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This community was thrown into a fever of excitement last Thursday morning by a message from Latexo to the effect that a strange negro had attempted to criminally assault an aged lady, whom he met on the railroad track a few miles south of Latexo, but was frightened away by the lady's screams before he accomplished his hellish purpose. Sheriff Spence of Crockett soon arrived and a posse of citizens organized to give pursuit to the fleeing "coon." About 12 o'clock parties out on the Crockett road sighted the negro going into a strip of woods in John Smith's field. He was tracked for several miles thru Caney creek bottom, but the track being dim, was finally lost. But the search was not given up. The crowd divided for a systematic hunt through the marshes, which are very numerous, and about 4 o'clock their labors were rewarded when Connor Denson and Harry Lively spied the negro lying down in some tall grass. He was turned over to the Sheriff, who carried him to Crockett, and after being identified by the lady, was placed in jail. The next morning the Sheriff learned that the negro was an escaped convict, having gotten away from a road gang in Walker county Tuesday night.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. W. N. Sheridan celebrated his 90th birthday at his home northwest of Grapeland last Tuesday, and it was a gala day for those who attended, the dinner being all that the heart could desire. For many years Mr. Sheridan has observed his anniversary, and it is a day looked forward to with fond anticipations by all the connection of the family. Mr. Sheridan is quite active for a man of his age, and here's hoping that he will arrive to celebrate many more birthdays. Those who attended from Crockett were Ney Sheridan and three children, Miss Stella Sheridan and Mrs. Dupuy Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris and son, Frank Howard, after a pleasant visit here with relatives, left Monday for their home in Lake Charles, La., being accompanied by Mrs. Faris' sister, Miss Arline Howard.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WANETA

June 26.—As the springtime has come and gone and good old summer time is in our midst, the loving hand that rules the universe has blessed us with sufficient rainfall and our prospects for crops are favorable at present.

Mr. N. J. Tims and family of Buffalo Gap, arrived last Tuesday for an extended visit with relatives and friends. They made the trip in their car.

Messrs. Will Wilson and Ollie Harrington of this place left last week for near Rusk to crate tomatoes.

A few from here attended the working at Mr. Joe Tims near Percilla last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Teems of this place have been at the bedside of Mr. Teems' sister, Mrs. Tims, who has been very sick for several days.

Mr. John Kennedy is very sick and we think there is very little chance for his recovery.

Mrs. Fortson and children visited near Slocum Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. N. J. Edmondson was the guest of Mrs. Killgo Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moore of this place were the guests of Mr. Dunk Miles Sunday.

Mr. L. L. Wright was in this community last Tuesday buying cattle.

Most all the young people of this neighborhood attended an ice cream supper at Mr. Van Wilson's near Hickory Grove last Friday night.

Mr. Mart Howard of Alto was called to the bedside of his father-in-law, Mr. Kennedy, who was very sick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward visited relatives at Grapeland from Saturday until Sunday. They were accompanied home by Miss Mamie Kennedy who will visit relatives and friends here a few days.

The Baptist meeting will begin here next Saturday night, July 1st., conducted by Rev. Harris of Lovelady. Bonnie.

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June 26.—Rev. Prather filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night. Bro. Henderson filled his appointment in the evening. There was good attendance at all services.

There are a good many people sick with chills and fever at present.

A good many people attended the funeral of Mr. J. B. Cunningham at Belott last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cook and little grand-daughter, Dorris, went to Alto Sunday.

Mr. C. A. Moore and Loyd Bolton spent the 19th in Alto.

Messrs. Hulen and Mote Scarborough, Guy Richardson and Hugh Kirkpatrick went fox hunting Saturday night and had a very good chase.

A jolly crowd from Augusta visited Miss Irwin Talley Sunday. Among them were Messrs. Joe Wall, Olney McLean, Drury Kirkpatrick, Charlie Holcomb, Loyd Bolton, Clarence Lucas and Misses Raffle Holcomb, Pearl Bayes, Katie Cook and Eddie Holcomb. All reported a nice time.

Mr. Clarence Talley from Alto spent last week with relatives and friends in Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Holcomb and son, Jess, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Carel Prather of Marshall visited friends here last week.

The meeting will be held at this place, beginning the fourth Sunday in July.

Big Boy.

While out driving Sunday afternoon, Mrs. C. L. Cromwell unfortunately lost control of her car and struck a tree with force sufficient to considerably damage the machine, although none of the occupants were hurt.

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WRESTLING MATCH SATURDAY NIGHT

A wrestling match has been arranged for Saturday night at the Electric Theatre between M. C. Gossett of Palestine and Red Beiser of Salt Lake City. Gossett has made quite a reputation as a wrestler, and his opponent is also good at the game, and it may be expected that a good match will be staged. It's good clean sport, which will be enjoyed by all, and the ladies are especially urged to see the match. Remember, Saturday night at the Electric Theatre.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who, by word or deed, helped to alleviate the suffering of our darling husband and father, and for the loving prayers and words of sympathy that has helped us in our sadness.
 Mrs. J. B. Cunningham, and children.

Miss Eula Mae Riall, who has been here visiting her brother, W. A. Riall, left Saturday morning for Houston to visit relatives and friends.

The AUCTION BLOCK

BY REX BEACH



SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the family fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei.

CHAPTER II—A well-known critic interviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beauty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Slesson, the press agent, later adds his information.

CHAPTER III—Lorelei attends Millionaire Hammon's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

CHAPTER IV—Bob Wharton breaks in to the ball in a novel way and wins a thousand dollars from his father. Merkle asks Lorelei to be his detective in an affair which he fears. The intoxicated Bob Wharton insults Lorelei and then jumps in the fountain.

CHAPTER V—Jim Knight's doings disgust Lorelei and arouse her suspicion. Her dressing room partner looms as a central figure in the blackmail scheme against Hammon. Mrs. Croft, the dresser, tells what she heard.

CHAPTER VI—Lorelei meets Merkle to warn him of the proposed trap for Hammon. They go for a long auto ride in the night.

CHAPTER VII—The auto is wrecked; Merkle and Lorelei are forced to walk to the Chateau. Arriving, they meet Jim Knight and suspicious companions who leave suddenly. Hammon appears from within and tells of being tricked in company with Lillas Lynn.

CHAPTER VIII—Lorelei goes shopping and meets Mlle. Demorest, notorious dancer, who takes her home to tea. Lorelei learns that the dancer is not what is said of her.

CHAPTER IX—Lillas Lynn confesses to Lorelei her intentions as to Hammon. Jim Knight and his mother prepare to force money from Merkle, using Lorelei's ride with him as a weapon.

CHAPTER X.

Jim's appearance when he entered the dressing room that night was a surprise; he was clad in faultless evening attire.

"Why the barbaric splendor?" inquired Lorelei. "Do you want me to dress, too?"

"Sure thing. Look your best, and make me think I'm a regular John."

"Bergman dropped in to see me tonight," she told him, after they had gossiped for a moment. "I don't like the way he talked. He thinks he owns the girls who work for him."

Jim replied, carelessly: "Blow him and his job. You can get on at the Palace Garden."

"There's my contract; he can discharge me, you know, but I can't quit—that's one of the peculiarities of a theatrical contract. Well—he insisted on taking me to supper."

"A brother is a handy thing, once in a while, but for every-day use you



"Hush! It's Campbell Pope, the Critic."

need a 'steady' with a kick in each mitt," suggested Jim.

"I wish you would punch him."

"Who? Me? And go joy-riding with a square-toe? Nix. I'm too refined. Did you see tonight's papers?"

"There wasn't much in them."

Jim smiled wisely. "There would have been if things hadn't gone right. I'm glad for your sake."

"Oh, the harm's done, I suppose.

But there's one good thing about it—Rob Wharton hasn't bothered me this evening."

Jim, with an expressionless face, tried to speak to Lillas Lynn, who had just come in. When his sister came down after the last act, he was waiting at the door and helped her into a cab, despite her protestations that she would much prefer to walk.

"What are you going to do with all the coin you save? Slip it to the shoemakers?" he laughed. "I don't go out often; you'd better spring me good."

As they seated themselves in the main room at Proctor's, he appraised her with admiring eyes. "You're the candy, sis. There's class to that layout."

"It's part of the game to look well in public, but I'd have enjoyed myself more if we had gone to Billy the Oysterman's and dressed the part." She surveyed the gaudy dining room, with its towering marble columns, its tremendous crystal festoons, showering a brilliant but becoming light upon the throngs below, then nodded here and there to casual greetings.

Proctor's was a show place, built upon the site of a former resort the fame of which had been nation-wide; but the crowds that frequented it now were of a different type to those that had gathered in "the old Proctor's." Prices were higher here than elsewhere; the coatrooms were robbers' dens, infested by Italian mafiosi; tips were extravagant and amounted in effect to ransom. But New York dearly loves to be pillaged. Nothing speeds the Manhattan sleep hater more swiftly to a change of scene than the knowledge that he is getting his money's worth.

"Speaking of clothes," Jim continued, staring past his sister to another table, "there seems to be a strike breaker in the room. Pipe the gink with the nightshirt under his coat and the shoestring tie. There must be a masquerade—Say! He's bowing to you."

"Hush! It's Campbell Pope, the critic."

Mr. Pope had risen and was slouching toward them. He took Lorelei's hand, then shot a sharp glance at her escort as the girl introduced them. Accepting Jim's mumbled invitation, he seated himself and instructed a waiter to bring his coffee. Jim watched the nearest entrance with some anxiety, for the reviewer's presence did not fit well with his plans. As he finished ordering he heard Pope say:

"I was sorry the story got out. Miss Knight; but it was pretty well smoothed in this evening's papers. Of course you were dragged in by the hair to afford a Roman spectacle; we all saw what it meant when it came to us."

"What did it mean?" queried Jim, with brotherly interest.

"Blackmail. The word was written all over it. Melcher's connection with the affair was proof of that; then—the way it was handled! Nobody touched it except the Dispatch, and, of course, it got its price."

"I thought newspapers paid for copy," innocently commented Jim.

"Yes, real newspapers; but the gang had to publish the stuff somewhere. It is reported that Hammon paid fifty thousand dollars to prevent Melcher from filing suit. I dare say things will be quiet around Tony the Barber's now."

"You press people certainly have got a lot up your sleeves." James' involuntary start of dismay did not pass unnoticed. He did not relish the gleam in Pope's eyes, and he hastily sought refuge in a goblet of water, notwithstanding his distaste for the liquid.

"We sometimes know as much as the police, and we invariably tell more," continued Pope. "Yes, a business man can get a haircut in Tony's without fear of family complications now. I suppose Armistead is smoking hop; Young Sullivan is probably laying an alcoholic foundation for a wife-beating, and—the others are spending Hammon's money in the cafes."

Jimmy Knight paled, for behind Pope's genial smile were both mockery and contempt; a panic swept him lest this fellow should acquaint Lorelei with the truth. Jim lost interest in his clams and thereafter avoided conversation with the wariness of a fox.

He was still glowing with resentment when Robert Wharton paused at the table and greeted its occupants cheerily. In response to Jim's invitation Bob drew up a fourth chair, seated himself, and began to beam upon

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Lorelei. Noting the faint line of annoyance between her brows, he laughed.

"Retreat is cut off," he announced, complacently. "Escape is hopeless. I've left orders to have the windows barred and the doors walled up."

"Eh? What's the idea?" inquired Pope.

Wharton answered sadly: "My vanity has suffered the rudest jolt of its young career; I mourn the death of a perfectly normal and healthy self-concept, age twenty-nine. Services at noon; friends and relatives only."

"Oho! You've heard the seductive song of the Rhine maiden?" Pope's eyes were twinkling.

"Eh?—I'm tangled up like a basket of ticker tape. You see, Campbell, I drink; candor compels me to acknowledge that much. In a moment of folly I was indiscreet, and ever since I have been trying to apologize. In short, I'm in Dutch, and there sits the adorable cause of my sorrows."

In spite of Wharton's reproachful tone, the gaze he bent upon Lorelei was good-humored, and she saw that he was in a mood different to any she had ever seen him in. Strange to say, he was sober, or nearly so, and he was plainly determined to make her like him.

"Has he annoyed you, Miss Knight?" asked Pope.

"Dreadfully."

Wharton explained further. "The first time we met I deserved to be slapped, and I was. You see, I was ruder than usual. But I have sobered up purposely to apologize; I have repented, and—well, here we are, thanks to brother James."

"Thanks to—Jim?" Lorelei raised her brows.

Pope turned to young Knight and said, politely, "That is my foot you are stamping on."

Ignoring Jim's mute appeal, Wharton ran on, smilingly: "He promised to shackle you to a table until I could stammer out my halting apologies, and now that I've done so in the presence of press and public won't you forgive

me and help me to bury the hatchet in a Welsh rabbit?" He was speaking directly to her with a genuine appeal in his handsome eyes. Now that she saw him in his right mind, it was unexpectedly hard to resist him, for he was very boyish and friendly—quite unlike the person who had so grievously offended her.

When she and Jim had first entered the restaurant they had received a polite but casual recognition from the head waiter, but there attentions had ceased. With Wharton as a member of the party, however, there came a change. Mr. Proctor himself paused momentarily at the table and rested a hand upon Wharton's shoulder while he voiced a few platitudes. Then in some inexplicable manner Robert found himself not only ordering for himself but supplementing Jim's menu with rare and expensive viands. As a great favor, he was advised of a newly imported vintage wine which the proprietor had secured for his own use.

Of course Mr. Wharton wished to sample such a vintage, any vintage, in fact, since a thousand fires were consuming him, and his nerves were on edge from the night before. The first draft electrified him, his spirits rose, and he swept his companions along with his enthusiasm. From surrounding tables people accosted him; men paused in passing to exchange a word about stocks, polo, scandal, Newport, tennis, Tuxedo; none were in the least stiff or formal, and all expressed in one way or another their admiration for Lorelei. Women who she knew were not of her world beamed and smiled at the young millionaire. It was a new experience for the girl, who felt herself, as the supper progressed, becoming conspicuous without the usual disagreeable accompaniments. Men no longer openly ogled her; women did not nudge each other and whisper; her presence in company with a member of the idolized rich was causing gossip, but gossip of a flattering kind.

All this attention, however, had quite the contrary effect upon Campbell

Pope. Much to Jim's relief, he excused himself shortly, whereupon the former, after allowing Wharton to pay the score, suggested a dance, breezily sweeping aside his sister's mild objection. Of course Bob was delighted, and soon the trio had set out upon a round of the dancing cafes.

Bob Wharton had drunk heavily, but up to this time he had shown little effect from his potations beyond a growing exhilaration; now, however, the wine was taking toll, and Lorelei felt a certain pity for him. With Robert Wharton liquor intensified a natural agreeableness until it cloyed. His amenities were monstrously magnified; he became convivial to the point of offensiveness. In the course of this metamorphosis he was many things, and through such a cycle he worked tonight while the girl looked on.

Overcoming his niggardly inhibitions, Jimmy Knight, as the evening progressed, assumed the burden of entertainment. He, too, adopted a spendthrift gaiety and encouraged Wharton's libations, although he drank little himself.

There came a time when Bob could no longer dance—when, in fact, he could barely walk—and then it was that Jim proposed leaving. Bob readily agreed—having reached a condition of mellowness where he agreed enthusiastically to anything—and Lorelei was only too glad to depart. She had witnessed the pitiful breaking down of Bob's faculties with a curious mingling of concern and dismay, but her protests had gone unheeded. Having had a glimpse of his real self earlier in the evening, and being wise in the ways of intemperance, she felt only pity for him now as the three made their way downstairs.

While Jim went in search of his belongings, Bob propped himself against the wall and regarded Lorelei mirroring through eyes that were dim and unfocusable.

"Fairly princess, you are remarkable every minute," he said. "Yes! A thousand yeses. your little friend, eh? No more,

no more mysterious exits, what?"
 "That depends upon you."
 "I'm behaving finely," he vaunted.
 "I usually act much worse than I have tonight, but I like you. I like you differently—understand? Not like the other girls. You're so beautiful! Makes me dizzy. You forgive my little joke eh?"

"What joke?"
 "Meeting you the way I did tonight. Jim's nice boy—obliged to him."
 "I see. Then it was all planned?"
 He nodded vehemently and nearly lost his balance.

"How much—did you pay him?" Lorelei queried, with difficulty.
 Mr. Wharton waved his hand in a magnificent gesture. "What's money, anyhow? Somebody's bound to get it." "Fifty dollars?"

He looked at her reproachfully. "That's an insult to Jim—he's a business man, he is. More than that— Oh, yes, and I'll take care of him again—this very night. I'll stake him. He knows a place."

"Will you do me a favor?" she asked, after a pause.

Wharton assured her with abnormal emphasis that her lightest wish was law.

"Then go straight home from here," she pleaded.

"I say, that's not fair." Bob looked ludicrously shocked. "I promised Jim— Wouldn't have me break a sacred promise, would you? We're expected— a little game all arranged where we can bust it quick. If you hear a loud noise—that'll be Melcher going broke."

"Melcher!" Lorelei looked sharply at her brother, who was approaching with her wraps, and noted that he was perfectly sober. A moment later she checked Bob in the act of giving directions to the cab driver:

"Wait. Where do you live, Mr. Wharton?"

"The Charlevoix." It was the most expensive bachelor apartment building in the city.

"Drive to the Charlevoix," she told the chauffeur.

"Hold on, sis," cried Jim. "We're going to take you home first."

"No."

"But—" Jim saw in his sister's face something that brought a smothered oath to his lips. Drawing her out of

STANLEY'S RETURN

By GEORGE MUNSON.

Robert Stanley was running away. The train was a local. That was part of his scheme. At Philadelphia he meant to catch a quick train to the South. Thence he could make his way undetected to South America. He felt as eager as a schoolboy over it. And it occurred to him that his past life had ended when Miriam had died. The five and twenty years that had elapsed was only an interlude.

He looked up as the train stopped at a small station with an odd sense of familiarity. He saw the name Birmingham. Why, that was his home town, and he had never been home since his mother died. He had always meant to, until he heard of Miriam's marriage, and then he had dropped a veil over the past. Now he had a sudden longing to see the little place again.

He took his suitcase—all he was carrying with him—and got off. Two other passengers were leaving the train. One was a man about fifty-five, the other a girl of nineteen or twenty. As Stanley stood on the platform she turned, and he saw Miriam looking at him.

He raised his hat automatically, gasped, and stood staring at her foolishly. The girl looked doubtful for a moment—then she whispered to her father, who turned with a puzzled expression upon his face.

"I beg your pardon," stammered Stanley, "but my name is Robert Stanley, and I—I seemed to recognize—"

"You did," smiled the man. "What an odd meeting! My name is Roger Leston, and this is my daughter Miriam. Her mother often spoke of you."

"I knew you from your photograph, Mr. Stanley, at once," said the girl smiling. "Though it was taken before I was born—"

"I feel complimented," said Stanley. "Are you staying in Birmingham?" inquired the other. "If so you must be my guest. I hope you won't refuse, for my wife always spoke so kindly of you; in fact, I understand you were an old admirer of hers?"

Kindly of him? Could anyone have ever spoken kindly of him? Stanley was unguarded. For the first time in a score of years he dropped the mask of coldness that he presented to the world.

"And I know all about you," the elderly gentleman continued. "I was saying to Miriam only yesterday that you must be harassed to death by those Wall street scoundrels. We hope you'll best them. You see, we all speak kindly of you in Birmingham. It will be a great honor—"

Before Stanley could recover from the surprise of this dramatic meeting he had accepted Leston's hospitality overnight. But on the following morning he found himself unable to rise.

It was nothing serious, the doctor said, but weeks of anxiety had broken down Stanley's strength. And, coming back to the old town, with its boyhood memories, he had yielded to the weakening and softening influence. He was like a runner who drops exhausted at the end of a race. For five days he did not stir from his room; he was too exhausted to leave his bed, even, during the greater part of them.

Leston had scrupulously respected his secret, and, as Stanley had given out that he intended to spend a week in the mountains no anxiety or surprise was caused by his disappearance.

On the sixth day he came to the conclusion that the old life, always hateful, was now impossible. But the idea of running away had somehow become equally impossible. Life seemed conceivable only in terms of the little town and—Miriam.

In the girl he saw his old love, fairer, and with the same winning charm and sweetness. And with the new life to begin, it seemed unbelievable that he should not have Miriam to share it.

That night he had a frank talk with Mr. Leston. He had already showed him much of himself, but now he bared his life from the beginning. He told him his hopes and fears, how he had planned to run away, how the strange meeting had affected him.

"It may sound strange to you, sir, in a man of forty-five," he said, "but I feel like a young fellow coming to you to ask for your daughter's hand. If Miriam does not consider the difference in our ages an irreparable disqualification, may I have your permission to ask her to become my wife?"

Leston clapped him on the shoulder. "There is no reason why you shouldn't, Robert," he said. "I don't think age changes our real natures very much. It would give me much happiness. And I believe you are the only American man I know who

has gone to the father before going to the daughter."

Stanley found Miriam in the garden.

"I have come to say good-by," he said, taking her hands in his. "I am going back to face the music. And when I return—I don't know when—I shall ask you to be my wife."

The girl's eyes filled with tears. "I have loved you all my life—before I ever saw you," she said. "And mother used to say she wished I could marry a man like you. You see, we all think so highly of you in Birmingham."

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WHY THE FIRELIGHT DANCES

Scientific Explanation of Action Which Has Delighted Countless Generations of Youngsters.

Have you ever watched the blaze in the fireplace dance and flicker? Of course you have. A little flame jumps from one piece of coal to another and changes color. Sometimes it seems to go out, and then it comes back to life in another place.

If the coal were one pure substance and the air was supplied in a steady draft, the firelight would not jump and dance that way. But in the coal there are gases imprisoned that cannot get out until the coal begins to break up in the fire. As these gases escape they burn, making beautiful flames of different colors that flicker about over the surface of the coal.

Fire must have air to burn and in the fireplace the supply of air is moved by the wind at the top of the chimney. So sometimes the blowing of the wind will make the fire flicker.

Coke, coal from which the gas has been removed, is pure carbon. It makes a hot fire but has little or no flame. Of the fire in a fireplace a large part of the gases and of the carbon goes up the chimney unburnt. You see that is a great waste, but it is part of what we have to pay for our pretty fires.



MINER'S CABIN IN CITY.

There are several spots along the new subway where you can get a splash of mining color. Right in the heart of the white light district the contractors have erected a miners' cabin. It's no rudely constructed affair, either, and it is nicely frescoed in sea-green color. When the \$10-a-day guests at the Astor or the Claridge look out upon the shack they may see the sand hogs enjoying the same privileges they are—looking at the sights along the main street. If one take a peep in some of the subway openings one may see the mules drawing carloads of stone and dirt. Farther down Broadway, near Union Square park, is the place where the mules come up out of the black hole for an airing. They pick their way up the steep sides, and when they reach the surface they seem glad to breathe the fresh air.—New York Times.

THE LUXURY OF DISDAIN.

"What is your dog's pedigree?" "He hasn't any," replied Mr. Growler. "That's why I keep him around. I'm shy on distinguished ancestry myself and I enjoy having a creature at hand whom I can contemplate with supercilious superiority."

UPSHAW SPOKE IN GRAPELAND

Will D. Upshaw, better known as the Georgia "cyclone," spoke at the Methodist church last Wednesday night in the interest of submission, which will be voted upon in the July primary.

Mr. Upshaw declared that there was no such thing as a "local liquor contest," that when a prohibition election is called, no matter how remote the precinct, the whiskey interests could be found doing all in their power to carry the election in their favor. He declared it was the antis and not the pros who had injected the liquor question into politics and in support of this charge presented the evidence adduced by the attorney general in the trial of the breweries at Sulphur Springs. He is a very forceful speaker and presents his arguments in a most convincing and conclusive manner. He expressed a desire to meet Senator Joe Bailey in a joint debate on the liquor question and its connection with Texas politics.

He made a profound impression upon his audience and no doubt made some votes for submission.

LOCAL NEWS FROM DALY'S

June 25.—The health of our neighborhood is not so good at present, quite a lot of chills and fevers reported.

All the farmers are as busy as they can be making war on the grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trube of Galveston visited Mrs. Trube's sister, Mrs. Dr. Hill several days the past week.

Mrs. E. C. Hill of Grapeland spent several days last week with Dr. Hill and family.

Miss Lorena Brown spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Bertha Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bridges of New Prospect spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kyle. Miss May Pridgen also spent Sunday with Miss Mary Kyle.

Misses Minnie and Ruth Williams visited Mrs. Laseter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Laseter spent Saturday and Sunday in Grapeland with their daughter, Mrs. Hugh Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumnar Rials of Reynard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kyle.

We had a nice singing at Daly's Sunday afternoon, and would be glad to welcome anyone from the surrounding communities who will come and help us, as our singers need help, also a lot of practice.

Miss Lottie Spence, and her brother Chester, of Latexo, visited at the home of Mr. James Pennington Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ethel Spence was a visitor at the home of Mr. Pendergrass last Sunday.

Charlotta.

GRAVEYARD WORKING

There will be a working at the Tyer graveyard Thursday, July 6. Please come and bring good tools and plenty of dinner. Mrs. J. N. Tyer.

Prof. C. T. Sims was home from Lovelady for the week-end and reports the normal doing good work.

MEATS!

We now keep our meats iced in our large refrigerator, which insures freshness and keeps it tender and sweet.

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"Are You Stuck on the Boob?"

hearing, he muttered, angrily, "Mind your own business; I've got something on."

"I know you have." She met his eyes unflinchingly. "But you shan't rob him."

Jim thrust his thin face close to hers, and she saw that it was distorted with rage. "If you don't want to go home, stay here. He's going with me."

"We'll see."
 She turned, but he seized her roughly. "What are you going to do?" he demanded.

"I'm going to tell him he's being taken to a crooked gambling house, and that you're working for Max Melcher. He isn't too drunk to understand that."

Her brother clenched his fist menacingly, but she did not recoil, and he thought better of his impulse.

"Are you grand-standing?" he queried, irritably. "Are you stuck on the boob, or do you want your bit?"

Without reply she walked back to the cab, redirected the driver to the Charlevoix, then seated herself beside Wharton, who was already sinking into a stupor. Jim slunk in behind her, and they were whirled southward.

It was a silent ride, for the besotted young millionaire slept, and Jim dared not trust himself to speak. Lorelei closed her eyes, nauseated, disillusioned, miserable, seeing more clearly than ever the depths into which she had unwittingly sunk, and the infamy to which Jim had descended.

At his hotel Wharton roused himself, and Lorelei sent him reeling into the vestibule. Then she and Jim turned homeward through the deserted streets.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, - - - Editor and Owner

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THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1916

THE SPIRIT OF THEN AND NOW

When war with Spain was declared in 1898 thousands of young men left their employment and went to the front in defense of their country. When the war was over these young soldiers returned home and in a majority of cases found their jobs filled by other people and themselves without employment and without prospects for the future. Such was the reward of valor in 1898.

Today thousands of the principal business institutions of the country are announcing that all members of the National Guard who have responded to the president's call will not only find their jobs waiting for them on their return but will have their full salaries paid to their families during their absence. Such is the spirit of 1916.

A little reflection should convince the most skeptical that not all of the patriotism of this country flows in the veins of the man with the gun. The civilian has his duty to perform, and he, too, performs it as the man he is.

It is a combination of valor and fidelity which in time should prove invincible. Let us hope that such it may be.

Mexico must stop kickin' our border around.

All sections and classes will benefit by good roads. Few movements are as truly national in as many ways, as the cause of highway improvement.

An English scientist says that excessive talking is a dangerous disease. Texas politicians beat him to that discovery many years ago.

Upon being invited to a social function, a lady once remarked, "I have nothing to wear." The oft repeated phrase fell upon unheeding ears. Nowadays we are tempted to think she tells pretty nearly the truth.

The people now have the opportunity to settle the Robertson insurance law question, as the proposition has been placed upon the ballot to be voted on in the July primary. You can vote to repeal the law or vote to have it amended, just as you like. We are strong believers in the present law, and hope the voters of Texas will not permit themselves to be misled and vote to repeal it. It will be a sad day for Texas when this law is repealed for the benefit of the money sharks of Wall Street.

The question of submission has been placed upon the ballot and will be voted upon in July. If the issue carries, which we believe it will, the legislature will submit a constitutional amendment for statewide prohibition in 1917. We believe Texas will go dry by a safe majority.

The Mexico situation is very serious and nasty and bids fair to involve this country in war. Continued outrages along the border, killing our troops at Carrizal and the contemptible attitude of old Carranza give the situation a very war-like appearance. It is not pleasant to contemplate, but it seems to be a burden placed upon the United States. Mexico is a hot bed of anarchy and ignorance and conditions have been growing worse daily since Diaz evacuated and fled to France five years ago. If it is up to Uncle Sam to clean Mexico of its filth, then the task will be accomplished without bluster or blow, as the people perform their routine duties of life, for such is the American spirit. When the stars and stripes are planted on the capital dome of Mexico City, may they remain there until the country shall have been made over into a place of habitation fit for rational human beings.

DINNER PARTY

The delights and beauty of a children's affair was realized last evening when a number of little folks gathered at the home of Mrs. Joe Kellam in response to invitations to a dinner party honoring Misses Ada Belle and Elizabeth Leaverton, who are visiting here from Grapeland.

A most attractive table was arranged for the twelve happy young hearts who were guests on this genuinely delightful occasion. A mound of daisies formed the center piece and little baskets of the chosen flower were arranged at either end. In response to a clever little toast to the visiting girls given by Miss Nettie Joe Slaughter, Miss Ada Belle Leaverton in sweet girlish fashion voiced the appreciation of the other visiting girls of the really happy time they were having. After the dinner, the young folks enjoyed a theatre party at the Wonderland, the guests being Misses Elizabeth Mulkey, Sara Dorsey Jane Grice of San Antonio, Dorothy Hill of Dallas, Nettie Joe and Charlie Slaughter, Anna Belle Pankey, Dorothy Gaston, Etha Moore Yates and Edith Mae Stroud and the honorees. —Kaufman Sun.

WILL CLOSE STORES JULY 4th

We, the undersigned business men of Grapeland will close our places of business Tuesday, July 4th:

- Geo. E. Darsey, Wade L. Smith, 9:30, W. R. Wherry, Guaranty State Bank, D. N. Leaverton, 9:30, Post Office, Cash Grocery Co., Keeland Bros., Kennedy Bros., City Meat Market 9:30, Barber Shop 9:30, T. H. Leaverton, J. J. Brooks, T. S. Kent, Traylor Bros., Frank Alen, S. E. Howard, F. & M. State Bank, McLean & Riall, M. L. Clewis.

NEW ICE HOUSE

I am now ready for your ice business at the new brick ice house south of Allen's store. Let me figure with you on your ice business. Your patronage will be appreciated. Prompt service. J. W. Howard.

JULY 4th!

INDEPENDENCE DAY

On July 4, 1776, the old Liberty Bell pealed out its melodious notes from its tower in Philadelphia with the glad message that tyranny was denounced and this United States of America was born. In looking back over the pages of history we can see how we have profited and grown under the new nation. In commemoration of this day this store will be closed next Tuesday, and in the meantime, we want you to

DECLARE YOUR INDEPENDENCE

against hot weather. Our lines of men's summer clothing, boys' summer clothing and ladies' skirts, waists and dress goods are as complete as you will find anywhere. New goods are being received weekly.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

Our stock of shoes is the most complete in Grapeland. We have a full line of sizes in men's, women's and children's LOW QUARTER SHOES.

Men's low quarters in all popular leathers \$2.50 to \$5
Sizes 5 1-2 to 11

Ladies low quarters, all new styles, - \$2.25 to \$3.50
Sizes 1 1-2 to 9

Children's low quarters at popular prices
Sizes 0 to 6

Vacation Time is Calling

and you should heed the call—you should arm yourself with a good suit case or trunk. We have just received a dandy line.

- Suit Cases - - - - - 90c to \$10.00
- Hand Grips - - - - - 25c to \$10.00
- Children's Grips (good for lunch carriers) 25c and 50c
- Trunks, all sizes - - - - - \$1.75 to \$12.50

Don't Borrow a Suit Case--Buy One Today

George E. Darsey The Service First Store

NEWS ITEMS FROM EPHEBUS

June 26.--We notice that some of the farmers are bothered with crab grass, but we believe if the weather stays favorable they will soon catch up with their work.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Graham were visiting at Mr. Frank Graham's last week.

A number of young people of this community attended Sunday school at Grounds School community Sunday morning and report a fine time.

Mrs. Lillie Goolsby visited

Mrs. Frank Graham Sunday.

The people of this community have decided to have the singing school. It will begin July 31, and run ten days.

Mr. Carlos Robbins and family visited Mr. Will Robbins Sunday.

Master Albert Graham is on the sick list this week.

Correspondent.

Stomach Troubles and Constipation

"I will cheerfully say that Chamberlain's Tablets are the most satisfactory remedy for stomach troubles and constipation that I have sold in thirty-four years' drug store service," writes S. H. Murphy, druggist, Wellsberg, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.

SONLEY LEMAY STILL ON THE TICKET

According to the ruling of the Attorney General's department, Sonley LeMay's name has never been off the ticket and it will appear upon the official ballot. Mr. LeMay is now as much a candidate as ever. The department also holds in effect that Sonley LeMay has been a bona fide resident of Houston county all his life. adv.

Miss Ola Baker of Corpus Christi arrived Saturday to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baker, near town.

LOCAL NEWS

Get a straw hat at Darsey's.
 Mrs. Loye Stowe left Tuesday for Dallas to visit friends.
 New neckwear will arrive this week at Darsey's.
 W. E. Kerr has purchased a 5-passenger Dodge car.
 Boys shirts and blouses 25c and 50c at Darseys.
 J. S. Yarbrough returned Monday morning from Palestine.
 Work shirts for men 35c and 50c at Darsey's.
 Nat Patton was here last Friday meeting his friends.
 EXTRA SPECIAL—A good work shirt at Darsey's for 35c.
 Geo. E. Darsey Jr. is home for the summer from Southwestern University at Georgetown.
 The greatest clothing offer ever made. READ IT IN THE MESSENGER.
 Mrs. Robert Bobbitt and children visited relatives in Palestine Saturday and Sunday.
 Mrs. George Tyer visited her brother in Palestine last Saturday.
 Miss Sam Hague, who is attending the normal at Lovelady, visited homefolks from Friday until Monday morning.
 Judge and Mrs. B. H. Gardner of Palestine passed through Grapeland Wednesday en route to Crockett.
 T. C. Neel, who lives east of town, was exhibiting a very fine specimen of home grown tobacco Saturday.

Plenty of overalls at Darsey's.
 Heel sweeps at 5c per pound at J. J. Brooks.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton spent several days in Houston this week.
 Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth and son, Jot Davis, of Livingston, are here on a visit to relatives.
 Will pay 14c per dozen for eggs in cash or 18c in trade.
 J. J. Brooks.
 Misses Lula and Modelle Jones of Percilla visited in Palestine Saturday.
 Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new and give good service.
 M. L. Clewis.
 Mrs. E. P. Butler, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pridgen, left Saturday for her home in Cuero.
 Miss Hattie Williamson of Cuero is here to spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pridgen.
 Dr. M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. Old clothes renovated and made new. Your work solicited.
 READ IT IN THE MESSENGER—The greatest clothing offer ever made to the men of Grapeland. Coming to you soon.
SINGING SCHOOL
 The singing school will begin at Oak Grove July the 10th. J. H. Kolb, teacher.
 J. I. Bean.
HIDES WANTED
 Bring us your cow hides, green or dry. We will buy them and pay the highest market price. City Meat Market.

A. N. Warlick of Augusta and L. N. Laseter of Salmon have our thanks for their subscription.
 Mrs. J. A. Lovelace, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Dora White, has returned to her home in Dallas.
FOR SALE
 Two scholarships in the Tyler Commercial College at a discount. The Messenger.
COMING—Next Tuesday night, July 4, a thrilling master piece in photo-drama, "The Colonel's Wife," in three parts. Admission 10c. Electric Theatre.
 Kirby Keeiland, Miss Luella Milliken and Mrs. Willard Keel and motored from New Waverly Tuesday to see friends and relatives.
 N. J. Davis reports that he had a ripe watermelon out of his own patch last Monday, which is the first of the season so far as we can learn.
LOST
 Between the school building and Enon, wagon sheet and parasol. Finder will please leave at Messenger office.
 M. E. Bean.
 Henry Newman and his mother of Augusta left Tuesday night for Clarksville, being celled there by the illness of Mrs. Newman's daughter, Mrs. R. E. Elder.
GRAVE YARD WORKING
 We are requested to announce a graveyard working at the San Pedro cemetery Wednesday, July 12, also preaching by Rev. J. F. Lively. Everybody interested will please attend, bringing tools and plenty of dinner to spend the day. S. L. Gentry

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THESE

El Vampiro: Kills Flies, Fleas and Mosquitoes - - 10c, 3 for 25c.
 Dr. Hess Fly Chaser - for live stock- and it chases them too - 40c qt.
 A greasless cream for tan and sun-burn--an excellent toilet article commonly sold at 25c. A big supply enables us to sell these at - 15c

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PICNIC AT ROCK HILL

The Houston county candidates will open their campaign speeches at the Rock Hill school house Friday, June 30, and our people kindly extend to all a cordial invitation to be present. The roads are being worked this week, so that automobiles traveling the road from Grapeland need not fear any trouble in passing. Come and spend this pleasant day with us and bring your baskets filled with nice edibles. We are going to expect you.
 Rock Hill Youth.

Rock Hill Youth.

NOTICE

The singing school at Salmon begins Monday, July 10. Will teach Rudiments, Sight Singing, Ear training, Voice Culture, Harmony and Composition. In fact, everything that goes to make a complete course in music. Board and tuition reasonable. The school at Enon will begin immediately at close of this one, exact date announced later.

2t. W. R. Campbell.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

The Messenger's special campaign edition will be issued July 13. This will be an excellent opportunity to place your candidacy before the voters of the county, as we will mail out several hundred extra copies. We have already secured quite a number of contracts for space, and if you want in on this you'll have to hurry as the time is growing short. Mail us your copy at once.

COTTON CARNIVAL, GALVESTON, JULY 4-16. I. & G. N. Ry. SPECIAL EXCURSIONS

for special days. Season tickets on sale daily. For rates, schedules, etc., see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Ry.

Misses Vilna and Linnie Dee Haltom visited in Crockett this week.

Messrs. Frank and Robert Miller and Marvin Patterson of Pine Bluff, Ark., are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riall.

FOR SALE

A good horse and wagon for sale, or will trade for cattle. Sam Howard Jr. at Darsey's store.

S. L. Gentry of Route 2 paid us a pleasant call Saturday and left notice of a graveyard working at San Pedro, which is published in this issue.

The 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Walling, who live north of town, died Saturday evening. The little fellow was sick only a few hours.

Hon. B. F. Dent spent a few days here the latter part of last week meeting his friends. He stated that he had pretty thoroughly canvassed the district and felt sure of his election as district attorney.

MULES AND HORSES WANTED

Mules from 14 hands and 1 inch, horses 14 1-2 hands. Buyer will be here Saturday. Watch paper for other dates.
 Lenard Sullivan.

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This is a prescription prepared especially for **MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER**. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
 Address: F. J. CERRY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists 75c.

ARRIVED THIS WEEK

We received this week the largest shipment of trunks and suit cases ever received by any one house in Grapeland, Texas. We have in this shipment, trunks ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$15.00, any size you may want, and we will make the price to please.

We have received this week Georgett Crepe, 40 inches wide and it is a beauty too. You look it over when you have time. We will be glad to show you these items. Any time that suits you will suit us. Use your own pleasnre. Thauk you!

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

A TALE OF TWO LAW MAKERS

Strickland's Record

1. Author of Truck Growers Bill, bonding commission merchants, guaranteeing to truck growers the results of their labors.

2. Author of the present Inheritance Tax Law, which brings to the state treasury \$60,000 annually and doesn't affect a poor man on earth. This law has been favorably discussed by the leading economic journals of the United States.

3. Author of bill creating Bureau of Labor, thus giving labor the recognition it justly deserves.

4. Joint author of Car Shed Bill, forcing the railroads of the state to build adequate shelter for its car builders.

5. Succeeded by a resolution from the floor of the House in having a laborer's wages raised from \$40 to \$65 per month. This man was Ed Musgrove, night watchman at the State University. He had lost the use of a hand in the State's service and had a family of seven to support.

6. Assisted local representatives in having a new depot built at Crockett.

Luce's Record

1. Author of Luce Road Law. (Later repealed.)

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

Many people are expert fishers for compliments.

We are trying to guess who will be the first to bring us a big juicy watermelon.

"A prophet is not without honor, save in his own city," but a profit is popular the world over.

The discomfiture of some men is brought about by the "tie that binds" them to their better half.

If it is true that the educated Mexicans want intervention in Mexico, we fear the educated class is in the minority.

Most men are patriotic, but some of them would seem more in place in a school of elocution than on the firing line.

The "boot purse" for Milady is a new fad, which is considered an improvement over the carrying of money in the stocking.

While many suffrage workers contend that the Bible was written expressly for man, there are more women than men who read it.

A woman poet says she can smell the stars. We'd advise her husband (if she has one) to take his drinks with a hypodermic needle.

Our idea of safety first is when the husband carefully removes his "change" from his trouser pockets before retiring—when his wife is at home.

While it is perfectly alright to promote "Better Baby" shows and contests, we don't think it would be entirely wrong for someone to organize a "Better Father and Mother Club."

It is said that the natives in some parts of Mexico are eating rats on account of the food famine. They will be eating "ruff on rats" by the time U. S. gets through with them.

The men who have thus far succeeded in convincing their wives that they were brave heroes, by making vehement assertions, will no doubt have a chance to demonstrate their bravery.

The fact that a woman appeared on Fifth Avenue in New York, wearing a ring in her nose, leads us to believe that some woman will go her one better by appearing with bells on her toes.

A minister says trances work for good and evil, as he was in a trance when he married and was in another trance when he got a divorce. We suppose he will experience a third trance when he meets wife No. 2.

Last Sunday evening, after all passenger trains had gone south, one of Grapeland's most popular young men was seized with a desire to visit Trinity. The desire was so strong that he could not resist the temptation to swing a freight train which happened to be passing. Everything was lovely for about a mile, when the crew discovered their "guest." They promptly

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There is a call which means even more to you.

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES

at home, by providing for their future, with a good bank balance. Do not give up the battle of life. You can succeed if you will.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

SOME BASEBALL STARS OF 1916



Looking over the roster of the big league ball teams you will find name after name of men who only recently were boys on the farm or in the village or small town. On the other hand, surprisingly few hail from the big cities. And yet, this is not so surprising after all. Even laying aside our knowledge of the big part that the so-called country boy has always played in the great affairs of business and the nation, the country is the place to lay the foundation necessary for athletes.

The photographs shown are familiar to all lovers of the great National game. In addition to their being representatives of their type in the baseball world, all of these stalwart athletes are great endorsers of that beverage you know and like so well—Coca-Cola.

Short Histories of the Players.
JONES, Fielder Allison, Manager of St. Louis Browns. Born August 13, 1871, at Shingle House, Pa. Last season he came within one-half game of winning Federal League pennant, finishing nearer the top than any team in major leagues since the Browns in 1889.

He says Coca-Cola is his favorite beverage.
ALEXANDER, Grover Cleveland, Pitcher Philadelphia Nationals. Born in St. Paul, Nebraska, February 26, 1887, and lives on a farm there now.

Alexander is one of the greatest pitchers in the game today, being practically responsible for the Philadelphia National League team winning the pennant last year. Drafted by Philadelphia in August, 1910, with whom he has since played. He warmly endorses Coca-Cola as a drink for athletes.

DOYLE, Lawrence, Captain New York National League Club. Born at Caseyville, Ill., July 31, 1886. Second baseman. He has played with the New York Nationals since 1907, and was appointed Captain in 1912, which position he has since held with them. Leading hitter of the National League for the season of 1915. Like all the best of them he is a staunch believer in Coca-Cola.

There is, by the way, a wonderful similarity between the origin of these ball players and that of the beverage which they endorse. Coca-Cola might be called an agricultural drink, both from the materials it is made of and because of its great popularity in the country as well as in the city. For Coca-Cola, if ever there was a natural, wholesome beverage, is such—it itself is a gift from Nature. Made from Nature's pure water, flavored with the juices of fine fruits and things that grow and sweetened with Nature's purest, finest sugar—and please particularly remember this last—Coca-Cola contains no artificial sweetening matter but just the best of pure cane sugar. It is this fine combination that gives Coca-Cola its deliciousness of flavor, its distinctively refreshing and thirst-quenching qualities and great wholesomeness. That's why ball players, athletes, fans—all classes and kinds of men and women drink and endorse Coca-Cola. Drink a glass or a bottle and you will be just as enthusiastic about it.

Which one will best represent you as State Senator?

(Political Advertisement)

J. B. CUNNINGHAM DEAD

Mr. J. B. Cunningham died at his home in the San Pedro community last Thursday evening about 8 o'clock. He was about 79 years of age and had lived in that community about 40 years. His health for the past two years had been giving away, and although his death was not unexpected, yet it was a great shock to his family just at this time, as he had been feeling well. The immediate cause of his death is thought to be heart failure, as he suddenly expired as he started to lay on the bed. He was an ex-confederate soldier and rendered valiant service to his country in the trying times of the sixties. He was a good man and a good citizen and his friends are only limited to his acquaintances. He is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. Will Gainey and John Cunningham of San Pedro, Mrs. J. A. Allison of Henrietta, and J. A. Cunningham of Bryan.

The remains were laid to rest in the Driskell cemetery Friday afternoon under the auspices of the Augusta Masonic Lodge, of which he was a member.

Are you dull and stupid? Do you miss the snap, vim and energy that was once yours? You need a few doses of that great system regulator, Prickly Ash Bitters. For reviving strength and energy, increasing the capacity of the body for work, it is a remedy of the highest order.

Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

BOLL WEEVILS PLENTIFUL

C. W. Cherry called on us Saturday and reported that boll weevils are very numerous in his section. As proof, he produced some squares he gathered in his field that showed signs of the pest. From one stalk he gathered 17 squares and in the squares he found 11 weevils. However, Mr. Cherry believes if weather conditions in July are favorable a fair crop of cotton will be harvested.

Bowel Complaints in India

In a lecture at one of the Des Moines, Iowa, churches a missionary from India told of going into the interior of India, where he was taken sick, that he had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and diarrhoea Remedy with him and believed that it saved his life. You may know from this that it can be depended upon for the milder forms of bowel complaint that occur in this country. Obtainable every where.

Rev. E. L. Shettles of Navasota was here last Friday to hold the quarterly conference of the M. E. church, and filled the pulpit Friday night.

If warm weather makes you feel weary you may be sure your system needs cleansing. Use Prickly Ash Bitters before the hot weather arrives; it will put the stomach, liver and bowels in order to help you through the heated term. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

NOTICE W. O. W.

All members of W. O. W. are urgently requested to meet at the Guiceland cemetery next Sunday evening at 4 o'clock for the purpose of unveiling the monument erected to the memory of Sovereign J. D. Keen. Hon. J. J. Strickland of Palestine will deliver the oration.

C. L. Haltom, C. C.

A LARGE BEET

Stell Sharp of Latexo had an exhibition Saturday some of the largest beets we ever saw. He gave us one that weighed exactly eight pounds, and said he had many more equally as large. The seed were planted February 15.

Atwel Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Whitley, of San Benito arrived in Grapeland Sunday and will spend several weeks with his grandmother, Mrs. G. E. Whitley and other relatives.

ly informed the young man that no doubt the company would be exceedingly pleased to have him grace their passenger trains with his presence, but that under the present rules of the road, the crew would be forced to decline the honor of carrying him to his destination. The young man's expostulations were useless, and after exhausting his vocabulary (and breath) trying to convey to the crew the strength of his desire to continue his journey, the train was stopped to allow the disappointed and crestfallen young fellow to get off and "foot it" back to the city under the blistering rays of a June day sun, which threatened to tan his complexion and lower his collar as well as his desire to walk back. 'Tis a cruel old world!

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Rev. B. C. Ansley, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
M. E. Darsey, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN:

Services every First Sunday.
Rev. J. W. Shockley, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
T. H. Leaverton, Superintendent.

BAPTIST:

Services every First and Third Sunday. Prayer Meeting Thursday night.

Rev. S. W. Edge, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
W. D. Granberry, Superintendent.

Clipped From Our Exchanges

Other's Views on Current Items

ROADS FOR RURAL PEOPLE

The people of Arkansas are to have good roads. A statement from the state highway department at Little Rock recently shows that at least \$5,000,000 are to be invested in roads in that state during this year. When we remember that Arkansas is a small state and the interest in highways has just begun, we appreciate the significance of this interest.

As a result of a determination for the Jefferson Highway to pass through Arkansas from the north to south, good roads meetings have been held, people of the various counties met and excellent co-operation has been shown. The people seem to be agreed that they must build and maintain roads.

The state has wisely vested the survey, supervision and construction of roads in a state highway department in charge of a trained and experienced engineer and this should mean that the people's money will be economically invested.

There is no better indication of rural progress and growth in citizenship than building and maintaining roads. The state that makes it possible is encouraging progressive living.—Farm & Ranch.

From all accounts, the boll weevil is here and doing the damage that only a boll weevil can do in the cotton patch. The best way to hedge against such a disaster is to rake and burn the squares. Do this and you may possibly save a crop.—Lufkin News.

A CLASSIC PERRORATION

Ex-Governor Glenn of New York was made temporary chairman of the National Democratic convention. He was selected to deliver the key-note speech and here is the classic closing of his speech eulogizing the administration of Woodrow Wilson:

"This policy," he said, "may not satisfy the fire eaters and the swashbuckler. But it does satisfy the mothers of the land, at whose hearth and fireside no jingoistic war has placed an empty chair. It does satisfy the daughters of the land from whom bluster and brag have

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sent no loving brother to the dissolution of the grave. It does satisfy the fathers of this land and the sons of this land, who will fight for our flag and die for our flag when reason primes the rifle; when honor draws the sword and when justice breathes a blessing on the standard they uphold."—San Saba News.

Laziness is a disease, declares one of the eminent doctors. The surprising fact is that most of the victims of the disease always look so distressingly healthy.—Providence Journal.

A severe windstorm visited Delta County recently. Carl Johnson, who was there at the time, says the gale was so strong that women on the street anchored themselves to telephone poles and trees and their limbs were blown off.—Paonia (Col.) Paonian.

The question of submission is going to be of major importance in the July primary. An effort is already being made to prejudice the public mind in this matter by enlarging upon the activities of certain influences. But this has nothing to do with submission. You vote on whether you want the question of state wide prohibition submitted to the people again. The question will be submitted to the voters and eventually Texas is going dry. This is as certain as time passes.—Anderson County Herald.

No country is capable of self government unless a majority of its citizens are competent to cast an intelligent vote—does anyone believe that a fourth part of the inhabitants of Mexico are thus competent? Three-fourths of the rank and file of Mexicans do not know where their next day's supply of food is coming from, and do not care, if they have sufficient for today! Ignorant and lawless, nothing but the strong hand of dictator, of one of their own country, can ever bring peace and order to this people. For nearly a quarter of a century Diaz ruled, and his rule is the only one for Mexico.—Palestine Herald.

SINGING

Grapeland, Texas, July 25, Editor Messenger:

If you will allow me a little more of your valuable space I will promise not to ask for any more soon.

I don't want you to think that I have gone singing school crazy, but I am certainly interested in singing.

First, I think it is a heavenly calling, and I don't think we parents could bestow a greater favor upon our children than to give them a good musical education, especially vocal music. Now, we know any father or

mother feels proud of their son or daughter who ranks high in society and can render service when called on, and I don't think there is any better way to put them forward and cause their services to be in more demand than to give them a thorough musical education, that when they are called on they can get up and lead any song, or go to the instrument and play any piece of music, and in turn, I think any boy or girl would and should be proud of their parents who spared nothing that was possible to put them forward.

The people in general are too apt to treat this singing proposition too lightly, because of the fact that heretofore there has been too many singing schools taught where there wasn't enough scholars, and most of them little folks, and the price was so high they could not buy (or did not think it necessary to buy) any more books than they could make out with, so at the end of the school they with their teacher could sing right well, but after that when they meet for church the people expect them to do the singing and some are not there and others have forgotten their books and with no leader they feel embarrassed to try to sing, so someone will say "Yes, that's the way with these singing schools, they are just sparking schools anyhow, and the teacher just wants to make some easy money." So they make it hard on the good teachers. Now, I have known Mr. Campbell long enough that I believe I can truthfully say that it is not just for the little money he gets out of this work, but a higher power which prompts him and makes him put his whole soul into it. Now, I am reliably informed that he will teach a school at Oak Grove just following this one at Enon. What a glorious opportunity for those who can attend both schools! Now, I just want to say to the patrons of both places, let's all work together and make these schools large ones, so that when the schools are out we will have a singing class that any community would be proud of.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have said little of what I wanted to say, but I am afraid I am taking up too much of your valued space, so I will ring off. Success to the Messenger and it's many readers.

G. W. Weisinger.

P. S. Let everybody meet us at Enon Saturday night.

Forethought

People are learning that a little forethought often saves them a big expense. Here is an instance: E. W. Archer, Caldwell, Ohio, writes: "I do not believe our family has been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy since commenced keeping house years ago. When we go on an extended visit we take it with us." Obtainable everywhere.

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For State Senator: J J Strickland of Anderson County J R Luce of Houston County

For District Attorney, 3rd Judicial District. B F Dent Of Houston County

For County Treasurer: W M (Willie) Robison Ney Sheridan (Re-election) G R Murchison J. H. Hobbitt C. G. Lunsford Leonard Arnold

For County Attorney: J L Lipscomb Sonley LeMay J F Mangum

For County Clerk: O C Goodwin A S Moore (Re-election) Arthur Owens D R Baker Ed Cassidy Jeff Kennedy Bennie E Smith

For Tax Collector: C W Butler Jr W N (Will) Standley T. R. Deupree

For District Clerk: John F Gilbert Jno D. Morgan, re-election Barker Tunstall

For Representative: J D (Joe) Sallas W. F. Murchison Dr. J. B. Smith

For County Judge: E Winfree (Re-election)

For Sheriff: R J (Bob) Spence (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor: Ed Holcomb John H Ellis (Re-election)

For County Superintendent: J N Snell (re-election)

For Constable Prec't. No. 2: John Scarbrough (Re-election)

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1: E E Holcomb (Re-election) Oscar Dennis Alvey D Grounds C E Jones

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2: J C Estes J E Bean S A (Silas) Cook R T (Riley) Murchison Stell Sharp

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 5: Jno A Davis (Re-election)

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 2: Clyde Story, (re-election) R R (Riley) Sullivan

For Constable Prec't. No. 5: C. R. Taylor (re-election)

SINGING SCHOOLS AND THE CORRECT WAY OF TEACHING THEM

Under the above title there could be volumes written, but we will endeavor to focus our remarks upon the most essential parts. To the writers way of thinking, a singing school is one of the most essential things in any community, church or town. That is, when it is taught by the right kind of men. I mean by this when the men are on to their job and are consecrated christians.

Show me a church that has a live, wide-awake choir and choir leader and has a singing school taught occasionally and I will show you a church that is bringing things to pass for the Master.

Boys and girls and even men and women are being influenced to do their very best where such is the case. Why some people are so indifferent and ignorant toward good singing schools is a greater problem than I or even a philosopher can understand. Yet, such is the case. For it is a lamentable fact that the majority of our instrumental teachers are opposed to good singing schools. Now, this ought not to be, for a good singing school, taught by a good man only makes more students for the instrumental teachers; therefore, they should be helpers instead of knockers. But a more lamentable fact is, that some of our preachers are opposed to good singing schools. Now, this is a greater problem to understand than the other.

It has been the writer's privilege to see great stalwart young men and women influenced into the fold of Christ in good singing schools and right here will say we had a few lines from one of our most efficient and leading teachers of the south, (R. H. Cornelius) making the statement that fifteen young men were brought to Christ, being influenced by a singing school that he taught on one occasion. Another great reason all of our musicians who count for anything worth while have obtained their knowledge through the singing school method. The only way that your voice can be successfully trained is by and through this same method.

The fact in the case is that music is music and teaching one to sing correctly is at the time teaching them to play correctly. For it is all learned and taught from the five lines and six spaces with it's accompanying degrees. How often do we hear some of our so called teachers use such expressions as double time, triple time, quadruple time or six-eighths time. Now you can no more double time than you can run an auto with branch water. Now, the real singing teacher is having all such ignorance to contend with. But the cover is fast being raised and the light is being gradually turned on. And those whose work will not bear the bright glare of an enlightened people are going to be forced down and out and competency will take it's rightful place. Now, these words have been written with a prayerful heart and with a great desire that all these hindrances may fast be removed, and our boys and girls taught correctly, to sing God's praise in the spirit and with the understanding. W. R. Campbell

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The girl who's so nearsighted She "can't see to sew a mite" Can read an oyster bulletin across Th' street, all right.

Many a feller marries a rich wife only to learn that she's a disappointingly poor one.

LITTLE BOY WAS DESPERATE

Jack, Completely Out of Patience With Whole Tribe of Women, Calls on Father for Help.

Jack disliked being kissed. One day he was kissed a lot. Then, to make matters worse, on going to the picture palace in the evening, instead of his favorite Indian and cowboy pictures, there was nothing but a lot more hugging and kissing. He returned home completely out of patience with the whole tribe of women.

After he had been tucked into bed his mother came to kiss him good-night.

He refused. Mother begged and begged till at last, in disgust, he turned to his father, who was standing in the doorway, and said:

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