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Local News Reported From Daly's Community

April 9.—Little Frank Dailey has been sick for some time, but is improving now.

The farmers are getting along nicely with their work, but all seem to be somewhat bothered over the war scare, but we hope it will not be as bad as some think. However, it is a serious proposition.

We have organized a Sunday School here, but the attendance is not very good yet. We hope when the weather gets better there will be more interest taken in it.

Walter Pennington and Hill Huff are attending court in Crockett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Laseter visited relatives at Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Laura Lena and Cora Belle Kent spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Reynard.

Misses Mae Pridgen and Mary Kyle are at home from their schools.

Mrs. Tom Dailey and little daughter, Ellen, visited relatives at Grapeland last week.

Mr. Hardin Pennington and family and Miss Florence Pennington attended Sunday School at Hays Spring Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Murchison visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huff last Friday.

Messrs. Daniel and Richard Pennington and Rev. M. L. Williams have their phone boxes up. There is going to be a new line from Daly's to Grapeland and there will be several new boxes on it.

Our literary school has closed and Miss Darsey has returned to her home in Grapeland. She made a good teacher and gained many friends while she was with us.

Mrs. Woodie Spence visited her mother, Mrs. E. Pendergrass Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Pridgen visited W. W. Pridgen and family Sunday.

Miss Annie Pridgen is visiting Mrs. Jessie Eaves at Reynard. Mrs. Eaves has been sick for some time. We hope she will be well again soon. A Reader.

POULTRY RAISING

Editor Messenger:

As there has been so much talk about chickens, I thought I would tell about my bunch of scrub hens. They are mixed with brown leghorns but most of them are black. Have some of all kinds, about forty-eight in all. We use a good many eggs at home. Last month I sold \$16.70 worth of eggs, besides setting four hens. I only received 25c a dozen. I wonder if pure bred stock will beat that? If I knew they would I would be ready to get rid of my scrub chickens and try them a round.

I haven't kept account of all the eggs I sold this year, but I am satisfied that during the months of January and February it amounted to eighteen or twenty dollars worth. Come on

all you farmers' wives, and tell us what you are raising for the war. I am going to try to raise lots of chickens and can lots of vegetables and fruits, for if my John has to go off to war he will have plenty to eat; we know if our country goes to war the soldiers will have to eat, and where will they get it if we don't raise plenty for home use and some to spare? I sold \$37.40 worth of produce last month.

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BIRSKY and ZAPP

By MONTAGUE GLASS

"WHAT are you fooling away your time reading that trash!" Louis Birsky, the real estate, exclaimed as he seated himself opposite Barnett Zapp in Wasserbauer's restaurant.

"That's what Old Man Zeppelin used to say," Barnett Zapp, the waist manufacturer, replied as he laid down the current issue of "Sultry Stories." "Every once in a while he would find his youngest son, Pincus Zeppelin, reading a dime novel, and he would catch him a box on the ear and ask him what would become of him, and that he had a kind father and a good mother and this is the way he repays them, and to look at his brother Sig, which never read nothing but the papers and now runs one of the biggest delicatessens and fine grocery stores in Immendingen, Wurtemberg, where as Pincus Zeppelin couldn't forget the time he fooled away over "Ned Harrington, the Boy Aviator," in the "Ned Harrington" series till it affected his mind, Birsky. He becomes crazy on the subject of airships and before he recovers his senses, y'understand, he stands a show to get away with anywhere from ten to twenty million dollars."

"You are talking now from one single for-instance out of hundreds," Birsky objected, "aber the shoe could pinch on the other foot, too, Zapp. If I would read, for example, in a ten-cent magazine that Ned Carruthers' uncle left him two million dollars profits from the Cruller trust and Ned wouldn't take a cent of the money on account it was tainted from being ground out of the blood of working women which has got to sit and see their husbands die because there isn't so much as a cruller in the house, and that's the way Old Man Carruthers—Steel Trap Carruthers they used to call him on the Cruller exchange—made his money, y'understand, reading such stuff couldn't do me no harm, Zapp. It wouldn't make me turn down any two million dollar legacy from my uncle, even though as a reward I might stand a show to marry a girl with five million dollars, the way Ned Carruthers did in the story, because in the first place, Zapp, such things only happen in stories."

"Zapp, you take here the other day a lady which lives over in Brooklyn and rents for a few dollars a furnished room, y'understand, and the poor woman actually has got an uncle die on her and leave her two hundred thousand dollars, Zapp."

"Nebich!" Zapp exclaimed. "It must of upset her something terrible."

"Ordinarily it wouldn't," Birsky agreed. "The chances is she would of refused to take the money, Zapp, because she read the magazines so long she didn't believe in real life no more."

"Neither does a whole lot of other people," Zapp declared, "editors of papers for example. Every New York newspaper editor has got an idea that anyhow fifteen per cent of the common people which lives in New York, or 600,000 people, takes such a big interest in gollef, y'understand, that it's necessary to get once a week a funny gollef picture done by the newspaper's cartoonist. Now as such a cartoonist is paid a salary equivalence to the President of the United States, supposing Mr. Wilson also received a royalty of ten per cent on the rights to reproduce in moving pictures as comics, the carryings-on of the Senate and House of Representatives, y'understand, take one-seventh of such a cartoonist's salary, Birsky, and it makes gollef a very expensive game for a newspaper, even supposing it was as popular as the editor thinks it is. However, Birsky, if you was an editor and was able to read all the magazines, free, you wouldn't act no difference, because it don't make no difference if a author is writing a love story, a business story, a detective story or a sea story, he thinks he must got to ring in something about gollef, the idee being to make the rest of the story sound more refined and give people the impression that although writing under an alias he is really kin to the Astors and Vanderbilts."

"What is there so becoming about playing gollef?" Birsky asked.

"Well, for one thing, it's taking exercise," Zapp continued, "which taking exercise is considered such a proper thing nowadays, Birsky, that when some fellers tell you about the exercise they are taking, y'understand,

they act like they would be admitting that they just give a hundred thousand dollars to the Belgium Relief Fund."

"If taking exercise is such a wonderful thing," Birsky said, "a shipping clerk must be a athlete already."

"He is just such a athlete as a gollef player is anyhow," Zapp said, "because packing and shipping goods is a great deal like playing gollef, Birsky. It exercises every part of the body except the head—the only difference being that gollef couldn't be done in such close quarters as shipping goods."

"And yet you say people gets good ideas out of magazine stories," Birsky commented.

"I said they get ideas," Zapp admitted, "but not always GOOD ideas. For instance, when them mining people run off that strike there in Colorado, they got their ideas from a serial story by the name 'The Guilty Dollar,' which at the time he bought it the magazine editor said was terribly exaggerated, because in this day and generation, y'understand, when a millionaire has got sense enough to make a hundred million dollars in platinum like Senator Carruthers—Steel Trap Carruthers, they used to call him on the Platinum Exchange—it stood to reason that he wouldn't stand for his associates shooting down strikers and their wives and children in cold blood, Birsky. The magazine owner also says to the author that he should ought to be ashamed to write a story where an American mine owner paid foreign mine workers such a miserable wages, y'understand, and that for writing such an exaggerated and untrue story he couldn't give the author the regular amount for the story, but paid him \$35 for it, which the author figured was at the rate of 6c. an hour for his work. Later the magazine owner got to like the story better, so naturally when them Colorado mining people reads on the front page of the magazine that 'The Guilty Dollar' is a marvellous, gripping, genius-inspired story of the Iowa Platinum Mines, y'understand, and is a masterly and accurate study of the problem of mining capital and labor, they want to

ment or the goods I didn't use in the neck and sleeves."

"You could have made more than that if you would be as sparing with dress goods as the artists that draws some magazine pictures," Birsky said. "If a lady would select the kind and amount of clothes that some magazine artists thinks plenty sufficient for their pictures, and if she would wear such clothes on Fifth Avenue, Zapp, before the patrol wagon arrives, she would attract a crowd of twenty thousand people."

"But there wouldn't be no magazine readers among them," Zapp retorted. "The magazines has given people very liberal ideas in the matter of dress and etiquette, Birsky. Yes, Birsky, a lot of people have changed their way of living from reading magazine stories. Some of 'em moves into other neighborhoods on account of it. Take, for instance, Sam Zarodnik of Zarodnik and Karpas, in the fur business and Sam tells me he is going to move from 8th Street to 26th Street."

"It's funny how people changes," Birsky said. "Ten years ago when Zarodnik & Karpas signed checks, Karpas wrote the Zarodnik and the Karpas, and it was as much as Sam could do to write the 'and.' Yet nowadays that feller is reading magazines yet."

"What are you talking nonsense—Sam Zarodnik reading magazines?" Zapp exclaimed. "Sam couldn't even read electric signs in words of one syllable, like 'Lunch' and 'Cafe.' I said he was moving away from 8th Street on account of other people reading magazine stories, Birsky, which if you read anything from magazines, Birsky, you would know it that every magazine has got in it at least two stories where the scene is laid in a studio close to Washington Square, and what nearly happens in them studios, according to the stories, Birsky, has created such a demand for studios close to Washington Square that all the furriers and cheap clothing contractors has got to move away from there; and the old run-down houses they used to occupy is being made over into studios and filled with magazine readers at rentals which a furrier or a clothing contrac-

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Ventilation

By DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON
Commissioner of Health of Pennsylvania

The question of proper ventilation during the winter months is one which it is quite difficult for many people to solve.



It is apparent to almost everybody that the admission of pure air is necessary if efficient work is to be performed in office and school and if refreshing sleep is desired by night. The fresh air does not depend upon the temperature and can be supplied by a proper heating and ventilating system.

The opening of windows while it admits the fresh air, often causes drafts which are uncomfortable, not to say injurious. Where a number of people are occupied in a room it is often a cause of subjecting one or two to exposure if the windows are opened to secure ventilation. This can be avoided by an ample supply of warmed air.

Numerous devices, more or less expensive, have been placed on the market but are not always satisfactory. The most economical and at the same time probably the most efficient ventilating device is one made of glass or wood eight or ten inches in height and made the width of the sash. This should be placed under the sash with a slant from the bottom to the top at an angle of 45 degrees, leaving an opening at the top covered with cheese cloth.

Ventilators of this sort are so simple that they can be made at small cost anywhere and the covering can be readily replaced. They are suitable for office and school room, living rooms and bed rooms. They permit reasonable ventilation without too great a loss of heat and prevent that stuffiness of atmosphere which is dangerous to health and destructive to real comfort during the winter months. This device leaves an opening between the upper and lower sash through which the used air of the room may escape.

As Bad as a Mule.

"Yes," said the mighty hunter, "it's an old gun, I grant you. But what times we've had together!" He fondled it, stock and barrel, as if it were a child. "Ah, many a time I might have been a dead man but for this out-of-date weapon!"

"Looks as though it had a rather hefty kick in it," said the young soldier.

"Oh, I should say so! It's got the fiercest recoil that any rifle ever had. That's what makes it so valuable. Why, once out in the Rockies a grizzly bear was charging me. I fired—and missed. Believe me, if it hadn't been for the fact that the kick in this rifle jerked me back thirty yards and enabled me to reload—well, I shouldn't be talking to you today. Yes; it's got a great deal of kick!"

Then they arose and gave him and his gun another.



"Always Drawing Pictures From a Young Man in a Full Dress Suit."

find out what it is about. First the Acting General Manager reads it and says to the Second Assistant Vice president: what some people wouldn't do for money! And to make a note in the story they used machine guns on the strikers. When the Second Assistant Vice President got through with it, he said that a feller who could imagine such a rotten state of affairs in any big industrial community was a tiger in human form and made a memorandum of the bull-ring idee, the shutting off of supplies to the strikers, including milk for their babies, and one or two other pointers about strikes, and then he passed it on to the Head Actuary and says to him that no wonder people hated the trusts when such lies were allowed to be printed about them, and that he should look over the story and report tomorrow morning at the latest what could be done to equalize the wages of the foreign mine laborers out in Colorado with the foreign mine laborers in the story."

"Aber don't people get no good ideas out of magazine stories?" Birsky asked.

"Well," Zapp said, "I myself got a couple designs for waists from magazine covers and I figured I made five per cent of the regular cost of the gar-

ment or the goods I didn't use in the neck and sleeves."

"Aber what does all the people want studios for?" Birsky asked. "They ain't artists, are they?"

"Listen, Birsky," Zapp said. "If all the people which rented studios in New York was artists, y'understand, the competition in the picture painting business would make the cloak and suit business look like it was run by a virtuous monopoly. As a real estate you should know it, that from reading magazine stories a lot of people has come to consider as a studio

any cold water flat above the third floor without elevator service and within ten blocks of Washington Square, and in changing over such flats into studios, Birsky, the only decorating that the landlord must do is to raise the rent from \$20 a month up to \$60 a month, payable strictly in advance."

"Well," Birsky commented, "it's time somebody done something for the real estate business in New York."

Zapp disregarded the interruption. "Another idee people gets from magazine fiction," he continued, "is that spectacles ain't a matter of eyesight no more, Birsky. They come under

the head of clothing, and a young feller that reads the stories in an up-to-date magazine would consider himself practically naked if he was seen on the streets without his rubber tired spectacles. Then again in former time a young feller was lucky if he had three suits of clothes, y'understand—his working clothes, his best clothes and a suit of clothes he kept to go fishing in, supposing he ever did go fishing—aber nowadays not alone does young fellers like to act in real life like the young fellers in magazine stories, but they also want to look like the illustrations. An up-to-date young feller has got a different suit of clothes for every purpose mentioned in a magazine story, even if he has to go without lunches to do it. Yes, Birsky, the magazine artists which is always drawing pictures from a young man in a full dress suit, a cutaway or a tuxedo leaning over a grand piano while a lady is playing her hardest to keep the blood circulating so she wouldn't freeze from the waist up, y'understand, such a magazine artist is doing more to make young men who are good dressers raise checks and practice double-double entry than all the poolrooms, race-tracks, poker games and roulette wheels in America."

"Then, after all, Zapp," Birsky said, "magazine stories has a bad influence."

"Not on the dress suit, tuxedo and cutaway business," Zapp replied, "nor on the rubber tired spectacle business neither."

"And how about gollef?" Birsky asked.

"I got no kick about gollef, Birsky," Zapp concluded. "If my competitors only devote enough time to it, Birsky, I am satisfied."

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Began as Schoolteacher.

It is not necessarily surprising, but of every given profession, former or present, schoolteachers predominate among the popular writers of today. Among those who have deserted their former work for the more congenial and profitable work of writing are James Lane Allen, who was a public school teacher and later a professor of Latin in a small college. Parker Filmore was a government teacher in the Philippines. Frances Hodgson Burnett was a country school teacher on a small salary when she began writing stories, and rumor has it that the stamps with which her first contributions were sent away were bought with money obtained from picking berries. She found a timely and valued friend in Charles J. Peterson of Philadelphia, who paid her liberally for her writing and gave her a chance to get before the public.

New Stamp Issues.

The number of new issues in the stamp kingdom have kept earnest collectors on the alert ever since the war began. The British empire, with its numerous colonies, has issued countless varieties of surcharged and new additions. Even Turkey has issued a new set of five stamps to mark an "occupation of a part of Egypt."

In Warsaw was what is known as the Citizens' Post, and the Germans have suppressed the issues of their stamps. As a consequence, these labels are very rare; it is illegal to sell them in Germany, and they are regarded as of enemy origin in France, England, Russia and Italy, and consequently it is illegal to import them. —Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

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LETTER FROM H. A. TYER

Milwaukee, Wis., April 7.
Editor Messenger:

The weather here is the best I have seen since coming to Wisconsin. The wind is blowing some and just cold enough to be comfortable with a good overcoat on.

I saw two men plowing the other day and was the first farm work I have seen being done this spring.

The grass is not putting up, the trees look like they did in December, some ice on the ponds and some snow on the north side of the buildings yet. So you may know things do not look spring like.

All one hears here is War! War! and more war. This is quite a German state. I mean the big majority here are Germans. Of course, they are all, or nearly all naturalized, but they have a warm spot in their hearts for the "Fatherland." One can very easily get into a big war argument here—a thing I never do, for all the talking we may do would not help the cause.

In the heart of Milwaukee, there is quite a building, perhaps 300 feet by 200 feet in size, only two stories and basement.

Uncle Sam uses the first floor as a recruiting station. They have camping outfits, mounted cannon, field guns etc. there. They run a free moving picture show of the U. S. Navy, the soldiers marching and skirmishing and doing many stunts. The people come there by the hundreds from early morning until late and the young men are enlisting fast. Some apply who are turned down from first one cause and another. They then turn away brokenhearted and some shed tears when told that Uncle Sam cannot use them.

The time is here now when something is going to be done. While I do not think it will be necessary for me to go, nor do I believe I could get in if I were to try, but if I am needed and I am called upon I will try to be like Israel Puttman of Revolutionary fame. I will grab my coat and hat and with a "God Bless You" good-bye to my wife and babies, I will be ready to go, for it seems to me Germany has stepped away beyond the bounds of all reason, judgement, honor, propriety, cause or justice. Then I am hoping that the Kaiser is made to bow low his haughty head, acknowledge he is conquered and plead mercy at the hands of Uncle Sam.

H. A. Tyer.

**YOUNG MAN, YOUNG WOMAN,
BE A CHIN UPPER**

You do just four things and no more. 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 income. You may feel you are very successful now. Suppose you are; it isn't a question of what you know, but of how beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. Did you ever stop to think that eighty-five per cent of the men of this country are only earning \$15 per week or less. That ninety-two per cent fail in business between the ages of 40 and 50? That ninety-five per cent have no money at the age of 60? You will agree with us that to violate a part of the laws of business means partial failure, and to violate all 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 of the laws of business means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of success, and, therefore enable you to be nearer the maximum success. The late Prof. James of Harvard declares that the average man only uses ten per cent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean you are only using twenty per cent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our courses is to produce a maximum of proficiency with a minimum effort. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men today; there are thousands of men worth a thousand dollars a year, but only a few worth ten thousand a year. Be the latter kind of a man; you can if you will. We know that a man is worth only about \$2.00 a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a hundred thousand from the chin up, selling brains. Be a chin upper and sell the higher type of brains; you can't afford to be a chin downer; there's no room for such a man in the high salaried class. We have been very successful in getting men out of the eighty five, the ninety-two and the ninety-five per cent class. Why not let us help you? We have been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as is conclusively proven by the letters in our catalogue from former students. Take our thorough, practical course of Bookkeeping, Business Administration & Finance, Shorthand, Steno, Cotton Classing, or Telegraphy. Learn how to think, to remember, to imagine and act. Our large catalogue is free for the asking, if you will only fill in and mail the following blank.

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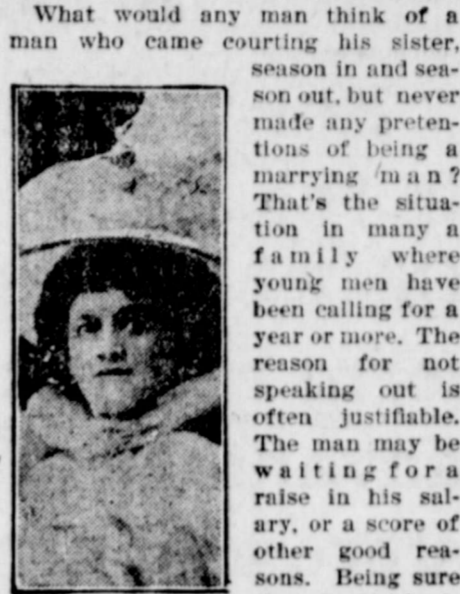
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Shocks Awaiting Laggard Lovers

By LAURA JEAN LIBBEY

Do you think because you fall me,
And draw back your hand today,
That from out the heart I gave you
My strong love can fade away?
What would any man think of a
man who came courting his sister,
season in and season out, but never
made any pretensions of being a
marrying man? That's the situation
in many a family where young men
have been calling for a year or more.
The reason for not speaking out is
often justifiable. The man may be
waiting for a raise in his salary,
or a score of other good reasons.
Being sure that the girl he is
calling on regularly is in love with
him, he considers it justifiable to
wait until he is good and ready to
propose. It is a decided shock to
such a laggard to see a stranger step
in and in no time win the girl from
before his very eyes. He has only
himself to blame.



There are a few little things about girls that men should remember. One is that their interest is keenest in a young man during the stage of their earliest acquaintance. After a girl has summered and wintered a man and he has not proposed, her interest begins to dwindle. She looks upon him

as a friend, and begins to cast sheep's eyes on other men as possible beaux. No man should be too sure of a girl's love until he has placed a betrothal ring on her finger. Even then, he should see that the marriage is not put off too long.

A pretty girl once had one of these laggard lovers of whom she thought a great deal. But pop the question he would not. Her aunt advised her not to waste time with him. At an afternoon affair, to which she had gone with girl friends, she met a new admirer, who escorted her home. They encountered the old beau. His jealousy was straightway aroused. The sight of her with another showed him how dear she was to him. The question faced him as to what life would be without her if another won her. He called that evening and lost no time in asking her to be his wife, declaring that an open confession was good for the soul. He had been too sure of her and because of that came near losing her.

The wise girl does not devote all of her time to one caller. She treats him as she finds him—simply as a friend—until he has given her reason to be assured otherwise. There would be no long-drawn-out courtships which end in parting if girls pursued this plan. Men are at fault in calling upon one girl steadily when they have no serious intentions of matrimony. If they call upon many young women, making no secret of the fact, no one maiden is apt to build her hopes upon them, only to be disappointed at last.

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MR. FLETCH SADLER DEAD

The Messenger regrets to chronicle the untimely death of Mr. Fletch Sadler, which occurred at his home near Denson Springs Monday. Death was caused from burns received by falling in a fire. There were campers near the house, and Mr. Sadler had gone there to see them, and while sitting around the camp fire, fell into it, receiving such serious burns that death resulted.

Mr. Sadler was 72 years of age, an ex-confederate soldier and a man who was highly respected and loved by all who knew him. He was for many years a citizen of Grapeland in the early days and was in the mercantile business here.

He is survived by several children and many relatives, and friends will join the Messenger in sympathy to them in the hour of their bereavement. His remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near his home.

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It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

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It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

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POET-HUMORIST OF THE HOUSTON POST
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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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

THURSDAY, APR. 12, 1917

One of the greatest duties devolving upon the American people in this great war is to raise enough food stuff to feed the world.

The summer normal for Grapeland is now an assured fact, State Superintendent Doughty having wired his approval to Supt. Sims last Saturday.

Can you imagine W. J. Bryan fighting in the ranks as a private? He has signified his willingness to enlist as such, but it will take more than hot air gushing to whip the Kaiser.

The Secretary of Agriculture Houston has made a strong plea to the farmers of the United States to cultivate to the limit, to the end that we may not be hampered by a shortage in food supplies. The manufacturing interests of the country will supply the vast quantities of arms, ammunition and equip-

ment needed. But food does not grow where no seeds have been planted, and without food no army can fight and no people can exist. It is important therefore, that the people of our own community arise to the occasion and produce every ounce of food-stuff that it is possible to produce. We may not all serve in the ranks, but we can demonstrate our loyalty and our devotion to our country by heeding the plea of Mr. Houston in an increased production of food supplies. Patriotism lies here just as strongly as it does on the battle line.

The disorderly conduct of a number of "toughs", who come to Grapeland for the sole purpose of "tanking" up on red licker, is becoming almost unbearable. Ladies who visit this town are forced to listen to the curses and dirty language of these drunks when they trod the streets. Let every citizen aid in stopping this kind of conduct by reporting the names of those who are guilty of this practice, to the officers. A few hours in the "sweat box" and a few fines will teach these "bad umbras" that they don't own the town and that there are

civilized people living here. We hasten the day when Grapeland will be incorporated and a city government established, which will improve a number of conditions that now exist.

Some of these pacifists here about had better be careful what they say. It is no time now to indulge in idle talk and lambast the president and the government. We have heard some remarks made that are seditious, and Uncle Sam will deal summarily with that class of people. We have noted in the press where persons have been arrested and placed in jail for remarks made derogatory of the government, no worse than we have heard uttered on the streets of Grapeland. It pays sometimes to keep your mouth shut.

We suggest to these peace-at-any-price-we-are-opposed-to-war fellows, who are lambasting the government and making seditious remarks, that they move to Germany and fight for the Kaiser. There is no room here for the man who is now disloyal to the country that protects, feeds and clothes him. Before the war was declared, many of us

were opposed to it, but now that it is thrust upon us, we should be with our country, right or wrong. To be otherwise is to be untrue to our native land and government.

JUDD LEWIS COMING

Through the efforts of the Mothers' Club, Judd Mortimer Lewis, poet and humorist of the Houston Post, will give a reading at the auditorium next Monday night, April 16. Readers of the Post are familiar with Mr. Lewis and enjoy his column of wit and poetry. He has been giving these readings all over the state and has given entire satisfaction to his audiences, judging from press clippings. We are sure a large crowd will greet him here Monday night. Admission prices will be: School children, first seven grades 15c; high school students 25c; adults 50c.

Messrs. Sim and Lee Finch and Arthur Brooks and families of the New Prospect community spent several days on Trinity river near Taylor and Brushy Lakes last week and report a fine time and all the fish they could eat.

Have your Suit or Dress

Dry Cleaned and Pressed at DICKY'S TAILOR SHOP

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance and kindness rendered us during the illness and death of our baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Guice.

John Yarbrough, linotype operator on the Tribune, and who has been with this paper since its establishment eight years ago, leaves tonight for Houston to enlist in war service for Uncle Sam. John is one of the best young men Trinity has ever produced. He is a quiet, unassuming young man, and worthy of a position of trust in any capacity.—Trinity Tribune.

W. R. Wherry, W. P. Traylor and Geo. E. Darsey were re-elected school trustees in the election held Saturday.

WE KNOW YOU ARE BUSY

But you had better take a little time NOW and investigate that SIXTY ACRES ADJOINING GRAPELAND on the west. We are instructed to sell it NOW just as it is, without house or fence, at a figure that will make you sorry if you miss it. This fall will be too late. Some other fellow will have it then, and you will have to go further out and pay more. DO NOT DELAY—WRITE US TODAY.

Robert Coane Jr. & Co., 513 Beattie Building HOUSTON, TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Darsey wants your produce. Try a sack of "Star Jasmine" flour. W. H. Long & Co. Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666. Darsey sells Votan Coffee. Votan coffee is GOOD coffee. Rub my-tism—Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc. Get your sorgum seed from us. W. H. Long & Co. W. H. Kent of Crockett was here Monday. Darsey sells screen doors and wire. Joe Adams of Crockett was here Wednesday. Darsey sells ACME QUALITY paint. Geo. Shaver has traded his Studebaker car for a new Oakland six. W. E. Kerr was a business visitor to Houston the first of the week. Get our prices on bed springs and mattresses before you buy. McLean & Riall. Miss Mary Weston Hague has returned from a visit with relatives at Waco and Lorena. Jesse Bishop returned Monday morning from Beaulkiss, where he has been teaching school.

\$100 Reward, \$100

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. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Darsey buys all kinds of produce.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Price, of Overton.

See the new handkerchiefs and middy blouses—the patriotic designs—at W. H. Long & Co's.

If you want your clothes cleaned and pressed let Clewis do it the sanitary steam way.

Equip your Ford with the best shock absorbers on the market. Get them at DARSEY'S.

PEAS WANTED

I will pay \$2.00 for all the speckle peas you have to sell. J. W. Howard.

Bring all your produce to us. We pay top prices. McLean & Riall.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All clothes carefully treated for any trouble.

Mrs. Mary Knight is visiting her son, J. O. Edington, this week.

J. W. Howard wants to buy your speckle peas. Will pay you \$2.00 per bushel.

Let Clewis clean and reblock your old hat. Then it will look like a new one.

Mrs. G. C. Lansford and children of Crockett were guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McCarty Saturday and Sunday.

Cleve Sadler has returned from Riverside, where he has been as relief agent for the I. & G. N.

WANT COTTON SEED

Will pay \$2.75 per hundred for cotton seed delivered this week. J. W. Howard.

In time of war wear Uncle Sam's uniforms. In time of peace always have your clothes made to order at Dickey's tailor shop.

FOR SALE

Two fine blooded bird dogs. For particulars call at the Messenger office. 2t

Garrett Richards and Harry Richards spent several days last week in Dallas.

M. S. Spence has had his residence recovered and other improvements made that add greatly to its appearance.

Remember the chatauqua for Grapeland June 19, 20 and 21. Boost it every opportunity you have.

Mrs. J. O. Edington left last Tuesday for Tyler, in response to a message, announcing the serious illness of her sister.

J. F. Durnell of the Antrim community was here Saturday with a "battleship" hog, which he disposed of for the neat sum of \$47.70.

NOTICE

My black stallion will make the season at home and at the livery stable in Grapeland every Saturday. Fee \$10 to insure. 4t C. D. Walling.

For carpenter work of all kinds and gasoline engines, see W. J. Hughes. Good references.

Norton Strain White Leghorn eggs. Fifty cents per setting delivered at Grapeland. Seventy five cents parcel post. A. Webb, 3t Route 2, Grapeland, Tex.

Fresh bread at Hyman's restaurant. When you get hungry call around and let "Dad" Hyman fix you up.

NOTICE

On and after April 1st, I will be in my office Thursday, Friday and Saturday until further notice. I thank you. Dr. C. L. Cromwell.

Geo Calhoun, D. N. Leaverton and W. G. Darsey of this city and J. W. Young of Crockett left Wednesday for Ft. Worth, going in Mr. Calhoun's car.

DR. S. A. MILLER

of Crockett, Texas, specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat; and glass fitting, will be at Grapeland in Goodson Hotel, Tuesday, April 24.

NOTICE TO FARM LOAN ASS'N.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Grapeland Farm Loan Ass'n. next Saturday evening. W. F. Murchison, Pres.

NOTICE

I am now located at Walling & Richards' old stand and am prepared to attend to your auto troubles. All work guaranteed and "Service" is my motto. Your patronage will be appreciated and carefully attended to. C. T. Clinton, Grapeland Garage.

NOTICE

To my friends and the general public: I will be at BISHOP DRUG CO., CROCKETT, TEX., THURSDAY, APRIL THE 12, at D. N. LEAVERTON'S DRUG STORE, GRAPELAND, TEXAS, FRI. & SAT. APRIL 13 & 14th. Eyes examined and glasses fitted. Be sure and read other notices in this issue and come to see me at either place. My Dallas address is P. O. Box 133. G. Ward Shelfer.

Increased The Distance

The court listened breathlessly as the counsel cross-examined. "There were two shots, you say?" "Yes," replied the witness. "Where were you when the first shot was fired?" "I was about ten feet from the prisoner." "Ten feet? H'm! And where were you when the second shot was fired?" "About two miles from the prisoner, in Clewis' tailor shop", replied the witness. "What were you doing in Mr. Clewis' tailor shop?" "Letting him take my measure for a new suit of clothes."

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PROFIT-SHARING COUPONS are closer to the hearts of the American people than ever before. That is why we are a profit-sharing merchant.

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We have some special bargains to show you and can save you money. We have a complete stock in groceries, flour, meal and can save you money on your bill and we bought early before it got so high.

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Our Remedies Make You Well and Keep Feeling Fit.

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is always prepared to give you. Our drugs and remedies make for health because they are absolutely pure and reliable. Come to us for any aid to health.

LEAVERTON'S
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News Items Gleaned From Waneta Country

April 9.—A nice rain fell last Wednesday, but we have been having some real cold weather ever since.

Cotton planting is the order of the day. Corn, irish potatoes and gardens are very good, considering the cool weather.

Miss Emma Jones of near Alto is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Mr. VicRory and daughter, Miss Kate, of Slocum were in our midst last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Harrington entertained with a party last Thursday night.

Church and Sunday School was well attended at Hickory Grove Sunday afternoon.

Misses Jessie and Hettie Foster of Hickory Grove were the

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Foster from Monday until Friday.

A few young people enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at Miss Mary Lively's Sunday afternoon.

The trustee election was held here Saturday. The two new trustees are Messrs. John Penick and Lewis Hendrix.

Misses Willie Mae and Ethel Dickey were the guests of Miss Ruth Barnes Sunday.

Mr. Scoggins, wife and daughter of Dallas were guests at the home of Mr. John Penick Thursday night.

Miss Laura Foster who has been teaching school at Denson Springs, is visiting her brother at this place. Bonnie.

The Messenger joins friends in extending sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Guice, on account of the death of their baby boy, which occurred last Thursday. The remains were buried in the City Cemetery Friday.

**Local and Court
News From the
County Seat**

Crockett, Texas, April 9th.—During week ending Saturday night, the following disposition was made of divorce cases in the District Court:

Granted — Carra Calone vs. Alex Calone; Cal Jaego vs Pearly Jaego; Albert Wynne vs Jennie Wynne; O. L. Gibson vs Julia Gibson; J. E. Spence vs Mary L. Spence. (In this case the custody of the daughter, Lena, was awarded to J. E. Spence, father, custody of son, Mose Henry, was awarded to Mary L. Spence, mother.) Pennis Rich vs Dave Rich; Mary Taylor vs Berry Taylor; Joe Blake vs Pearl Blake; Charlie Walker vs Eugene Walker; Nettie Blalock vs Grady Blalock. In case of Harvey A. Onque vs S. E. Onque, a divorce was refused.

No action was taken in any of the civil or criminal cases.

An examination for teachers' certificates was held at the court house Friday and Saturday. There were 87 applicants, 77 white and 10 colored. Certificates were applied for as follows: White, 11 for 1st grade State, 66 for 2nd grade State; colored, 1 for 1st grade State, 5 for 2nd grade State, 4 for 2nd grade county. The board of examiners was composed of J. C. Scarborough, Augusta, and V. A. Wakefield, Volga, assisted by G. E. Parker, Belott, and Harry Brewton, Crockett.

The Houston County Interscholastic League meet was held in this city Saturday night. In senior boys' declamation contest, 1st place was awarded to J. B. Lucas, Augusta; 2nd place to Arthur Guice, Grapeland. Junior boys' declamation, 1st place to Jesse Ratcliff, Ratcliff, 2nd place to Frank Wootters, Crockett. In girls' declamation, 1st place went to Miss Powers, Crockett, 2nd place to Eunice Payne, Ratcliff. In boys' senior spelling match, 1st place to Pat Taylor, Grapeland. The County Athletic meet will be held in this city Saturday, April 14. County Supt. Snell announces that rural schools of the county will obtain this year from the state apportionment about \$22,000, an increase over last year of several thousand dollars.

During the week ending April 7th, automobiles were registered in the office of County Clerk Owens as follows:

Sam Cohen, Ratcliff, Dodge. Dr. C. C. Hill, Grapeland, Ford. W. N. Dominy, Weldon, Ford. F. H. Franz, Crockett, Ford. E. S. Atkinson, Lovelady, Ford. Miss Clairette Elliott, Crockett, Chandler.

W. L. Moore, Augusta, Ford. G. M. Mahoney, Ratcliff, Buick. East Texas Motor Co., Crockett, Buick.

Geo. Calhoun, Grapeland, Buick. Will McLean, Crockett, Maxwell.

The last car registered was numbered 402.

The report circulated last week that J. F. Bell had died at Huntsville, is shown by the following letter to be untrue:

Huntsville, Tex., Apr. 7, '17
Dear Mr. Spence:

No. 40536 John F. Bell, life, for murder from Houston county, is enjoying the best of health, not having been sick a minute since he arrived in Huntsville.

Very truly yours,
J. R. Jordon,
Chief Clerk.

Among the Crockett visitors from Grapeland last week were Mesdames A. B. Spence, Minnie Miller, Bob Scarborough, R. B. Edens and Dora White; Misses Perlina Spence, Carrie Spence, Marie White, Lois Sims, Mary Lou Darsey, Rena Ross Richards and Helen McMurphy.

The Finance Committee adjourned over until this week, not having finished their labors. They have yet to examine the entire records of the commissioners' court.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

The criminal docket of the District court was called Thursday of last week, and the following disposition of cases made:

Earl Wynne, cattle theft; set for Monday April 30.

Jake Leonard, cattle theft; set for Monday, April 30.

Hill Bagwell, murder; set for Wednesday April 18, and venire of 75 men ordered.

Joe Spencer, cattle theft; set for Thursday April 26.

Mack Bledsoe, murder; dismissed on motion of district attorney.

W. N. Ferguson, Conspiracy to commit perjury; motion to quash filed.

Ocie Rambo, bootlegging; dismissed on motion of district attorney.

G. Q. Anderson, disposing of mortgaged property; set for Thursday, April 26.

W. E. Hail, swindling; set for Friday April 27.

J. A. Ratcliff, forgery; set for Friday April 27.

R. T. Kent, murder; set for Tuesday May 1 and venire of 100 men ordered.

Simon Perryman, theft of cattle; set for Monday April 30.

Wash Rhodes, bootlegging, set for Friday May 4.

Henry Callaway, burglary; set for Friday May 4.

Jake Prewitt, cattle theft; dismissed by district attorney.

W. D. Roach, murder; dismissed by district attorney.

Cleon McLean, felony theft; set for Saturday May 5.

Walter Roberts, cattle theft; set for Tuesday April 17.

I. L. Tyler, forgery; set for Monday April 16.

Albert Green, arson (3 cases) set for Monday April 16.

W. C. Hunt, assault to murder; set for Thursday May 3.

George Small, assault to murder; set for Thursday May 3.

Theo Johnson, burglary; set for Monday April 16.

Melvin White, burglary; set for Monday April 16.

Arthur Norman, burglary; set for Monday May 7.

Eunjustice Price, burglary; set for Monday May 7.

Cleveland Bailey, bootlegging; (2 cases) set for Tuesday May 8.

Will Robinson, bootlegging; set for Monday April 16.

John Rich, bootlegging; set for Tuesday May 8.

Will Smith, bootlegging; set for Wednesday May 9.

Charles Leonard Sr. and Chas. Leonard Jr., hog theft; set for Wednesday May 9.

Sank Hearne, cattle theft; set for Wednesday May 9.

Richmond Murphy, hog theft; set for Monday May 7.

The Great Importance of War Time Farming

War means higher prices for food, unless more is raised. Wheat is \$2 a bushel, corn \$1 30 and bacon 30c a pound, and the tendency is still upward. The United States will soon have a million men under arms. That means more men taken out of production. Many people in Texas may go hungry before another winter ends unless extraordinary efforts are put forth. The fate of the nation—the issue of the war—depends upon the food supply even more than upon the supply of men, arms and ammunition.

Therefore, increased food and feed is a matter of both self-interest and national welfare.

It is not too late to plant. Peanuts, kaffir corn, milo maize, sorgham, June corn, Sudan grass, peas, and all staple vegetables are in order through April, May and June.

It is folly to assume that our entrance into the European war will end it speedily. It may last a year or two years. The South fought for four years. The Central powers are somewhat crippled, but they are by no means exhausted. The submarine warfare continues with no sign of abatement. By fall there may be no ships for anything but food and feed stuffs. In that case our cotton will bring little or nothing. Even at good prices it will not go far in buying food and feed at war prices.

The United States Department of Agriculture reports that supplies of all things to eat throughout the world are short and growing shorter. Argentine



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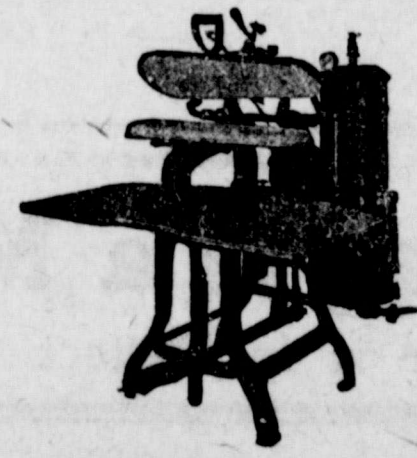
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wheat is a failure and none will be shipped from that country. The world's herds of cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry are being consumed faster than the natural increase. These facts constitute an alarming situation which will grow worse as the war continues, and will continue for a considerable time after the war closes. Famine is worse than war. Every back yard and every vacant patch should yield something for man or beast.—Clarence Ounsley of A. & M. College. Frank Taylor of Reynard is driving a new Dodge roadster.

Announcement

DR. G. WARD SHELFER, Optometrist of Dallas, Texas, who comes to our drug store regularly and makes a specialty of fitting spectacles and eyeglasses, will be with us again for two days only, April 13 and 14. Many good people of Grapeland, Crockett, and this section, have been wearing glasses fitted by Dr. Shelfer for years with the best results. Remember please, Dr. Shelfer has no "partners" peddling through the country deceiving the people, he does business in Grapeland through our drug store only. Remember the name, place and dates, and come to see us and have your eyes examined. Every pair of glasses guaranteed.

April 13 and 14 only this trip

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Grapeland, Texas**

Do You See Perfectly?

Do you have Headache, Neuralgia, Nervous, Dizzy Spells, Insomnia? My special ground glasses often cure these and many other troubles.

Be not deceived by peddlers claiming to be connected with me as I have no "partners" or agents, and I do business through responsible druggists only. All glasses ground in Dallas and quickly duplicated in case you lose or break them, as we keep a record of all prescriptions.

Do not put off having your eyes fitted, or wear your old glasses too long.

CALL AT D. N. LEAVERTON'S DRUG STORE

April 13 and 14 Only this Trip

— Phone or write me for appointment —

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GOOD ROADS

EXPERIMENT IN GOOD ROADS

Government Constructed Over 480,000 Square Yards of Different Types in 1912-1913.

Over 480,000 square yards of different types of roads for experimental and object-lesson purposes were constructed during the fiscal year 1912-1913 under the supervision of the office of public roads, United States department of agriculture, according to Bulletin 53 of the department, making a total of over 4,000,000 square yards of road constructed under the supervision of this office since 1905.

The types of roads built were brick, concrete, oil-cement concrete, bituminous concrete, bituminous-surfaced concrete, bituminous macadam, surface treatment, macadam, asphalt-slag, oil-asphalt-gravel, oil-gravel, oil-coraline, gravel-macadam, gravel-slag, sand-clay, sand-gumbo, burnt clay, shell and earth. The object lesson and experimental work during the past year was done at a cost to the local communities of \$139,841.89. This does not include the salaries and expenses of the department engineers.

The road work during the year was done in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

CONCRETE ROADS IN HAWAII

Fine System of Highways Being Developed on Islands—Paradise Offered to Motorists.

A large increase in visitors to the Hawaiian Islands this year has brought prominently to the front the vital question of good roads. The second city of the territory, Hilo, has led the way, and has already constructed handsome concrete boulevards leading from the wharves throughout the business section. The outlying districts, under the management of a progressive local government, have put their highways in thorough order, and automobiles may now enjoy on the big island, some hundreds of miles of perfect macadam surface through the most magnificent scenery. With a choice of every variety of climate, from the fully tropical to the eternal snows of the high mountains, the island of Hawaii offers a motoring paradise without a peer in the world.

Federal Road Funds.

The apportionment of federal road funds available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, are as follows for New York and neighboring states:

New York	\$250,720.27
New Jersey	59,212.68
Connecticut	31,096.44
Delaware	8,184.37
Maine	48,451.50
Maryland	44,047.22
Massachusetts	73,856.90
New Hampshire	20,996.52
Pennsylvania	239,644.17
Rhode Island	11,956.71
Vermont	22,848.47

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, each state will receive double the above figures; for 1919 three times, for 1920 four times, and for 1921 five times the amounts above stated.

CAMPAIGN IN WEST VIRGINIA

"Get Out of the Mud" Is Slogan Used in Behalf of Better Roads—Motorists Are Wanted.

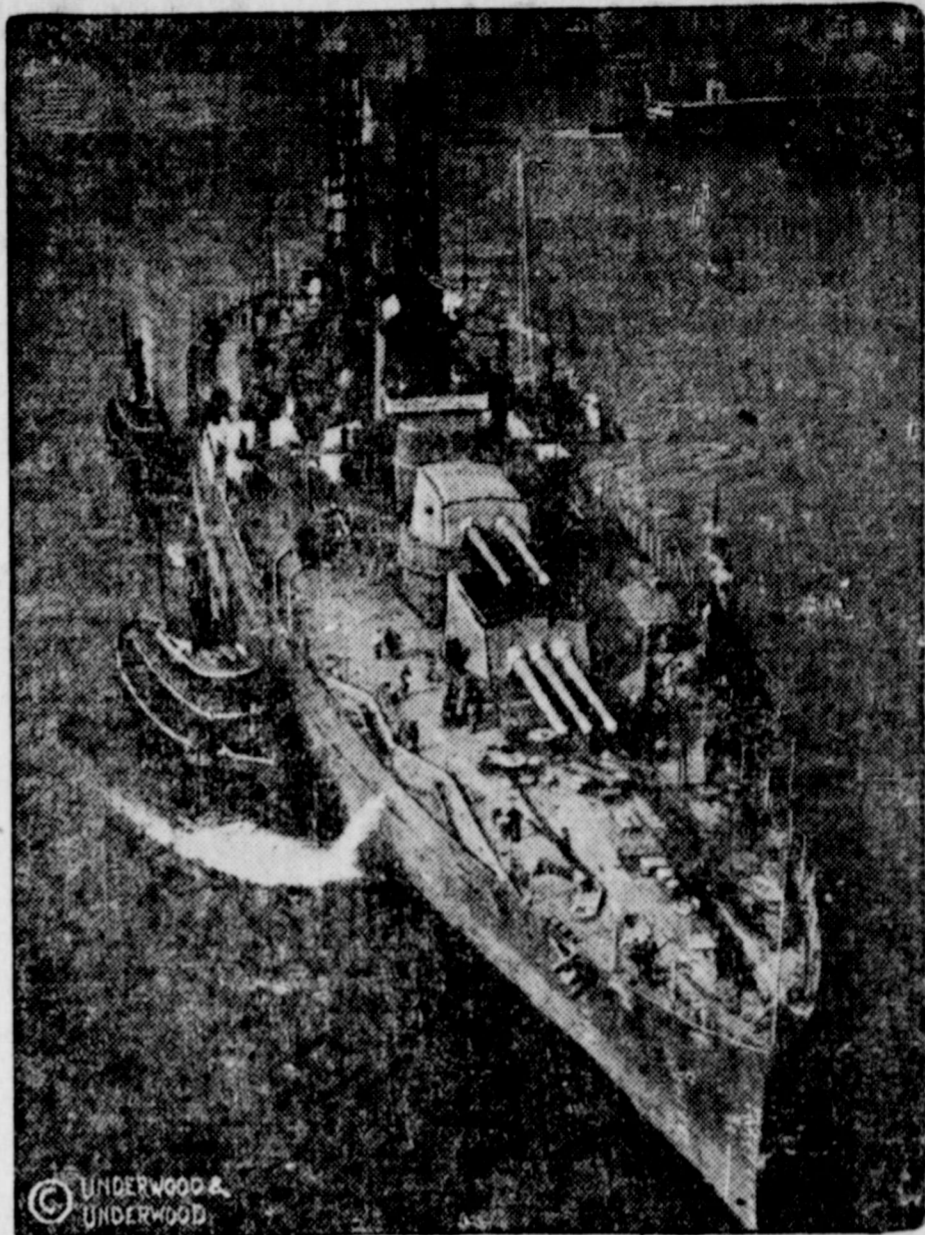
"Get Out of the Mud" is the slogan used in West Virginia in a campaign in behalf of better roads. Several counties have recently voted favorably on bond issues for road improvements, and these words played an important part in the activities of good-roads advocates preceding the elections. The slogan was employed as the refrain to a song in one election. Good roads advocates in West Virginia say that satisfactory highways will bring in many motorists, as the mountain scenery of the state is of rare beauty.

There is a lot of fungus trouble this season. Blights, rusts, rots, mildews and other bacterial and fungus diseases are common. There is no use dodging; we must fight them with the proper fungicides or they beat us.

Right Size of Farm.

Selling off land till all debts are canceled and little or no hired help needed has saved a good home for many a worthy family who, had they clung to the big farm, would have lost all.

UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP ARIZONA



The superdreadnaught Arizona, one of the greatest fighting machines in the United States navy, photographed as it passed beneath the Brooklyn bridge.

FAVORITE OF THE FILMS



Rhys Alexander, Star Who Has Won Wide Favor With Movie Patrons.

giving them plenty of wheat bran and beef scraps or cut fresh bone.

When the hens cannot obtain green stuff in the fields, it must be supplied to them in the form of cabbage, mangels or something of that kind.

While plenty of fresh air is necessary to keep the fowls in good health, it must be admitted to the henhouse in such a way that a draft does not blow on the fowls, especially at night when they are on the roost.

Dinosaur of Ancient Days Mere Pygmy by Side of the Blue Whale of Modern Times

It has been said that the first duty of a whale is to be large—the blue whale is, then, the most successful whale, for it is the largest creature which has ever existed on the earth or in its waters. Even those extinct giant reptiles, the dinosaurs, which splashed along the borders of the inland seas of Wyoming and Montana 3,000,000 years ago, could not approach a blue whale either in length or weight, declares a writer in the New York Independent.

In 1903 a blue whale was weighed in sections in Newfoundland. The animal was 78 feet long, 35 feet around the shoulders, the head was 19 feet in length and the tail six feet from tip to tip. The total weight was 63 tons. The flesh weighed 40 tons, the blubber eight tons, the blood, viscera and baleen seven tons and the bones eight tons.

Exaggerated accounts of the size of blue whales are current even in reputable books on natural history, but the largest specimen which has yet been actually measured and recorded is 187 feet long, stranded a few years ago upon the coast of New Zealand; it must have weighed at least 75 tons.

Poultry Pointers

A hen, like a human being, needs to be made comfortable in order to do the best work.

As soon as the breeding season is over the male birds should be separated from the hens.

The business of our domestic hen is to produce plenty of eggs, and we must feed her for them.

Ducks and geese require deep drinking vessels, especially if reared and kept on land.

Spoiled or decaying flesh, if eaten, will surely cause limberneck. Burn or bury the dead.

A little beef scraps or cut, fresh bone will help the pullets and the well-molted hens to start laying.

Feeding fowls on one grain, or not feeding them enough, is very expensive, because it produces a loss instead of a profit.

Remember that an egg is more than half water and that the fowls must have plenty of clean, fresh water to drink at all times.

If the most of the grain fed to the fowls is corn, it must be balanced by

Hot Air Bath in Bed.

An apparatus in which one can take a "hot air bath" in one's own bed is the invention of William F. Erath of Rosebank, N. Y. It is of semicylindrical shape and consists of half hoops connected by lazy-tong members by means of which the apparatus can be collapsed when not in use. This frame is covered with blankets or comfortables packed closely around it to form an extemporaneous chamber for the occupant.

A suitable heater or alcohol burner heats the air in a metal drum, which is connected by a pipe with an opening in the end of the bathing chamber. Another opening above it is for the disposition of the used-up air. A rod with a handle at its end, supported on a bracket, extends from the heater along the side of the bed to a point within convenient reach of the person enjoying the apparatus. By this means the heat supply can be controlled merely by reaching out an arm.

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FOR EACHACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

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HERBINE

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It's a man's remedy that goes to the right spot. Puts life and activity into the torpid liver, strengthens the stomach and digestion and purifies and regulates the bowels. A timely dose of this excellent system regulator and bowel tonic will oftentimes ward off a spell of sickness. Price 50 cents.

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LATE CROPS FOR FARMS

The threatening war clouds that are now overshadowing us should not fail to remind us that whatever may be the result, food will be needed, livestock will be required, poultry, vegetables and fruits will be essential to economical living. There are late crops that may be planted for food and for feed and these should have room.

Those who plant and cultivate crops with a view of having plenty to eat at home and sufficient feed for their animals will not be dependent upon credit at the stores. But the producer that depends upon one crop to furnish cash with which to buy food and feed might be

disappointed.

It is well to remember that those who raise as much food as possible and plenty of feed will save the high cost of living.

Peas, beans, June corn, millet, soy beans, Sudan, sweet potatoes, melons, pumpkins, cushaws and other crops will be suggested when we think of late crops suitable for food and feed. There is plenty of time for crops that will help afford economical living as well as those that reduce the high cost of feeding.—Farm & Ranch.

Miss Willie Browning went to Palestine Friday to attend the bedside of her sister, Miss Opal Browning, who was operated on for appendicitis.



Lose Something?

Let Us Locate It for You

The surest way of finding the lost animal, the lost pet, or the lost article is to let us locate it for you. A small classified advertisement in our lost and found section will tell of your loss to many more people than you could see in a day.

And the more people you can interest in recovering your loss the sooner will you be successful.

The cost of a small advertisement is very low—much less than it would cost you to make a personal search. Next time let us make your search by means of a little classified ad.

Plans For The Chatauqua Are Now Being Made

Plans for holding the chatauqua June 19, 20 and 21, are well on the way. A meeting was held last Friday night and organization perfected with the following officers and committees: T. H. Leaverton, Pres.; A. H. Luker, Sec'y-Treas. Committee to arrange program for agricultural day: Wm. H. Long, Geo. Calhoun, D. N. Leaverton, Eugene Walling. For educational day, C. T. Sims. For health day, Drs. Stafford, Hill, Kennedy and McCarty. On advertising, W. L. Smith, A. H. Luker, W. E. Keeland, M. E. Darsey, W. E. Kerr. C. W. Kennedy and W. G. Darsey were selected as managers of the ticket selling campaign of the reds and blues respectively. Another meeting was held at the auditorium Tuesday night, and Messrs. Kennedy and Darsey selected the following to assist them:

C W Kennedy, manager of the reds: M E Darsey, A H Luker, W A Riall, W D Granberry, J H Ryan, N J Davis, Chas Haltom, Bob Scarborough, C T Sims, Arthur Walton, Lenard Sullivan, C R Hatchell, Geo E Darsey, Jr., Miss Addie Hill, Mrs. T. H. Leaverton, Miss Lura Mae Owens, Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth, Miss Rena Ross Richards, Mrs. Wm. H. Long, Mrs. Loye Stowe, Mrs. E E Hollingsworth, Mrs. Byron Maxwell, Mrs. S E Traylor, Misses Linnie Dee Haltom and Marie White.

W G Darsey, manager of the blues: W. L. Smith, D. N. Leaverton, W E Kerr, U M Brock, W E Keeland, Marvin Gilbert, Sid Boykin, W R Wherry, Jno. R Owens, Aubrey Lively, W P Traylor, O W Davis, Dr. G H Black, Mrs. P H Stafford, Miss Blanche Kennedy, Mrs. C R Taylor, Misses Mary Lou Darsey, Lucretia Riall, Winnie Davis, Perlina Spence, Lois Sims, Mesdames T S Kent, J W Howard, S N Boykin, Willis Goodson.

The date for the campaign will be announced later, but when it does start there is going to be lots of fun and good natured rivalry. Get your money ready!

Kennedy Bros' Store Caught Fire Thursday Morning

A serious fire was narrowly averted last Thursday morning, when Kennedy Bros. store was discovered on fire about two o'clock.

The fire was discovered by a train crew, when the train stopped at the water tank for water.

The engineer aroused the citizens by blasts from the whistle, and soon a large crowd was on hand to fight the flames. Fortunately, the fire had just started when the train pulled in and it was extinguished with little difficulty. The fire started in the rear of the grocery department in some brooms and collar pads, and it is thought was caused by a rat gnawing a match. Only slight damage was done to the stock, which was covered by insurance.

Before you enlist in the army let Clewis clean and press your clothes.

FERTILIZER

We have just unloaded a car of Home-Mixture Meridian Fertilizer. Better see us at once if you need any. Kennedy Bros.

\$25,000 Worth Of Hogs Shipped To Fort Worth

\$25,000 worth of hogs in one shipment in a single day! How's that for Grapeland? George Calhoun shipped eight cars and Balis Dailey shipped two cars Tuesday. There were 600 hogs in the bunch and they averaged 275 pounds each. This brings the total shipment of Mr. Calhoun up to 35 cars this season, and the total of all hogs shipped up to date 47 cars.

Bob Wherry accompanied the shipment to Ft. Worth.

W. H. M. NOTES

Mrs. J. W. Howard was hostess to the W. H. M. Society on Tuesday afternoon of last week from 3 to 5 o'clock, Mrs. S. E. Traylor being the appointed leader and the following program was carried out.

Opening Prayer: Mrs. S. N. Boykin.

Scripture Reading: 23rd Ps.: Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, Pres.

Instrumental Solo: Miss Lois Sims.

Minutes of last meeting.

Church notes on financial condition during 800: Mrs. Byron Maxwell.

Vocal Solo: Miss Lura Mae Owens.

A paper on Our Church and Our Society, by Mrs. S. E. Traylor.

Paying of Dues.

Collecting egg money.

Business Discussions.

Instrumental solo: Miss Lois Sims.

A business talk by Bro. B. C. Ansley.

Benediction by president.

This was the best meeting the society has enjoyed in some time.

More interest seemed to be manifested, a larger number of members being present.

Mrs. Howard, assisted by her young daughters, served delicious cream and cake.

The following members were present: Mesdames S. E. Traylor, Jno. A. Davis, S. N. Boykin, Roy Brewton, Frank Leaverton, Marvin Gilbert, C. W. Kennedy, C. R. Taylor, J. P. Royall, Jesse Jones, Geo. E. Darsey, Wade L. Smith, W. P. Traylor, Byron Maxwell, J. C. Kennedy, Eleanor Kennedy, Minnie Miller, Josie Taylor, A. H. Luker.

Misses Lois Sims and Lura Mae Owens were our distinguished guests.

Next meeting will be held with Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, Mrs. Josie Taylor being leader.

Reporter.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week Mrs. C. W. Kennedy was hostess to the W. H. M. Society in her new beautiful home, the following members answering to roll call: Mesdames J W Howard, Roy Brewton, J C Kennedy, Frank Leaverton, S N Boykin, J P Royall, Geo E Darsey, Jas. Owens, Eleanor Kennedy, Minnie Miller, C R Taylor, Byron Maxwell, Marvin Gilbert, Wade L. Smith, Jno A Davis, S E Traylor, Josie Taylor and A H Luker.

Mrs. Josie Taylor was leader for this meeting and had an interesting little lesson on "Our Trust in God." Prayer was offered by Mrs. A H Luker. Miss Lura Mae Owens favored us with a vocal solo. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus."

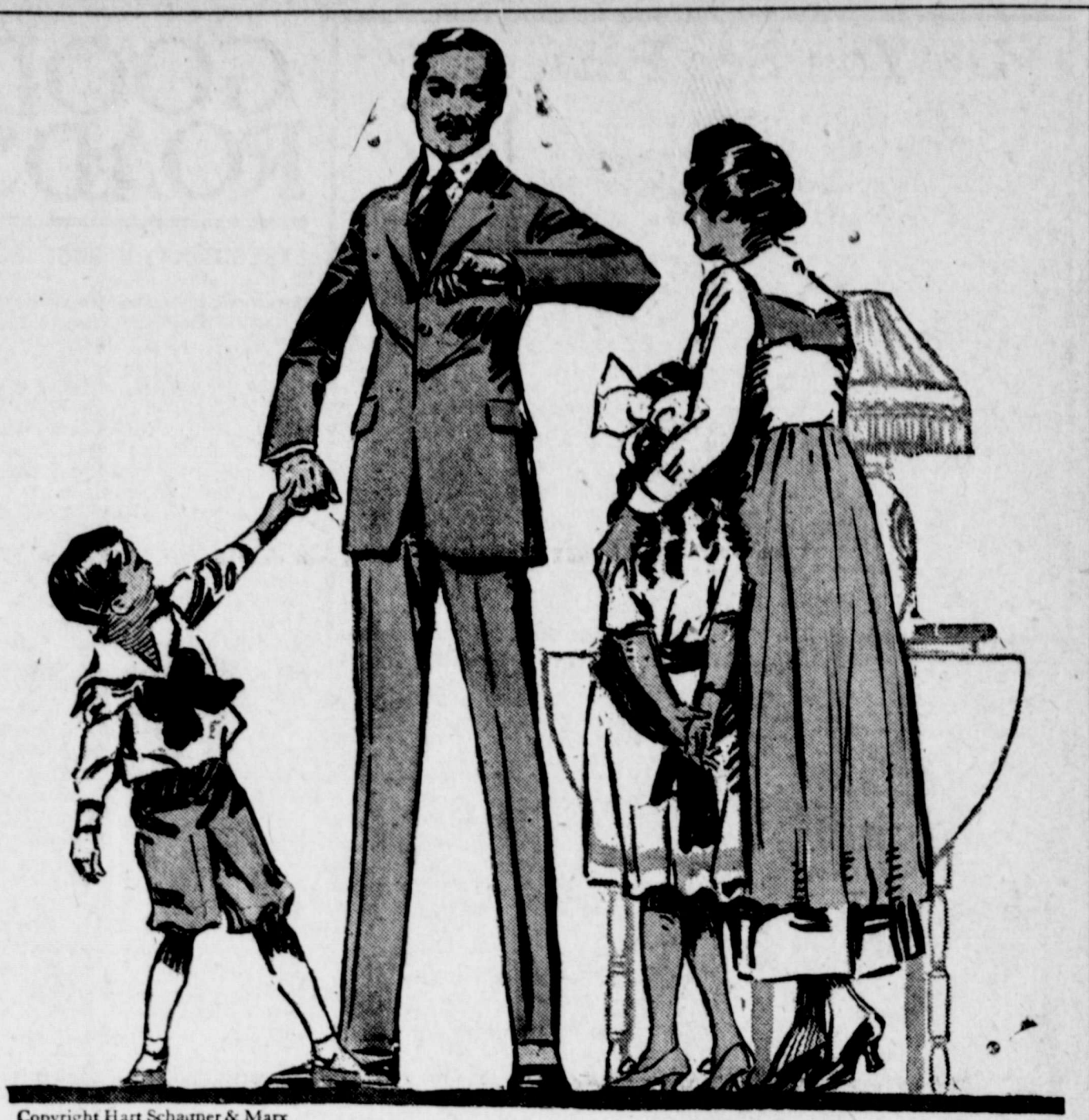
Reports on different business propositions were read. Miss Perlina Spence came in as a new member. Mrs. Edens Hollingsworth was our visitor.

Mrs. Jas. Owens was appointed leader at next meeting to be held at Mrs. J. C. Kennedy's, this closing the society.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Kennedy, served a delicious salad course, wafers and hot chocolate.

Reporter.

Invitations have been received here, announcing the approaching wedding of Ozzie Lively to Miss Viola Maree Heyson, which will occur at Far Rockaway, N. Y., April 14th. Ozzie is a former Grapeland boy and has many friends here who will extend best wishes and congratulations.



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guarantee of good faith on the part of the makers. We'll show it to you; as they say, "It's a small thing to look for, a big thing to find." Please call to see these fine suits.

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