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| 20 bars of laundry soap for | \$1.00 |
| 5 cans best grade of corn for | \$1.00 |
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COME TO SEE US AND YOU CAN HELP TO REDUCE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

KEELAND BROS.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

PERCILLA ITEMS

Percilla, May 31.—Everybody seems to be trying to prepare for "hard times" and are canning all the berries they can find.

A large crowd from here attended the memorial services at Davis cemetery Sunday, and all report a very nice time.

Misses Katie Killian and Ava Sullivan of Palestine and Mr. Hazlett of Crockett visited Mrs. W. W. Sullivan a while Sunday night.

Little Glenn Flora Sullivan spent Saturday and Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. F. B. Fitchett, of Palestine.

Singing was kind of "dull" Sunday night, as Mr. Bullar was too hoarse to sing, but we hope he will be able to sing good next Sunday night.

Every woman's and misses' hat at Darsey's will be sold at a fourth off. A good selection necessitates an early visit.

OIL STOVES

We now have a stock of those good short burner Hibbord oil stoves. Get yours before they are all gone. Only \$35.00 each. Sold on 10 days' free trial.

Kennedy Bros.

Talk about stylish low shoes—you should look first at Darsey's. They have some good values in this year's styles in footwear.

NEW HOPE NEWS

New Hope, June 1.—Most of our farmers have laid by their corn and are having an easy time with their cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Brown and Mr. and Mrs. James C. Spann went to Guiceland Sunday.

John Brumley and family and Mrs. Rosa Dickey visited at Guiceland Sunday.

W. A. Teems and family visited at Hickory Grove Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of our people went to Enon last Sunday. They report a good dinner and good singing and speaking.

Henry Peterson entertained the young people with an ice cream supper Friday night.

Jim Britton and family spent Sunday with Grandpa and Grandma Britton.

Oliver Spann and family were in the Hickory Grove community Sunday.

OIL OF CEDAR

is a new furniture polish. It will keep your furniture and floors clean and sanitary. Sold in two sizes, 75c and \$1.00.

Kennedy Bros.

All summer millinery at a fourth off at Darsey's.

NEW ENGINE

with the new "Bosch Ignitor" for sale at Kennedy Bros'. It burns coal oil. Come and see it run.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, May 31.—We are beginning to need rain on our corn, and as it is cloudy today we are hoping there will be rain soon. Cotton is looking well and people are beginning to talk boll weevils, but we have not been out weevil hunting yet.

Almost every family in this community was represented at the memorial services at Guiceland last Sunday. All report a large crowd and lots of dinner with some good singing and speaking by several prominent speakers.

There was preaching at this place Sunday at 11 o'clock, but no services in the afternoon as had been announced. Rev. Ethridge Payne filled the pulpit and delivered an earnest, eloquent sermon to his hearers.

Several visitors from Rock Hill were at church here Sunday.

Elton Parker of Grapeland is visiting Harold Finch this week.

Miss Louise Kyle spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Grady Finch.

Bud Kennedy lost a good mule one day last week.

Mrs. Perry Cook and children went to Shiloh last Sunday.

DAVIS-CLEMENTS

Mr. Albert Davis of this city and Miss Viola Clements of Crockett were married last Sunday in Crockett. They came to Grapeland Monday and will make their home here, Mr. Davis being head barber in Frisby's barber shop, and has made many friends since coming here a few months ago. We extend them our very best wishes for a happy married life.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, May 31.—Many of the Livelyville folks went to Guiceland yesterday to hear the splendid program they had arranged for memorial day. The day was lovely and all enjoyed the occasion very much.

We have heard several people speaking of the boll weevils already busy in the cotton. My, we sure hope Mr. Weevil will leave this crop alone. Corn is looking good and most people have laid it by and now can devote their whole time to King Cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chaffin spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom.

Mrs. Herbert Denman and Mrs. Malone Wright spent Saturday with their sister, Mrs. Alfred Caskey.

Mr. Tom Wright returned to Christman, after spending several weeks here visiting his parents, relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morris spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morris.

Mrs. Malone Wright has been sick but is much improved and able to be out.

Leonard Howard spent Sunday with G. W. Garner.

For the Whole Family

While some people go from store to store seeking where they may do "best" for shoes, we sell

Robert, Johnston & Rand Shoes
for the whole family

After you go to each store and examined the different lines, we are sure you will come back and buy the "Star Brand All Leather Shoe."

The satisfaction that parents get through "Star Brand Shoes" tells them that they have found the right shoes, also for the children.

You do not only find that the shoes we sell are the best of quality, but you can make your entire purchase, knowing that you will get quality throughout our store.

If you are not one of our customers, let us fill your next bill and you will be another satisfied customer added to our list.

We Give Coupons with Every
Cash Purchase

McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS
Grapeland, Texas

Revival at Baptist Church

The revival meeting at the Baptist church commenced last Sunday morning. The preaching is being done by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Ray. Mr. McIver, of the Ft. Worth Baptist Seminary, is leading the singing and some good music is being rendered.

Bro. Ray is preaching some mighty good sermons and he is having good crowds. Two services are held daily, at 10 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock at night.

Hot weather is here, and so are our new Hibbord, short burner oil stoves. They always give satisfaction and use less oil. Try one and see. Kennedy Bros.

Clean those old greasy pots with "The Mystic Mitt." It's a corker. Darsey.

Carload of wire and nails at Darsey's.

Get in the swim in a bathing suit of your own. You can get one you'll like at Darsey's.

He Was After Them

A preacher announced that he would speak the next Sunday on "Liars." The audience was requested to read in advance the 17th chapter of St. Mark.

Next Sunday, before the opening, with piercing glance he inquired how many people had read the chapter suggested. A score or so held up their hands. At which he thundered: "You're the very persons I want to talk to—there isn't any 17th chapter of St. Mark."

International Poultry Powders make hens lay. Sold in two sizes, 30c and 60c, at Kennedy Bros.

Buy your summer hat now at Darsey's and save 25 per cent.

Bathe your baby in one of those big baby wash basins. Only \$1.50 each at Kennedy Bros'.

Darsey can sell you any size cream freezer up to two quart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July:

For District Judge, Third Judicial District:

- JOHN S. PRINCE
(Re-election)
of Henderson County
- W. R. (JACK) BISHOP
of Henderson County
- B. H. GARDNER
of Anderson County

For State Senator:

- J. H. PAINTER
of Houston County
- I. D. FAIRCHILDS
of Angelina County.

For County Clerk:

- W. D. COLLINS
- HARRY BREWTON

For Tax Collector:

- C. W. BUTLER JR.
(Re-election.)
- R. S. WILLIS

For Tax Assessor:

- WILL McLEAN
- H. P. ENGLISH

For Treasurer:

- WILLIE ROBISON
(Re-election)

For County Attorney:

- EARLE P. ADAMS
(Re-election)

For Sheriff:

- W. A. (WILL) HOOPER
- P. T. (PRESTON) LIVELY
- O. B. (DEB) HALE
- A. W. PHILLIPS,

For County Superintendent:

- J. H. ROSSER (Re-election)

For County Judge:

- NAT PATTON (Re-election)
- J. P. O'KEEFE

For District Clerk:

- V. B. TUNSTALL
(Re-election)

For Road Superintendent:

- W. A. MANNING
- CARL GAINNEY
- STELL SHARP
- H. T. DAVID

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:

- J. S. LONG (Re-election)
- J. K. (K.) JONES
- ED DOUGLASS
- W. J. BRANCH
- S. W. DUTCH

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2:

- G. R. (ROSS) MURCHISON
- J C ESTES (Re-election)

For Public Weigher, Justice Precinct No. 5:

- ED PARKER
- C. E. LIVELY
- G. M. WALTON
- JOHN MASTERS

For Justice Peace, Prec't. No. 2:

- JOHN GALE
- ARTHUR TYER

For Constable Precinct No. 2:

- R. R. (Boss) SCARBOROUGH
- ARTHUR HOLCOMB
(Re-election)

DR. G. L. RYE

DENTIST

Office over First National Bank across from depot

Palestine, Texas

Office Hours:
9 to 12 1 to 5

GARAGE FOR SALE

We offer our garage for sale. If you are interested see us for price and particulars. We also have two good Fords for sale. tf Brooks Bros.

NOTICE—WARNING

People are hereby warned to stop cutting wood and getting out posts on the W. L. Moody lands. tf

O. W. Davis, Agent.

A Statement from I. A. Daniel Regarding The Special Election Held On The 15th Day of May

I regret very much indeed to see an article in my home paper signed and purporting to be written by Charley Rice, but which has the ear marks of his uncle, Jim Madden. If this was Charley writing I would only weep that I had wounded that poor unfortunate boy's feelings, but I well know the foot prints of his uncle, Jimmie, who is always jumping into the public press to cast stigma and aspersions on someone because they do not agree to his dictations.

Now friends, I am going to treat this letter as an answer to Mr. Madden solely because I well know that he was the father and instigator of this letter. I never had but one conversation with Charley and I will explain later in this letter. Now Mr. Madden makes it appear by signing the article by Charley that I had several conversations with him "Charley" but I never had but one, regarding his race and that one was in Mr. Madden's office some time about the 27th or the 28th of April.

In the beginning of this move for someone to make the race for the Special Session of the Legislature it was suggested that Mr. G. E. Darsey of Grapeland would be a good man and would also accept the place if Charley would give away and there would be no special scramble for the place. Mr. Madden sought my advice relative to Charley giving away and some older person be selected to run.

I informed him that this was the very thing that Charley could do and that if he did I believed he would have no opposition for the long term, and he expressed himself to me that he thought so too.

So everyone thought that Mr. Darsey was going to accept until sometime late in April and it was learned that Mr. Darsey had refused to accept under any circumstances and when it was understood that Mr. Darsey had refused to accept then quite a number of the citizens began to look for some one else that would make the race.

One night at a meeting of a goodly number of citizens they requested and prevailed on me to run for the place. I made the statement that I would consider it on one condition and that was this, if Charley would step aside and that I would be acceptable; then I would make the race.

The very next morning I went to Mr. Madden's office and stated the circumstances to him and told him that if Charley would step aside for the short term that I would make the race and positively would not make the race for the long term.

Mr. Madden told me that he had not talked this matter over with Charley but would do so and let me know, so the next day he telephoned me to come to his office that Charley was there, and I went immediately to his office and here is the conversation, and the only one that I ever had with Charley.

Mr. Madden said that he had been going over this matter with Charley and that he thought he (Charley) had gone too far to step down and out, and he (Madden) would not so advise him so do so.

Charley spoke up and said "no Mr. Ike, I am not going to withdraw. If you want to run this is a free country pitch in and we will run it out. I remarked to Charley that this statement was uncalled for and that I was only considering conditions, if he would step aside for the short term.

I told both of them that if this was their decision there was no use in my tarrying longer but that I believed they were making a mistake but as far as my part was concerned I was out of it. I did not make Mr. Madden or Charley or either of them any promise of support for the short term.

I went straight to friends that were waiting for me to give them an answer and told them I was out of it, as Charley had refused to withdraw from the race.

The next day Mr. Madden said that he had sent Charley to Grapeland with a letter to Mr. Chester Kennedy to look into the matter and let him know if it was satisfactory for Charley to run for the short term, and that evening or the next morning he informed me that Mr. Kennedy had reported to him that it was alright for Charley to go ahead and run.

A great many of the citizens keep on looking for someone to make the race. I had dismissed the matter from my mind until Wednesday night before the election on Saturday. I was informed that there had been a

petition signed and presented to the County Judge to have my name with Charley's printed on the ticket.

I went the next morning early to the County Judge and asked him if the tickets had been sent out and he informed me they were all gone but two (2) small boxes.

I next went to Mr. Madden's office and told him what had been done and that it had been done without my knowledge or consent. After some conversation about the matter I left his office. At noon while I was at home Mr. Madden rang me over the phone and said that he wanted me to come out and say this was done without my knowledge or consent and send out word to the different boxes not to use the tickets with my name on them and that I would not accept the place if I were elected. I told him I could not subscribe to his request to the latter but could to the first and he remarked that "you do not want to do what is right about the matter anyway." I left his office and have not heard anything from him but abuse of me and the citizens that signed the petition to have my name printed on the ticket, and accusing me and the citizens that signed that petition of trickery and fraud to beat Charley out of the election. I call on him to show one blot against the character of any man that signed that petition, they are as clean and honest men as of the county affords and a great many of them have differed with me politically heretofore.

Mr. Madden makes insinuations that some tickets were destroyed by some one but does not mention whom he charges with this crime.

I will say for myself that I never saw either ticket with my name or Charley's or Charley's alone on it before or after the election. I did not go near the polls that day, neither did I vote. I call on Mr. Madden to name the person or persons he accuses of this crime and I call upon him for the proof of the same and if he can furnish same I will assist him before the next grand jury to have the party or parties indicted for this crime.

But I cannot see for the life of me if perchance for some reasons the first tickets did not reach the polls how they could have kept anyone from voting for Charley because his name was on all second tickets that was sent out and no one was compelled to vote for me by the reason of my name appearing thereon, and anyone desiring to vote for Charley had the privilege to do so. I want to ask Mr. Madden, is he mad and disappointed because Charley was not elected by default. As far as I am concerned this controversy will close with this article. "I believe I was due the people of Houston County a clear cut statement of this matter, and as it is a matter of veracity between myself and Mr. Madden, I will leave it to the people to judge for themselves. I am willing to go before my maker that I have made a full and truthful statement of this whole matter."

Respectfully yours,
I. A. DANIEL,
Representative of 24th Dist.
Political Adv.

MAIZE HEADS

Those desiring a few loads of this good feed had better get it at once. Just unloaded a car. tf J. W. Howard.

Candidates W. D. Collins, J. P. O'Keefe, Harry Brewton and C. W. Butler jr. were in Grapeland Saturday.

GENUINE FORD PARTS are better. At Brooks Bros. tf

Tom Richards, who is now residing at Aldine, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards.

We have plenty of screen wire. Keep out the flies and protect the health of yourself and family.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

Mrs. Emmett Whitley of Ft. Worth returned home Wednesday, after spending several days here with relatives. She was accompanied by her three children, who have been attending school here.

—when "delicious and refreshing" mean the most.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
ATLANTA, GA.

ABSTRACTS

You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.

J. W. YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

Monte Hanson is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Nathan Guice.

Frank Woodard of Breckenridge is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Frank Allen.

Earle Adams Earle Adams Jr

ADAMS & ADAMS

Attorneys at Law
Crockett, Texas
Office in 1st Nat'l. Bank Building

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When you buy parts from us they are genuine FORD PARTS. tf Brooks Bros.

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"The Universal Car"

There is in the GENUINE that degree of EXCELLENCE never to be found in imitations.

Insist that GENUINE Ford-made Repair Parts be used in the repair of your Ford.

To insure yourself against imitation repair parts, secure these parts from, or take your repair work to, an Authorized Ford Service Station.

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James B. Sedberry, President and Manager
WILLIAMS MILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF ARK.
Texarkana, Ark.

MAPLE SYRUP

at Kennedy Bros'. It sure is good.

Mrs. Georgia Whitley left Wednesday for St. Louis where she will spend the summer with her son, Dr. Cooper Whitley.

BOYS! BOYS!

Get your bicycle tires at Kennedy Bros'.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Lively and baby of New York City are here on a visit to relatives and friends.

FOR SALE

Double buggy and set of harness at a bargain.
Walter Brumley, Route 1.

Miss Mary Belle Hill has returned for the summer from Forney, where she has been teaching.

PUREST

Pure apple vinegar in gallon bottles only \$1.00 at Kennedy Bros'.

Misses Lucindy Darsey and Mabel Boykin have gone to Paris to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Leon Anderson.

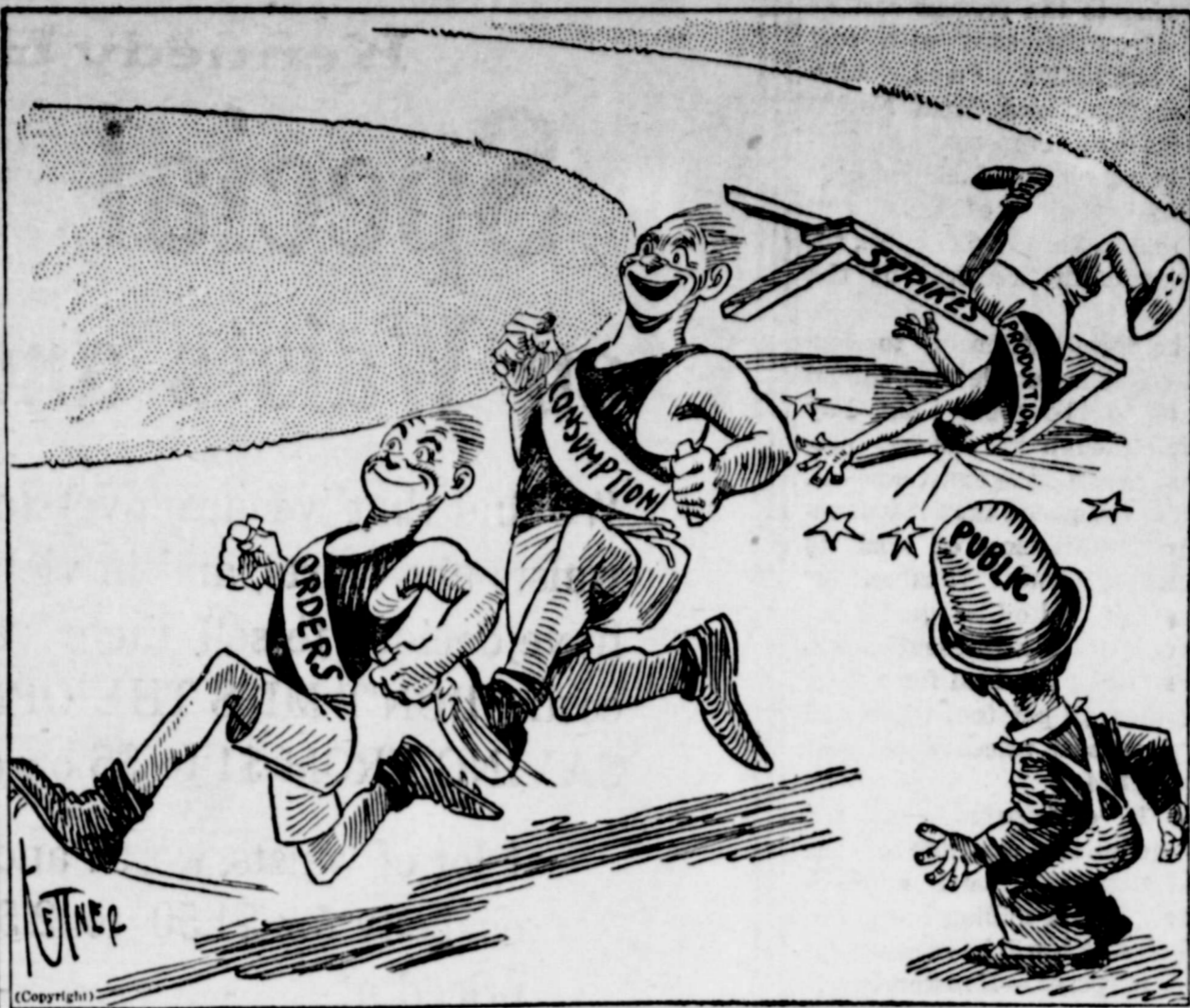
CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the illness and death of our precious baby. Especially do we feel thankful to Mrs. Nora Burden and Miss Mary Belle Grounds for the services.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burden.

Mrs. Jim Sweeney and daughter of Elkhart were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baker.

Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth and son, Jot Davis, are in Livingston visiting relatives and to attend the closing exercises of the Livingston school.

Obstacle Race



A. W. Cain, of the Philippine Islands, was visiting his many old friends here a few days this week. Mr. and Mrs. Cain arrived in the United States in December, but had to remain in San Francisco three months on account of the illness of their son. Mrs. Cain and the boy are now with relatives in Georgia. They expect to return to the Islands by October. Mr. Cain is doing some special work for the government in securing teachers for the schools in the Islands, the scarcity of which is felt there the same as here. He is superintendent of a province embracing 46 towns and employing 1100 teachers.

Every waft in the house goes at a greatly reduced price at Kennedy Bros'.

Ask To Have Candidate Let Out

Two hundred Socialists went to the White House to ask the President to release Debs, their candidate for President, from prison, along with others whom they called "political prisoners." They did not see the President, but they were told by Secretary be brought to the President's attention and that it would be considered without prejudice.

Clyde Davis of Kingsville is here taking his vacation and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.

Miss Dot Scarborough has returned home from Cleveland, where she has been attending school.

A String for Your Finger

When readjustment comes—and financiers agree that readjustment is inevitable—many men and women who have prospered on padded salaries will be sorely tried by necessary curtailments. Salaries in some cases will never approximate pre-war standards. This is notably true of the salaries paid teachers. Here are men and women who have never been rewarded adequately; who are not likely to be paid sums in excess of those warranted by the energy, patience, tact, knowledge and sense of responsibility demanded.

While conditions are in a state of fusion, it is the course of providence and simple justice for every community to increase the salaries of its teachers, and to encourage them by demonstrations of faith and affection. Let education slip a cog and posterity pays the penalty. If you are interested in the welfare of your children, you will nominate yourself a committee of one to speak plainly whenever the question is debated. Teachers must have more pay.—Holland's Magazine.

How Labor Hurts Labor

Many industries are hard hit by the freight-yard strikes and are closing their plants or reducing their forces because they cannot get raw materials out of the yards.

Mae Bean has returned home from Breckenridge, where he has been for some time working at the carpenters' trade.

STRAYED

From A. L. Brown's, unmarked Poland China gilt, 10 weeks old, white spot on back. Please notify
W. C. Mitchell, Route 3.

Misses Lucretia and Eula Mae Riall have returned home for the summer from Sherman and Dallas.

Autos bought, sold and repaired. Work guaranteed. Truck wanted.
Hughes & Sons.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES

W. G. McADOO



Soldiers Bonus Bill Faces

A Long Sleep

Washington, May 30.—The soldier bonus bill passed yesterday by the house 289 to 92 will reach the senate tomorrow. The measure will be referred to a committee. As a recess, and possibly adjournment, will be taken by congress Saturday until after the political conventions, the bonus bill seems doomed to a long sleep in that committee. If a recess is taken leaders do not contemplate reconvening until about September 1. Some senators frankly say the bill will never get any further and that tomorrow's reference to a committee will in fact be an "interment."

Opposition to soldiers relief has been more pronounced in the senate than in the house where yesterday's vote showed only forty republicans and fifty-two democrats recorded against the measure. Tax provisions are considered particularly odious, many senators say.

A Joke That's No Joke

Judging by the exorbitant price some cigars are fetching, they may be made of genuine newsprint paper. Ellwood City (Pa.) Evening Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey and children have returned from Paris where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson.

Let us clean up that suit. We do cleaning, pressing and dying.
M. L. Clewis

Nesbit Lively of Livingston spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively.

Mrs. W. H. Whitescarver left Monday for Breckenridge to join her husband, and they will make their home in that city.

Get your "FROST KING" Freezer from Darsey.

The following teachers in the Grapeland school have returned to their home: Miss Marguerette Hale, Camilla; Miss Jessie Norwood, Madisonville; Miss Cecil Walters, Jasper; Miss Velerie Standley, Lovelady; Miss Emma Dominy, Groveton; Miss Lydia Ulrich, New Baden.

Management of Star Theatre

announces that the big, new, super-serial "The Silent Avenger"

will start

Friday, June 11th

The same cast that played "Smashing Barriers" will play it, including

William Duncan and Edith Johnson

This is a much better serial than "Smashing Barriers." It has more thrills, more realism, more doom defying stunts and more action, and last, but not least, better comedies. DON'T MISS IT! Start with the first episode.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th

Come early and get a seat and see a better serial
SAME OLD PRICE



WILLIAM DUNCAN

AN S. O. S. FROM BUCKNER ORPHANS HOME

When a ship is at sea and all is well there may be many days during which there is no communication between it and the rest of the world save news items of passing interest. Storms may be weathered, engine troubles of minor importance may develop and yet there is no call for help. A day finally comes when wireless stations along the shore and on every vessel within a thousand miles pick up the wireless call for help: S. O. S. Save Oh Save!

We have had no epidemic. The children are enjoying the same good health as is usual here. Typhoid, nor measles, nor "flu" nor anything else untoward calls for extra sacrifices upon the part of the surgeons and doctors and nurses, or extra liberality upon the part of the people to meet the extra expense at such a time.

We have had no fire. Our buildings stand firmly on strong foundations, and every door and window, floor and ceiling, stairway and casement is in place. Buildings nor contents, furniture nor fixtures, neither properties nor persons have been burned; nor can we call for extra giving upon the part of our friends to repair or replace such loss.

We have not lost confidence in our friends. They are everywhere in great numbers, and they believe in the work and workers here. We are sure that there are many of them who would gladly share a last dollar or a last crust with these children. We believe that they are ready for extra giving at every time extra giving becomes necessary.

Yet, we have no money for current support. We saw it coming; but the bank sees it now and has notified us formally that it is so. We shall need one-hundred thousand dollars for the rest of the Convention year; but a circumstance that is more to the point is that we need twenty-five thousand dollars right now as soon as it can possibly be sent in Bills already rendered and outstanding obligations amount to that much.

We have no fear but for the proneness of some to feel that the other fellow will make it alright. So, if you believe in the work, send us your personal check for a liberal amount, and then use your influence to get others to come to our help.

Hal F. Buckner,
General Secretary.

TO A FIVE DOLLAR BILL

Crinkle, crinkle, little bill;
Goodness, gracious you look ill
Are you losing all your power?
You seem weaker every hour.
Now that prices are so high,
I'm so tired I could die.
I just circulate every day;
No one dares put me away.
When the evening board is set,
With the fruits of fathers sweat
My small voice is hushed and still
I am in the butcher's till.
And no matter where I go,
People disregard me so;
I don't seem to count for much
'Mongst the profiteers and such.
Bill, take heart, your luck may change
I'll admit the times are strange,
Though you're weak I love you still,
Crinkle, crinkle, little bill.
Chicago Tribune.

I and G. N. Announces Change in Use of Fuel

Owing to the present cost of fuel oil as compared with coal as locomotive fuel, the International and Great Northern Railroad company has discontinued oil for fuel purposes on the line south of Taylor and running to Laredo, 625 miles, according to the receiver of the road.

The change from oil to coal will effect a considerable annual saving to the road. Mr. Fay said, although he was not prepared to name the exact amount.

It is estimated that it will require 120,000 tons of coal to operate this line. It takes four barrels of fuel oil to equal a ton of coal, which at present quotations can be obtained for a little less than \$5 per ton, while fuel oil at present prices would cost around \$14.

It is anticipated that the change on this one line of the road alone will save approximately half a million barrels of fuel oil which will be released for other purposes.—Houston Post.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Buttrill left Tuesday for Temple, where Mrs. Buttrill will visit her parents, while Bro. Buttrill holds a revival meeting at Queen City, after which he will attend the summer school of theology at S. M. U., Dallas.

Dry-Time Atrocity.

A tale of woe, with Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, head of the British trade mission, was told at a dinner at New York. Sir Arthur, when he arrived in the United States, brought his own supply with him—in a golf bag. Recently the supply was exhausted—all save a half-bottle of real stuff. Calling in some of his fellow delegates, Sir Arthur proposed a final drink. Glasses were filled, the bottle was emptied and a toast was proposed. Sir Arthur likes water in his. And at some of the American hotels where he had stopped they have cute little taps stuck into the wall or into the washbowl from which ice water flows when the button is pressed. This was the last drink and Sir Arthur wanted to be careful. So he pressed the button carefully. Then he tried to down his drink. He didn't; he had made a mistake. Instead of the ice-water tap he had used a tap that yielded liquid soap.

Fish Knows Dinner Call.

Visitors to Bath are interested in a huge golden carp that has been trained by Mr. W. Page to answer a dinner call. As soon as Mr. Page disturbs the surface of the water in the Roman bath with his stick the fish darts to him and remains motionless near the surface ready to snap at ants' eggs, dead flies and other dainties.

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H. S. CUMMINGS



Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, chosen as temporary chairman of Democratic national convention.

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Exterior view of the handsome Exposition Auditorium, San Francisco, where the Democrats will nominate their national ticket.

Deliberation Necessary

Theodore Roosevelt was responsible for the movement looking toward the conservation of our national resources. Other men thought conservation while Roosevelt practiced it. With the approval of Congress he set aside timberlands and parks, undertook the reclamation of arid regions in the West, offered additional protection to fur-bearing animals and insectivorous birds, counseled frugality and commonsense in regard to water power and minerals.

We need the voice of another Roosevelt today, even though he may differ from us in political doctrine and matters of foreign policy. Sure-footedness is what we need, and greater faith in America. More work is what we need, and less agitation. Most of all, we need merchants, manufacturers, and bankers who will content themselves with smaller profits, statesmen who will think of the good of the nation before they think of the success of the party, and citizens willing to live without competition in luxury.—Holland's Magazine.

Let's start a barfoot club. We do not see how such a club could advance the price of shoes. If no one in America will wear a shoe until September we guarantee that ladies' pumps with no more leather in them than there is paper in a postage stamp will not sell for \$20 and up.—Mitchell (Ind) Tribune.

Frank Leaverton has purchased the interest of Ben Brooks in the Herod & Brooks gin. Mr. Brooks contemplates going to San Antonio in the near future, where he will enter a chiropractic school.

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DEATH OF BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burden have the sympathy of their many friends on account of the death of their six months old baby, which occurred Sunday, May 23. The little fellow was laid to rest in the Guiceland cemetery.

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Mr. Guinn Defends the Block System

Crockett, Texas, May 10, 1920.
Editor Messenger:

Due to the fact that I did not know that the report I furnished the finance committee concerning the A. O. Harper block system of the county was to be published, and to the further fact that said report was written hurriedly and in a sense disconnected and misleading, I would like to make some explanations regarding my connection in the matter.

This was an off-hand report made for said committee, supposing that they should make some deductions from same and make recommendations regarding the completion of the system. I appreciate the complimentary terms in which they recommend the report; however, I feel that the mere statement made by me without any reference to the facts and records, reflect upon the acts of some who are not subject to the criticism directed at them through my report. I have particular reference to the following, taken from said committee's report: "This committee is at loss to understand why the court turned down a bid from A. A. Aldrich of 75 cents per tract, or upon a flat basis of \$6000, and accepted A. O. Harper's bid, a non resident, at a higher price, and then again why they issued warrants to Harper for \$12,000, when according to Mr. Guinn's report Harper had completed only \$6,000, according to contract, etc." This is rather a broad insinuation, and while it is not my purpose to defend the members of the court, for they should be able to take care of their own record, neither is it my idea to insinuate that the committee acted unfair with any one, but I think in justice to myself and all concerned, a further explanation of this paragraph is admissible and pertinent.

Knowing the members of the finance committee to be broad-gauged business men, and inasmuch as they say that "they are at loss to know why and how these things happened," I take it that they shall appreciate the statement herein made. When Harper effected a final settlement with the court, he had a sworn statement that he had completed, and caused to be completed, 15000 tracts according to contract. But on account of needing the money to pay off his help, and to complete the work which required some surveying, that he would give the county a clear and full receipt for all that was due under this contract, if they would issue these warrants which ran the total to the \$12,000. It is true that the court had available information that would have shown the real situation. They did not avail themselves of this information and accepted these statements made by Harper, believing them to be true, and thinking the \$2500 bond ample to protect the interest of the county. I was present and believe this to be the sincere conviction of the members of said court, or at least to the majority of them.

Regarding the bid referred to, I think had the facts in this connection been known by the members of this committee, that very little consideration should have been attached to this bid matter. The committee does not

seem to know that the bids advertised for were for a second contract, or at least nothing is in their report to indicate they did know. The first contract made with A. O. Harper & Company was made, or negotiated, by the previous commissioners' court. At least I began work in October and some type-written work or copying had been done when I began work. The second contract was made to validate the former contract which was held illegal and not enforceable. The first contract was made upon a basis of Harper's taking all back taxes collected until the system was paid for. Mr. Rosser took the position that the commissioners' court had no right to use the taxes meant for school purposes for this purpose. He took the matter up with the Attorney General and was sustained in his position. But the contract was made in good faith. More than half of the expense and been incurred before it was discovered that the contract was an illegal one. The services had been rendered, and had the court refused to make a new contract in accordance with the rulings of the Attorney General, and caused Harper and his associates to have sustained the loss, the court should have been placed in the attitude of repudiating an honest and just obligation. The second contract, and the one in which Judge Alrich bid on, was not made in the interest of A. O. Harper alone, but it was made in the interest of the right thing. It was for the protection of the stenographers, and co-workers of this system, and for the protection of the men who advanced the money in good faith to carry this work forward. These people are not nonresidents and their services were performed in good faith. Again Judge Aldrich was very much opposed to the block system, as was many good citizens. He had no idea of contracting this work until it was brought to his notice that a contract was going to be let. He admitted that he knew nothing about the work and that he was not prepared to do it. He, nor any other man, can do this work properly and as contracted by Harper for \$6000, and if he was in good faith and expected to undertake the job, the commissioners did him a very generous favor in rejecting his bid, and I am sure that he has no kick to make on that score.

This block system question is a big one. It requires a wonderful amount of detailed and expert work to make it even practical, but with the proper data the system is practical and certainly fills a much needed facility in assessing our taxes. As the finance committee did not make any recommendations regarding this matter, I would like to submit the following summary: Under the present system of taxation there are about 20 per cent of the taxes in the county shown delinquent each year. The law allows 25 per cent per tract for publication; hence, it can be seen that an enormous expense is fixed upon the tax payers from that one item. Probably half of these delinquents are errors, for under the present system it is impossible to eliminate these errors. Why? Because there are so many surveys of the same name, or located so closely together, it is impractical to get the assessments on the right sur-

vey. This brings about not only errors, but brings up a double assessment feature. For instance, if two tracts having the same name, or closely located to each other, having, we will say 600 acres each, often one will show an assessment of 400 acres, the other 800. The short tract goes on the delinquent list and the assessor receives a commission on 800 acres out of the other, or he receives commission on 1400 acres of land assessed when there was only 1200 in existence. There are hundred such instances of this character and the block system should correct this error; whereas, under the present system the repetition of these errors are certain and unavoidable.

There is a movement on foot to pass laws that will invalidate all back taxes running from three to ten years. This sentiment is very popular and stands a very good chance of becoming a law at next meeting of the legislature. If this law is passed, each county will be forced to pass a compulsory block system law, or some kind of law that will protect the state against the loss of delinquent taxes.

Houston county contracted and paid for a system that should give them the proper protection, but due to conditions, mistakes and other things they haven't such system, but from a financial standpoint the system as it stands has proven profitable. It does not accomplish its purpose with reference to future matters, in fact from a serviceable feature the work done is wasted as it now stands. It will only cost a small amount compared with an original cost to perfect this system to a point of practical use. The issue is up to the tax payers. Shall they have the work completed, or shall they allow the entire work to go by default? Many tax payers have come across and paid these back taxes, thinking all would have to do so, yet many large and "wise" tax payers have not paid and will not pay until this system is put into the proper form to make them pay. I say that if the block system will not enable the County Attorney to collect all back taxes, none should have been collected. A list of those who have paid would develop some very interesting matter. Why not have all pay?

Very truly,
H. G. Guinn.

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50c Printed Voile per yd. **39c**
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soap for25c
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Search Light Matches per box . . . 5c
Large Size Magnolia Peanut Oil per
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et, for\$1.20
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BLIND PEOPLE.—A DEFENSE AND A PLEA

(By Chas. C. Rice)

Mr. Editor:

Will you grant me a little space in an effort to correct what seems to me to be popular error in regard to blind people? It is not my purpose in what I am going to say to promote my blyareruth tht ht htth tht thtt political interest, though, possibly, that may be the result incidentally. But the error of which I speak is so unjust, unfair, and Un-Christian, that I feel the popular mind on the subject should be enlightened and made to "call a halt" in its mad career and to look at blind people as should be done and not discriminate against them on account of their misfortune.

Blind people are generally regarded as a BURDEN to society, and as fit only to be cast into the "dump heap" and looked upon as "no good" Can it be possible that this is the right way to view them? If one will just stop and think a moment, no argument is needed to prove its falsity, but the trouble is that people do not "think." They just assume that the STATUS of the blind is fixed by their loss of sight, and they are below the STATUS of the more fortunate, and inevitably must become a charge either on the body politic or on the charity of the world. In other words, this view would, and does, leave them without moral or intellectual standing, and socially unfit, place upon them a piece of paste-board telling of their awful condition, give them a tin cup, station them on the "street corners," and with the aid of a hand-organ or a flute, and tell them to go-out and beg for a living. Could anything be more severely unkind? To show conclusively the UTTER fallacy of this position, I have only to point to the efforts of the State Government to provide, at great expense and much toil and labor, a way whereby these people may not become what the average mind conceives them to be. It seeks to care for, educate and prepare them for useful lives. It wants to do for them the very thing that will prevent them from becoming what the popular impression looks upon them as being. It takes the position that they should be reared to the best advantage and given the best education they are capable of receiving so they may be prepared to meet the duties of life successfully. It looks upon them as HUMAN beings just as other people, entitled to the same treatment as others, and sent out into the world to cope with its trials and toils, winning or losing according to their own merits. For the information of those who may have never thought much about the matter, Texas has an immense well-equipped, and finely constructed building at Austin, where the blind and the partially blind are sent for care, and training and education? Did it ever occur to them that at this Institution, known as the School For The Blind, there are some fifty or more employees, including a complete and well equipped faculty of teachers? Did it ever occur to them that this school is filled to overflowing every year with students seeking an education just as students who attend

the Normals, University, and other educational institutions? Do they know that for the year 1920 there was appropriated by the last legislature the sum of \$126,300.00 for the support of this institution, and the sum of \$142,750.00 for the year 1921? Do you know that the 35th legislature appropriated the goodly sum of \$152,500.00 to construct and complete necessary buildings for this school, and to build necessary fences, "walks and drives" and to BEAUTIFY the grounds there? I am wondering how many people know about this.

But if the inmates of this school, with all their education, culture and training are to be discounted at the very threshold of life, and looked upon as the "unfit," and treated as nothing more than objects of charity and without capacity to succeed in the avocations and professions of life, then why go to all this expense, and trouble, and toil to fit them for the great purposes for all which this vast outlay is intended? Better to tear down that imposing building, send it to the scrap heap, send its vast array of teachers back home and leave the blind of the State to roam where they will and become in FACT a part of the useless and unnecessary beings that encumber the world. How is it possible for the students from this school to "be what they can be," if this wholesale discrimination is to be kept up? I beg of the people to know that this is a very mistaken notion. I would have them understand that even the blind have pride, ambition, culture, energy and BRAINS just as other people have, and that it is neither right, nor just, nor FAIR to regard them in any other way. Loss of sight does not deprive them of all the mental faculties that other people have, and it does not deprive them of all the encouragement in their efforts to make a living and given a chance in life's awful tragedy. Any other course would probably have made of Mr. Gore a BEGGAR instead of United States Senator, and Milton and Homer would never have entranced the world with the raptures of their undying poetry.

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Every man of the South should know the classification, preservation and handling of cotton. It is our leading product and will continue to be. More money is lost each year by the farmers on the marketing of this produce than all other crops combined. The man raising often knows nothing about marketing it, and therefore wholly at the mercy of the man who is buying. The facts are we lose thousands of dollars each year for the lack of trained men. Some buyers may grade your cotton strict low middling, and pay you accordingly, when in reality, your cotton is middling, and you are entitled to the higher price, which is no small gain. You see the necessity of knowing how to grade your own cotton.

In four weeks time, we can prepare you to save this year more than double the cost of your learning, which is only \$30.00.

We have been asked, "How do you teach Cotton Classing so successfully?" The one answer is this: We believe the time has come when the South needs to know more about her leading product; when the farmer should know more about marketing the crop which he labors so earnestly to produce; and which means meat, bread and clothing to his family. To this end, we have equipped our department so that the most efficient teaching possible may be done. Our teachers understand cotton classing sampling, buying and selling from a practical standpoint, and are experts in the training of students. Our head teacher of this department is in constant touch with the Agricultural Department at Washington D. C. and Austin, Texas, which lends much to his strength. We purchase samples in quantities of three and four thousands, in addition to the Government Types. For full particulars, fill and mail for free catalogue. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name
Address

WANTED

Capable young girls of good moral character, with high school education, over 18 years of age, to become nurses. Apply to Palestine Sanitarium and Training School, Palestine, Texas. 11-4-t. tf

MORE EVIDENCE

When Murray & Murray placed an ad in the Messenger last week for cotton seed they had very little faith in it because they did not think there were any cotton seed in the country. But that little ad went right to work and fooled them. Saturday morning the seed begun to roll in by the bushel and wagon load and by mid-afternoon they had all they needed and turned down several bushel that were offered.

McLean & Riall can also testify to the efficacy of Messenger advertising for definite results. In the issue of May 20, they advertised men's suits at a special price and by Saturday night had practically closed out their stock.

Does it pay? The merchants of GrapeLand have a veritable gold mine right in their midst if they would only use it intelligently.

"I got Real Mad When I lost My Setting Hen," Mrs. Hanan.

"I went into the hen house one morning and found my favorite setter dead. I got real mad. Went to the store, bought some RAT-SNAP and in a week I got six dead rats. Everybody who raises poultry should keep RAT-SNAP." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Wade L. Smith and Keeland Bros.

You will find what you need in GENUINE FORD PARTS at Brooks Bros.

FISK TIRES

THE only tires built to an advertised Ideal—an Ideal that definitely indicates the policy and aim of the makers of Fisk Tires.

The Fisk Ideal: "To be the best concern in the world to work for, and the squarest concern in existence to do business with."

Next time—BUY FISK

W. H. LONG & COMPANY

Small Individual Threshers

The Williams Improved Threshers are built for individual threshing, can be operated with 3 to 5 H. P. Gasoline Engines.

Write for Catalogue
James B. Sedberry, President
WILLIAMS MILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF ARK.
Texarkana, Ark.

George E. Darsey & Co.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

Special Showing of Summer Frocks

June demands wearing apparel that is comfortable as well as made along fashion's latest decrees. Our special showing of summer wear will appeal to the men, women and children of this community.



Very Inexpensive are these Frocks for Summer Outings

It is really a pleasant surprise that such pretty frocks can now be bought at exceedingly moderate prices. Fabric costs have necessarily soared, but here are well made garments in values uncommon at this particular season.

New Organdy Dresses in a number or ruffled designs and summery coloring at \$16.50 and \$25.00

Among summer clothes, nothing has a more definite place than the separate skirt.

Very smart indeed are the models we are showing in white and light colors at \$2.50 to \$25.00

It is also an excellent time to buy Georgette Blouses, and Waists, Middie Blouses, Voile Smocks, Tricolette Blouses, and dainty articles in underwear which will help you to accomplish that look of freshness and smartness in apparel.

A SHOP FOR THE KIDDIES

And in our buyings for summer, we did not overlook the future generation—the boys and girls of today and for them, we have a showing of ready made things that are money savers. For the girls, gingham dresses, voile dresses, white dresses, undergarments, millinery, pumps, socks.

For the boys, wash suits, overalls, unionalls, romp frocks, underwear, socks, slippers, hats and caps, blouses, and shirts.

Many mothers send their children to this store and are satisfied with the service we give. Why don't you try it sometime? We want the little folks to come see us.

A complete line of Palm Olive Toilet Articles, that will add to your comfort. Powder, Cream, Perfume.

Talk about Values--

Our special showing of the new STYLE-PLUS hand tailored, all wool three piece suits for men and young men afford a selection that can't be beaten in East Texas. A number of new models received recently. Our showing of Palm Beach suits is the most complete in the city and includes THIS YEARS STYLES AND MATERIALS at prices that are exceedingly reasonable. We can fit you.



DARSEY'S

A TEST WELL TO BE DRILLED FOR OIL

The Grapeland section is going to be tested for oil. A contract was closed Saturday between the East Texas Oil & Gas Co. of Grapeland with the O'Hara Oil Co., of Omaha, Neb., for the test well, which will be put down on the company's acreage about two miles northwest from town. The exact location has not yet been selected, but will be made in the next day or so.

The East Texas Oil & Gas Co. is composed of local people and was organized in February. They have been busy ever since the company was organized securing leases west of the railroad.

After securing the acreage they set about to interest a company in putting down a test well. Mr. Jas. T. O'Hara of Texarkana, who is a practical oil man of twenty-two years' experience, came here about six weeks ago and investigated the proposition. It looked good to him, the surface structure and other indications being similar to some other oil fields in Texas. He took a thirty days' option on some of the acreage and went to Omaha, Neb., where he organized the O'Hara Oil Co. The company is composed of the following prominent business men of Omaha, capitalized for \$150,000.00:

Geo. W. Marsh, Auditor Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska; Jno. Lubold, Capitalist; L. A. Abercrombie, Law Department, Union Pacific Railroad Company; Dr. Snider, Dentist; Dr. Platz, Dentist; A. C. Hartman, President Omaha Film Exchange; P. E. Dunbar, Conductor with Union Pacific Railroad Company; Edward Cackley, Merchant; J. H. Price, Hardware Merchant; Geo. Sorensen, Ex-Mayor of Florence; Irvin Allison, Cashier First National Bank; Frank P. Brown, President Omaha Hay Exchange; H. T. Brinsbin, Cashier Bank of Florence; J. S. Olmsted, Crematorium Forest Lawn Cemetery; Edward A. Knapp, Past President Omaha Hay

Exchange; W. H. Clarke, President Nebraska Laundry Company, Past President of Rotary Club; R. H. Olmsted, Attorney.

Mr. O'Hara returned to Grapeland last Thursday, accompanied by Messrs. R. H. Olmsted, attorney, and John Lubold, treasurer, of the O'Hara Oil Co., both of Omaha, Neb. They spent several days here looking over the prospects, and after going over the property they pronounced it good and entered into the contract mentioned above. Messrs. Olmsted and Lubold returned to Omaha Monday, but Mr. Lubold will return when the well is spudded in.

Mr. O'Hara will remain on the ground and superintend the drilling operations. He has rented the residence of Ben Brooks and expects his family to arrive this week from Texarkana.

The order for material to build the derrick was let Monday, which is to be placed on the ground at once. The rig and machinery has been ordered and active operations will begin at the earliest possible date.

Another local company is busy taking leases on the east side of the railroad and before the year is out several test wells may be going down in this section.

For many years people around here have had faith in the possibilities of this section for oil and it is a matter of gratification that a test is going to be made. If you will take an oil map of Texas and draw a circle around East Texas you will find that there is production on every side and some of it not far from Houston county. Why shouldn't there be oil here? Mr. O'Hara is very enthusiastic over the prospects and feels that he will bring in a producing well.

Don't expect to get through a hot summer of hard work with out a sick spell, if you start with your system full of impurities. To avoid a break-down in the busy season begin now taking Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy for men. It will purify the blood, liver and bowels and put the system in healthy condition. Price \$1.25 per bottle.

Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Miss Esther Darsey left last week for her former home in Georgia, where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

LIVELY—STANLEY

Campbell Lively of Livingston, formerly of this city and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively, and Miss Ora Stanley of Lovelady were married last Sunday at the home of the bride, and immediately after the ceremony returned to Livingston where they will make their home.

The Messenger extends congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Mrs. Frank Ward of Hedley is here visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. Paul Kennedy.

THE MAN WHO

"Bags at the Knees"

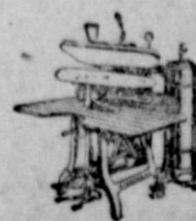
Neglects his True Personality

Let us keep the "bag" out and class you with the careful dressers.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER

High Class Cleaning and Pressing

PROMPT SERVICE



Clewis



The Careful Shopper

Will appreciate the high quality of our meat; and besides, our prices are the lowest possible, consistent with the high quality of our stock.

CITY MEAT MARKET
T. W. LEWIS, Proprietor

LOCAL ITEMS

Ball fruit Jars at Darsey's.

Bring us your chickens and eggs. McLean & Riall.

Reduction on ladies' serge skirts at Kennedy Bros'.

Dwarf June Corn at Darsey's.

Pure apple vinegar at McLean & Riall's.

Get your fishing poles from Darsey.

See those white wash skirts at Kennedy Bros'.

Car load of wire and nails at Darsey's.

Come to Kennedy Bros. and get prices on waists, skirts and ladies' high heel slippers.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips has returned from a visit with relatives at New Waverly.

CHEAPEST FEED
Maize heads at Kennedy Bros'.

\$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 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 power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine 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.

DON'T WANT FOR SOMETHING

When Uncle Sam will deliver it to your door. He's a "great ole feller" and likes to please you. You can't OVER BURDEN him, so do not forget to mail us your

"WANT LIST"

We like to help give UNCLE SAM something to do, but it pleases us more to get a note from you saying: "Please send me, etc." If we do not have it in stock WE GET IT and return same to you by next train. Try Our SERVICE—It Reaches Everywhere

GOOLSBY-SHERMAN DRUG CO.
CARL GOOLSBY Crockett, Texas LIP SHERMAN
Dependability Superior Service

Get your hoes from Darsey.

Fruit jar rubbers and caps. McLean & Riall.

Ice cream freezers at Kennedy Bros'.

Get your June Corn at Darsey's.

We have plenty of maize heads. Kennedy Bros.

See those wire cots at Darsey's.

Maize heads feed just like corn. We have plenty. Kennedy Bros.

Can your fruit with Karo sweetening. Darsey.

Mrs. G. C. Lansford and children of Crockett are visiting relatives here.

Obey that impulse—get your fishing tackle at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Smith and children spent Sunday in Crockett with relatives.

Don't fail to read our prices elsewhere on ladies' waists. Kennedy Bros.

LOST

A pair of Glasses in case. Finder please return to John A. Davis.

Greatest reduction of the season on ladies' waists at Kennedy Bros'.

Darsey handles GENUINE Ford parts.

Ball Jelly Glasses at Darsey's.

Try our delivery service. McLean & Riall.

Pyrotol tooth paste at Darsey's.

Get your next feed—maize heads—at Kennedy Bros'.

Ice cream freezers at McLean & Riall's.

Get GENUINE Nicholson files at Darsey's.

Water wings at Kennedy Bros'. only 50c a pair.

Wooden well buckets at Darsey's.

"Shoo Fly" liquid spray keeps them away. 1 can for 50c at Kennedy Bros'.

J. D. Felts of Colorado City is visiting his brother-in-law, A. P. Tims, at Slocum.

FOR SALE

Two graded Jersey milch cows fresh and two Jersey heifers. 2t. E. P. Bean, Route 1.

Summer millinery at Darsey's at a fourth off.

If It's Wood You want Call E. L. Frisby. Short and two longs, line 105. 6-3 mos.

Jim Cook of Dallas spent several days here last week visiting relatives, returning home Sunday.

COOK WANTED

Colored woman, all around restaurant hand. Apply to Pate's Cafe.

Mrs. B. R. Guice and son, Arthur, left Tuesday for Caddo, Okla., to visit her sister, Mrs. B. R. Easley, whom she has not seen in about nineteen years.

Car load of wire and nails at Darsey's.

Mrs. Pack Taylor of Cleveland is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Scarborough.

FOR SALE

2 first-class Jersey milch cows, both fresh. Ed Musick, Elkhart, Route 2.

FOR SALE

A nice, fancy saddle pony. See W. T. Bridgen. tf.

NEW MEAT MARKET

I have put in a first-class meat market on second street and am ready for business. Will appreciate your orders. Elmo Murdock.

To keep the dust down use Oil of Cedar and one of our new floor mops. Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay are visiting relatives in Crockett, before going to College Station, where Mr. LeMay will take special work.

NOTICE

All members of the Farmers Co-operative Club are urged to attend the meeting at their locals next Friday night, June 4. J. S. Morris, 1t-pd. Chairman of Committee.

Some of Our Talcum Powder

The New Mary Garden Chantilly
Navis Soul Kiss
Moon Melba Nysis Pompeian
Nyal's Assorted
Colgate's Assorted

A fragrant Bath Powder which softens the water and produces a delightfully perfumed bath. Try it.

Creams and Face Powders to correspond

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE
HONESTY AND QUALITY WADE L. SMITH

Bargains!

Don't miss seeing our Bargain Counter this week, for there will be SOME WONDERFUL BARGAINS in Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, etc.

Grocery Prices for the Week

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| TEXAS QUEEN FLOUR, extra high patent per sack | \$3.50 |
| Pure ribbon cane syrup per gallon | 1.50 |
| 3 bar of Bob White Soap for | .25 |
| 5 bars of Star Soap for | .25 |
| Two-Minute Oat Food per package | .20 |
| Puffed Wheat per package | .20 |
| Oat Meal per package | .15 |
| Large size pickles per jar | .50 |
| Matches 2 boxes for | .15 |

DON'T FORGET THAT WE DELIVER WE WANT YOUR EGGS

MURRAY and MANGUM
EAST SIDE OF RAILROAD

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Houston

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 25th day of May, 1920, by V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty-six and 35-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of C. E. Jones and Lizzie Jones in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5849, and styled C. E. Jones and Lizzie Jones vs. H. C. Bush and Fannie Bush, placed in my hands for service, I, R. J. Spence, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 26th day of May, 1920, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Three tracts of land situated in Houston County, Texas, about 18 miles North from the town of Crockett, Texas, the first of said tracts being a part of the N. Daughtry survey, the second of said tracts being a

part of the E. F. Bridges survey, the third of said tracts being a part of the Procilla league, the said three tracts combined containing fifty nine and one-half acres of land, more or less, and being known as the H. C. Bush homestead, and levied upon as the property of H. C. Bush and Fannie Bush and that on the first Tuesday in July, 1920, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. C. Bush and Fannie Bush. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper published in Houston County. Witness my hand, this 26th day of May, 1920. R. J. Spence, 14-3t Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.