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WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY

9 lb white granulated sugar for \$1.00
 4 lb good roasted coffee for \$1.00
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 High patent flour, per sack \$3.00
 5 gallon of oil for 90c

Get our Prices on Oats, Bran, Shorts

EXTRA LOW PRICES ON

Kelley Plows Harrows
 Garden Plows
 Cotton and Corn Planters

We Buy Chickens and Eggs

Keeland Bros.

THE BATTLE OF BULLETS HAS ENDED

Our efforts must be directed now in saving the lives of as many people as possible by raising good food stuff. The whole world is depending upon America for food and clothing. That we may meet this emergency it is very necessary that we reap the greatest harvest that America has ever seen. Each and every farmer has a part in this great work. Farming is no longer a drudgery but a very pleasant avocation, if you use Modern Farm Implements, and we are glad to say that,

IN THE P. & O. LINE

you will find an implement that will suit your very needs. Our stock is complete in the following:

Riding Planters
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 Riding Cultivators
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We carry a complete line of Plows Shapes and Points to fit all kinds of Plows.

Plenty of TRIUMPH SEED POTATOES—now is the time to plant them.

We can fill your bill in flour, meal and corn chops, barley chops, wheat bran, alfalfa hay and feed oats.

Bring us your chickens and eggs. We will pay the top price.

W. H. Long & Co.

THE VALUE GIVING STORE

A LIGHT AND ICE PLANT FOR GRAPELAND

That proposition is squarely up to the citizens in this community. From time to time the Messenger has stressed the need of such an institution, but it seems that up to now our appeals have fallen upon deaf ears. But the question has been again brought into discussion, and those behind it now say they are going to bring it to pass. It is proposed to organize a stock company with local capital, and many prominent citizens have signified their willingness to take stock in such an enterprise.

We badly need it. If Grapeland is to push forward and grow and be the town it can or should be we must have modern and up-to-date conveniences. We have no statistics available as to the amount of ice consumed here in a season, but it is considerable—enough we are sure, to justify the erection of a plant. Another factor in favor of a local plant, is that ice could be manufactured and distributed cheaper than by shipping it in here by the car load. Hence, consumption would be greater.

There is no use to call your attention to the convenience of electric lights in your home, and the many uses to which electricity can be put. The three Gins here, which consume almost an unbelievable amount of wood each season, could probably be induced to use power from a light plant.

We hope those who are agitating such a proposition will "keep grinding" and be successful. It will mean much in the advancement of our community.

CAVALRY INSPECTION

Notice has been received at headquarters of Troop M, 7th Texas Cavalry, that they will receive federal inspection at 9:00 a. m., February 21, Col. S. B. Arnold, Federal Inspector.

This inspection is preparatory to this Troop's receiving their full complement of uniforms, guns, pistols and sabres and one platoon of horses, thirty two horses in all, which will be kept in Crockett. All towns of any note in Texas will maintain a National Guard Company and Crockett will be one of them.

The matter of discharge for those desiring it will be taken up at this meeting, immediately after the inspection.

U. S. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

Crockett, Texas, Feb. 4th, 1919— I have been appointed by the U. S. Department of Labor as Employment Agent for Houston County to get jobs for returned sailors and soldiers, services of the department being FREE. I will be glad to find you your own kind of job, either in Houston County, Texas or the United States if you will merely register with me, stating your needs. Employers needing labor are invited to phone, write or tell me their needs.

I have had a call from a Houston County saw mill man who wants forty saw mill men, wages from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per day. He also wants fifteen men with teams to haul logs. If this kind of job suit you, let me know and I will put you in touch with him.

I will appreciate it if everyone in Houston County will help me register returned sailors and soldiers. Those that already have jobs will confer a favor upon the Department if they will register also, as the Department is anxious to know the condition of the labor market.

A. E. Owens, County Clerk.

3,000 LOST A LEG OR ARM

Two out of every thousand soldiers who fought in the American army overseas lost an arm or a leg. A medical officer tells the House Military Affairs Committee that 3,000 of the total combat force were so maimed and that more than a thousand are now being fitted with artificial limbs. The world will have constant reminders of Crazy Bill's work long after old Nick takes him into partnership.

Our Anniversary Sale is still on

Best High Patent Flour per sack \$2.95
 Best Pearl Meal per sack \$1.20
 Best Corn Chops per sack \$3.40
 Best Wheat Bran per sack \$2.90
 Best Shorts per sack \$3.10
 Oats per bushel 95c

Car of Fresh Flour and Feed Stuff just arrived.

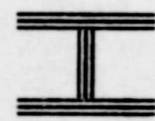
Car of Alfalfa, Bermuda and Forney Hay.

Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes and Groceries all going at bargains that cannot be duplicated anywhere.

W. R. WHERRY

We Will Buy Your Liberty Bonds

Big Crops Wanted!



Of course you have decided to make your farm this year excel anything it has ever done. The government pleads with you to do so, and you are patriotic enough to comply.

MODERN FARM MACHINERY

To get the best results you MUST have the best tools. The old antiquated methods just won't work in this age of get-up-and-go.

Our stock of farm machinery is up to now. The very latest implements are here. All of the labor savers and money makers are here for you.

You need them—we have them—the world needs what you can produce. Let's all get together.

McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

THE MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter

SUBSCRIPTION IN ADVANCE:
 1 Year\$1.50
 6 Months75
 3 Months40

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

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and Cards of Thanks are charged for at regular rates—5c per line.

Our Advertising Rates are reasonable and Rate Card cheerfully furnished upon application.

Phones—Farmers Union System
 Office 51
 Residence 11

THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1919

FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

There is one thing the people of Houston county should look after this year a little closer than in years gone by, and that is a deeper interest in our public schools, and a heartier co-operation with those who are instructing our young people.

The best asset this or any other community possesses is its boys and girls. Into their hands and upon their shoulders will soon fall the task of running affairs which we are now looking after. In our advanced years we are going to have to depend on them to a very great extent to maintain the peace and happiness and prosperity of this section. For that reason we should get in closer touch with them and their instructors, and show more interest in their work than we have in the past.

Don't take it for granted your boy or your girl is getting along all right in school. Visit them sometime and spend an hour listening to them recite their lessons. The teachers will welcome you, for it helps them to know you are interested and anxious to co-operate. Let the little gossip brought to you from the schoolroom go for what it is worth—only childish prattle. Go over and learn firsthand just what the teacher is doing to make of your boy or girl the kind of a boy or girl you want them to be.

There is yet lots of room for improvement in our schools. But the children and the teachers cannot accomplish it alone. Go yourself for a visit to them, and show that you are sufficiently interested to do anything you can to bring them to a higher standard.

BEWARE OF AGENTS

Agents for various stock selling schemes are busy over the country, and no doubt many Liberty bonds and much good hard cash have been exchanged for certificates of stock in doubtful organizations. Before you fall for any get-rich-quick stuff, consult your banker and make careful investigation of the proposition. This is good advice we are giving you. Thousands of people have lost the earnings of years of hard work and started on the road to the poor house by dabbling in worthless securities.

GHASTLY TOTALS

We feel that we cannot too often impress upon the citizens of Grape-land the necessity of guarding against fires. We read only yesterday where 15,000 lives and \$250,000,000 in property was destroyed in the year 1918 by fires in all sections of this country.

At the annual meeting of the National Association of Fire Marshals held the other day in New York, the president of the organization declared that our fires waste from carelessness is a national disgrace, and that fully forty per cent of the fires which break out in this country could have been prevented by using care.

He says, however, that the education of the public through the press is having its influence in reducing the number and seriousness of fires. More has been accomplished in the last two years along this line than in the ten years preceding. That is encouraging, and it should serve to keep us more careful in the future.

The prevention of fires is directly in the hands of the individuals. The man who permits a rubbish heap to remain where it is apt to catch fire invites not only a waste of property but of life. If every owner or tenant should be heavily fined for the preventable fire which occurs on his property, the newspapers of this country would not have to devote space to doing just what we are doing now—urging you to be careful of fire.

THE HIGHWAY SITUATION

Highway construction was held up all over the country while the war was in progress. With more trucking and motoring and hauling than ever before, and with repair work scarcely kept up, the roads in most places have deteriorated.

There is growing dissatisfaction with the old policy of piecemeal road construction. Pennsylvania has voted for a bond issue of \$50,000,000 for highways, and Illinois for one of \$60,000,000. There is a movement in Montana for a \$100,000,000 bond issue. The question has come up in the present legislature for a bond issue of \$75,000,000 for highway construction in Texas. These sums are enormous and alarm many conservative tax payers, but at the old rate of road building the present generation will be dead before a comprehensive system is built.

There are now a good many handsome main line roads on which speeding motorists can get smashed up to their heart's content, but the hard roads do not touch the mass of farm property.

You can't produce stuff economically on a farm the outlet of which is a bad road. Either the farmer realizes a low figure or the consumer pays high. But when trucks and teams make a quick trip the farm can be run with less labor.

The hauling charges for getting food to market will continue a high tax until a nation-wide movement has made the bulk of the farms more accessible to the railroads.

The question whether road building on a big scale will pay is one to be decided only after expert investigation. The cost is great and should be undertaken only when a substantial gain can be figured over a term of years. Authorities on rural development usually think it pays. So, after due reflection, it does not seem reckless when a state puts up two or three per cent of its wealth to modernize its highways.

If the Germans want to get food faster, they might raise from the bottom of the ocean some of the many provision ships they sunk.

As a result of the prohibition bomb shell, the casualty lists are expected now to report Tom and Jerry among the missing.

With Europe needing 1,400,000 tons of our food, the outlook for a little cheaper grub here at home is not very promising.

It isn't going to be very long now until the "wet" leaders of this country will be able to figure where they could have saved a whole lot of money.

If Germany pays her indemnity as irregularly as she is filling the armistice terms, it's going to take some mighty good collectors to get anything out of her.

Some people say they won't advertise, as everyone knows where their stores are. Also, everybody knows where the cemetery is, but they don't feel inclined to go there.

John Barleycorn has been knocked out—he is now taking the count. Forty-one states have already ratified the federal amendment to the constitution providing for nationwide prohibition. It only required ratification by thirty-six states. By this time next year the liquor traffic will be extinct, squelched, put out of business.

The big packers have issued their financial statement, and one of them shows a gross business of twenty-six million dollars, of which fifteen million is net. Hogs on foot at 12 to 15 cents a pound and ham selling at 50c per pound accounts for the fifteen million. Yet the packers camouflage their books and say they are not making any money. Who gets the difference?

The Thrift Car

Overland

There are five things to consider when you buy a motor car—

- Appearance
- Performance
- Comfort
- Service
- Price

Owners who have bought the Overland Model 90 have not been worried about any of these things.

Remember this when you decide to buy your car.



J. E. TOWERY
CROCKETT, TEXAS

Senator Morris Shepherd has been recommended as a presidential candidate by the Texas legislature. Oh, well, it's nice and the thing to do, to strew flowers along the pathway of the living.

The Senate has passed a resolution authorizing the payment of a pension of \$5,000 a year to Mrs. Theo. Roosevelt, and extending her the mail franking privilege. It is a custom to pension the widows of ex-presidents.

The "made in Germany" slogan will not be necessary after this. A simple yellow streak around the article will be sufficient.—Richmond Newsleader.



CAN'T WE DRESS FOR COMFORT IN THE SUMMER?

JACK MURCHISON WRITE HOMEFOLKS FROM GERMANY

Somewhere in Germany, Jan. 10, 1919
 Dear Mama and all the folks:

I have had quite a number of letters from you wanting to know something of the war, something of the trenches, so I am going to attempt to tell you a few things as best I can, and in that way which I think will pass the censor, so I will start from the time I sailed from New York. We boarded the transport boat "Asonian," an English vessel, one afternoon about sunset, but did not sail until the following day, and when the anchors were pulled up and we started to sail down the old Hudson, while the sun was shining on the status of liberty, this made a great impression on Jack, for I knew I was leaving mother, father, brothers and friends behind, but I took my medicine like a man, and stuck it out.

And as you may know our accommodations on board the ship were poor, but were as good as could be expected, so after sixteen days at sea we eventually landed at Liverpool. Then we went through London, England, to Forestone there we stayed one day, and then to Dover, England, where we crossed the English channel and landed at Calais France. And in Calais we saw our first war, for the first night the Huns or square heads or whatever you may call them, made an air raid of the town. In Calais we remained two weeks. And then we went through Paris to Bordeaux, also to many other places, haven't got time to write the whole thing, so now a little about war.

Many a time at the front it is very quiet, you can't even hear a gun fire but at the time of a barrage it sounds as if "all hell is breaking loose."

A barrage is generally about 12 or 1 o'clock till 5 and then at daylight the dough boys go over the top and advance, taking prisoners, etc.

It is the general opinion there I think that all fighting is done in the trenches, this is not true, for when you go over and drive the enemy out of his trenches there is no more trenches. It is open country fighting, that is hand to hand and man to man, however not much man to man for the Dutch men, they won't stand the bayonet they begin to holler "comrade."

It is indeed horrible the way the towns in this country are shot up, beautiful little cities, nothing but large piles of rock and clay. Verdun for instance is nothing now but a large pile of stones, once a beautiful city, not only this but at the front for a great distance you can see dead horses, Germans and Americans also, disabled trucks, etc.

You will have to wait till I come home, I am not allowed to write all of it. We are now about 30 kilometers from Coblenz Germany, I guess you know where that is. We are getting treated fine by the German people, am getting three hots a day and plenty of sleep but will be glad when I get back to the good old U. S. A.

Will close. With lots of love and many kisses.

Your son,
 Pvt. Jack Murchison.

Kidney disorders cause much distress of mind and body. Such ailments should not be neglected, because they lead to diseases that are dangerous. Prickly Ash Bitters is a fine kidney tonic. It strengthens the kidneys and purifies the stomach and bowels. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Full Motor Service

Is that what you are getting from your car? If not, WHY NOT?

Most standard engines are built for HONEST SERVICE, and give it if they have

INTELLIGENT UP-KEEP

That is what we give your entire car. We never patch—we CURE the trouble, whether it be great or small.

If your car is not giving satisfaction, don't cuss the makers. Dis-cuss the matter with us. We'll CURE it for you.

GENUINE FORDS PARTS CARRIED BY US.

FREE AIR AND WATER BATTERIES RECHARGED

Service Garage

KOLB & RAGSDALE, Proprietors

ADVERTISING THE TOWN

Ambitious business communities play nowadays for outside trade. The merchants are not willing to spend their lives just scrambling to get away a little more home trade from each other. They want to see the town become a trade center for a bigger district, so there shall be more prosperity for everybody. In these days of automobiles, trade can be drawn a long distance, frequently from larger towns.

To grow as a trade center, a town must get a reputation as a live business place, with hustling merchants.

The most feasible method of creating that reputation, is to support your local newspaper in the effort it is constantly making to boost the town, and to give the paper such a volume of advertising that the town looks like a real trade center. The public in the outlying country gets the significance of such a newspaper. You never see a paper full of advertising in a dead town. And when the merchants do advertise, you can't help feeling that it is a place with life and enterprising business, that the stores are anxious to please and working hard to serve the public. You feel the merchants must be skillful buyers and systematic managers with a large volume of business, so that they can afford to give bottom prices.

Merchants who participate in this kind of effort by advertising in the Messenger, get results in two ways. First. They attract buyers interested by their announcement of specific offerings.

Second. They give nearby towns and the outlying country the idea that Grapeland is a hustling, live-wire place, where the merchants are playing the game. The spreading of that impression is sure to draw a new trade that will swell the entire business of the place, and make all property here more valuable.

THE NEW LIBERTY LOAN

The new Government loan is to be known as the "Victory Liberty Loan," and will be for five or six billions probably. This is smaller than the loan which Great Britain has just raised with great success. Some bankers have been telling Secretary Glass that the Victory Loan will have to be more of a business proposition than the others. The war being over, people will no longer invest their money at so low a rate of interest, the bankers say, only to see their dollars shrink in a few days to about 95 cents. Secretary Glass does not believe it; he says the new loan will not be a cold business proposition but will appeal to patriotism like the others.

THE SEASON'S HIT

The following boys and girls have assumed for themselves the championship over all Houston County in all lines of spelling:

Uzell Brock.
Murdoch Darsey.
Will Lively.
Arthur Walton.
Willie Browning.
Starley Boykin.
Dick Murchison.
Lucretia Riall.
Bill Keeland.
Sallie Mae Walton.
Charlie Kennedy.
Cleve Sadler.
Linnie Leaverton.
Ura Herod.
Beulah Sheridan.
Olan Davis.
Roy Brewton.
Lewis Herod.
Nezzie Kennedy.
William Alfred Riall.
Tinie Leaverton.
William H. Long.
Jewel Hollingsworth.
Marvin Gilbert.
Beulah Long.
Charles Hill.
Anabel Smith.
Nellie Kent.
Sam Kennedy.
Tom Kent Sr.
Edens Hollingsworth.
Iris Leaverton.

The Grapeland High School and faculty have disputed the right. Argument is of no avail. The worst has come. The duel has been arranged and set for Friday night, February 28, 1919, at the high school auditorium. At that place and time the death blow will be dealt and somebody's bright future will be darkened with no weak or soft hand.

The Champions are heroes of old. They have a reputation and that reputation is no soothing to the ambition of the high school crowd. The public has a perfect right to know to whom they must bow and do obeisance. The audacity of the bunch who comes in and asks for a share of the honors that have been the Champions' so long, must be downed.

Yet those who stay about Grapeland's center of learning say there is no necessity or fairness in giving to those who can not win honors. They propose to have all acknowledge the truth and place laurels where they belong.

The public is to have a treat. It sees in the conflict an evening of real fun. By working on the patriotism and loyalty of the contestants, the public has arranged to have an unusually good musical program in connection with the match. The evening will be an exceptional entertainment to everyone. The thrift of the public has gone further. An admission of ten and fifteen cents will be charged for the affray. This money will be given to the Victory Girls who serve us "over yonder." And you may be

sure that it will all go there. There is no division with some local concern. You have all the fun and the Victory Girls get all the money. Yet the public gets its part. There is to be an interscholastic meet among the schools of Texas soon. Grapeland hopes to take off laurels there, especially in the spelling contest. Now this ferocious battle staged for the 28th will be a great stimulus and practical benefit to our school in meeting the issue in the Interscholastic League. If you are patriotic, to the Victory Girls or our own school, or if you wish some real fun, you can't miss it.

The school will put out a list of their team next week. The Interscholastic League puts out a list of words to be used, and when exhausted the New Century Speller, beginning with Fifth Grade, will be used for finals. The lists can be had after a few days from Supt. Sonley LeMay.

NEW PROSPECT

By Regular Correspondent

New Prospect, Feb. 10.—Almost everyone has finished picking cotton and are now driving "Beck" or cleaning land getting ready to plant corn.

There has been quite a lot of sickness in our midst recently, though none of very serious nature. Miss Alice Maude Baker and little Lurena Musick were the only ones requiring the attention of a physician.

Rev. Andrew filled the pulpit here Sunday.

Rev. Jesse Willis will preach for us next Sunday.

Sunday school is well attended, considering bad weather and sickness.

Miss Estelle Campbell, who is teaching school at Rocky Mound, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Eula and Lula Meridith from near Elkhart visited their sister, Mrs. Box, Friday, remaining until Sunday.

The school children have their basket ball out fit and are learning to play. Both boys and girls seem to enjoy it very much.

Several of our neighbors took advantage of the cold spell and killed hogs, now are enjoying spare ribs and home made sausage.

LIVELYVILLE

By Regular Correspondent

Livelyville, Feb. 8.—Misses Modelle and Bertha Garner, May Bell Howard and Ruvie Brown were the guests of Miss Jeffy Wilson, while little Ruth McDonald was entertained by little Leona Halton.

Paul and Billy McDonald paid a visit Sunday to Ernest and Henry Mills. They spent a very pleasant day.

Mr. Rat Jones has a relapse from influenza and is very sick.

Mr. Frank Johnson is very much improved. He has been very sick with an attack of the "flu."

The norther was the cause of many hogs being put up in the smokehouses in this neighborhood.

Mr. Lenard Howard went to Palestine Monday on business.

Mr. Jack Fulton has been very sick, but is able to be out again.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BAPTIST CHURCH

W. E. Ray, Pastor.
C. L. Haltom, Church Clerk
Preaching each first and third Sundays, morning and evening.
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
W. D. Granberry, Supt.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

G. H. Farmer, Pastor.
Preaching first, second and fourth Sundays in each month, morning and evening.
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
T. H. Leaverton, Supt.
Lucretia Riall, Sec'y.

Ladies' Aid Society meets on Monday afternoon following the first and third Sundays in each month.

Mrs. W. A. Riall, Pres.,
Mrs. Geo. Calhoun, V-Pres.
Mrs. J. B. Lively, Sec'y.
Official Board meets on Monday night following each third Sunday.
J.E.Hollingsworth, Chm.
Miss Blanche Kennedy, Secretary.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.
Cook Phone
Preaching each Sunday morning and evening.

Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

M. E. Darsey, Supt.
A. H. Luker, Sec'y.

Junior League each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Hatchell, Supt.
Dorothy Darsey, Sec'y.

Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon following the second and fourth Sundays at 3 o'clock.

Mrs.C.W.Kennedy, Pres.
Mrs.Marvin Gilbert, Sec.
Board of Stewards meet on Tuesday night following each second Sunday.
E.E.Hollingsworth, Pres.
S. E. Howard, Sec'y.

MR. BRAILSFORD DEAD

Mr. George Brailsford, prominent citizen of Latexo, died Monday morning, February 10, in a sanitarium at Palestine. Interment took place Tuesday afternoon in the cemetery at Crockett under the auspices of the Crockett Masonic Lodge.

Death was caused by blood poison which set up some time ago as a result of a lick he received on the knee. He was removed to the sanitarium in Palestine last week for an operation in the hope of saving his life. He lost a son in the war, Tom Brailsford, and grief over his misfortune no doubt hastened his death.

Mr. Brailsford came to Texas several years ago from Pennsylvania and settled at Latexo. He was a good citizen and leaves a host of friends to mourn his death.

He is survived by his wife and one son.

The collector is a very fortunate individual. He of all people is most frequently invited to call again.

Leaverton's Drug Store

SAFETY
SURETY
SATISFACTION
SERVICE

We offer everything which good service can provide. You are sure of satisfaction and safety when you trade with us. We do the best we can to make every transaction so pleasing that by service offering alone you will gladly come back again and again of your own free will. This fine service is offered to young and old and on personal purchases.

D. N. LEAVERTON

YOUR DRUGGIST

IF YOUR FOOD DOES NOT DIGEST

You feel a hot burning sensation in the throat, fullness or bloated feeling in the stomach, belching, sour risings and a loss of your usual vim and energy. You need the help of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an admirable digestive stimulant. It cleanses the stomach of fermented food, cools and tones the digestive organs, drives bilious impurities into the bowels where its excellent cathartic properties force the bowels to operate thus ridding the body of the disturbing matter. It acts quickly and thoroughly, checks heartburn in a few minutes, restores the appetite, comfortable digestion and cheerful spirits.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

WADE L. SMITH, Special Agt.

Open for Business

DAY AND NIGHT GARAGE

We wish to announce to the motoring public that our garage, located on the east side near the Farmers Union Telephone Exchange, is now ready for business. As the name implies, we are going to give

SERVICE DAY AND NIGHT

We are well equipped for work and understand our business. So when your car gives you trouble, call us and we will fix you up at a nominal cost.

Your Business will be Appreciated

DAY AND NIGHT GARAGE

Homer Hughes Carl Gainey A. E. Shaver

FARMER THE PEACE FACTOR

Uncle Sam will have a gun in his hip pocket, when he sits down at the peace table. This gun will be America's meal ticket for Europe. The farmer is still playing a big part in the world war game. Europe will be mighty slow about doing anything that will displease the United States. If Uncle Sam took a notion to stop the east-bound food ships, both our Allies and our enemies would want to kiss and make up. There is no chance of America using or abusing its meal ticket advantage at the peace table, but it is no accident that Mr. Hoover is over there at this particular time in charge of the cupboard and pantry. At this minute, every country in Europe is asking for food supplies from this country of ours. American ideals and diplomacy will be pitched on a higher plane than empty belly politics. But American wheat and American meat will sit at the peace table as policemen, safeguarding American rights. Hats off again to the farm and farmer.—Toledo Blade.

AUTOMOBILE RACE IN M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

National out 13 miles.
Willis-Knight out 65 miles.
Crow-Elkhart out 125 miles.
Oldsmobile out 110 miles.
Haynes out 140 miles.
Overland out 180 miles.
Kissle-Kar out 100 miles.
Ford out 155 miles.
Reo out 120 miles.
Willis-Knight lost 5 miles each on studied lesson, class attendance and collection.
Crow-Elkhart lost 5 miles on class attendant.
Oldsmobile lost 5 miles on studied lesson.
Haynes lost 5 miles each on class attendance and collection.
Overland lost 5 miles each on studied lesson and class attendance.
The Overland has 25 miles lead of everything.
Race Superintendent.

\$5.00 REWARD

A five dollar bill and a new pair of shoes will be given away to any one who finds paper (or horn fiber) in a pair of our Friedman-Shelby all leather shoes.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Notice To Delinquent Tax Payers

Those owing taxes to the Grapeland School District who failed to pay same by February 1 are hereby notified that they are on the "delinquent list" and a penalty will be collected when the taxes are paid. I will be at Kennedy Bros. store Friday only of each week, and you are urged to pay your taxes to avoid further cost.
Paul Kennedy, Collector.

Modernize your farm. Investigate our showing of improved farming tools. To get greater results, let us demonstrate our lines of cultivators, breaking plows, planters etc.
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS

I will be shipping hogs to the market at intervals from now until April 1. I will begin to buy hogs January 24-25, and each Friday and Saturday thereafter until April 1. I am now feeding out about six or seven hundred of my own hogs, and guarantee you a market for any you have to sell up to that time.
George Calhoun.

A complete line of farming implements and mule jewelry at Darsey's.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

According to announcement Grapeland High School played Elkhart High School two fast games of basket ball on the latter's courts, last Friday afternoon. Some sixty students, chaperoned by Misses Hill, Cooper, Davis, Owens and Boykin, went on the afternoon train, and many went in cars, all gaily flying their colors of royal purple and gold.

The visitors were treated royally by the Elkhart students and citizens, who met the Grapeland people, welcomed them, made them guests in their hospitable homes and entertained them lavishly.

The boys' game was featured by fast goal shooting on the part of Elkhart, especially by Parker and Quarles who starred. Grapeland played a clean, consistent game, but the team was weakened by the loss of Lively, and as one member aptly expressed it, "We couldn't get started." The score was 15 to 26 in favor of Elkhart.

The girls' game was well-played and snappy; Grapeland played well, every member of the team starring, at the goal tossing of Miss Murchison and the speed and accuracy of Misses Lively and Leaverton at center were especially complimented. The final score of 7 to 6 in favor of Elkhart was surprising, in view of the score of fouls called against the Grapeland girls.

The Junior Victory Girls will give an old fashioned spelling match at the auditorium Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30. A small admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged, the proceeds going to redeem war work pledges due the first of March. An unusually interesting program is being arranged, in addition to the fun of seeing town folks spell against school folks. The New Century Speller will be used, and everyone is urged to get out his book and get busy.

The County Interscholastic Track Meet will be held at Crockett on March 21 and 22. Much interest is being shown in all the events, especially declamation, spelling and athletics.

The school campus is a veritable play ground now, there being three basket ball courts completed, three under construction, two volley ball games, a base ball diamond, and a game of hand ball. Through the generosity of Messrs. Granberry, Leaverton, Howard and Hollingsworth, two hain swings have been ordered for the school grounds and Miss Hatchell's pupils are purchasing another.

The fourth number of the Lyceum course, the Venetian Trio, played to a full house Monday evening. Because of sickness of a member of the company, the personnel had been changed, and was not as advertised, and was rather disappointing. However, the reader was very good, and delighted her audience with many clever selections, that from Irving Bacheller, "Whispering Bill," being very effectively given. The next number will be a lecture by an Englishman of international reputation, a nephew of David Lloyd George, and promises to be one the best of its kind.—High School Reporter.

We regret that we can't get enough Leudinghaus wagons to supply the demand of our trade. We have just received a car and if you want one of these famous wagons, advise by phone or mail so we can mark it sold.
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription since last issue:
Grapeland—Chas. Royall, J. B. Woodside.
Route 1—Miss Alma Howard.
Route 4—(Colored) Tom Miller, Jas. Hicks.
Crockett—Towery Motor Co.
Elkhart—Ernest Dixon, W. J. Kyle, Alton Baker.
Crockett Route 1—G. A. Grounds.
Percilla—A. K. Lively.
Tyler—L. A. Garrison.

LEUDINGHAUS WAGONS ! We have just received another car of these famous wagons. If you want one, come quick. We can't promise to hold them.
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kolb and Miss Fannie Goodson visited friends in Crockett Sunday afternoon.

Arrivals for Spring

With the near approach of spring, the new styles are being selected for the most elaborate showing of correct wearing apparel for the men, women and children of this community as never before. Almost every express brings something new to our store and within the next few weeks we hope to have assembled the most complete spring line of any store in Houston county. We are using every means within our power to rush deliveries and can assure as early showing as you will find elsewhere.

Already Here!

The season's most popular numbers in sport footwear is the military heel lace oxfords. We are showing this style oxford in brown and black. We also have received another big shipment of women's and misses' military heel boots in black kid, gun metal and mahogany calf.

To get a more comprehensive idea of the new dress goods, etc., that have recently arrived at this store, we respectfully request that you call in person and view the pretty display. Our buyers are now in the market and upon their return, our showing for spring will be an elaborate one.

The Latest Styles



The Best Patterns

If you appreciate real worth see our new line of spring *Mallory Hats*

They have the "atmosphere"—tone—real distinction. And their wearing quality is unquestioned.

It's Mallory workmanship and highgrade material that give the Mallory its unique value.

If you are a steady customer we want to urge you to drop in and look over this fine selection. If you don't know us yet we invite you to come in and get acquainted.

George E. Darsey & Company
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

LOCAL ITEMS

Leudinghaus wagons at Darsey's.

John Murchison visited friends in Crockett Sunday afternoon.

Come to Darsey's for seed corn.

Sheriff Spence of Crockett was here Monday.

Buy your garden seed at Darsey's and get greater results.

Chas. Wall of Augusta has accepted a position with D. N. Leaverton.

FOR SALE

5-passenger Ford Car. See 48-3 W. H. Whitecarver.

Planters, Cultivators. A number of popular makes at Darsey's.

Full blooded brown Leghorn Hens for sale by Mrs. J. S. Weisinger, Route 1. 2t

FOR SALE

An extra good incubator; egg capacity 160. Mrs. Dora White. tf

County Attorney Earle Adams Jr. was a visitor to Grapeland Saturday.

When you are in town eat with Jesse Murdock on the back street. 49-4

Mrs. T. B. Keen was called to Elkhart Saturday on account of the illness of a grandchild.

FOR SALE

If you want a good Overland car see J. N. Tyer. 2t

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth visited in Livingston the first of the week.

FOR SALE

My residence property in Grapeland. W. R. Wherry. tf

Brit Matthews arrived home last Friday from the army training camp, having been discharged.

Mrs. C. F. Stockbridge went to Palestine Saturday to see her son, Lee, who was reported sick at the I. & G. N. hospital.

You will find at J. F. Lively's a nice line of Dry Goods and Groceries and Notions. Would be pleased to make you prices. When in town call on us. Yours to serve, J. F. Lively.

It will pay you to see George Calhoun before you sell your hogs. It will be to your interest. He is guaranteeing you a market until April.

WANTED

A family to work 35 or 40 acres of land on shares; some rich bottom land; good teams and tools; good house; good proposition for right party. See or write A. N. Edens, Route 3. 2t

LIBERTY BONDS

We will buy them if you want to sell.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank Grapeland, Texas. tf

\$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 Medicine is taken internally and acts on 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 power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send a list of testimonials. Address F. J. HENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, Etc.

Blankets and comforts at Darsey's.

M. S. Murchison of Crockett was here Sunday.

Plenty of seed Irish Potatoes at Darsey's.

Miss Rita Hatchell visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Blankets and comforts in the size you need at Darsey's.

W. A. Riall was in Dallas the first of the week on business.

Collar pins, links for soft cuffs and new soft collars at Darsey's.

Shoes still at the old price at J. F. Lively's.

Mrs. J. B. Lively visited relatives in Palestine last week.

Misses Bettie Dawes and Katie Keen of Crockett were the guests of Mrs. Sonley LeMay Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Lively of Crockett, accompanied by Miss Eddie Downs and Mrs. Effie Adams, visited relatives here this week.

The best seed corn in Grapeland at Darsey's.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy was called to Huntsville Sunday on account of the serious illness of her brother's wife.

Mrs. B. S. Elliott and daughter, Miss Clarette, of Crockett, were the guests of Mrs. J. C. Kennedy the first of the week.

Samuel Thomas, who has been with D. N. Leaverton the past year, has resigned and returned to his home in Palestine.

LIBERTY BONDS BOUGHT

If you must sell your Liberty Bonds we will buy them. Guaranty State Bank, Grapeland, Texas. tf

Mrs. W. L. Mangum returned home last Friday from the Nash sanitarium in Palestine, where she successfully underwent an operation a few weeks ago.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. Moore, the dentist, is at the Grapeland Hotel ready to execute all manner of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain. tf C. L. Moore, D. D. S.

Mrs. Henry Peterson died at her home near Percilla Sunday morning, February 9. Death was caused by pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and several children.

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that my home place on the east side and my pasture on the west side of the railroad is posted and no trespassing will be allowed. It Dan Trigg, Route 1.

PRODUCE WANTED

Under present arrangements I will be able to reach the consumers of the city of Houston through seven retail grocery stores. This eliminates the commission man and will enable me to pay what your produce is worth. Bring me your butter and eggs. tf W. R. Wherry.

H. S. Harrison and family arrived here several days ago from Eldorado, and are living on the Pridgen farm west of town. They moved to west Texas from here three years ago, and Mr. Harrison says it was the three hardest years of his life. The drought has almost ruined that country, he says, and it is his opinion that with good crops it will take the country years to recover. We are glad to have this family with us again.

A SOLDIER KILLED

No time after being discharged in going to Clewis to get a new tailor made suit of clothes.

Dailey Bros. shipped two cars of hogs and Geo. Calhoun two cars of cattle to Houston Tuesday.

Little Ruth Kennedy, assisted by her mother, entertained a few of her little friends on Friday afternoon, the occasion being her ninth birthday.

HOGS WANTED

We are in the market for hogs and will pay the highest market prices. Be sure to see us before you sell. Dailey Bros. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Granberry are recovering from an attack of influenza, both having been confined to their beds at the same time.

FOR SALE

A good single buggy and harness. See Roy Brewton at Wherry's store or A. M. Rencher. 2t

N. J. Davis and family are moving to Livingston this week, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Davis came in last Friday to arrange his household effects for shipment.

CHANGE OF PLACE

Your attention is directed to the ad of the W. H. M. Society in this issue, and note the change in the place of holding the Valentine Luncheon Friday night.

Little Joe Thomas Darsey, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Darsey, had the misfortune to break his arm Tuesday afternoon when he fell down the steps.

NOTICE—LOST

Poland China gilt, weigh about 90 pounds. Left home December 22; white feet and spot in face, no marks. \$3.50 reward. Notify Elmer Sullivan, Percilla, Texas. It

Virgil Musick and Frank Davenport of this city and Alton Lucas of Augusta came in Monday, after seeing several months service in the army. They have been discharged.

Come to J. F. Lively's for chops, bran, meal, flour, seed oats and feed oats. Just unloaded full car today. Be sure and get our price before you buy. Bought right and will sell right. J. F. Lively.

S. R. LeMay went to Crockett Saturday afternoon to attend a meeting of a committee of teachers to discuss the question of holding a summer normal in Houston county. After giving the matter due consideration, the committee decided that it would not be wise to try to hold a normal this year.

Tom Laseter arrived home several days ago from Camp John Wise, near San Antonio, having received his honorable discharge from the army. Tom says if the war had lasted one hour longer his company would have been on the way. They were packed up and ready, awaiting the order to move.

Elmer Lee Brimberry arrived home last Friday from France, where he has been for several months with the American army. Elmer enlisted with the Houston county company organized as a unit of the old Texas National Guard. He trained at Ft. Worth with Co. E, 143rd Infantry, but was transferred to an engineering company, and it was as an engineer that he saw service in France. He brought home several souvenirs of the big fight, which he has exhibited. One by one the boys are coming, to the delight of loved ones and friends.

Dr. Hess' Stock Tonics

Now is the time of year to give tonic to live stock.

We are agents for the old reliable Dr. Hess' line--the best on earth.

We have it in 2, 4-1-2 and 10 pound packages, and 25 pound pails.

PRICES: 30c, 60c, \$1.25, \$2.50

Also if you prefer we can supply you with Dr. LeGear's International and Bee Dee preparations.

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Bring me your work and get it done right
J. H. BOWMAN

W. H. M. NOTES

Mrs. J. E. Buttrill was hostess to the W. H. M. Society Tuesday afternoon. Twenty members were present. Mrs. Ed Parker was enrolled as a new member. Mrs. Bob Scarborough was a welcome visitor. Mrs. Frank Leaverton was leader for this meeting and read a lesson from Luke. After the business session, the hostess, assisted by little Misses Mary Jane Keeland, Eva Carl Scarborough and Gene Marie Smith, served iced grape juice and delicious cake.

The society adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. G. Darsey February 25.

Plenty of union suits for men, women and children at Darsey's.

FOR SALE

A scholarship in Tyler Commercial College. If you contemplate taking a business course, we can save you some money. Address The Messenger, Grapeland, Texas. tf

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at less expense from coal oil. The wonderful new incandescent mantle lamp gives more than ten times as much light as the common coal oil lamp. At the same time it burns less than half as much oil as the old style open flame, center draught lamps. It is the most reliable incandescent mantle oil lamp ever made and offered the public. Would be glad to demonstrate it to you. E. L. Frisby, Agent.

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Abstract Your Land Titles

And let us do the work for you. We have a complete abstract of the land titles of this county down to NOW.

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Crockett, Texas.

M. E. Darsey and Mrs. Loye Stowe left Sunday for Dallas, where they are spending this week in the market buying goods for the firm of Geo. E. Darsey & Co. Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey accompanied them and will spend the week in Dallas visiting with her daughter, Miss Mary Lou, who is a student in Southern Methodist University.

Trunks and suit cases at Darsey's.

Don't neglect signals of distress in the kidneys. Backache nervous disorders, pale complexion, dark rings about the eyes, mean kidney trouble. Begin promptly taking Prickly Ash Bitters; it is a kidney remedy of the first class. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Valentine Luncheon

The W. H. M. Society will entertain with a

VALENTINE LUNCHEON

at the home of Mrs. J. C. Kennedy

February 14, 1919

from 4 to 8 o'clock p. m.

ADMISSION 25c

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STATEMENT FROM DIRECTOR OF WAR LOAN ORGANIZATION

Suppose you were attacked by a gang of ruffians who nearly killed you, and you were saved by some plucky doctor who stayed by you night and day until you recovered.

Would you refuse to pay the doctor's bill on the ground that the danger was now past and that paying for past services was an unpleasant task, anyhow?

You would not. You would regard it as a sacred duty to liquidate that debt.

I see no difference between the situation described and the position of every man, woman and child in this country today. At the cost of life, and magnificent effort we have been saved by our fighting men and our intelligent hard-working statesmen from something quite as bad as death.

A most solemn obligation rests upon us to pay the bill. There is so much owing that we can never repay that there should not be heard one murmur about settling the financial part of the obligation.

I do not believe that there will be any difficulty. The American people are just people who pay their debts; they are grateful and generous people. The man who says otherwise is probably disappointed at the result of the war, and may well be left to his un-American thoughts.

The government paid out the stupendous sum of two billion and sixty million dollars in war expenses during the month of December alone and the expense will go on for many months to come. Of course, the government has been borrowing all this money from the banks and must soon pay it back—and of course we must find that money.

We are going to do it by buying Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds on a scale bigger than ever before. We are going to economize and save, not because we are afraid of the Hun getting his foot on our neck, but because we are grateful to Almighty God, our sainted dead, the boys who are coming back with victory in their hands, to our beloved president and his helpers, to all of whom is due the credit for the glorious result.

We are going to save, too, because we have found out that it is just the grandest thing in the world for us, mentally and physically. We are going to save because it brings us solid satisfaction and peace of mind. Some of us saved because of public opinion, because we had boys over there and for a thousand and one reasons. Some of us did not like doing it at first. But now we are all going to save because we have to pay our just debts, and because we have grown to positively like saving.

I took up my work as federal director of war savings and loans because I believed that my country needed me perhaps more than at any other time, and I ask the officers of every Liberty Loan committee and War Savings committee to rally round me for the same reason and in the same spirit.

The fighting has ceased, the bands do not play or the flags wave now, but the earnest purpose behind our efforts in the great world war remains yet to be accomplished, and as I understand it, that great purpose is to establish for all time peace, democracy and prosperity. Much effort and billions of dollars have yet to be spent before this objective is attained. Millions of lives, the agony and sweat of countless thousands has been the cost of victory. It is for us to see that this priceless purchase is not thrown away. In such a task we cannot, dare not, do less than our very best.

Frank M. Smith,
Director War Loan Organization,
Eleventh Federal District.

HUN GUNS AS SOUVENIRS

Cities, towns and villages all over the Union are applying to their senators and members in congress to secure special acts authorizing the government to give them captured German machine-guns, field-guns and the like, to be set up in parks, etc., as memorials of the war. At this rate the scramble for souvenirs of this sort will soon develop into a bargain-day riot, for the supply is not equal to the demand.

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THE BUSINESS OF HOUSEKEEPING

should be conducted in a business like manner. The wife who pays her bills by check doesn't have to worry over where her money has gone. She knows. And she never has to pay the same bill twice as has been the case often where payments have been disputed and no receipts available. The husband who opens a checking account for his wife is doing a fine thing both for her and for himself.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

CITATION FOR UNKNOWN HEIRS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Collin Aldrich, deceased, whose names are unknown; R. D. Goree and the heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. L. Hayes and the heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, whose names are unknown; A. A. Granger and the heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. T. Bragdon and the heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased, whose names are unknown; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the City of Crockett, on the fourth Monday in March 1919, being the 24th day of March 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 4th day of February 1919, in a cause numbered 5772, wherein A. B. Spence is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Collin Aldrich deceased, R. D. Goree and the unknown heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, H. L. Hayes and the unknown heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, A. A. Granger and the unknown heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, H. T. Bragdon and the unknown heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased are defendants the cause of action being alleged as follows: Plaintiff alleges:

That plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and is seized and possessed and in the quiet and peaceable possession of the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

First tract: Situated in Houston County, Texas, containing 120 acres about 10 miles North of the town of Crockett, a part of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey and known as the James Owens tract of land, and bounded by field notes as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of the J. F. Lively tract on said survey. Thence North with said Lively's S. B. line to stake 460 vrs to a set stake in said E. B. line. Thence West 1344 vrs to a set stake in the W. B. line of said Lively tract. Thence South with said Lively's W. B. line 460 vrs to corner. Thence East with said Lively's S. B. line 1344 vrs to the place of beginning.

Second tract: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, about one and one-half miles S. W. of the town of Grapeland, being one hundred and sixty acres of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey in Houston county. Beginning 676 vrs South of the N. E. corner of 640 acre tract of Collin Aldrich Headright conveyed by R. D. Goree and H. L. Hayes to A. A. Granger, in the East boundary line a stake for corner from which a sand jack 15 in dia brs N 17 W. 2 vrs and black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 8 vrs. The South 676 vrs to a stake set for corner from which a Hickory 10 in dia brs S. 20 W. 8 vrs and a black jack 20 in dia brs E. 22 W 11 vrs. Thence W. 1339 vrs to a stake for corner from which a hickory 6 in dia brs N. 13 E. 4 vrs and a Post Oak 18 in dia brs E. 20 W. 11 vrs. Thence N. 676 vrs with West boundary line of the aforesaid 640 acre tract to a stake for corner from which a pine 24 in dia

brs S. 20 W. 10 vrs and a Red Oak 15 in dia brs E. 20 S. 21 vrs. Thence East with the division line between North quarter of the aforesaid 640 acres to a stake for corner 1338 vrs from which sand jack 15 in dia brs W. 17 N. 12 vrs and a black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 2 vrs to the place of beginning containing 160 acres of land more or less.

Plaintiff claims title to said property through the following conveyances:

1. A Patent from the State of Texas to Collin Aldrich of date March the 8th 1852 granting title to six hundred and forty acres of land of which the land in controversy is a part.

2. A deed from Frank Allen to W. R. Wherry of date March the 1st, 1909 recorded in Volume 69 page 51 of the Houston county, Deed records.

3. A deed from W. R. Wherry to A. B. Spence of date January the— 1919 recorded in Book— page— of Houston county, Deed Records.

4. A deed from Roy Weiss to A. B. Spence of date March the 6th 1910 and recorded in Volume 61 page 53 of the Houston county, Deed records.

Plaintiff also claims title to said land under and by virtue of the statute of limitations of five years and the statute of limitation of ten years.

That the defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of claim of title to the above described land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff but which claim constitute a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said lands; and the further fact that there is no deed of record from Collin Aldrich to plaintiff's grantors also creates a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land.

Plaintiff sues to remove the cloud from his title to said land and that he be quieted in his title and possession of the same.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in Houston county; but if no newspaper is published in said County, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published.

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

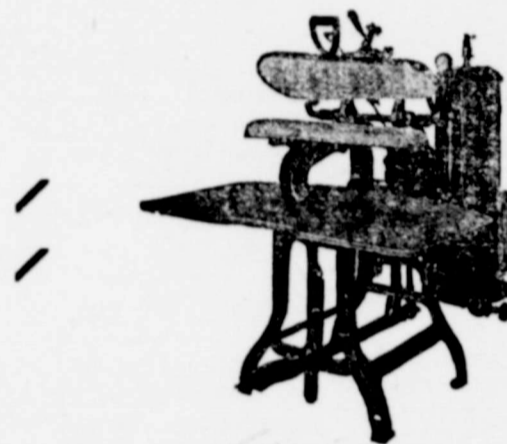
Witness: Barker Tunstall, Clerk of the District court of Houston county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the city of Crockett this the 4th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) Barker Tunstall,
Clerk of the District Court,
Houston County.
By J. B. Stanton Deputy.

THE HEN THAT LAYS

is the Hen that pays. If she does not lay, kill her, but before you kill her give her B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy twice a day for a week, and then you will not kill her for she will be paying you a profit. It not only makes hens lay but it is a remedy for Cholera, Roup, and Gapes. We guarantee it to cure or we refund your money.
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You must be more, have more and do more in this life or you will always be seeing other men that are getting more out of life, more of this world's enjoyments and comforts than you. We can point you to hundreds of young men and women no smarter than you that are now successfully and happily engaged in a business of their own, because they attended our institution and secured a business training and prepared themselves to go into the business office and work along with trained men and become masters of the art of doing business.

Business is not a happy-go-lucky, haphazard sort of a thing. If you understand it thoroughly, you are sure to succeed. If you have never been trained for it, it is all left to luck and guess work.

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POWER FOLLOWS PRESIDENT

According to a decision rendered by the attorney-general, the presidential functions go with the president and he practically carries the office in his hat. That is to say, the 10 days which the constitution gives the president within which to sign or veto bills passed by congress, do not begin to run until the engrossed copy of the bill actually reaches him, wherever he happens to be at the time. It had been planned to send copies of all bills by special carriers, on swift steamers, across the ocean, so as to give him time to consider and act on the bills within the 10 days allotted, and allow him to notify congress by cable. The new decision makes this rigmarole unnecessary, for the president will have the full 10 days from the time the measure reaches him, the same as if he was at the White House in Washington.

BEWARE OF PERSONS OFFERING TO BUY W. S. S.

Beware of the unscrupulous person who offers to buy your War Savings Stamps. No one but a United States government postmaster has authority under the law to cash War Savings Stamps. All persons or firms offering to buy, exchange or accept War Savings Stamps on accounts, or take them in trade, are violating government regulations.

Steer clear of the W. S. S. scalper! The following official notice has been issued by the secretary of the treasury:

"My attention has been directed to the numerous offers made by unscrupulous persons through advertisements and in other ways to buy War Savings certificate Stamps. As a result of such offers, I am informed that owners of such securities have suffered material losses which could have been avoided by redemption of the War Savings Certificate Stamps at postoffices as provided by law.

"In order that the interests of the owners of War Savings Certificate Stamps of either series (1918 or 1919) may be safeguarded, I hereby notify all persons to refrain from offers to buy War Savings Stamps or accept the same in trade."

Carter Glass, Secretary United States Treasury. A United States postoffice is the only agency designated by law to cash War Savings Stamps. If a person has urgent necessity of his money, he has only to file notice with his postmaster to cash his War Savings Stamps and the money will be paid over to him at the expiration of ten days, as provided by law. In view of the government's great need of money now, it would naturally appear that no patriotic American will consider cashing his War Savings Stamps unless his financial condition is such that he has most urgent and compelling need of his money.

As a result of regulations passed by the postoffice department the unscrupulous person who accepts War Savings Stamps on account or in payment of debt or the scalper who buys War Savings Stamps will be unable to obtain his money on them. The regulations which make it impossible for the unscrupulous scalper to carry on his unscrupulous trade follow:

"Postmasters are directed not to cash War Savings Certificates on which the names of the owners have not been entered or have been erased or changed, since, under the regulations, War Savings Certificates are not transferable and are payable only to the original owners, except in case of death or disability.

"Postmasters are further instructed not to cash any War Savings Certificates presented by persons or firms known to be buying, or publicly offering to buy War Savings Stamps or Certificates from the owners unless positive evidence is submitted that the certificates were originally issued to the persons or firms presenting them for payment."

Save and have! The new 1919 War Savings Stamps are on sale at the postoffice. Invest your money in War Savings Stamps. Buy the safest and best security in the world. War Savings Stamps bear four per cent interest, compounded quarterly—they increase constantly in value, and this constant increase is guaranteed by the government. Save and have! Buy W. S. S!

Frank Leaverton, Postmaster.

INFLUENZA GERMS

Many of us, alas! have had influenza, but how many have seen it? We have just inspected the infinitesimal abominations which cause it. Seen through a microscope, the influenza bacilli, with their most recently discovered allies, the streptococci and pneumococci, present the quaint appearance of mingled alphabets in miniature. Specimens of Greek and Roman letters are distinguishable, while the Hebrew form abound. Minute reproductions of the l, n, g, r, rh, and ts in this alphabet are frequent, as also of that curious letter like an irregular y, which an ancient grammarian, one Syrus, stated, was supposed to represent the sound made by a calf when its mother is taken away from it. It is a sound which the flu victim occasionally, and not unsuccessfully, imitates.—London Chronicle.

Place Of Fertilizers In Southern Agriculture

Farmer-Banker Discusses Real Value of Fertilizers Out of His Years of Experience, Observation and Study—Timely Topic Relating to Vital Southern Problem—Extracts From an Address.

Bright Williamson, Darlington, S. C.

Agriculture is the bed rock and foundation upon which every other industry must stand or fall. All the people prosper or fail to prosper according to the abundance of the harvest of the soil, and upon agriculture depends the prosperity and happiness of the world.

Better methods of agriculture include the use of modern implements, modern cultivation and soil improvement. This brings us directly to the importance of the fertilizer industry as a means of improving our soils. Fertilizers are absolutely essential in order to increase the fertility of the soil. They have a direct effect upon agricultural production and through the products of agriculture a direct effect upon all other industries.

Anything which contributes to an increase in our agricultural productions, contributes to the welfare, comfort and prosperity of our people as a whole; and this brings us directly to the consideration of the importance of the fertilizer industry in relation to other lines of business.

Fertilizers Necessary in South

The very nature of our soil, climate and rainfall makes it impossible to farm successfully without regularly feeding our crops from artificial sources with at least two of the several principal elements entering into the composition and development of plant life. Without fertilizers much of the best producing cotton lands in the South would become unproductive and farming would be unprofitable. In many states, except in a few localities, soil is no more capable of producing without being fertilized than stock is capable of performing work without being fed. Our lands must be fed just as we feed the stock that work them or they will become too poor to even pay the cost and expense of cultivation.

Transformed Sections

Large sections of land in various parts of the South Atlantic States, forty or fifty years ago, required four or five acres to produce one bale of cotton, which now, by intelligent farming, made possible by the use of fertilizers, yield one bale to each acre, or the equivalent, of other crops. Poverty stricken sections of one or two generations ago have been transformed into populous and prosperous communities. Our ability to rebuild and make our lands more fertile has enabled people to live and settle in more desirable communities, and to enjoy advantages of better markets, schools, churches and social conditions. Better rural conditions have made the "back to the farm" movement not only a possibility, but a reality.

Prosperity Due to Fertilizers

Whatever may be the direct benefit, it is obvious from a study of the situation that the present prosperity and greater population in South Carolina is due more largely to the use of commercial fertilizers than to any other cause, because in South Carolina fertilizers are absolutely necessary to profitable agriculture, upon which most of our business and other industries depend. Had it not been for the use of commercial fertilizers South Carolina could not be considered an agricultural state.

Taking into consideration the cost of fertilizers, statistics will bear out the statement that the once worn out

and abandoned fields of South Carolina yield a greater profit per acre than the richer river lands, once the pride of the Southern cotton planter, or than the more fertile lands of Texas.

Land Values Increased

This statement is reflected in the fact that these same lands in parts of South Carolina are selling freely for more than \$100.00 per acre.

I have been dealing with the effect of the fertilizer industry and the use of fertilizers on agriculture, because, as I have said, the effects on business generally must result from the effect on agriculture, and it is obvious that they must be innumerable. The fertilizer business in the South is one of the most important, and concerns our prosperity more directly than any other industry, and in its effects no other industry so ramifies into other business or has a greater effect on the industries and business generally.

Helps Railroads and Manufacturers

Perhaps among the industries which are more particularly and directly benefited by the use of commercial fertilizers are the railroads and common carriers, which first bring fertilizers to the farmers, and in return transport the increased products of the farm to the ends of the earth; and finally when these products are sold, for a third time, the railroads are called upon to bring to the farmer his supplies of foreign and domestic products.

The use of fertilizer has made more spindles in the South, more oil mills, more live stock, more people and more commerce. The tobacco crop and our trucking industry, requiring intensive fertilization and plant food, would be practically unknown to us. Ships bring raw material from foreign shores in greater quantities and in return carry away more cotton and grain.

Cheapens Cost of Producing Crops

The commercial business is affected in even greater proportion than the farmer himself, and there is no farmer in the South who is not benefited by the judicious use of commercial fertilizer. Large crops give to the people a greater supply at a lower cost of production and at a lower price to the consumer, while on the other hand small crops not only increase the cost of production, but may increase in even greater proportion the price to the consumer. When harvests are abundant the consumer and producer alike share in the increased prosperity.

Other means of cheapening the cost of production can be used profitably only on a very large or on a very small scale, but fertilizers can be applied with practically the same success to the smallest as well as the largest undertaking from the individual plant in the flower pot to the thousand acre cotton field.

It was my pleasure some years ago to know many more manufacturers and dealers in fertilizers than I know at present, but I wish to testify to the high character and intelligence of those with whom I became associated.

The proper use of commercial fertilizer by the farmer is obviously of vital importance to the fertilizer industry as well as to the farmer, and it is a matter that should receive thought and careful consideration at all times by those who promote the industry.

NOTICE TO THE TEACHERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

At a meeting of the University Interscholastic League Committee of this county it was decided that the county meet for this year be held at Crockett on Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22nd.

The committee is making an effort to secure cash prizes for the contestants.

Program for the meet:
Friday, 2 p. m., elimination and final contest in basket ball for junior and senior boys and girls.
Friday, 7:30 p. m., declamation contest for junior and senior boys, junior and senior girls representing one and two teacher rural schools.

Saturday, 9 a. m., spelling for junior and senior boys and girls.
Saturday, 10 a. m., contest in tennis doubles—preliminary and final.
Saturday, 1 p. m., track and field athletic events for junior and senior boys and girls.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m., preliminary and final debating contest open on equal terms to boys and girls.
It is the desire of the committee that every school in Houston county participate in this meet, and should

at once take necessary steps to that end. Fees for membership should be sent to E. D. Shurter, state chairman of the league, Austin, Texas.

For further information address any members of the committee as below:
Sonley LeMay, Director General, Grapeland.

J. P. O'Keefe, Director of Debate and Declamation, Crockett.

H. C. Hill, Director of Athletics, Kennard.

Mrs. Mary Belle Taylor, Director of Essay Writing, Crockett.

Mr. J. H. Rosser, County Superintendent, is ex officio Director of Spelling.

H. C. OF L. IS GOING DOWN

Meat, flour, eggs, butter and beans have declined in price, owing to large stocks released by peace.

SAYS NOTHING—SAWS WOOD

The favorite exercise of William Hohenzollern, once German Emperor, is sawing wood. He can use only one arm, the other being withered. In his good arm he is said to have developed, by woodsawing, immense strength.

COME ON PATRIOTS!

KNOW THE JOY OF SAVING HERE'S HOW!

Let's finish the job.

Let's pay our debts. The Government has spent billions of dollars to save us from ruin and disgrace. We must pay the bill.

Ever know the joy of saving? It's the grandest feeling!

Save now and later be able to buy that "something" you have always longed for.

Carry out your savings pledge if you made one; or make one right now.

Buy of your War Savings Society, or bank, postoffice, store.

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

THE WORLD'S SEVEN WONDERS

The seven wonders of the ancient world were selected by the Greeks, and their right to the title was established before Christ was born. For centuries no attempt was made to revise the list of seven wonders, there being no opportunity as civilization ebbed. Only one of the ancient wonders was of practical utility. It was Pharos, the lighthouse of Alexandria.

The seven wonders of the ancient world are the pyramids of Egypt, Pharos of Alexandria, hanging gardens of Babylon, Temple of Diana at Ephesus, Statute of Jupiter by Philias Mausoleum of Artemisia and the Colossus of Rhodes.

The hanging gardens were built by a queen for her pleasure, the Colossus of Rhodes was a mass of cast metal less than half the height of the Statute of Liberty, the Temple of Diana was devoted to a heathen god, two of the wonders were tombs and the other was a beautiful statue.

In contrast the seven wonders of the modern world are all useful. They are wireless, telephone, aeroplane, radium, antiseptics and antitoxin, spectrum analysis and the X-ray.

HELMETS AS LOAN PRIZES

Several thousand German helmets, some of them new and some of them battered and scarred in battle, have been collected by American soldiers in Germany and loaded onto freight cars for shipment to the United States. Some of these relics were taken from captured storehouses but a goodly portion of them were gathered up by the victorious Yanks on the battlefield. It is proposed to use the helmets as prizes in the fifth Liberty Loan campaign. They are to be allotted under special rules for campaign achievements.

FEW DIED OF WOUNDS

War department figures show that of more than 71,000 wound and injury cases in American expeditionary hospitals between Jan. 15 and Oct. 15, 1918, more than 85 per cent recovered and returned to duty. Death occurred in 8.8 of the cases. More than 169,600 cases of disease were listed in this 10-month period and of these more than 93 per cent recovered and returned to duty; four per cent died and a little more than two per cent were invalidated home.

WE CAN LEARN ANYTHING

A man can by patience, application and time acquire the ability to do almost anything for which by nature he has little taste or genius.

At least, that is the principle upon which psychologists work, and to which innumerable men bear testimony. Human brain capacity can be modified so that a man can acquire to do that which previously was impossible.

By faith in oneself talents may be multiplied.—Sunshine Bulletin.

GET BUTTER FROM TREES

A tree known as the shea is beginning to attract commercial attention in western Africa. It supplies the natives not only with nuts, which they highly prize, but with a butter that may become an article of commercial importance. It is already exported to Europe, where makers of artificial butter find use for it.

BOLSHEVIKI PROPOSE TERMS

The Bolsheviki government of Russia has made proposals of peace to the Allies. All the Bolsheviki ask is to have their crimes overlooked and their confiscation of other people's property recognized as all right; then they will be good.

HAS HE A RICH UNCLE?

A New York legislator introduces a resolution for a constitutional amendment to compel people who are well off to support all their poor relations.

When your clothes need treatment, carry them to Clewis' Sanitarium. All cases carefully treated.

Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

FAKE STOCKS

The government has had to step in and stop a stock-selling scheme of a Delaware motor car company, which is alleged to have harvested \$5,000,000 from 50,000 victims.

How to protect the citizen and his dollar from brisk persons who have a talent for selling worthless paper is a hopeless sort of problem. The government can hardly undertake to guarantee investments, and anything short of that seems to give unscrupulous promoters all the room they need to operate in. It is amazing how many persons there are who go around looking for a slot to drop their money in, confidently expecting the same aperture to erupt dividends like a golden Vesuvius.

Almost anybody is competent to decide what the peace terms should be. Nine men out of ten can tell how big a navy we ought to have. Everybody knows what to do about the bolsheviki. But when it comes to drawing the last \$100 out of the savings banks and investing it, these same fellow countrymen of ours are quite as likely as not to buy a patch of beautiful blue sky.

After all laws have been passed that seem likely to make the stock swindler's path difficult, probably the fact will remain that the only adequate safeguard against him will be in the exercise of ordinary common horse sense on the part of the ordinary common citizen with a few spare dollars he has no immediate use for.—Kansas City Star.

BOTH PARENTS DIE

Mrs. D. A. Gossett has returned from Percilla, Texas, where she was called on account of the sickness and death of her father, Mr. W. W. Miles, who died January 14, 1919, and mother Mrs. Miles, who also died, January 24, 1919, at that place.

Mrs. Gossett's many friends sympathize deeply with her over the loss of both her parents.—Palestine Advocate.

A FAMILY OF BIRDS

A Minister's wife has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge her first husband was named Robins, her second husband Sparrow, the present Quail. There are now two young Robins, one Sparrow and three Quails in the family. One grandfather was a Swan and another a Jay, but he passed away and so he has become a bird of Paradise. They live on the Canary Islands, "and," comments a newspaper on the above, "the name of the fellow who wrote this is Lwre and he is a relative of the family."—Ladies Home Journal.

"Ben Franklin" Thrift Stamps

A campaign to raise \$2,000,000,000 by the sale of thrift stamps began January 17.

New stamps and cards have been provided. Stamps bear the portrait of Benjamin Franklin, the great American preacher of thrift. The Treasury calls this the "Ben Franklin issue."

The Thrift stamps are 25 cents each, as before. The war savings stamps cost \$4.13 this month and increase in value each month until the government pays \$5 for them on January 1, 1924. This yields 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. One purchaser of War Savings stamps may not buy more than \$1000.

The money paid for stamps is to be used for war expenses. The costs of war are still very heavy notwithstanding the armistice.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of kidney disease. The proper course in such cases is to begin at once the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and system-regulator. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

The first quarterly conference of the M. E. Church was held at the church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Chas. U. McLarty, presiding elder of Navasota, presiding. The affairs of the church were found to be in splendid shape and prospects are bright for a good year. Bro. McLarty preached Sunday night to a large congregation.

It's only the man who has made mistakes that has never proven himself worthy of success.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes At Special Peace-time Prices

Here's a welcome ready for the returning soldiers and sailors-civilian clothes at peace prices. They're the kind of clothes the boys want—all-wool fabrics; fine tailoring; brisk, live styles to match their looks.

We're going to share this celebration, too, with the men at home—to help them save in peace as they did in war; to dress them up right when the boys come home.

For this occasion, for our victory celebration, we've reduced prices on some of our finest merchandise.

Hart Schaffer & Marx suits and overcoats; military styles with the waistline seam, the paneled backs; coats with the full flare to the skirt—styles for young and older men in all fabrics.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S GINGHAMS

There is a dash, style and youthfulness about the line of dresses that we show, which gives them a most distinct individuality. Coming as they do in many colors and styles, you will find just what you want here, so pay us a visit and get what you want.

LACES LACES

You will find at our lace counter most anything in laces that you will need for your new dresses for early spring and summer. We have at our lace counter a lace book that will give you a good idea how the laces are used for spring. Call and look it over.

MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS

Our new styles in Hats have the touch of style and color which put just the right finish to a young man's appearance and makes him feel it. Made in shades of green, gray and black, with bound edges or without, in many qualities from \$3.00 to.....\$5.00

LIFELINE SHOES

The makers of Lifeline, like Columbus, have discovered a new land of freedom. The Lifeline doctrine of "Freedom for every little foot, and equal rights for every toe" has spread all over this fair land of ours, and the joy bells of youthful laughter, from kiddies comfortably shod in Lifeline, ring out from every school and play-ground in America. Buy Lifeline, the wonder shoe of the 20th century.

Kennedy Bros.