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A full line of Dry Goods, Shoes and Notions All kinds of Feed Stuff carried in our feed store. We will deliver to any part of the city.

We will do our best to please you and will appreciate anything you do for us.

We have put in a large coffee mill and will grind your coffee for you free of charge.

Bring your Eggs to

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COTTON REPORT

VISITING THE SCHOOLS

There were 21,307 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1915, prior to be in this end of the county to-January 1, as compared with day visiting the different schools. 23,161 bales ginned prior to Jan- They visited schools in the uary 1, 1915.

L. L. Pugh, rural school in chandise for Martha spector, accompanied by County Superintendent John Snell, will southern portion of the county early in the week.

the Wise Is Sufficient!

Someone will miss a bargain by not coming in time.

Goods are Going **Fast**

Come see for yourself!

Bring us your Eggs this week-25c in trade, 20c cash.

J. J. Brooks

LOCAL NEWS FROM CROCKETT

Crockett, Texas, Jan. 17 .-Commissioners' court met in regular session Monday, 10th, and continued in session until Saturday morning. A full court was present, the members answering when court opened. Claims amounting to \$4,492.08 were examined, approved and allowed and warrants ordered issued to cover. Among the claims allowed were-

A. L. Greenburg Iron Co., iron bridges, etc. . \$2,260.00 Cook and Richardson.

Cook and Richardson	
road district No. 3	480.42
W. M. Bumgarner for	
lumber	214.95
R. J. Spence, board of	f
prisoners	104.50
R. J. Spence, convey	
ing patient to Abiline	9
Epileptic colony	53.30
R. J. Spence, court at-	
tendance	72.00
R. J. Spence, guard	
for jail	45.00
G. Q. King, pay rel	
road district No. 3	. 175 75
Houston County Times	
printing and stationery	55.15
W. V. McConnell, mer-	
chandise for Henry Mc-	
Kinney, lunatic	36.80

SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

22.95

W. V. McConnell, mer-

Howard, lunatic

The court rejected a petition for an election for a special tax in school district No. 11, Center Ridge, the district already being taxed to the limit.

PAINTING COURT HOUSE

The contract for painting the court house, roof, etc., was let to E. F. Durham, a local painter, for \$244.50, the work to be accepted by the court before payment is made.

HOLLY ELECTION CLAIMS

A claim for holding a special election at Holly was rejected, no returns ever having been made to the proper officials.

OFFICERS REPORTS

The reports of the following officers were examined and approved: B. F. Dent, county at torney; R. J. Spence, sheriff; A. S. Moore, county clerk; G. H. Denny, tax collector.

JIM SANDERS CLAIM

A warrant was ordered issued to Jim Sanders for \$25.00 to pay for land purchased for widening road.

J. H. ELLIS ORDER

A warrant was ordered issued to J. H. Ellis, tax assessor, for \$300.00, and one each month for \$150.00 until the amount of \$1,250.00 is paid, the different amounts to be used in paying deputies, office expenses, etc.

GENERAL NEWS

B. M. Buchanan, a prosperous farmer living three miles northwest of this city, was tried Saturday for lunacy. He was there is no clue. found to be insane and ordered conveyed to a sanitarium. A lick that he received on the head in a difficulty several months ago is the supposed cause of his mental trouble.

"Full House"

We now have a full supply of "Verabest" and "Silver Lake" Flour. They are the two highest grades of flour in town. Give them a trial and be convinced.

We also have plenty of Seed Oats, Shorts, Bran, Maize Chops, Corn Chops and Meal.

SEED POTATOES---If you are in the market for seed Irish potatoes, see us before you buy as our quality is the highest and the price is right.

REMEMBER---The Cash Grocery Co. has saved you money ever since in business and will continue to do so

PRODUCE---Bring us your Eggs, Butter, Chickens and all other produce. We will give you the highest market price and guarantee to save you money on every bill you make with us.

Call and see us. We appreciate every bill you make with us.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

THE CASH GROCERY COMPANY

HARRY LONG, Manager

FREE DELIVERY

Phone us Your Orders

Shoes! Shoes!

Due to arrive this week a big shipment of mid-season

Star Brand Shoes"

A Shoe for Every Foot. Let us Make Your Feet Glad.

Also see our new line of beautiful LACES! Your especial attention is called to the new ORIENTAL SILK LACE.

Every day sees our stock replenished with the very latest and best in seasonable merchandise.

Come in and warm by our fire and let's swap the time of day.

McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE FREE DELIVERY **BOTH PHONES**

went to his barn Saturday even morning. buggy, some sneak thief had to complain of feeling ill. beat him to it and stolen his set of harness valued at \$25.00. When and how they were taken, Mr. Moore was unable to say. No arrests have been made and

One evening last week, J. C. near town, with whom he had been visiting for a month. He When County Clerk Moore home in Coryell county the next cherry bitters.

Seemingly in good ing to hitch his horse to the health, he had never been heard

> Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey of Grapeland was here Saturday, the guest of Mrs. G. W. Crook.

Friday morning about 1 a. m. a hurry call was sent to Deputy Sheriff Will Music at the jail, stating that there had been a Stewart, age 56 years, dropped fight on the square, and that the dead at the home of a relative pavement was quite bloody. When he arrived at the point indicated, there was not a person in sight, the only thing he found was preparing to start for his was a broken bottle of wild



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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—At Troyon's, a Paris inn, the youth Marcel Troyon, afterwards to be known as Michael Lanyard, is caught stealing by Burke, an expert thief, who takes the boy with him to America and makes of him a finished cracksman.

CHAPTER II-After stealing the Omber jewels and the Huysman war plans in London Lanyard returns to Troyon's for the first time in many years because he thinks Roddy, a Scotland Yard man, is on his trail. On arrival he finds Roddy al-ready installed as a guest.

CHAPTER III—At a dinner a conversa-tion between Comte de Morbihan, M. Ban-non and Mi. Bannon about the Lone Wolf, a celebrated cracksman who works alone, puzzles and alarms him as to whether his identity is only guessed or

CHAPTER IV—To satisfy himself that Roddy is not watching him, Lanyard dresses and goes out, leaving Roddy apparently asleep and snoring in the next room, then comes back stealthily, to find

CHAPTER V-The girl turns out to be Mile, Bannon, who explains her presence by saying that she was sleep-walking.

CHAPTER VI-In his apartment near CHAPTER VI-In his apartment near the Trocadero he finds written on the back of a twenty-pound note, part of his con-cealed emergency hoard, an invitation from The Pack to the Lone Woif to join

CHAPTER VII.

Suspense.

His secret uncovered, all that laboriously constructed edifice of art and self to a door on the right; to his chicane which yesterday had seemed knock it swung promptly ajar with a so impregnable a wall between the click of its latch. At the same time Lone Wolf and the world today torn the adventurer produced from beneath asunder, Lanyard wasted time neither his cloak a small black velvet vizor in profitless lamentation or any other sort of repining.

Delaying only long enough to revise plans, he put out the lights and left by the courtyard door; for it was just possible that those whose sardonic whim it had been to name themselves "the Pack" might have stationed agents in the street to follow their dissocial brother in crime. And now, more than ever, Lanyard was firmly bent on going his own way unwatched.

His course first led him stealthily past the door of the porter and across the court to the public hallway in the main body of the building. Happily



Lanyard Studied It Attentively.

there were no lights to betray him had anyone been awake to notice. For, call from monsieur." thanks to Parisian notions of economy, even the best apartment nouses dis- ting down. pense with elevator boys and with lights that burn up real money every lamplight, striking across his face behour of the night.

Afoot, and in complete darkness, he made his ascent of five flights of winding stairs, pausing at length before the door of an apartment on the sixth floor. A flash from a pocket-lamp located the keyhole; the key turned without a sound; the door swung on silent hinges.

Once inside, the adventurer moved more freely, with less precaution titude of this young man, a trace of reagainst noise. He was on known ground, and alone; the apartment, though furnished, was untenanted, and would so remain as long as Lanyard their secret and lawless business ac-

continued to pay the rent from London under an assumed name.

It was the convenience of this refuge and avenue of retreat, indeed, that had dictated his choice of this par-

ticular floor, for the sixth-story flat had one invaluable feature—a window opening on the roof of the adjoining building.

Two minutes' examination sufficed to convince Lanyard that here at least the Pack had not trespassed.

Five minutes later he picked the common lock of a door opening from the roof of an apartment house on the farthest corner of the block, found his way downstairs, knocked on the door of the porter's lodge, chanted that venerable open sesame of Paris, "Cordon, si'l vous plait!" and was made free of the street by a worthy concierge too sleepy to challenge the late-departing

He walked three blocks, picked up a taxicab, and in ten minutes more was set down at the Gare des Invalides.

Passing through the station without pause, he took to the streets afoot, following the Boulevard St. Germain to the Rue du Bac; a brief walk up this time-worn thoroughfare brought him to the ample, open and unguarded porte-cochere of a roomy court walled with beetling, ancient tenements.

Assuring himself that the courtyard was deserted, Lanyard addressed him-



and adjusted it to mask the upper portion of his face. Then, entering a narrow and odorous corridor, whose obscurity was only emphasized by a lonely, guttering candle, he turned the knob of the first door and walked into a small, ill-furnished room.

A spare-bodied young man, who had been sitting at a desk, reading by the light of an oil lamp with a heavy green shade, rose and bowed courteously.

"Good morning, monsieur," he said with the cordiality of one who greets an acquaintance of old standing. "Be seated," he added, indicating an armchair beside the desk. "It is some time since I have had the honor of a

"That is so," Lanyard admitted, sit-

The young man followed suit. The neath the greenish penumbra of the shade, discovered a countenance of Hebraic cast.

"Monsieur has something to show me, eh?"

"But naturally."

Lanyard's reply just escaped a flavor of curtness-as who should say, "What did you expect?" He was puzzled by something strange and new in the atserve and constraint.

They had been meeting in this manner for several years, conducting

cording to a formula invented by Bourke and religiously observed by Lanyard. A note or telegram of innocent superficial intent, addressed to a certain member of a leading firm of jewelers in Amsterdam, was the invariable signal for meetings such as this, which were always held in the same place, at an indeterminate hour after midnight, between this intelligent, cultivated and well-mannered young Jew and the thief in his mask.

In such wise did the Lone Wolf dispose of the bulk of his loot; other channels were, of course, open to him, but none so safe; and with no other receiver of stolen goods could he hope to make such fair and profitable deals.

Now, inevitably, in the course of this long association, though each remained in ignorance of the other's identity, these two had come to feel that they knew each other fairly well. Not infrequently, when their business had been transacted, Lanyard would linger an hour with the agent, chatting over cigarettes-both, perhaps, a little thrilled by the piquancy of the situation, for the young Jew was the only man who had ever wittingly met the Lone Wolf face to face.

Why, then, this sudden awkwardness and embarrassment on the part of the agent?

Lanyard's eyes narrowed with suspicion.

in silence he produced a jewel case of morocco teather and gave it to the Jew, then settled back in his chair, his attitude one or lounging, but his mind as uneasy with distrust as his fingers which, under cover of his cloak, rested close to the pocket containing his au-

Accepting the box with a little bow, the Jew pressed the catch and uncovered its contents. But the richness of the treasure thus disclosed did not seem to surprise him; and, indeed, he had more than once been introduced with no more formality to plunder of greater value. Fitting a jeweler's magnifying-glass to his eye, he picked up one after another of the pieces and examined them under the lamplight. Presently he replaced the last and shut down the cover of the box.

He turned a thoughtful countenance to Lanyard, made as if to speak, but hesitated.

"Well?" the adventurer demanded impatiently.

"This, I take it," said the Jew absently, tapping the box, "is the jewelry of Mme. Omber."

"I took it," Lanyard retorted goodhumoredly-"not to put too fine a point upon it!"

The Jew shrugged, and with the tips of his fingers gently pushed the box toward his customer.

"This makes me very unhappy," he admitted; "but I have no choice in the matter, monsieur. As the agent of my principals, I am instructed to refuse you an offer for these valuables." "Why?"

Again the shrug, accompanied by a deprecatory grimace: "That is difficult to say. No explanation was made me. My instructions were merely to keep this appointment as usual. but to advise you that it would be impossible for my principals to continue their relations with you as long as your affairs remained in their present

"Their present status?" Lanyard repeated. "What does that mean?"

"I cannot say, monsieur. I can only repeat that which was said to me."

After a moment Lanyard rose, took the box and replaced it in his pocket.

"Very well," he said quietly, "Your principals, of course, understand that this action on their part definitely ends our relations rather than merely interrupts them at their whim?"

"I am desolated, monsieur, but-one must assume that they have considered everything. You understand, it is a matter in which I am wholly without discretion, I trust?"

"Oh, quite!" Lanyard assented carelessly. He held out his hand. "Goodby, my friend."

The Jew shook hands warmly. "Good night, monsieur-and the best of luck!"

There was a significance in his last words that Lanyard did not trouble to analyze. Beyond doubt the man knew more than he dared admit. And the adventurer told himself he could shrewdly surmise most of that which the other had felt constrained to leave unspoken.

Pressure from some quarter had been brought to bear upon that eminently respectable firm of jewel merchants in Amsterdam to force them to discontinue their clandestine relations with the Lone Wolf, profitable though these must have been.

Anger burned in him no less hotly than chagrin. It could hardly be otherwise with one who, so long suffered to go his way without discovery or hindrance, now suddenly, in the course of a few brief hours, found himself prought up with a round turn-hemmed in and menaced on every side by secret opposition and hostility.

He no longer feared to be watched; and the very fact that, as far as he could see, he wasn't watched, only added fuel to his resentment, demonstrating as it did so patently the cynical assurance of the Pack that it had him cornered. without alternative other

than to meet its wishes.

To the driver of the first taxicab he met he said: "l'Abbaye;" then, shutting himself within the conveyance, he surrendered to the most morose reflections.

Nothing of his mood was, however, apparent in his manner on alighting. He bore a countenance of amiable insouciance through the portals of this festal institution, whose proudest boast and, incidentally, sole claim to uniqueness is that it never opens its doors before midnight nor closes them before dawn.

He had moved about with such celerity since entering his flat on the Rue Roget that it was even now only two o'clock, an hour at which revelry might be expected to have reached its apogee in this, the soidisant smartest place in Paris.

A less sophisticated adventurer might have seen flattered by the cordiality of his reception at the hands of the maitre d'hotel.

"Ah-h, M. Lanyar'! But it is long since we have been so favored. However, I have kept your table for you." "Have you, indeed?"

"Could it be otherwise, after receipt of your honored order?"

"No," said Lanyard coolly, "I presume not, if you value your peace of mind."

"Monsieur is alone?"-this with an accent of disappointment.

"Temporarily, perhaps."

"But this way, if you please." In the wake of the functionary Lanyard traversed that frowsy anteroom, where doubtful wasters are herded on suspicion in company with the corps of automatic bacchanalians and figurantes, to the main restaurant, the inner sanctum toward which the naive soul of the travel-bitten Anglo-Saxon aspires so ardently.

It was not a large room; irregularly pentagonal in shape, lined with wallseats behind a close-set rank of tables; better lighted than most Parisian restaurants, that is to say, less glaringly; ill ventilated; the open space in tne middle of the floor devoted to a handful of haggard young professional dancers, their stunted bodies more or less costumed in brilliant colors, footing it with all the vivacity to be ex-

pected of five francs per night per head; the tables occupied by parties Anglo-Saxon and French in the proportion of five to one, served by a company of bored and apathetic waiters; a string orchestra ragging incessantly; a vicious buck-nigger on a dais shining with self-complacency while he vamped and shouted: "Waitin' foh th' Robuht E. Lee."

Lanyard permitted himself to be penned in a corner behind a table, told the waiter to bring him champagnenot because he wanted it, but because it was etiquette-suppressed a yawn, lighted a cigarette, and reviewed the assemblage with a languid but shrewd glance.

He saw only the company of every night-for even in the off season there are always enough English-speaking people in Paris to make it possible for l'Abbaye Theleme to keep open with profit-the inevitable assortment of respectable married couples with their friends, the men chafing and wondering if possibly all this might seem less unattractive were they foot-loose and fancy-free, the women contriving to seem at ease with varying degrees of success, but one and all flushed with dubiety; the sprinkling of demi-mondaines not in the least concerned about their social status; the handful of people who, having brought their fun with them, were having the good time they would have had anywhere; the scattering of plain drunks in evening dress. Nowhere a face that Lanyard recognized definitely-no Mr Bannon, no Comte Remy de Morbihan.

He regarded this circumstance, however, with more vexation than surprise -De Morbihan would surely show up in time; meanwhile it was annoying to be obliged to wait, to endure this martyrãom of ennui.

He sipped his wine sparingly, without relish, considering the single subsidiary fact which did impress him with some wonder-that he was being left severely to himself; something which doesn't often fall to the lot of the unattached male at l'Abbaye. Evidently an order had been issued with respect to him. Ordinarily he would have been grateful, tonight he was merely irritated; it rendered him conspicuous.

The fixed round of delirious divertissement unfolded-as per schedule. A Spanish dancing girl was given a clear floor for her specialty-which consisted in singing several verses understood by nobody-and emphasized her vivacity by making frantic dashes at and rumpling the hair of several variously surprised, indignant and flattered male guests-among these Lanyard, who submitted with resignation.

And then, inst when he was on the point of consigning the Pack to the devil for inflicting upon him such cruel and inhuman punishment, the Spanish girl picked her way through the mob of dancers who had now invaded the floor and paused beside his table.

"You're not angry, mon coco?" she pleaded with a provocative smile.

Smilingly Lanyard returned a nega

"Then I may sit down with you and drink a glass of your wine?"

"Can't you see I've been saving the bottle for you?"

The woman plumped herself promptly into the chair opposite the adven-

turer. He filled her a glass. "But you are not happy tonight?" she demanded, staring over the brim as she sipped.

"I am thoughtful," he said. "And what does that mean?"

"I am saddened to contemplate the infirmities of my countrymen, these Americans who can't rest in Paris until they find some place as deadly as any Broadway boasts, these English who adore beautiful Paris solely because here they may continue to get drunk publicly after half past twelve!"

"Ah, then it's you are bored, is it not?" said the girl, gingerly stroking

her faded, painted cheek. "It is true; I am bored."

"Then why not go where you are wanted?" She drained her glass at a gulp and jumped up, swirling her skirts. "Your cab is waiting, monsieur, -and perhaps you may find it more amusing with that Pack!"

Flinging herself into the arms of another dancing girl, she swung away, grinning impishly at Lanyard over her partner's shoulder.

CHAPTER VIII.

The High Hand. Evidently his first move toward departure was signaled, for as he passed out through l'Abbaye's doors the carriage porter darted forward and sa-

luted.

"M. Lanyar'?" "Yes."

"Monsieur's car is waiting."

"Indeed!" Lanyard surveyed briefly handsome black limousine that, at pause beside the curb, was champing its bit in the most spirited fashion. Then he smiled appreciatively. "All the same, I thank you for the compliment," he added, and forthwith tipped the porter.

But before entrusting himself to this gratuitous conveyance he put himself to the trouble of inspecting the chauffeur, who proved to be a capable-looking mechanic togged out in rich black livery which, though relieved by a vast amount of silk braiding, was, like the car in his charge, guiltless of any sort

of insignia. "I presume you know where I want to go, my man?"

The chauffeur touched his cap: "But naturally, monsieur."

"Then take me there the quickest way."

Nodding acknowledgment of the porter's parting salute, Lanyard sank gratefully back upon uncommonly luxurious upholstery. The fatigue of the last thirty-six hours was beginning to

tell on him, though his youth was still so vital, so instinct with strength and vigor that he could, if need be, go as long again without sleep.

None the less he was glad of this opportunity to snatch a few moments' rest by way of preparation against the occult culmination of this adventure. No telling what might ensue of this violation of all those principles which had hitherto insured his welfare!

However, he stood committed to his folly, if folly it were-he would play the game as it laid.

As for curiosity concerning his immediate destination, there was little enough of that in his temper, thanks to the fact that a single glance round on leaving the car would fix his whereabouts beyond question, so thoroughgoing was his knowledge of Paris.

He contemplated briefly, with admiration, the simplicity with which that affair at l'Abbaye had been managed, finding no just cause to suspect anyone there of criminal complicity in the plans of the Pack-a forged order for a table to the maitre d'hotel, ten francs to the carriage porter, and twenty more to the dancing woman to play their parts in a putative practical joke -and the thing was arranged without implicating a soul!

Of a sudden, ending a ride much shorter than he would have liked, the limousine swerved in toward a curb.

Bending forward, Lanyard unlatched the door and, glancing through the window, uttered a grunt of profound disgust.

If this were the best that Pack could

He had hoped for something a trifle more romantic from men with wit and imagination enough to plot the earlier phases of this adventure.

The car was pulling up in front of an institution which he knew well, far too well, indeed, for his own good.

None the less he consented to get out. "Sure you've come to the right ad-

dress?" he asked the chauffeur. Two fingers touching the vizor of his cap: "But certainly, monsieur!"

"Oh, all right!" Lanyard grumbled resignedly, and tossing a five-franc piece, addressed himself to the entrance of an outwardly commonplace and respectable hotel particulier situate in the Rue Chaptal between the impasse of the Grand Guignol and the

Rue Pigalle. Now the neophyte needs the introduction of a trusted sponsor before he can win admission to the clubhouse in the Rue Chaptal of the exclusive Circle of Friends of Humanity; but Lanyard's knock secured him prompt and unquestioned entrance. The unfortunate fact is he was a member in the best of standing, for this society of pseudo-altruistic aims was nothing more nor less than one of these several private gambling clubs of Paris which the French government tolerates more or less openly, despite adequate restrictive legislation; and gambling was Lanyard's ruling passion-a legacy from Bourke together with the rest of his professional equip-

To every man his vice—the argument is Bourke's, in defense of his failing-and perhaps the least mischievous vice a professional cracksman can indulge is that of gambling, since it can hardly drive him to lengths more desperate than those whereby he gains his daily livelihood.

In the esteem of Paris Count Remy de Morbihan himself was scarcely a more light-hearted plunger than M. Lanyard.

Naturally, with this reputation, he was always free of the handsome salons wherein the Friends of Humanity devoted themselves to roulette, auction bridge, baccarat, and chemin de fer-and of this freedom he now proceeded to avail himself, with his bat just a shade aslant on his head, his hands in his pockets, a suspicion of a smile on his lips, and a glint of the devil in his eyes-in all an expression accurately reflecting the latest phase of his humor, which had become largely one of contemptuous toleration, thanks to what he chose to consider an exhibition of insipid stupidity on the part of the Pack.

Nor was this humor in any way modified when, in due course, he confirmed anticipation by discovering M. le Comte Remy de Morbihan lounging beside one of the roulette tables, watching the play and now and then risking a maximum or two on his own

A flash of animation crossed the unlovely mask of the count when he saw Lanyard approaching, and he greeted the adventurer with a gay little firt of his pudgy, dark hand.

"Ah, my friend!" he cried. "It is you, then, who have changed your mind! But this is delightful!"

"And what has become of your American friend?" asked the adventurer.

"He tired quickly, that one, and packed himself off to Troyon's. Be sure I didn't press him to continue the grand tour!

"Then you really wanted to see me tonight?" Lanyard inquired innocently.

"Always-always, my dear Lanyard!" the count declared, jumping up. "But come," he insisted, "I have a word for your private ear, if these gentlemen will excuse us."

"Do!" Lanyard addressed in confidential tone those he knew at the table before turning away to the tug of the count's hand on his arm-"I think he means to pay up twenty pounds he owes me!"

Some derisive laughter greeted this sally.

"I mean that, however," Lanyard informed the other cheerfully, as they moved away to a corner where conversation without an audience was possible-"you ruined that Bank of England note, you know."

"Cheap at the price!" the count protested, producing his bill-fold. "Five hundred francs for an introduction to monsieur, the Lone Wolf!"

"Are you joking?" Lanyard asked blankly, and with a magnificent gesture abolished the proffered banknote. "Joking? I! But surely you don't

mean to deny-" "My friend," Lanyard interrupted, "before we assert or deny anything, let us gather the rest of the players round the table and deal from a sealed deck. Meantime, let us rest on the understanding that I have found, at one end, a message scrawled on a banknote hidden in a secret place, at the other end, yourself, M. le Comte. Between and beyond these points exists a mystery, of which one anticipates elucidation."

"You shall have it," De Morbihan promised. "But first we must go to find those others who await us."

"Not so fast!" Lanyard interposed. "What am I to understand? That you wish me to accompany you to theah-den of the Pack?"

"Where else?" De Morbihan grinned. "But where is it?"

"I am not permitted to say-"

"Still one has one's eyes. Why not satisfy me here?" "Your eyes, by your leave, monsieur,

will be blindfolded."

"Impossible."

"Pardon-it is an essential-" "Come, come, my friend-we are not

in the middle ages!"

"I have no discretion, monsieur. My confreres-" "I insist, there must be trust on both

sides, or no negotiations.'

"But I assure you, my dear friend-" "My dear count, it is useless. I am determined. Blindfold? I should say not! This is not-need I remind you again?—the Paris of Balzac and that wonderful Dumas of yours!"

Morbihan inquired, worrying his mus-

"What better place for the proposed conference than here? "But not here, monsieur!"

"Why not? Everybody comes hereit will cause no gossip. I am here-I have come half way; your friends Wertheimer, I'm sure, will feel more must do as much on their part." "It is not possible."

"Then tender them my regrets." "Would you give us away?"

"Never that—one makes gifts to one's friends only. But my interest in yours is depreciating so rapidly that, should you delay much longer, it will be on sale for the sum of two sous." "Oh-damn!" the count complained

peevishly.

"With all the pleasure in life. But now," Lanyard went on, rising to end the interview, "you must forgive me for reminding you that the morning wanes apace. I shall be going home in another hour."

De Morbihan shrugged. "Out of my great affection for you," he purred venomously, "I will do my possible. But I can promise nothing."

"I have every confidence in your powers of moral suasion, monsieur," Lanyard assured him cheerfully. "Au

And with this, not at all ill pleased with himself, he strutted off to an adjoining table, where a high-strung session of chemin de fer was in process, possessed himself of a vacant chair, and in two minutes was so engrossed in the game that the Pack was quite forgotten.

In fifteen minutes he had won thrice as many thousands of francs.

Twenty minutes or half an hour later a hand on his shoulder broke the grasp of his besetting passion.

"Our table is made up, my friend," De Morbihan announced with his inextinguishable grin. "We're waiting for

"Quite at your service."

Settling his score, and finding himself considerably better off than he had imagined, he resigned his place gracefully and suffered the count to link arms and drag him away up the main staircase to the second story. where smaller rooms were set apart for parties who preferred to gamble privately.

"So it appears you succeeded!" he chaffed his conductor good-humoredly. "I have brought you the mountain," De Morbihan assented.

"One is grateful for small miracles." But De Morbihan wouldn't laugh at his own expense; for a moment, indeed he seemed inclined to take umbrage at Lanyard's levity. But the sudden squaring of his broad shoulders and the hardening of his features was quickly modified by an uneasy, sidelong glance at his companion. And then they were at the door of the cabinet particulier.

De Morbihan rapped, turned the knob, and stood aside, bowing politely.

CHAPTER IX.

War Declared.

With a nod acknowledging the courtesy, Lanyard consented to precede him and entered a room of intimate proportions, furnished chiefly with a green-covered card table and five easy chairs, of which three were occupied -two by men in evening dress, the third by one in a well-tailored lounge suit of dark gray.

All three men wore vizors of black velvet.

Lanyard looked from one to the other and chuckled quietly.

De Morbihan cleared his throat angrily and with an aggrieved air

launched into introductions. "Messieurs. I have the honor to present to your our confrere, M. Lanyard, best known as 'the Lone Wolf.' M. Lanyard-the council of our associa-

tion, known to you as 'the Pack.'" The three rose and bowed ceremoniously. Lanyard returned a cool, goodnatured nod. Then he laughed again and more openly:

"A pack of knaves!" "Monsieur doubtless feels at ease?"

one retorted acidly. "In your company, Popinot? But hardly!" Lanyard returned in light

contempt. The fellow thus indicated, a burly rogue of a Frenchman in rusty and baggy evening clothes, started and flushed hotly beneath his mask; but the man next him dropped a restraining hand upon his arm, and Popinot turned, shrugged, and sank back into his chair.

"Upon my word!" Lanyard declared gracelessly-"it's as good as a play! Are you sure, M. le Comte, there's no mistake-that these gay masqueraders haven't lost their way to the stage of the Grand Guignol?'

"Damn!" muttered the count. "Take care, my friend! You go too far!"

"You really think so? But you amaze me! You, in reason, can't expect me to take you seriously, gentlemen!"

"If you don't it will prove serious business for you, my friend!" growled the one he had named Popinot.

"You mean that? But you are magnificent, all of you! We lack only

the solitary illumination of a candle-"What do you propose, then?" De end-a grinning skull-a cup of blood upon the table-to make the farce complete! But as it is, messieurs, you must be rarely uncomfortable, and feeling as foolish as you look into the bargain! Moreover, I'm not a child. Popinot, why not disburden your amiable features? And you, Mr. at ease with an open countenanceas the saying runs," he said, nodding to the man beside Popinot. "As for this gentleman," he concluded, eying the third, "I haven't the pleasure of his acquaiatance."

state.

With a short laugh Wertheimer unmasked, exposing a face of decidedly English type, fair and well modeled, betraying only the faintest traces of Semitic cast to account for his surname. And with this example Popinot snatched off his own black vizor and glared at Lanyard-in his shabby dress the incarnate essence of bourgeois outraged. But the third, he of the gray lounge suit, remained motionless; his eyes clashed with the adventurer's.

He seemed a man little if at all Lanvard's senior, and built upon much the same lines. A close-clipped black mustache ornamented his upper lip. His chin was square and strong with character. The cut of his clothing was conspicuously neither English nor con-

"I don't know you, sir," Lanyard continued slowly, puzzled to account for a feeling of familiarity with this person, whom he could have sworn he had never met before. "But you won't let your friends outdo you in civility, I trust?"

"If you mean you want me to unmask, I won't," the other returned brusquely in fair French, if with a lecided transatlantic intonation.

"American, eh?" 'Native born, if it interests you."

"Have I met you before?" "You have not."

"My dear count," Lanyard said, turning to De Morbihan, "do me the favor to introduce this gentleman."

"Your dear count will do nothing of the sort, Mr. Lanyard. If you need a name to call me by, Smith's good enough."

The incisive force of his enunciation carried out consistently the general



All Three Men Wore Visors of Black Velvet.

habit of the man. Lanyard recognized a nature no more pliable than his own. Idle to give time to bickering with

"It doesn't matter," ne said shortly, and, drawing back a chair, sat down. "If it did. I should insist-or else decline the honor of receiving the addresses of this cosmopolitan committee. Truly, you flatter me. Here we have Mr. Wertheimer, representing the swell mobsmen across the channel; M. le Comte standing for the gratin of Paris-and vice versa; Popinot, spokesman for our friends, the Apaches, and the well-known Mr. Goodenough Smith, ambassador of the gunmen of New York-apparently. A most auspicious occasion! But I presume I'm to understand you wait upon me mainly as representing the fine flower of the European underworld?" "You're to understand that I, for

one, don't like your impudence," the stout Popinot snapped.

"Sorry. But I have already indicated my inability to take you seriously.' "Why not?" the American demanded ominously. "You'd be sore enough

if we took you as a joke, wouldn't

you?" "You misapprehend, Mr. - ah -Smith; it is my first aim and wish that you do not take me in any manner, shape or form. It is you, remember, who requested this interview, ander-dressed your parts so strikingly!

"What are we to understand by that?" De Morbihan interposed.

"This, messieurs - if you must know." Lanyard dropped for the mo-

ment his tone of raillery and bent for ward, emphasizing his points by tap ping the table with a forefinger. Through some oversight of mine, or cleverness of yours-I can't say which, perhaps both-you have succeeded in penetrating my secret. What then? You become envious of my success. In short, I stand in your light-I'm always getting away with something you might have lifted if you'd only had wit enough to think of it first. As your American confrere, Mr. Mysterious Smith, would say, I 'cramp your style."

"You learned that on Broadway," the other commented shrewdly.

"Possibly. To continue: So you get together and bite your nails until you concoct a plan to frighten me into sharing profits with you. I've no doubt you're prepared to allow me to retain one-half the proceeds of my operations should I elect to ally myself to you?"

"That's the suggestion we were empowered to make," De Morbihan admitted.

"In other words, you need me. You say to yourselves: 'We'll pretend to be the head of a criminal syndicate, such as the silly novelists are forever writing about, and we'll threaten to put him out of business unless he comes to our terms.' But you overlook one important fact: that you are not mentally equipped to get away with this amusing impersonation! What! Do you expect me to accept, you as leading spirits of a gigantic criminal system-you, Popinot, who live by standing between the police and your murderous rats of Belleville, or you, Werthelmer, sneak thief and blackmailer of timid women, or you, De Morbihan, because you eke out your income by showing a handful of second-story men where to seek plunder in the houses of your friends?"

He made a gesture of impatience and lounged back to await the answer. to this indictment. His gaze, ranging the four, encountered but one face that was not darkly flushed with resentment, and this was the American's.

"Aren't you forgetting me?" this last suggested gently.

"On the contrary. I refuse to recognize you in this conference as long as you lack courage to show your face."

"As you will, my friend," the American chuckled. "Make your profit out of that any way you like."

Lanyard sat up again. "Well, I've stated your case. It amounts to simple, clumsy blackmail. I'm to split my earnings with you or you'll denounce me to the police. That's about It, isn't it?"

"Not of necessity," De Morbihan purred softly, twisting his mustache. "For my part," Popinot declared hotly, "I engage that monsieur of the



"I Have the Honor to Bid Adleu to Messieurs."

high hand here will either work with us or conduct no more operations in Paris.

"Or in New York," the American amended.

"England is yet to be heard from." Lanyard suggested mockingly.

To this Wertheimer replied, almost with diffidence: "If you ask me, I don't think you'd find it so jolly pleasant over there if you mean to cut up nasty at this end."

"Then what am I to infer? If you're afraid to lay an information against me-and it wouldn't be wise. I admit-you'll merely cause me to be assassinated, eh?"

"Not of necessity," the count murmured in the same thoughtful tone and manner, as one with a trump in reserve.

"There are so many ways of arrang-

ing these matters," Wertheimer ventured.

"None the less, if I refuse, you declare war?"

"Something like that," the Ameri-

can admitted. "In that case-I am now able to state my position definitely." Lanyard got up and grinned provokingly down

you—go plumb to ——!"
"My dear friend!" the count cried, shocked, "you forget-'

at the group. "You can-all four of

"I forget nothing!" Lanyard cut iu coldly, "and my decision is final. Consider yourselves at liberty to go ahead and do your little worst! But don't forget that it is you who have been the aggressors. Already you've had the insolence to interfere with my arrangements-you began offensive operations before you declared war. So now, if you're hit beneath the belt you mustn't complain-you've asked for

"Now what do you mean by that?" the American drawled with an accent

"I leave you to figure it out for yourselves. But I will say this: I confidently expect you to decide to live and let live, and shall be sorry, as you'll certainly be sorry, if you force my hand."

He opened the door, turned, and saluted them with sarcastic punctilio.

"I have the honor to bid adieu to messieurs, the council of-the Pack!"

(To Be Continued)

A. BRUCE BIELASKI



A. Bruce Bielaski is chief of the division of investigation of the department of justice at Washington, and his bureau is investigating the alleged German propaganda in this country.

OBSERVE COURTESY IN WAR.

A strange courtesy of war which attends the fraternity of airmen, regardless of the fact that they are divided into hostile camps, was reported by English army aviators on leave of absence in London.

If a British birdman kills a German aviator he makes a second flight over the enemy's lines, drops a note expressing regret that the demands of war made his action necessary and asks that his sympathy be carried to the dead aviator's family.

A young English aviator started the practice several weeks ago. The Germans promptly reciprocated.

A QUESTION.

"What's on at the town hall tonight?"

"Professor Whango is going to lecture on our army and navy."

"As to how they kin lick the world or on their lamentable shortcomings?"

THAT ACCOUNTS FOR IT.

Bacon-I see Crimsonbeak has moved from Philadelphia to Brook-

Egbert-I thought as much. See by the paper the output of liquor in Pennsylvania has decreased 33 1-3 per cent during the last year.

A MOVING SPIRIT.

"Do you think that the old Liberty Bell of Philadelphia still exerts an influence over our citizenship?"

"Beyond question. Every time a town gives an exposition it is expected to be the life of the party."

A H. LUKER. -Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE-Obituaries and Resolution of Respect are printed for half price-2 1-2c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quote u son application.

OUR PURPOSE-It is the purpose of the Messenger o record accurately, simply and interestingly the m ral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us in his every citizen should give us his moral and fi ancial support.

1 YEAR	\$1.00
6 MONTHS	.50
3 MONTHS	.25

THURSDAY, JAN. 20, 1916

COUNTRY MERCHANTS AS ADVERTISERS

There is no one more familiar with the advertising methods used by the merchants of the smaller towns than the country newspaper man. He watches closely those who advertise regularly and those who advertise spasmodically, and even those who do not advertise at all.

The country newspaper is considered by all advertising experts as the best medium thru which to reach the people because it draws the advertiser in closer touch with his customers than any other medium. Some merchants in small towns have found that advertising is one of their main attributes to a successful business, while others who purchased space in the same paper have condemned advertising and classed it as a useless expense. Why? The ads of both merchants appear in the same paper and are read by the same people. Then it surely cannot be the fault of the paper, but the fault lies with the advertiser. He has not given men who take time to stop and enough thought to the prepara put the trifles together. tion of his copy. He has merely stated, "you will find the best goods for the least money at ing slighted by the new style John Jones'." He has exercised skirts will have to rely on the no particular pains in preparing little ankle furs during the presattractive copy with "a pull" to ent cool spells. it. Probably his ad has the same meaning as several others. Anybody can sling in a few words about "finding the best bargains for the least money." If three ads of as many different firms read like this, the reader merely glances at them and concludes that one of the other of them is exaggerating. The advertiser who takes pains in preparing ad copy, and if possible illustrates the articles he is trying to induce the reader to buy, his ad will be read and appreciated because it is "something different" and leaves an impression because the reader has an idea of the article advertised. This enables them to get a clear conception of the quality and price of the article before going to the store to purchase and the salesman can make the sale quicker as the customer knows exactly, from the description in the ad, what he wants. It is a time saver to both the ad-

When a merchant displays some of his goods in his window does he pile up a truck full of a little bit of everything he carries shod fashion? Not much. He

vertiser and the customer.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER to the eye. If he would employ the same methods in his advertising he would soon see that the people read his ads and look for them in each issue of the paper.

There must be system in everything pertaining to the 20th century business. Bookkeeping must be on a systematic and scientific basis to produce the best results; system must be used in buying and selling; system must be used in keeping up the stock, then is it not essential to use systematic methods in advertising? Money has been wasted in advertising for the simple reason that the advertiser did not use his "thinker" in SUBSCRIPTION - IN ADVANCE preparing good, "live" copy. Prepare attractive ads and they will never fail to draw the attention of the prospective purchaser and results will surely follow.

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

There is one thing a lazy man always has-an excuse.

While some men lie for money, there are others who lie in bed till the wife cooks breakfast.

It is evident that the dollar that gets the hardest squeeze is the dollar for subscription to the home paper.

As the women can't vote in Texas this year, the unmarried ones can invest their poll tax change in a marriage license.

Probably the majority of the democrats who are condemning Mr. Wilson's policy, are those who did not receive a post-office.

Our idea of a tightwad is a fellow who wants the Lord to guarantee him a return of \$5 for every dollar he gives to charity.

While the "big things" in life are said to be composed of the little things, taere are only a few

Feminine ankles that are be-

A literary critic says "American literature is going to the dogs." It is to be hoped that they will not imbibe enough of it to cause hydrophobia.

It seems that Roosevelt is entirely convinced that his extem temporaneous expostulations will thoroughly expurgate the present administration.

If the criticisms of the Republicans and back-sliding Democrats had been torpedoes, the present administration would be blowed plum to-!?!:.."

While nothing suits our eye As well as apple pie; We like to jab our fork

In a piece of home-cured pork.

The fact that there are 90,000 farms in Texas that are "cowless", should be an incentive to this class of farmers to manage to get an old "Blue" or "Pide" to "juice" during 1916.

A lady subscriber on Route 4 wants to know "why we talk awake nights thinking how he in stock and dump it in in a slip- about the ladies so much in our can cheat some fellow-man out paragraphs." Well, it's like of a dollar, can't "hold a light" selects a few things, decorates this: The boss is a married man, to the loose-tongued gossiper the window to make it as at and is afraid to, so he casts it who lies awake thinking of a tractive as possible and places off on us and we have to. And way to start some slanderous each article so it will be pleasing if you'd like this part of our job, tale on an innocent girl.

A Wonderful Display of the Season's Newest

DARSEY'S Goods

This week has marked the arrival daily of new goods. In the past several days we have received thousands of dollars worth of new goods and are showing a stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings, etc., that is above comparison with any other in the county. All the way through the line we maintain highest quality for the money with the best service possible.

All Leather Work Shoes

We are showing a complete line of men's, women's and children's ALL LEATHER WORK SHOES. Every pair is guaranteed to be all leather and to have a solid tip. Let us sell you your shoes for spring. Leather shoes cost no more than the ordinary kind. We have a big line of shoes for dress wear.

New Dress Goods

We have received our first shipment of dress goods for the season and are showing all the newest patterns in-

> Wool Suitings Utility Ginghams

Colored Lineus

Palm Beach Suiting Plain Linens

Silk Crepe

Wash Silks

Voiles

Batistes and Madras

-AND OTHERS ARE COMING-

We also have a pretty line of middy blouses, wash dresses, skirts, sport coats, millinery and waists that will be here withing the next few days.

Men and Boys

Come to our store when you want the latest assured styles in

Shirts Hats and Caps Neckwear Collars

Hosiery

Underwear

We Want the Trade of Particular People

George E. Darsey

madam, we'd be mighty glad to! your feelings we will apply the next outburst for your benefit.

While life is said to contain a good many 'little bumps," it is hard to refrain from calling some of them full grown carbuncles.

The Geraldine Farrar editions of the Houston papers were good. We suppose the next person to receive this distinction at the hands of Houston papers will be Billy Sunday or some suffragette.

While searching for a "preventive" to ward off the visits of the "suffs" who will convene in Houston, we would suggest to Col. Geo. Bailey of the Houston Post, to apply a generous portion of limburger to his breath

After all the man who lies

The photograph would be found for women" speeches. and the cash would be forgotten.

A prominent minister says: "It takes two women in the life of a man to make him what he should be." The minister right as far as he goes, but we've seen some men who were so sorry that it would take a dozen angelic women to make him what he should be.

From the action of the government authorities in New York, adv.

Married men whose wives it seems that Mrs. Pankhurst give it to you. But to spothe have the habit of rifling their is still considered a dangerous pockets for small change, should, visitor. But Emiline says she before retiring, place the photo- is here to secure aid for the graph of a pretty chorus girl in Serbians and not to stir up the the same pocket with the cash. American women with "votes

> The fact that many sincere bachelors wrote good letters on Why a Woman Should not Propose" in the recent Leap Year contest conducted by the Houston Post, will not safe-guard them against the old maids who wrote good letters on "Why a Woman Should Propose."

> Hats cleaned and re-blocked, made to look new. New bands put on inside and outside. M. L. Clewis.

Headquarters for all kinds of

Shop Work, Woodwork and Blacksmithing

HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY

In fact, any kind of ordinary smithing done to order. Call and see us.

Driskell & Knobel :-: Grapeland

Quality Supreme

Is Our Rule

The users of Toilet Articles are becoming more and more critical of the quality.

Quality means purity of ingredients. That is what you get when you purchase your Toilet Articles from---

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

FOR COMMISSIONER

Eugene E. Holcomb of Augusta announces this week for re-election as commissioner of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Holcomb is serving his first term in this ofprefering to stand on his record. discount. We have heard many people say that Mr. Holcomb has made a good commissioner and we have write for the Woodmen as a school room, being absent severnever heard anything to the con- premium a nice W. O. W. badge al days on account of sickness. trary. He has been diligent in for a short time. the discharge of his duties, al-

ways looking to the best interests of the county. He asks your support.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Young man, young lady! If fice, and according to demo- you are contemplating a course cratic precedent, is entitled to a in a business college, it will pay second term. However, Mr. you to see The Messenger, as we Holcomb does not put this for have two scholarships in a ward as a claim for the office, leading college we will sell at a

I will give to every applicant I

M. E. BEAN.

LOCAL NEWS

Try Darsey's service.

Horse shoeing a specialty. DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

Service that serves at Dar-

Ben Brooks went to Crockett on business Tuesday morning.

Bring us your work and try DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

T. S. Kent was a business visitor to Houston the latter part of last week.

N. H. Montgomery transacted business in Crockett last Thus-

Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth! left Sunday for Colorado City to visit the family of J. E. Stowe.

Mrs. J. P. Royal has gone to Dallas to visit her daughter, Mrs. Smiley.

Now is the time to have your olow work done.

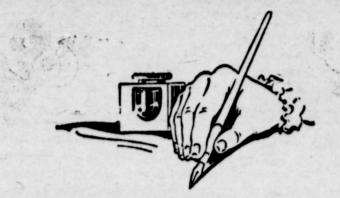
DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

W. G. Darsey and S.C. Spence went to San Antonio the early part of the week to purchase a car of work mules.

R. C. Thames of near Augusta has purchased the Ward place southeast of town and will move

Going away and haven't the time to go to town to get a grip? 'Phone Darsey's and have several suitcases sent up for you to select from.

Miss Adele Mansell has returned from her home in Trinity and resumed her duties in the her place.



When You Write Letters

You ought to have the most suitable stationery you can get, whether you're writing for a job, or accepting a proposal of marriage, or simply sending a long gossipy letter to a chum.

Our Stationery

supply is composed of styles, tints and weights to please a variety of tastes. It makes writing a real pleasure. And our prices - Your Money's Worth.

D. N. Leaverton

Car of flour, chops and bran ust received at T. S. Kent's. Get our prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Howard Jr. have moved to the Johnson place in South Grapeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor Denson democratic primary: have moved to the place in North Grapeland vacated by Wylie Caskey.

Mrs. N. H. Montgomery returned last Thursday from Houston, where she had been For State Senator: visiting relatives.

Wylie Caskey will move into his home this week, purchased Miss Esther Davis taught in some time ago from B. R. Eaves For County Treasurer: in Sycamore Addition.

> Mrs. Clay Jones of Percilla went to Palestine Sunday to see her daughter, Mrs. Buckalew, who recently underwent an op eration for appendicitis.

Mrs. Pack Traylor, who has been visiting her parents in Palestine, has joined her husband here for a visit with rela-

J. J. Knobel, an experienced blacksmith of Latexo, is now as sociated with A. C. Driskell in the blacksmith shop, and will line of shoes is solid leather move his family here next week.

FOR SALE

50 bushels of corn; cash or time. E. P. Bean, Route 1.

RENTER WANTED

I want a renter to work 50 acres or more of land. Write R. M. Brooks. Grapeland, Route 3.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I will ship hogs Saturday, January 29. I will buy a few more and will pay the following prices: 150 pound hogs, 5 1-2c; 200 pound hogs 6c. No shoats Geo. Calhoun.

MAIZE HEADS

I have a car load of maize heads to arrive this week. They are the best and cheapest feed stuff you can buy. Good for all kinds of stock and is excellent chicken feed. See me at once if you want J. W. Howard.

Constipation leads to liver rouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Sold by all druggists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following annoucements. subject to the action of the

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:

> BH Gardner Anderson County

J J Strickland of Anderson County

W M (Willie) Robison

For Tax Collector:

C W Butler Jr

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1: E E Holcomb (Re-election)

When you buy work shoes, do you pay for leather or paper? It is an assured fact that leather outwears paper and will give better protection against the weather. The Friedman-Shelby throughout, and every work shoe has a solid vamp. Come into our store and let us show you what 1 good young work mule and this line has in it. We have cut samples and guarantee the shoes to be as good or better than the Geo. E Darsey.

> Chas. N. Thredford, late of Normangee, has purchased the S. E. Howard farm a mile east of town, and this week moved his family there. The Messenger extends them a welcome and hopes they will be satisfied with their new location.

> Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox, who have been living north of town, left last Friday for Ione, Ark., to make their future home.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,
Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he
is senior partner of the firm of F. J.
Cheney & Co., doing business in the
City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the
sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for
each and every case of Catarrh that
cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S
CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY
Sworn to before me and subscribed
in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON,
(Seal)
Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the
Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send
for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation,

are Offering

Opportunities That Cannot be Equalled Buying

Our large stock of the best selected merchandise is marked at prices that will appeal to the buyers of merchandise for this month.

We want you to see the many new values in Dress Shoes, Work Shoes, Boottees and Boots that we are offering.

BUY YOUR MIDDY BLOUSES HERE

GIRLS, you will find what you want here in Middy Blouses, in Blazer Stripes, Solid Colors and many other pretty makes in fast color trimming.

YOUR UNDERWEAR

If you want good, sensible, serviceable. satisfactory underwear, that will fit, wear and wash, then buy Ivanho Mills Underwear that will wear to your entire satisfaction. It is the best you can buy for the least money.

FOR SALE BY

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

STRICKLAND FOR SENATOR **GIVES OUT HIS PLATFORM**

Hon. J. J. Strickland of Pal- my other purposes. estine announces for the State lowing platform.

fices.

-That he believes that taxes are inent labor legislation of this unnecessarily high for the re- state. turns we receive therefrom and 7. Prohibition-I am a proery department of the state ser- wide. I have been of that opinvice; that state taxes should be ion all my life and never expect tions should be made to sustain ject. My four years record in

3. Penitentiaries-That state is open for inspection. penitentiaries should be made 8. Truck Growers-I am the self-sustaining. The present author of the bill passed during commissioners seem to have the the thirtieth legislature requiridea to work all convicts on ing commission merchants to farms. This may prove satis- give bond. While this was a step factory but in my opinion before in the right direction, it seems the penitentiaries ever sustain that this bill did not go far themselves, factories will have enough to remedy the evil. I to be established within the am in favor of going further than walls, managed and operated by this and establish standard long term convicts and the short grades of fruit and vegetables term convicts used in building and requiring commission mergood public roads.

believe the iron furnaces at Rusk and to give a bond to said officer should be re-opened. Recently for the protection of the growthe Palestine Young Men's Bus- ers and shippers before said iness League had an expert to license is issued. visit the ore beds of Cherokee 9. Platform Demands - I County and inspect the iron shall support all platform defurnaces at Rusk and he report- mands of my party. I was of ed that he saw no reason why this opinion during the Campthe iron industry at that place bell administration and I shall couldn't be operated with suc- be of this opinion during Fer

5. The State Railroad-The who succeed him. estine and Rusk will develop to deavor to work with the preswill make its own expenses. I for the good of the state. would first prefer to sell the road with an understanding with the buyer that it be extend- Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most ed in either or both directions to some center of commerce. If it can't be sold, it should be ex-

6. Organized Labor-My four Senate from the 13th Senatorial years in the lower house of the District, and gives out the fol- state legislature speaks for itself. I have always supported 1. Integrity, honesty and so- all measures that were for the briety in all servants as essen- benefit of the laboring classes tial qualifications for public of and the record will disclose that I not only voted for, but was the 2. Taxes Should be Reduced author of some of the most prom-

believes in strict economy in ev- hibitionist, both local and state reduced and all state institu- to change my mind on the subthe lower house in this respect

chants to take out a license with 4. Iron Furnace at Rusk-I the commissioner of agriculture

guson's administration and those

State Railroad should be either | The people have spoken their sold or extended. At present it will and I am in favor of giving hasn't territory enough to sup-the present administration a port it and it will be 25 years chance to make good on its platbefore the country between Pal- form. If elected I shall ensuch an extent that said railroad ent administration in all things

Effectual.

tended by the state as above in- bottles of Chamberlain's Cough ord in 1916 above all past years dicated. If I can be of some Remedy and every time it has of our lives by being better men service in opening the iron fur-cured me. I have found it most and women, better neighbors nace at Rusk and making the effectual for a backing cough and land better citizens. By so doproper disposition of the Texas for colds. After taking it a ing we would have better church-State Railroad, I think I will cold always disappears," writes es, better schools and a better have done my district a valuable J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. country in every way. service even if I should fail in all Obtainable everywhere.

- Reasons for Home-Trading -

Because you examine your purchases and are assured of satisfaction before investing your money.

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LOCAL NEWS FROM BELOTT

(Delayed)

Belott, January 10.—Health is reasonably good with the exception of bad colds and a few cases of lagrippe.

As we are now spending the first days of the new year we "I have taken a great many should all strive to make a rec-

> Saturday night was lodge night for the W. O. W. at Belott Camp. The new officers were installed for the ensuing year: J. O. Kelley, C. C.; W. T. Payne, Adv. Lieut.; Geo. Duren, Banker; T. J. Sartor, Clerk; A. P. Balch, Past C. C. We failed to get the names of the other officers. The attendance was not very good, but some better than it had been. We believe the Camp will soon be on a boom again; hope so, at least.

Saturday from Kentucky where flocked to to the sale. After gethe had been visiting his father, ting the top price for every aniwhom he had not seen for a mal, impliment and article on the number of years.

beginning to "bob up". Now ored for more. The farmer, in look out, boys. We are going to the hope of driving them away, keep an extra hoe at the end of put up his mother-in-law. She the rows and talk real nice to The Rambler.

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side. He sold a gold brick that he bought in Chicago during the World's Fair. He sold the ruts in the road in front of his place and then offered to sell the secret of where he had the sale bills printed. We cannot give the results as the returns are not all in. They are bidding yet. That's the kind of sale bills we print. Give us a call.—Ex.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed_ not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Rem. edy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable evety.

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And For Three Summers Mrs. Vin- believe I would have died if I hadn't cent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C .- "I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

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NEWS FROM SAN PEDRO

Jan. 17 .- It seems now that winter has just begun and we will probably have a late spring.

There was no preaching Sunday on account of the bad weather.

Luther Kleckley of Crockett spent the latter part of the week with his father.

Among those attending the local institute at Percilla Friday night were: Norman, Tom and Willis Whitaker, T. A. Morgan and Luther Kleckley.

J. F. Fullmer and son, Harvey, were in Augusta Saturday.

F. Fulmer's.

I. N. Whitaker and sons, Norman, Tom and Willie, were Crockett visitors Friday.

The little son of Mr. Sampson Tyer is confined to his room with bronchitis.

Earl Shaver spent Saturday night at I. N. Whitaker's.

John A. Brimberry spent Saturday night with Enoch Whitaker.

W. A. Kleckley had business in Grapeland Saturday.

Mrs. George Richards left Wednesday for Wharton, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. L. G. Clark is visiting her sister in Elkhart.

Nero.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an FIFTY CENTS by YOUR DRUGGIST Crockett, : : : Texas effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. Sold by all druggists.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PERCILLA

Jan. 17.—Cold? Well, I should say so! These cottonades of ours feel like a shadow when our better half waives the poker at us and says "Jemes get some wood." Of course we don't have to get wood, but its get wood or the poker.

Doctoring lagrippe seems to be the order of the day. That isn't much news, as it seems to be raging most everywhere.

Mrs. Willie Wright is sick with pneamonia.

Mrs. Reba Buckalew is in a sanitarium at Palestine, where she underwent an operation for Eli Tatum of west Texas, came appendicitis. She was doing in Thursday and is visiting at J. nicely when we heard from her last. Mrs. Ed Holcomb of Augusta also went on the same train to Palestine for an operation for the same trouble. We join their many friends in wishing for them a speedy recovery.

> C. W. Butler Jr. has bought Dr. Hays' house and lot. It will be occupied by Joe Cook.

Mr. Graves of Waneta has moved here and expects to put in a set of blacksmith tools.

Our school is moving along nicely. The old fashioned Spelling Bee was enjoyed by everyone present. The local institute was a grand success, notwithstanding the threatening weather. The following schools were represented:

Liberty Hill, 2 teachers. Livelyville, 2 Porter Sp'gs. 2 Augusta, 2 Union, 3 San Pedro, 1 Oakgrove, 1 Waneta, 3 Belott, 3 Glover, 1 Percilla, 3

JEMES R.

January 18 .- We are having some very cool weather. Many of the farmers are using it for saving their meat.

We hear of a good deal of sickness scattered about through the different parts of the country and several in our community are on the sick list. Little R. C. Streetman is sick with fever and cold.

Mr. J. T. Kiser had lagrippe during the past week, but is improving.

Miss Ola Willis has been very sick since Thursday, but are glad to report that she is improving at present.

We also hear that Mrs. Bessie Weisinger and little daughter, Mamie are sick, but have not heard about the nature of their sickness. We are wishing for the speedy recovery of all those who are sick.

Mrs. Lucy Willis and son, John, have just returned from a visit to their old home in Calhoun Co., Florida. They refriends and relatives, also that look elsewhere for them. there had been many changes since they moved away.

Our literary society met Friness.

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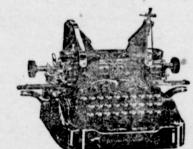
Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, day night and we had a very N. Y. has used Chamberlain's nice program, but had only a Tablets for years for disorders small number of visitors on ac- of the stomach and liver and count of bad weather and sick-says, 'Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used. Obtainable everywhere.

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ment before you spend a dollar for any typewriter. If yau are using some other make you will want to see how much more this one does.

If you are using an Oliver, it naturally follows that you want the finest model.

17 Cents a Day! Remember this brand new Oliver "9" is the greatest value ever given in a typewriter. It has all our previous special inventions -visible writing, automatic spacer, 6 1-2 ounce touch-plus the Optional Duplex Shift, Selective Color Attachment and all these other new-day features. Yet we have decided to sell it to everyone everywhere on our famous payment plan-17 cents a day! Now every user can easily afford to have the world's crach visible writer, with the famous Printype, that writes like print, included free if desired.

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HAYS SPRING LOCAL NEWS

January 16 .- W. W. Spence, T. B. Spence, W. M. Brown and several others have sick folks.

There has been but very little farm work going on. Ed Clark, Tom Spence, A. W. Hughes and W. J. Clark are taking in several acres of new land this wirter.

Luther Warner visited relatives at Daly's Saturday night and Sunday.

W. E. Garrard and family vis ited at New Prospect this week

Luther Lively made a business trip to Palestine this week.

The big traction engine came down the Daly's road Wednes- day from the chin down, selling day evening on its way to the muscle, but as high as a hund-Stevens farm.

There has been some moving going on here the past week. Mr. Kelly moved to W. W. Spence's farm. Richard Spence has bought one of A. B. Spence's farms and moved on same. Hamilton Clines has moved to Walter Pennington's farm.

This must be election year for we can see the candidates peeping around the corner. They seem to be a little wild now, but they will gentle by spring. Come on, gentlemen, and place your announcement in the Messenger. No use to put it off, for we know you are coming. Away back yonder men wanted an office just for the honor there was in it, but now they tell you they appreciate the honor conferred upon them, but if it was not for the compensation there is in it they would not want the officebut we don't blame them.

We want to tip our hat to "Observer" on the article he had in the Messenger last week. Tell it again. While it is lawful to give suspended sentences, it is very badly abused.

Big Foot.

JUST FOUR. READ THE AN-ALYSIS

You do just four things. You think; you remember; you imagine; you act. When you learn to think better, remember better, imagine better or act better, you are increasing your efficiency, and therefore your inare very successful now. Suppose you are; it isn't a question in passing some good laws. He of what you know, but of how is the author of the law creating beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. You will agree with us that to shed bill. violate a part of the laws of business means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all the laws means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of business success. The late Prof. James of Harvard declares that the average man only uses ten per cent indigestion. They do not allow of his brain power. Suppose time for one meal to digest beyou are twice as capable as the fore taking another. Not less factory results. average man? Even that would than five hours should elapse mean you are only twenty per between meals. If you are cent of your maximum possibil troubled with indigestion correct ing. ities. The purpose of our course your habits and take Chamberis to produce a maximum of lain's Tablets, and you may proficiency with a minimum ef- reasonably hope for a quick refort. Did you ever stop to think covery. These tablets strength. that eighty-five per cent of the en the stomach and enable it to men of this country are only perform its functions naturally. earning \$15 a week or less? That Obtainable everywhere.

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In the proper column this week will be found the name of hogs to kill. Hon. J. J. Strickland of Palestine, who announces for State LETTER FROM Senator from this district. Else where in this issue we publish Mr. Strickland's platform, giving the voters an idea of what he stands for and will advocate.

served in the legislative halls, being representative in the lowwith distinction and was helpful the state bureau of labor and the present inheritance tax law

Mr. Strickland will visit this section of the county sometime during the campaign and more fully explain to the voters the things he stands for. He solicits your support.

Bad Habits.

o'clock or later, lunch at twelve

NEW PROSPECT NEWS ITEMS

Jan. 17.—It seems that winter nas arrived at last.

The health of our community is better than it has been for two or three weeks.

Mrs. Odell Long is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Sophia Morris, at Elkhart.

There wasn't any Sunday School yesterday on account of the cold weather.

Our literary society met Friday night for the first time since Christmas. A good program was carried out and good music rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brooks and Miss Erie Bridges. Debate: Resolved; That Corporal Punishment Should be Prohibited in our State Prisons." Speakers on the affirmative, A. B. Milliken and Ped Herod; fall. negative, Fred Bridges and Lewis Herod. Judges rendered the decision in favor of the neg-

Mr. Thomas Caskey and Miss Bessie Bridges surprised their reasonable people. many friends by getting married to imagine and act. We can last Friday night. We all wish

> We are expecting Mr. Jim Lively to preach for us next Sunday and also organize a church of his faith as there are several members of that denomination at this place.

Mrs. Mat Hudson spent a few days last week with her son,

We hear Mr. Ed Parker is moving where Mr. Jim McKnight

We know everyone who killed hogs last week is glad to see this cold weather, especially Mr. I'm going to spend the summer at the Lee Finch, as he had some nice seashore. A READER.

1915 has passed away and now rests with the many years that Mr. Strickland is the present have preceded it. History will county attorney of Anderson refer to it as one of great storms, county, which office he has filled wars and great destruction of with credit. He has previously life both on land and water. We meet 1916 with conditions something more promising than er house from Anderson county we had at the commencement of come. You may feel that you four years. He filled the office the past year, for weal or for woe. We take up our daily avocations with hopes that all may be well at the end of the present year. We think that its now time for the farmers to consider what is and was joint author of the car. best to be done. The same cause exists today that did one year ago for reducing cotton acreage and diversifying our crops. The past season has, beyond a doubt, established the fact that a short crop gives better prices for our cotton, therefore it will be best for us to cut Those who breakfast at eight the cotton acreage and make good for better prices. We realand have dinner at six are al- ize that a great many will say it most certain to be troubled with is the same old chestnut. It is enough to say it will be well to stick to it until we get satis-

Xmas, was very quiet in these parts, nothing of note transpir-

There has been a good deal of sickness-some fatal.

This is candidate year and we notice some have already announced. T. M. Campbell of Palestine for U. S. Senator is among those whose names ap-

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pear in the announcement column and we rather think Mr. Campbell has a rough sea ahead of him. However, we cannot always tell where the plum will

We wish to compliment the Messenger for its splendid work in the Xmas edition. It carried cheer to its many readers and will even be appreciated by all

We wish everone a happy and prosperous New Year.

As ever; OLD GRAY.

NOTICE

Mrs. Jennie Dotson is authorized to solicit subscriptions for the Messenger, both new and renewal, and any favors shown her will be appreciated by us. She will appreciate your subscription, and if not convenient to see her, write her Grapeland, Route 1.

Just Possible.

Gayboy-I'm delighted to have met you, Miss Swift, and I hope to see more of you.

Miss Swift-Oh, perhaps you will.

The Case.

"What did the poet mean when he asked his sweetheart to drink to him only with her eyes?" "Of course, she had liquid eyes,

Equal to a Cat Concert. Mrs. Hixon-Is your husband a sound sleeper, Mrs. Dixon?

Mrs. Dixon-Well, you would think so if you were to hear him snore.

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