? We offer many facilities, all

Consistent With Good Banking

which are of great assistance to the merchant in business. This will interest you.

Ask us about it.

The Guaranty State Bank

Grapeland, Texas

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

By JNO. R. OWENS

THE DEVIL TAKES A TRIP

Last Friday we hooked up the editor's horse and buggy and started for Percilla and Augusta on a soliciting campaign to try and raise some funds for the "boss," as Christmas seemed to have emptied the cash box.

We arrived in Percilla about eleven o'clock Friday and found every thing quiet enough. As we passed by the pretty home of Mr. Clay Jones in the suburbs of this little city we found Mr. Jones sitting out in his lot reading the Messenger. This made us feel good, as this showed that Mr. Jones was trying to keep up with the times. He greeted us with a hearty "hello," and informed us that he couldn't go on with his work until he had read the Messenger, which he had just received, or words to that effect. We passed on to the business district where we met several more wide-awake citizens of Percilla. After spending several minutes in conversation with these gentlemen, we looked at our watch and found that it was time to eat, so we proceeded to find a place to stop for dinner. We succeeded in securing dinner at Mr. Clay Jones', and we wish to say that we were never treated nicer than we were by this gentleman and his good wife, and the time spent here was made more pleasant by meeting an old friend which was indeed a pleasant surprise to us. After dinner we met Mr. Dennis, who acts as correspondent for the Messenger at this place and had a long and pleasant chat with him. He showed us around and helped us talk up the Messenger, for which he has our thanks.

After working awhile in Percilla we made our departure for Augusta. We met many good people on our way, most of whom were preparing for their 1913 crop. We arrived in Augusta late Friday evening, and the first thing we did was to find lodging for the night. We had a little trouble in finding a place, as everybody seemed to be "full up." However, Mrs. Maude Sewell agreed to take us in. We were royally treated by this good lady and Prof. Grubbs, who boards at this place, and they have our sincere thanks for their generous hospitality. The next day we visited the stores of W. H. Long & Co. and C. A. Moore. These two stores carry complete lines of general merchandise and the proprietors are wide-awake hustling business men. Mr. Moore has the thanks of the Messenger for the nice order for stationery he gave us.

We didn't have very good success on this trip, but we had a fine time, met lots of good people and saw some of the best farming country in Houston County. We never spent two days more pleasantly and hope that we may have the pleasure to mix with these hospitable people again in the near future.

Two important principles in true success is the protection of conscience and self-respect. Take the man who guards his conscience and lets it rule his actions and you will find him standing out for the things that are noble and good. He protects his self-respect, therefore he respects his fellow-men, and if he does this he receives the same respect from them in return.

"One touch of scandal will make the world chin"—it starts every Mr. Busybody's chin in action.

It is said that some men hide behind their wives' skirts. It would take a mighty little man to hide behind some of the skirts that are now being worn.

"Most women agree with their husbands in name only." It seems like there are darn few of them who agree in name from the reports of of the divorce suits.

Do not take an unfair advantage of a fellow-man just because you have the power to do so, for time changes all things and he may be in your place and you in his ere a year has passed.

Some men seem to think that the world owes them a living. This is a wrong idea. The world affords every man a chance to earn a living, but it owes him nothing. On the other hand he owes the world his influence for the betterment of mankind.

Every human masks his feelings more or less. It is human nature to change and hide the real feelings of ones' self. Lots of men have a half dozen faces with only one feeling. He uses a solemn innocent face in church and a cold business one in his office. You can find it in small villages the same as in the large cities.

You often hear a man who is a hard drinker or wicked in other ways say: "Oh, well it don't hurt anybody but me." He is badly mistaken. When a man injures himself he injures the community in which he lives. Is he not a citizen of his community? What kind of community would it be if every man looked through the same glass that he does?

Most men are measured by their worldly accumulations instead of their character. No doubt it is better that some be measured in this manner, as it would be very embarrassing to them should they be measured by their character. If every man was measured by accumulation instead of character where would the world stand? What would the world be if it were not for character? It would be hell.

A close study of human nature shows that self-conceit predominates stronger in the female sex than in the male sex. Men pick out an ideal and strive to become as near like it as possible. He allows himself plenty of time to accomplish his task, and corrects his errors as best he can. Very few women pick out an ideal to realize, and when they do they try to excel it in a few weeks. They see a thousand things they can correct in the ideal before they have hardly started out to realize what they intended to.

If you don't sleep well at night are nervous and low-spirited, you need a system purifier. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant and cleansing medicine. It quiets the nerves, promotes energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter, Adv.

When The Viewpoint Changes

Much of your success this year may depend upon the interest that your children take in the farm. There will doubtless be times when their help will be indispensable and perhaps you may be forced to call upon them for work that you had rather they would not do. Then the children, if they are really interested in the farm operations, will take an interest in the crops and animals with the result that a minimum of expense will be incurred in production.

Increase their interest by giving them animals, crops or a portion of the returns of the farm. You'll be surprised at the earnestness they will manifest and the originality they will exercise in meeting problems as they arise. This will give them a tangible object to work for and they will find farm work more pleasant.

Let it be understood that your children are to share in the profits from the farm and that the more diligence they show, the more profits there will be to divide. This will change farm work from drudgery to a pleasant occupation where there is a premium on skill. It will change the undesirable part of farm environment to active, vital and attractive country society with the farm home as a center.—Farm and Ranch.

If your stomach feels uncomfortable from overeating, or from food which disagrees with you, take Herbine; it settles the stomach, strengthens the digestion and relaxes the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter, Adv.

Sensible Women

American women have displayed good common sense in their campaign for the ballot. Unlike their British sisters they have been orderly and ladylike. State Topics cannot approve of the militant tactics adopted by the English suffragettes.—State Topics.

American women have gone about the suffrage question in a manner that may be expected to win the applause of their sisters in the work in other lands. They are exercising for the most part a very calm and logical judgment and following a path that will take them to their goal because it has a straight course and avoids all the pitfalls and blind alleys of prejudice and passion.—Galveston News.

Chronic Constipation Cured

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Sometimes a small clog in the wheel of progress will delay development.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Get-together meetings will sometimes prove to you that the other fellow is not half so bad as you thought he was.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

A Happy Combination

We guarantee one box of Porter's Cold Tablets and one bottle of our

Whit Pine with Tar Cough Syrup to cure a cold

A. S. Porter

Prescription Druggist
Grapeland, - Texas

Horses and Mules

We are now in a position to sell good mules and horses either for

Cash or Good Notes

If you are in need of good work stock see us.

Calhoun & Leaverton

Livery and Feed Stable, Grapeland, Texas

The Palace of Sweets

Headquarters for Fruits, Nuts, Candy, Chewing Gum, Cigars, etc.

Your Business Duly Appreciated

J. B. SELKIRK, - Proprietor

Best Cough Medicine For Children

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamber-

lain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to
the Progressive Agriculturist

The world loveth a cheerful for-
giver.
Where you feel thorns look for the
roses.
The fool and his auto are soon
fragmented.
The surest way to increase the
price of cotton is to grow less of it.
Everybody likes to be praised now
and then—even the hired man.
One's sentiments and one's con-
victions are two entirely different
things.
The road to worthy fame is not or-
dinarily strewn with large material
profits.
A man who has the sand to propose
may not have the rocks with which to
marry.
We sometimes work so hard that
we fail to find out for whom we are
working.
The farmer's sign of prosperity is
the cream can rampant on a two-
horse light wagon.
There is no better measure of the
worth of a man than the uplift he gives
to humanity.
Did you ever see a man who needed
an alarm clock to tell him when to quit
work?
If some farmers had the regulation
of the weather there would prob-
ably be no winter's cold nor short
days.
If a man would lead a contented life,
he must keep on the best of terms with
his stomach, his conscience and his
wife.
If a man lives on the farm and his
ambition is to fill some other calling
than husbandry he lacks the main-
spring of contentment.
If some of the men who have more
money than brains had to get along
with less of either they would no
doubt prefer to do with less brains.
Many of us do not learn the secret
of right living until it is too late to
count for much—still a single day
rightly lived is better than a lifetime
of error.

FEW WAYS OF CO-OPERATION

**Lack of Spirit is Result of Woeful
Scarcity of Leaders to Furnish
Cementing Force.**

Co-operation means "I'll help you if
you will help me." It means, too, that
men will play the game together for
the joint fruits of a common victory.
This is far short of the spirit of com-
plete brotherhood. The latter means
"I'll do nothing which injures those
about me collectively or individually,
but will do all for the common weal
that my own family interests will per-
mit, and all this without arrangement
with my neighbors or regard to their
attitude or action."

It will be long before the great mass
of men is capable of full fraternity,
but co-operation is feasible now, says
the Farm News.

Their lack of co-operation is a fre-
quent topic among farmers. They re-
cognize the need and often the condi-
tion are prime for a joint effort in
some form which would lead directly
to others. But nothing comes of it
because no one takes the initiative.
There is woeful lack of leaders who
would come out and furnish the cem-
enting force.

At this season there are three ways
especially in which co-operation could
be begun with all round benefit; in
fertilizer purchase, the threshing ring
and the marketing of grain. Any
man who will lead his neighbors
through the introductory steps will
perform a distinct service.

NEW LAWS THAT WOULD AID

**Enactment of National Statute That
Would Recognize and Define
Co-Operation is Needed.**

A national law, recognizing and de-
fining the true principle of co-opera-
tion, is needed. An act providing for
the incorporation of co-operative com-
panies on a non-stock-dividend basis,
establishing the principle of control
by equal vote of the members with-
out respect to the number of shares
each holds, would, in the opinion of
many, greatly aid the movement. Such
a national act is particularly needed
in the case of co-operation for finan-
cial credit, which organization must
perform some of the functions that
have been neglected by the country
banks, says the Country Gentleman.
The prime need is to safeguard the
co-operative enterprise from the pro-
moter.

Wisconsin has passed a law de-
signed to make co-operation easier.
Other states are considering such

THE MELON CUT THAT HURTS



An investigation made by the Wisconsin Legislature disclosed the fact that it required \$32 to carry \$18 to a
injured employe.—Texas Welfare Commission.

measures. In some states the divi-
sion of profits upon any but a stock
basis is without sanction of law, and
in case a settlement should be forced
in a co-operative organization in these
states the true principle of co-opera-
tion could not prevail. A national law
would be desirable, since most of the
operations of co-operative enterprises
are interstate in scope and would be a
long time before we could hope to
have uniform state laws. The great-
est good of a national law would be
the recognition of the principle of
real co-operation.

SELECTING THE RIGHT PLAN

**Co-operative Society Should Be Estab-
lished in Every County for Pur-
pose of Selling Cotton.**

Farmers generally are considered
such poor judges of leaders, either in
politics or matters that would lead to
their own betterment, or rather polit-
ics advocated that business men give
scant consideration of the farmers' view,
it not being considered dependable,
but certainly if the farmer ever
reaches the benefit of protection in his
interest he will have to show some
consistent ability of selecting the right
plan or policy, absolutely without re-
spect to the many schemes put for-
ward by different persons in their own
interest or personal delusion.

The present method of sale and de-
livery of cotton from the farm where
it was grown to the mill that manu-
factures it into cloth is a fact, not a
theory, and is the result of years of
practice and expert experience, and
that it is more or less unfavorable to
the farmers' interest and in some
ways to the manufacturer the result
of neglect and lack of intelligent co-
operation on the part of both and
neither can forsake the plan in prac-
tice until a better one is in use; ac-
cording to all practice of trade it is
up to the farmer to establish that sys-
tem to deal direct with the mill, his
consumer and until he does he has no
right to rail and abuse the only sys-
tem he has of reaching the consumer,
writes W. C. Moore of Greenville, S.
C., in the Texas Co-Operator. This is
the attitude taken by the English spin-
ner, and when the American farmer
establishes a system of sales that will
guarantee the delivery of the cotton
to the English spinner with certainty,
and proper class, he will find the En-
glishmen more than glad to break with
their cotton system, and buy direct
from him; in fact, they have repeated-
ly attempted to do, to their loss.

Now, Mr. Farmer, if you have the
backbone of your ancestors, do some-
thing, something that will be worth

while, something that will pay you in
dollars and cents, establish a Co-Oper-
ative society with a branch in every
county to sell cotton with every farm-
er and tenant a member of his coun-
ty society, model it after the Roche-
dale plan, and make it as sound as
any bank, which you can do, and you
can get all the money you want, and
the same money that your local buy-
ers get to buy of you with; now make
your sales direct to the mills through
your society that can pay you just as
much as any local buyer every day
market, and refund to each member
from three to five dollars per bale in
cash extra at the end of the season,
simply saved from the waste of the
present method in practice.

One of the very first steps to take
is to call your county together and
elect your board of three trustees and
put them under bond, then ask your
farmers to become members, whether
in F. E. & C. U. or not, if he has cot-
ton to sell you want him to sell with
you, working out your finances just
like each English store or local so-
ciety does, then federate through
state headquarters, and your society
in the hands of intelligent, honest
men, can sell your cotton, buy it from
you and sell it for a profit, to the
mill. This society should have noth-
ing whatever to do with the holding
and storing of cotton, leaving that
entirely in the hands of the individual
farmer, controlled by his contract.

Means Equal Rights.

Co-operation means equal rights
for all, not to the few who are strong
enough to fight their own battles, but
to the weak also. It is not a ques-
tion of dollars and cents as much as
a question of principles, and although
we may not all be able to agree in
all matters pertaining to this great
work, we are bound to concede the
fact that it is broadening the life of
the farmer.

Requisites for Success.

Farmers are waking up to the idea
that it requires about as much brain
power to run a farm properly and
profitably as it does to run a doctor's
office, a preacher's pulpit or any other
profession. We want brain and culti-
vated brains on the farms.

Feeding Silage.

Silage must be fed at the rate of an
inch a day from the whole surface
exposed. More than that is better.
Therefore, 100 great diameter for the
stock fed results in spoiled silage.

FARMER AS A MIDDLEMAN

**His Place Comes From Services as
the Human Link Between the
Seed and the Finished Crop.**

A good deal is said about middle-
men and the cost they burden upon
both producers and consumers. The
cotton middleman exacts his toll
from the farmer. The live-stock com-
mission salesman exacts his fee from
the stockman. The groceryman takes
a profit on vegetables and canned
goods he never grew. All our mod-
ern methods of business lead us
across the middleman's path at every
step and though we may locate and
condemn him, his tribe seems to flour-
ish exceedingly well these days.

The farmer himself is a middleman
to a large extent. Perhaps he could
see that like other middlemen there
is a toll for him he can take if he
wants, he would make more effort to
get what is rightfully his.

The farmer's place as a middleman
comes from his service as the hu-
man link between the seed and the
finished crops, says the Texas Co-
operator. Farmers call themselves
producers, but much of this name is
theirs by courtesy only, for after all
the farmer can only assist nature to
make the crop. For this service the
farmer is entitled to a legitimate
wage. We pay every other middle-
man the price he asks because we
cannot help ourselves. If the farm-
ers would unite for fair wages we
would have to pay them too.

Trod the Path Before.

Miller—Just as Miller and the
widow started up the aisle to the al-
tar, every light in the church went
out.

Mumford—What did the couple do
then?

Miller—Kept on going. The widow
knew the way.—Judge

Fair for Both.

Kind-Hearted Stranger—See here,
my friend, take my advice and let
those dice alone. They're loaded.

Intoxicated Gambler—Certainly they
are! 'So'm I. Fair for one as 'tis
for the other.—Puck

Historic British Ship.

One of the most interesting ships
afloat is the Eagle, which lies in one
of the docks of the River Mersey,
England. For more than fifty years
the Eagle has served as a training
ship. It was launched in 1804, and
took part in several important en-
gagements in the early part of the
last century, when the Napoleonic
power was at its height.

MAIL AROUND the HOUSE

When making pastry that is to be
served cold, milk should be used for
mixing and the pastry will keep long-
er than if mixed with water.

When baking or scalloping potatoes,
chops can be baked in a pan in the
oven, steak broiled underneath or pud-
ding or pie cooked at the same time.
It saves gas.

When tea is spilled on a tablecloth
cover the spot at once with common
salt and let stand for a little while,
when the stains will disappear in the
washing afterward.

To prevent artichokes from turn-
ing dark when they are cooked add a
little vinegar to the water in which
they are boiled. A teaspoonful will
be enough for a small quantity of the
vegetable.

It is said that a tea made from ivy
leaves steeped in boiling water and
allowed to cool will make a splendid
cleanser for black cloth or serge. It
should be done with a sponge, and
greatly revives as well as cleans the
material.

Woolly Comforts.

Eiderdown bed boots are smart
comforts for night use, and they are
cheap and appropriate gifts for fresh-
air fiends, invalids and old persons.
The boots or socks are cut very large,
of course, but pretty much after the
manner of a baby's worsted booties.
There are only two pieces, and there-
fore only two seams, one straight
down the front of the sock, one at
the back; the halves are cut exactly
alike, but the sewing up of the front
seam ends a little above the line of a
shoe vamp, so that the sock may be
drawn on easily. The top and side
fronts are bound with a matching
satin ribbon and two sets of the
strings are put on for fastening.

Snow Cakes.

For this, take four eggs, one-third
pound flour, one-third pound butter,
one-third of a nutmeg, one-third tea-
spoon each of mace and cinnamon,
one pound of raisins, one pound of
currants, one-sixth pound of citron,
one-third pound of nuts, one-sixth pint of
brandy, and a large pinch of soda in a
third of small cup of vinegar. Put
this in last. Bake three hours. Cover
with white icing, and when set de-
corate top with the greeting "Merry
Christmas" squeezed on through a
forcing bag, and outline the edge with
a fancy border.—Harper's Bazar.

Dish or Pan Gravy.

Pan gravy or dish gravy is the juice
of roast beef, as in the pan when cook-
ing. Brown gravy is the liquid of
other meats, thickened, such as pork,
veal and lamb, also beef. Cream
gravy is that of chicken and fish. To my
knowledge pan gravy is never served
with other meats than beef, but of
course, that is as one likes. The mak-
ing of gravies or sauces is a greater
art than that of cooking the meat it-
self. Each kind of meat and fish or
game has an appropriate gravy and
should be served with it.

Nut Bread.

Four cups flour, six teaspoons bak-
ing powder, one teaspoon salt, one
cup English walnut meats broken in
quarters, one cup sweet milk, two
eggs, one cup sugar.

Mix dry ingredients and nuts. Add
the milk and eggs beaten together.
Put in two buttered bread pans and
let stand 20 minutes. Bake in a mod-
erate oven. This recipe fills one bread
pan and nine small gem tins if de-
sired.

Grape Juice Punch.

Four cupfuls of grape juice, four
cupfuls of sugar, twelve cupfuls of
water, six lemons, six oranges and
two cupfuls of tea. Roll the sugar
and water five minutes; add the tea,
juice, lemons and oranges sliced and
a large piece of ice.

Salad Dressing.

One teaspoonful of paprika, one cup-
ful white wine vinegar, four cupfuls
salad oil, one tablespoonful salt, one
sart spoonful mustard. Shake well.
Keep cool.

Coffee Cake.

One cupful of butter, one cupful of
molasses, one cupful of sugar (light
brown), one cupful of cold coffee, one
egg, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one
of cloves, one of nutmeg, one of soda,
one pound of raisins, one-half pound
of currants, one-quarter pound of cit-
ron, four cupfuls of flour will be need-
ed for this recipe. Bake in moderate
oven.

Mexican Farm Dish.

Cut up small a quarter pound of
dried beef or boiled ham and put over
the fire with a cup of stewed tomatoes
and a quarter cup of dry rice, a sliced
onion, pepper, and salt. Cook slowly
until the rice is soft and serve hot.

ALL THE NEWS FROM PERCILLA

Jan. 6.—Well, yesterday I thought I was just getting along fine with my "cottonades" but behold this morning they were clear out of date, with the wind coming through the peach orchard. So I don't see any way to escape but to stay in doors. As some are writing on making new year resolutions for 1913, this one especially strikes us very forcibly—that is to manage for some heavier clothes before 1914. As to making resolutions we think that every individual should do his very best to make the year 1913 the happiest year of their lives. Happiness means something. If we are happy ourselves we are in a position to make those happy we pass along the journey of life.

Health of our community is not as good as we would like it. Lagrippe is the general complaint.

The old year passed out very sadly with some of us. On December 29th the death angel visited one of our neighbor's homes and claimed as its victim, Auntie Sharp as we all called her. Mrs. Sharp had been in poor health for a long time. Mrs. Sharp's husband died several years ago. She was living with her niece, Mrs. John Dickey. She accepted Christ as her Savior when about fifteen years old. It seemed her greatest desire to serve God. The remains were laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery, Rev. Duckworth officiating.

Now, as to turkey dinners, festivals, parties and such like during the holidays we will not undertake to tell about all of them. On Christmas day Mrs. Lela Shoemaker invited some of her kindred and friends to dine with her. Turkey and other good things too numerous to mention were served, and there was music on the side.

On the 27 Mrs. Beulah Newman gave a dinner in honor of Mr. Porter Newman of Oklahoma, who is here on a visit. As usual, she had everything that was good to eat, including turkey. All report a nice time.

As a new year greeting Mrs. Lula Jones gave a fine dinner, inviting some of her kindred and friends, among them was James R. Of course James may not act very polite at dinner but if you don't believe he knows how to eat just ask Monroe Jones. Monroe is learning how to eat.

JAMES R.

Woodmen Circle Officers

Mrs. Fannie Stafford, Past Guardian.
Mrs. Myrtle Granberry, Guardian.
Mrs. Fannie Edens, Adviser.
Mrs. Letha Owens, Clerk.
Mrs. Dent Lively, Banker.
Mrs. Callie Luker, Attendant.
Mrs. Leila Hill, Chaplain.
W. D. McCarty, Physician.
Mrs. Sarah Clewis, Inner Sentinel.
Mrs. Mary Spence, Outer Sentinel.
Mrs. Viola Anthony, Manager.
The Circle will meet Friday night, Jan. 10, to install the above officers. All members are urged to be present.

Remember boys, that the Lord's dime is better than the devil's dollar, a pure conscience and a stainless character and a clean pressed suit of clothes are the best capital that a young man can possess.
M. L. CLEWIS,
The Tailor.

HE LAUGHED 'TILL HE DIED

Taylorsburg, Ohio—Abe Skinner, the village pessimist laughed himself to death from reading BIFF! the great American Magazine of Fun which is making greater strides than any other magazine before the American public today. It is a magazine that will keep the whole family in a good humor. The staff of Biff contains the greatest artists, caricaturists, critics and editors on the continent. It is highly illustrated and printed in many colors. It will keep the whole family cheerful the year 'round. You can afford to spend \$1.00 a year to do this. Send this clipping and a one dollar bill today to The Biff Publishing Co. Dayton, Ohio, for one year's subscription. Adv.

Miss Howard Entertains

Last Saturday night Miss Arline Howard entertained a number of her friends with a forty-two party. The guests engaged in this pleasant pastime for a good while, after which refreshments were served, consisting of fruit, cake and nuts. The lively boys rendered some good music on the violin and piano, which was highly appreciated by everyone.

This charming young lady is a delightful entertainer and everyone enjoyed the pleasant evening spent at this pretty home. The guests departed at eleven o'clock, after thanking their hostess for the pleasure afforded them by her hospitality.

Class No. 5 of the M. E. Sunday School met Friday evening, Jan. 3, and elected the following officers for the next quarter: Rena Ross Richards, Pres; Herman Murchison, Vice Pres; Mary Lou Darsey, Secretary; John Murchison, Treas; Melba Brock, Musical Director; Hady Gilbert, Chaplain; Adalade Selkirk, Lillean Brown and Frank Hill, Membership Committee.

MABEL FOYKIN,
Press Reporter.

Flight Would Not Be Hopeless.
Thomas H. Reed did not "think imperially" to use Mr. Chamberlain's sonorous phrase, and it was dangerous to wax eloquent in his presence over American expansion.

Once, when we were in the thick of our troubles in the Philippines, Mr. Reed, Mr. Choate and Mr. G. W. Smalley were guests at Ellerslie, Governor Morton's place on the Hudson. The situation was debated at length and with great freedom.

"Mr. Choate," writes Mr. Smalley in "Anglo-American Memories," "gave us in a forcible and forensic way—and no man could state a case better—the reasons for keeping the Philippines and reducing the 'rebellious' Filipinos to order.

"We all listened. No one interrupted the flow of Mr. Choate's argument. Mr. Reed, who, as is well known, had opposed the acquisition of the islands, did not venture a word. At the end, Mr. Choate, urging that surrender was impossible, asked:

"What do you suppose the Filipinos would do if we withdrew the American troops?"

"Well," drawled Mr. Reed, "I don't suppose they would pursue us farther than San Francisco."

"That ended the discussion," concludes Mr. Smalley.—Youth's Companion.

Lure of Colonial Mirror.

Gazed there ever a man in the face of an old mirror the life of which dates back to Colonial days, without seeing therein some thoughts of powdered wigs, silk brocades, charming couples dancing the minuett and bows of punch?

Mirrors of the Colonial period have survived the ravages of years and can be found in nearly all the eastern states and Canada. It is doubtful whether any mirrors were brought to this country much before 1700, for it was not until 1670 that they were made in England, although one may be able to pick up some very old specimens in Canada, as mirror making flourished in France in the early part of the eighteenth century.

MOCK SALAD EASILY MADE

Cook Enthusiastic Over Dish That Should Be Good and Is by No Means Costly.

Any kind of meat may be used. I used roast beef. The recipe makes four large cups: One pint of lean meat, chopped or cut in very small pieces. Season with a level teaspoon of salt, a saltspoon of pepper and a scant teaspoon of sage. Mix thoroughly. Put half a cup of milk in a saucepan; add two tablespoons of dried bread crumbs and cook until smooth. Remove from fire. Add two tablespoons butter and two well beaten eggs. Then add the meat to the bread mixture. When well mixed fill greased custard cups, stand them in a shallow pan of boiling water, covered with greased paper and bake about half an hour in a moderate oven. Earlier in the day make some tomato sauce; one can of tomatoes, two or three onions (if you care for onions), salt and pepper. Cook slowly until the onions are soft. When ready to serve place a generous amount of the sauce upon each plate and turn one of the cups upside down in the center of the sauce. Have the sauce cold and the cup mixture hot. This may sound troublesome, but it is quickly and easily made.—Boston Globe.

NOVELTY IN TABLE COVERS

Of Tapestry Edged With Metal Galleon They Are an Effective Ornament.

Extremely effective are the covers for the table in the library or living room made of tapestry, edged with the metal galleon. The shops offer the wool or wool and silk tapestry, in unusually handsome combinations of colors. Some tapestries have the metal threads woven into the designs, this being the case especially with the changeable effects. The cover is cut to fit the top exactly or may be made in the form of a long runner hanging well over the ends or sides of the table; or, in some cases, it is made square, hanging down on all four sides.

A banding of the galleon finishes the edge and sometimes a second band, paralleling this a few inches from the edge, is used.

A cover of this sort is not only artistic, but has remarkable wearing qualities.

It may be said in passing that short lengths of the tapestry are often to be found at much under regulation price. Agents' samples are especially well adapted to covers of this sort.

Chocolate Fritters.

One-half cup flour, one teaspoon cream of tartar sifted with the flour, two teaspoons sugar, two tablespoons of milk, one egg, one large teaspoon of cocoa or chocolate, a pinch of salt. Cook in deep fat. Serve with vanilla sauce. Enough for family of three.

Vanilla Sauce—One cup sugar, half teaspoon of cornstarch; mix in the sugar dry, then add half a cup of boiling water, a little at a time. Let it boil five minutes until it looks like sirup, then add the yolk of one egg, well beaten, and piece of butter size of walnut. Whip all together well, then add half a teaspoonful of vanilla. Do not boil after the egg is added.

Baked Apples With Icing.

Wash, pare and core as many large apples as are required. Fill the apples with two teaspoonfuls of dried currants, one-quarter teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, one level teaspoonful of butter. Bake them until they are cooked. Let the apples cool and remove them to another dish. Ice the tops and sides with any kind of cake icing and put them back into the oven and brown them slightly. After taking them out of the oven place a candied cherry on top of each apple. Serve them with cream.

Good Stove Lining.

A good stove lining, one that will last two years or more, can be made from blue clay. Brick clay, or one that does not contain much sand, is good, also. Clay found in salt water marshes is one of the best for stove linings. The clay must be reduced to a paste, about like putty. The bed for lining should be brushed clean and moistened before the clay is applied. Put on with hands, smooth with a trowel or thin piece of board.—Home Department, National Magazine.

To Make an Asbestos Mat.

An asbestos pad for the table may be made in this way: Get enough asbestos paper to cover the table with double thickness. From a couple of old sheets cut two pieces the size of the table. Paste the asbestos paper between them and quilt it on the sewing machine, using a long stitch. This is necessary, as the paper tears and pulls apart easily. Put this pad on the table under your silencer cloth and there will be no marks made on the polished surface by hot dishes.

LAST OF A RACE OF KINGS

Michael, Prince of Cyprus, Jerusalem and Syria, Died Recently in Charity Hospital.

In the charity ward of a hospital in St. Petersburg there died of cancer a few days ago the last of a dynasty of famous kings. This pauper was Michael, prince of Cyprus, Jerusalem and Syria, aged fifty-four. With him perished the family of Lusignan, which had been reigning monarchs for many centuries.

Prince Michael was the only son of Louis de Lusignan, who was driven from the throne of Cyprus by the Turks in 1211. He had inherited his vast treasures to the Patriarch of Constantinople, but the Turks confiscated these and appropriated them to their own use. In the war for the liberation of Greece the prince tried to regain his throne, but in 1827 he had to flee to Russia, where Czar Nicholas gave him a commission as captain in the army.

Prince Louis fought in the Crimean war, but the result of this was disastrous to his hopes. When Greece regained its independence the throne of the newly created nation was twice offered to Prince Louis, who refused it.

Napoleon III. took up Prince Louis' cause and Count Debusay made a formal contract to supply him with the necessary means. He expected to wring from the Turkish government about \$250,000,000. But the Franco-Prussian war resulted in Napoleon III. being driven from the throne of France and once more the hopes of Prince Louis to regain the throne of Cyprus, Jerusalem and Syria were dashed to the ground.

In 1884 Prince Louis died, leaving his only son nothing but aspirations and a royal name. Prince Michael was then 24 years old. He lived almost as a recluse, but never gave up his hopes. Those who knew him considered him a crank because of the strange costume he always wore. This consisted of a Russian army overcoat with gold buttons on which were the three crowns of his kingdom.

MONOLITHS FOUND IN EGYPT

Some Are Enormous but the Majority of Them Are of Moderate Size.

The monoliths of Egypt were of a rule of comparatively moderate size, and most of the building blocks were such as would generally be used today, but the pillars of the temple of the Sphinx are 16 feet in height by 4½ feet in width, and some others are 20 to 26 feet in height.

Most of the great columns, says the National Magazine, are built up in courses, and those of Luxor are not solid, two-thirds of the diameter being filled in with a yellow concrete or cement which has now lost its adhesiveness. These, however, are of immense proportions, with shafts of 49 feet, capitals of 11½ feet and a diameter at the base of 11¼ feet.

At Karnak the columns of the main hall measure 55 feet in the shaft, with lotus flower capitals of 10 feet additional; their largest diameter is 11 feet 8 inches. Other temples were supported by columns scarcely less lofty and impressive. Upon these columns immense blocks of hewn stone formed massive architraves, on which the thick flaring of the stone roofs was supported.

The arch, while not unknown to the Egyptians, was for some reason seldom used in the great temples. By what means these immense pillars were carried up and the superstructure added is something of a puzzle to modern artisans who appreciate the difficulties to be met.

His Rest.

Pierre Loti, the famous French author, praised American energy at the Hotel Marie Antoinette in New York. "There's a story," he said, "that illustrates well the energy of your men of affairs.

"A gentleman called at the office of an indefatigable millionaire financier. It was four o'clock in the afternoon, and the financier lay back in his revolving chair with his feet on his desk, and a picture magazine in his hand.

"I've worked mighty hard for the last ten years without a day's vacation," he explained. "I feel all run down, and I'm now going to take a long rest."

"And a well-earned rest it will be, too," said the visitor, heartily. "The visitor departed, expecting that the millionaire would set out at once for Europe or California, but the next morning he saw him presiding as busily as ever at an important directors' meeting.

"Why, how about that long rest?" he asked.

"The millionaire frowned in amazement.

"Didn't I take it yesterday afternoon?" he said."

LIVING TOWER IS UNIQUE

Captain Meeker Built It on the Top of Four Redwood Trees in California.

What is known as the "Living Tower" (says a writer in the Wide World Magazine) stands on the very summit of a hill more than two hundred feet high at Camp Meeker, a summer resort in Sonoma county, California. It was Captain Meeker, an old pioneer, who first conceived the idea of building a tower on the very summit of a high hill near his hotel, and while looking around one day for a suitable site, he found four young redwood trees standing about twelve feet apart, representing a perfect square. The trees were each about one hundred and fifty feet high. Fifty feet of each top was lopped off, and the work of building six stories was then commenced. From top to bottom the Living Tower was one hundred feet high. Each floor is about twelve by twelve feet, and rests on strong timbers, the ends of which are securely attached to the four trees by means of steel cables and bolts. So strongly was every part braced that the whole structure does not move as much as one would naturally suppose, even when rocked by heavy winds. In the building great care was taken by the workmen to cut only the branches growing on the inside of the square, and the trees were not chopped, mutilated, or weakened any more than could possibly be avoided. Leading up from each story are broad stairways, so that one may ascend and descend with ease and perfect safety, while around the edge of each floor are strong railings to prevent accidents. Since this tower was completed, the trees have grown and flourished just as well as before. This living tower is claimed to be the only one of its kind in the world.

GREAT IS THE BUCKWHEAT

Only Pumpkin Pie May Be Likened to the Tasteful Cereal Cakes, Says Rhapsodist.

This modest flowering plant makes but a poor showing in our annual crop returns—some 10,000,000 bushels, perhaps. As a grain it figures insignificantly, outside of New York and Pennsylvania. But it is to be noted that the honey bee is aware of its peculiar virtue, preferring alone the white clover to the buckwheat blossoms. Farmers who keep beehives know this and plant patches of the grain.

Wise as the bee is the man who awaits the honey from the hive, the flour from the buckwheat; then follows the griddle cake.

Its time is at hand. It goes with sausage or Philadelphia scrapple. There are such distinct American products that one reads with keen sympathy in the latest life of the expatriated genius, Whistler, how he was so devoted to buckwheat cakes that "he insisted almost at the price of friendship that others share his enthusiasm." How could others be expected to do so born outside the buckwheat belt? Wretched, homesick artist.

Other countries are blessed with special foods, from the caviare of Russia to the macaroni of Italy, but they are beyond the pale, pitifully ignorant of what they miss and of what we are about to enjoy. In America there is nothing sectional about the buckwheat cake; it springeth up as a lowly flower, and, in the common taste for it, is to be likened only to the unpretentious pumpkin pie.—Philadelphia Press.

Celery Toast.

Cut tender stalks of celery into thin slices and cook in salted water tender. Use but little water, letting it cook slowly so that there is but little left when the celery is done. Add sufficient cream or rich milk to almost cover, season with salt and a dash of cayenne and add sufficient flour moistened in a little cold milk to make a thick, creamy sauce. Put over rounds of buttered toast and serve at once.

Lemon Juice.

It is surprising how much more juice you can get from the heated lemon. Place the lemon in a heated oven, and it will yield more juice than one that is squeezed when cold.

Be Economical

Don't let any man laugh you out of being really economical. Have the sand to say, "I know my financial condition better than you do and I feel that I must draw the line where I have." Say it kindly, but mean every word of it. Pride has sunk many a farm ship.

Whistle Is Needed

There is something wrong when the boys don't whistle around the house and barn. Have you noticed any such a failure at your home? If you have, isn't it time you'd better do a little whistling yourself?