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SALMON NEWS

Salmon, June 21.—Last Friday morning, then again Saturday, this community received good rains, which was greatly needed on the corn. Cotton is looking fine now and promises a good crop if the boll weevils do not get it.

A good many of our young people attended an ice cream supper at Wiley Mosely's Saturday night and all report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Starkey of the Livelyville community spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Lasiter. Also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grounds stayed until a late hour with them, trying to help them out of a tight with a three gallon freezer of ice cream.

Bro. C. A. Campbell went to Mt. Hope Saturday night to fill his appointment.

W. J. Starkey filled his appointment at Silver Creek Sunday. He was accompanied by L. N. Lasiter. After the services at Silver Creek they went to Hickory Grove, where Mr. Lasiter conducted the song services.

We want to invite everybody to come to church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and we invite all the singing folks to come Sunday afternoon, and we will have singing beginning at 2 o'clock.

Big display of fresh new groceries at Kennedy Bros.

THE GRAVEYARD GHOST

For several nights past there has been great excitement over a mysterious light seen playing over the tombs and monuments in East Hill.

It was a red light and moved about from grave to grave in a most mysterious and appalling manner. Some believed it was a 'Jack-'o-Lantern,' often seen over damp and mouldy places, and which is nothing more than phosphorus generated from decaying matter. But this was not that kind of light—it was red, and bright, and did not float in the air, but played upon the monuments from one to one.

Monday it was estimated five or six hundred people were in the cemetery at midnight, trying to catch the ghost, but he, she or it, evaded them.

Last night success was attained, one of the searchers discovered on the grass the source of his ghostship's mysterious light—it was a small electric globe, attached to a wire running from a telephone pole.

The operator, somewhere on the line, flashed it first one way then another, no doubt to his amusement and a terror to all beholders.—Palestine Advocate.

M. E. Darsey went to Houston Saturday night to attend the funeral Sunday of Mrs. Tilley, wife of Mr. Tom Tilley, traveling salesman for the Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co., and a special friend of Mr. Darsey's.

Big Picnic July 6, in Honor Local Post American Legion

Arrangements for the big celebration are fast shaping to be given in Grapeland Tuesday, July 6, for the local Post of the American Legion.

At a mass meeting held Monday afternoon the plans were perfected and the committees appointed.

The program committee will complete their plan of entertainment shortly and issue it in circular form. The program will consist of music, speaking, a baseball game and a good show at night.

George E. Darsey, commander of the local Post, is in receipt of a letter from Col. John S. Hoover, late of the 36 Division, saying he will be here. It is planned to have other good speakers.

The barbecue will be supplemented with a basket dinner and it is urged that everyone prepare a basket, as a large crowd is expected and it will take lots of dinner to feed the people.

The picnic will be held on the school campus.

Following is the list of committees in charge of arrangements:

Seats and platform: W. S. Walter, George E. Darsey Jr., Frank Leaverton.

Table: Jno. A. Davis, Chas. Lively, George Shaver.

Water and Ice: J. W. Howard O. W. Davis, Will Selkirk.

Purchasing committee: W. G. Darsey, W. L. Smith, C. W. Kennedy.

Serving committee: W. D. Granberry, J. J. Brooks, T. H. Leaverton, W. L. Smith, W. H. Long.

Advertising: A. H. Luker, M. E. Darsey, Sam Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Davis entertained last Friday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Zimmerman of Dallas. Lunch was spread in a shady nook in the back yard, picnic style, and the occasion was enjoyed immensely. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Darsey, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riall, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis, Miss Eula Mae Davis, Mrs. Harold Leaverton of Breckenridge, and Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Newman of Augusta.

Seth Wright Yarbrough, now of southwest Texas, came in Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward departed for their home at Hedley last Friday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Ward's sister, Miss Mamie Kennedy. The Messenger was in error last week in stating that Mr. Ward did not reach her in time to attend the funeral of his baby. He came in Monday night.

For the hot days of June and July, the latest magazine picture vari-colored organdy dresses for misses and women. George E. Darsey and Co. are showing some of the leading style creations in organdy dresses in summer colors at special prices.

June Specials

Every good merchant likes to clean his shelves of summer merchandise. June is the month to start to clean out our shelves.

Below you will find prices that should move this merchandise quickly.

35c white demity checks, June special.....	\$.20
25c White lawn,20
20c White lawn20
50c White Nainsook.....	.45
50c Pearl White Batiste.....	.45
65c White, Pink, Blue Organdy.....	.55
\$1.25 White Organdy.....	1.00
75c Printed Voile60
\$1.25 Printed Voile.....	1.00
\$1.50 Printed Voile.....	1.35
50c Jap Silk.....	.45
\$2.50 Georgette and Crepe de Chine.....	1.75
\$2.50 Taffetas, Plain and Plaids.....	1.75
\$1.75 Voile Waists.....	1.25
\$2.50 Silk Waists.....	2.15
\$5.00 Georgette Waists	4.50
\$6.50 Georgette Waists.....	6.00
\$7.50 Georgette Waists	7.00
\$8.50 Georgette Waists	7.50
\$5.00 Skirts	4.50
\$6.50 Skirts	6.00
\$7.50 Skirts	6.75
\$10.00 Skirts	9.00
\$12.50 Skirts	11.25
\$15.00 Skirts	13.95

We are making June specials on all low shoes. Come in early and make your purchase.

Remember you get COUPONS during this June Special Sale.

McLean & Riall
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS.
Grapeland, Texas

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, June 21.—We had a good rain last Saturday night which was much appreciated, as corn was beginning to need it. We feel sure now that the old corn will make and young corn looks better.

There was no preaching at this place last Sunday, owing to the fact Bro. Buttrel is away from home.

Tom Marshal had a severe attack of appendicitis last Monday and was taken to Palestine Tuesday morning, where he underwent an operation. He is reported getting along nicely.

Miss Sudie Rose spent last week in Galveston returning home last Saturday.

Arthur Brooks and family of Alto spent several days last week visiting relatives here.

Richard Finch and wife went to Alto last Thursday.

Mrs. E. F. Musick visited relatives at Elkhart Saturday and Sunday.

Woodrow, the 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Newman, has been sick several days. We

hope the little fellow may soon recover.

Mrs. Dotson has gone to Mineola to visit her sister, Mrs. Lively. She was accompanied by another sister, who spent last week with her, but we failed to learn the lady's name.

Jim Muick and family visited at the home of John Ashwood Saturday and Sunday.

Grady Edge and wife were visiting at Alton Bakers Sunday.

At The Methodist Church

We will have our regular services next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 10. The public is invited to attend any or all of these services.

J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.

Mrs. Loyal Stowe of Tyler spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Darsey. She was accompanied to Tyler by Miss Dorothy Darsey.

We are proud of the confidence shown in our drug store and the public have in 606 Hill and Fever.

**TAX ASSESSOR JOHN ELLIS
ANSWERS HIS CRITICS**

Mr. W. W. Aiken,
Editor Crockett Courier.

Dear Billie:
You informed me upon one occasion that the columns of your paper would always be open to me to answer the vicious and untrue charges published in your paper over the signature of one J. A. Beathard, County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4.

I have not heretofore taken advantage of such offer.

Firstly, because I have always dispised any species of newspaper controversy. Secondly, I have always felt that attacks made on the public officials through the newspapers were but the expression of the assinine ambition of a weak mind to receive a mistakenly notoriety for political prominence.

However, in view of the fact that some of these charges made against me in the article heretofore referred to, are being made use of by certain candidates at the present time, I feel that the time is now opportune and I have decided to lay aside my personal feelings in the matter and reply thereto for the purpose of once and for all stating the truth in regard to the matter mentioned by the Carrie Nation of the commissioners court. And in the very beginning of my reply I wish it understood that I will confine myself strictly to facts and figures and have the postive proof of every thing I say.

After the publication last summer of the articles referred to in which Mr. Beathard stated that he was in possession of figures to show that I was short \$5700.00 in my accounts, the Grand Jury for the fall term 1919, investigated these charges made by Beathard and found them to be untrue and took no action in the matter.

Then this Spring term the Grand Jury again investigated this and found nothing wrong and took no action. While I knew that these two Grand Juries had exonerated me before the public, yet I have learned that certain candidates were using this as a means of discrediting the two commissioners who signed the receipt when I settled with the court last summer.

I felt that it was incumbent upon me to clear this up, so I talked the matter over with Commissioners Long and Estes, who signed this receipt, and requested them to have the court appoint a committee of three honest, disinterested citizens to make another audit and report. These two commissioners placed the matter before the court at the next meeting and the suggestion was met with violent opposition by Mr. Beathard, who gave no legal reasons, and with the understanding that it was to be without expense to the county and only for the purpose of getting at the truth of the matter.

Having failed to get the court to act, I went to Palestine and consulted Dist. Judge John S. Prince, who stated that he did not have the authority to appoint a committee, but suggested that I see Mr. Long and Mr. Estes and that we three get three good, honest and competent men to audit these books. This we did. We secured the services of Mr. L. L. Moore, who was foreman of the last Grand Jury, together with Mr. D. O. Keisling, cashier of the Crockett State Bank and Mr. Joe B. Stanton.

These three men made a thorough audit of my accounts for the years 1915-16-17-18. And I here submit to you their report together with statements signed by Mr. G. Q. King and Mr. C. C. Warfield who were members of the last finance committee.

June 9, 1920.
John Ellis, J. C. Estes and J. S. Long,
Gentlemen:

We, your committee selected to audit the accounts of the office of John H. Ellis for the years of 1915, 1916, 1917, and 1918, beg to submit the following findings:

Receipts of Fees of Office
County fund, \$5,499.18; School fund, \$925.33; State, \$5,744.62; Special taxes, \$2,857.87; total receipts, \$15,027.00

Less expense account for four years \$6,982.08; Net amount of fees received \$8,044.92; Amount of maximum fees allowed 2400.00 per year, \$9,600.00; Amount of maximum net fees as per our audit, \$8,044.92; Amount to balance, \$1,566.08.

We verify the legality and correctness of Mr. Ellis's expense accounts through statements to us by the officers of Grand Jury Fall term, which investigated them and we herewith at-

tach this report to ours.
We also find that warrants were received for additional amounts for the services rendered other than fees of office and which could not be considered fees of office in any way. We arrived at our findings after a thorough search of all state and county records and the ruling of the court applicable to these matters.

In many instances we verified the amounts on the cash book by the original voucher.

Respectfully submitted,
D. O. Keisling,
J. B. Stanton,
Leroy L. Moore,

Crockett, Texas, June 12, 1920.
Mr. Jno. H. Ellis,
City.

Dear Sir:
In our report as members of Finance Committee for Houston County in examining the records and accounts of your office as Tax Assessor for the year ending December 1st, 1919, we reported you short \$4.76. However since making this report we have an opinion from the attorney General's Office, which would indicate that we were mistaken in this matter.

Yours respectfully,
G. Q. King,
C. C. Warfield.

You will notice that according to the above report that I never did owe the County one penny

There are people who believe that Mr. Beathard was acting for the best interest of the County when he made these charges

I believe that I can prove to you with out a doubt that he was only using his official position to get revenge on me for an imaginary wrong he claims I done him several years ago, viz: On one occasion I was appointed one of three men to divide the estate of Frank Conner, deceased, between Mr. Beathard and the minor heirs of the Frank Connor estate, I acting only in the capacity of surveyor therein. When we got ready to run the dividing line between Beathard and these heirs the other two commissioners agreed on how to run it and instructed me accordingly. I so ran the line and it placed one of the tenant houses on the land belonging to these heirs, notwithstanding the fact that Beathard got all the cultivated land and a two story residence and possibly one or two of the tenant houses, he got mad and refused to pay for his part of the surveying fees, and the consequence was I finally had to sue him in Justice Callier's Court to collect my bill. This of course made him all the madder, and to make matters still worse I had occasion to do some surveying around a tract of land belonging to Beathard and found that he had a deed for 160 acres of land and was claiming by actual measurement 200 acres, an excess of 40 acres. One of Beathard's neighbors happened to hear of this 40 acres excess and filed on it as school land. While I have had nothing to do with Mr. Hale filing on this tract, Beathard gave me credit for breaking into his good thing and proceeded on any and all occasions to discredit me with the people of the county. And before I leave this 40 acres excess I want to state that notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Beathard has voted and has employed men giving them \$225.00 per month to figure the amount of back taxes due on other excess lands he himself has never paid one penny taxes on this 40 acres.

He did however have the good grace to rended it this year for taxes knowing that the plat system would bring it out.

Well matters continued this way until he got to be commissioner of Precinct No. 4, and no sooner had he taken his seat than he began to spread the news about my being short in my accounts. The first time I got this through my good old friend William Duren, one of Beathard's neighbors. He told me that Beathard said I was short about \$10,000 and that Beathard said that he was going to make me DIG UP.

Beathard evidently began to figure a little stronger about this time and decided that it would be just as easy to say \$15,000 as it would to say \$10,000, so he gets in his jitney and motors down about Kennard and tells the folks there that, "Old Man John is short \$15,000 sure. No doubt about it. Got the proof. We are going to have his books audited and I am going to get it all back, etc."

Well we will see about how well Friend Beathard succeeded in getting it back. You remember the old saying that "if you give ——— rope

enough he will finally hang himself."

I have been very patient with Absolom and have given him over a year in which to sustain his charges and I will let you judge as to what luck he has had in proving his statement.

The court decided that they would have an auditor appointed and finally selected Mr. A. O. Harper, and right here I want to correct an impression that has gotten out among the people, and that is that I wanted Harper appointed auditor. I will give the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to any man who can prove that I suggested Harper as auditor. The only man I ever asked the court to appoint was Mr. J. P. O'Keefe and I did this upon the earnest solicitation of Mr. O'Keefe himself.

Mr. O'Keefe sent me word that he wanted to have a talk with me in regard to his getting a job as auditor. Mr. O'Keefe came into my office and stated that his school was out and that he had to get a job so as to make expenses to carry him over until school started in the fall. I went to three of the court and recommended Mr. O'Keefe for the place and he got it. He entered into a contract with the court to do this work for \$600.00.

After several days had passed I heard that he was thinking of asking the court to release him for the reason that the pay was not enough. I called him into my office and he said that he could not do the work for the price, then I suggested that he go ahead and see what he could do and if he could not make anything out of it at \$600.00 I was sure that he could get more, as I knew that if he made a good audit of the books the county would not let him loose money on the job.

Finally Mr. Harper came to me and said that the court wanted him to audit the books and asked me what I thought of it. I told him that I did not believe that the people would be satisfied with him as auditor as the Plat System was at that time creating a lot of dissatisfaction. I also knew that Mr. Beathard had been fighting Harper tooth and toe nail about the plat system and you can imagine my surprise when Mr. Harper stated to me that Beathard was the very man who wanted him as auditor, and subsequently events prove that Harper told the truth as Beathard was the very man that placed Harper in nomination for the place, so stated every member of the court.

There will be a
Basket Picnic
at Grapeland in honor of the
**American Legion and
Confederate Veterans**
Tuesday, July 6th

The local Post of the Legion will offer a program of
**MUSIC, SPEECHES, BASEBALL and a good
SHOW that night**

Come and Bring a Well Filled Basket

There will be a meeting of Jas. O. Ritchey Post American Legion in Dr. Kennedy's office Sat., June 26, at 8:30 p. m. It is very important that YOU be present.
GEORGE E. DARSEY, Jr., Com.

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This sudden change in Beathard's friendship for Harper was the subject of several conversations between parties who have known of the enmity that had heretofore existed between these two parties in the past. But time has rolled and the mystery has been solved. Harper had evidently gotten Beathard to believe that if he got the job HE WOULD BRING IN A REPORT THAT WOULD SUIT.

So the court gave the contract to Harper and Col. Adams advised the Court to place him under a \$1000.00 bond. The contract was drawn up and stipulated that bond for \$1000.00 be given, but did Absolom require Harper to give his bond as called for in the contract? Nay, verily! "No use putting him under bond. Harper is going to find Old Man John short \$15,000.00 and we will have \$14,000.00 to play on so cut out the bond." And thus it was done.

Well, Harper, commenced his audit and Absolom begins to get chesty. He goes to Mr. I. A. Daniel whom he thinks was one of my bondsmen and this is what he spits out: "Mr. Ike, I came around to tell you that you will have to pay some money into the county treasury pretty soon." Ike says, "What for Abb?" "Mr. Harper has found old man John short about \$15000.00 and you being on his bond will have to help pay it back." And Mr. Daniels replied that he was not on Mr. Ellis' bond but if he was he would not loose any sleep about having to put up shortage for Mr. Ellis.

Matters continued about the same until Mr. Harper gets ready to make

Lean Purse No Bar to Presidency Says Texas Delegate

Dallas, Texas, June 19.—Dallas delegates to the democratic national convention at San Francisco will insist on William G. McAdoo running, despite his declaration that he will not be a candidate.

"No one has ever refused the presidency," said Cullen F. Thomas, delegate. "I don't believe a lean purse is bar sinister, nor a fat one necessary equipment to a candidate for the presidency."

"We ought to draft him," said Delegate Jasper Collins about McAdoo. "I am certain under the circumstances he would serve."

"I am still for McAdoo," said Delegate Barry Miller. "If nominated I think he will make the race. I do not believe Wilson will serve a third term. I am not in favor of a third term."

"We can force the nomination on McAdoo," said Edwin Hobby, the governor's brother, "and I think we ought to do it. Wilson can't be elected for a third term."

Other Good Candidates

Austin, Texas, June 19.—Commenting upon the decision of W. G. McAdoo in declining to permit the use of his name before the democratic national convention, Governor Hobby said Saturday evening: "I regret that Mr. McAdoo will not allow his name to be used, but there is plenty of material available and it will add to the interest of the convention not to be bound by instructions so the delegates in their combined wisdom may act without pressure from any source."

An End To Regulating Wheat

The price of \$2.26 per bushel for wheat, fixed by the Government a year ago, came to an end this month. Instead of falling, as many people had expected, the price immediately rose to \$3 a bushel. When the Government agreed to take all the wheat offered at \$2.26, it was denounced for helping the farmers to "profiteer." Gloomy predictions were made that the Government would have to buy all the wheat raised, and the offer of so extravagant a price would cost the Treasury billions of dollars. It has not cost the Treasury a cent, for at all times the market rate was above the Government's offer.

American Slackers in Mexico

The United States has asked the new government of Mexico to send back all American draft dodgers and slackers. It seems that many of them escaped to Mexico, and it is charged that much of the anti-American propaganda there is directed by these renegade Americans. Gen. Obregon said that Mexico received the request of the United States "sympathetically," but would consider it.

Mesdames. Charlie and Chester Kennedy spent Wednesday in Palestine.

666 cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Bilious Fever, Colds and La Grippe. It kills the parasite that causes the fever. It is a splendid laxative and general tonic.

The Serenader



Office Is Abolished

At the present special session of the legislature a bill was introduced in both the house and senate, known as house bill No. 29, entitled "An act to repeal chapter 44 of special laws, enacted at the regular session of the thirty-fifth legislature, known as special road law for Houston County, Texas, as amended by chapter 15 of the laws enacted at the first called session of the thirty-fifth legislature, etc." The above bill passed in both houses and has gone to the governor for his signature. Just when it will become effective The Times has not learned but the bill as passed means abolishing the office of road superintendent for this county.

The bill was written and first introduced in the lower house by Hon. I. A. Daniel, representative from this county. It was introduced in the senate by Senator J. J. Strickland.

The abolishing of the office of road superintendent for Houston county will meet with approval of a large majority of the qualified property tax payers of the county. For sometime the people have realized that the office should be abolished, and

that looking after the roads should be placed back in the hands of the commissioners of the county. The above bill, we are informed, means that each commissioner will have charge of the roads in his precinct.—Houston County Times.

In Memory of Mrs. Page

On the afternoon of June 12, 1920, the death angel knocked at the home of Mr. W. E. Page and claimed as its victim the loving wife and mother.

Mrs. Page has been in ill health for fifteen years, but upon moving to this country about four years ago her health had improved considerably. But about three weeks ago, she was seriously stricken, which after much suffering, ended her bright and peaceful career.

Very early in life Mrs. Page confessed Christ, joined the Baptist church and turned her whole life over to His service. She has always been at her post of duty; she was never known to shirk or complain. She was peaceful and pleasant, and smiles she always wore. Her life and wonderful works as a Christian and loving wife and mother are too much to be told. Those

who knew her personally are the only ones that can cherish and remember the comforting life she lived. We feel that God rejoices over such wonderful lives as hers.

Those who knew her believe that according to God's promise she heard the welcome plaudit: "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," where she will await the coming of the husband and five children, her mother and father, two sisters and other relatives and a host of dear friends.

Mrs. Page is gone. We shall hear her kind voice no more on earth. We shall miss her in the church; she will be missed at home; we shall miss her good works everywhere, but nevertheless, we would not call her back to this sinful world to live again, for we realize that while she is dead, the memory of her life shall live on this earth as long as one of the people who knew her lives.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Antrim cemetery Sunday afternoon, June 13, Rev. W. R. Durnell conducting the services.

To the bereaved husband, children and relatives, we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

A Friend.

New Devices for Bank Robbers

A man walked into a New York bank last week and presented a check to be cashed. The teller looked at the check and then at the man, who seemed nervous. Then the teller examined the check more closely. The stranger started to run. The teller leisurely pressed a button. Instantly every door in the bank was automatically closed and electrically locked, making the suspected visitor a prisoner. At the same time secret panels opened, placing loaded revolvers within easy reach of the bank men. Automatic electric signals quickly brought the police. These are new devices to protect banks from robbers. The man who had offered the bad check was arrested and pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery.

Paper picnic plates at Kennedy Bros.

Texas Farm Boys Will Tour Big Farm Areas Next Month

A special train bearing 150 or more Texas farm boys selected through a competitive examination will shortly make a swing around the best agricultural regions of the Central, Western, Northern, and Southern States. The tour, which will be both educational and investigational, will be under the joint direction of the extension service of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the tour is to give the young Texans an opportunity to see and study at first hand the best methods of the most successful farming areas of the United States. It is believed, too the trip will fix in the boys' minds high standards and right ideals of country life. They will have an opportunity to study practically all branches of farming carried on in the areas visited. In addition they will visit big packing plants and produce markets.

It is expected the trip will cover about 4,000 miles and require about 20 days. According to present plans, the boys will start about July 31.

From Supt. Rosser

Dear Editor:

Permit me to use your valuable paper to say to the trustees of the school districts and to the next year's prospective teachers that an application for state aid will not be favorably considered by the State Department if any teacher in the school holds as low as a second grade certificate, either state or county. This means that a second grade teacher is a mill stone about the neck of the school so far as state aid is concerned. The only exceptions and deviations from this rule, so the state aid man tells us will be in favor of such schools whose second grade teachers complete at least three subjects leading to a 1st grade. This building process may be carried on either by attending a normal or by taking the examination here and making the required grades. That much of the building process must have been completed

For the convenience of industrious, ambitious teachers who desire to improve the grade of their certificates the state has provided for examinations in each month of this year. They will occur on the first Friday and Saturday following in each month except August. In that month the 23rd and 24th are the dates set.

Applications for state aid will be sent to the trustees within next few days. They should be very careful in making up the information called for and should return it to me promptly.

Yours truly,
J. H. Rosser.

Mrs. H. A. Leaverton and children left Sunday for their home in Breckenridge, after pleasant visit with relative Little Miss Francis Leaver accompanied them as far as Kauffman, where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Joe Kellam.

666 has more imitations than any other Chill and Fever Tonic on the market, but no one wants imitations. They are dangerous things in the medicine line.

What will you be when you are 65?

You will be ahead or behind the game, that is certain! But it all depends on what you do now.

Of the average 100 people just 1 is wealthy at 65; only 3 are well-to-do; merely 6 are living on their incomes; 54 are living on friends and charity; 36 die before reaching their 65th birthday. It is easy to tell who had a bank account.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1920

It is too bad to put the booze men out of business, but they put more men out of business than war has.

Prices are still tumbling here and there. If old h. c. l. breaks its neck in the fall nobody will mourn.

The republicans certainly kicked up a lot of noise in their convention about saving the country for the amount of saving they usually do.

Senator Harding, republican nominee for president, and the G. O. P. leaders are due to get a shock next November. They have placed Texas among the "doubtful states." The usual democratic majority will be rolled up.

One of the demands promulgated by the American Federation of Labor, recently in session at Montreal, was "advance in wages wherever necessary to maintain standards of living" and "shorter workdays if necessary to prevent unemployment." That's what is the matter with the country today and union labor is largely responsible for the condition. If the unions want to regain the lost confidence of the people, let thm "hit the ball" ten hours a day and stop mouthing about increased wages. They are not now earning the wage. are not now earning the wage they receive.

Some of the citizens of Galveston are emitting a great howl because Governor Hobby saw fit to send troops there to straighten things out. That conditions are improving is evidenced by the fact that freight held up at Galveston for months because of the strike is moving out rapidly to every point in Texas. The irate citizens of Galveston are mistaken if they think public sentiment is not behind the governor in this matter. And, incidentally, if General Wolters is successful in closing the dives and infamous resorts, the Island City will profit by it.

FOR SALE

House and 4 acres of land one-half mile north of town
 2t G. B. Wallace.

FOR SALE

A nice, fancy saddle pony.
 See W. T. Pridgen.

Hooper Withdraws from Sheriff's Race

Since announcing myself for the office of sheriff, conditions over which I had no control have arisen, and I feel that it is to my best interest to withdraw from the race.

I want to thank each and every one for their kindness and words of encouragement, and I want to assure each and all that not one kind word spoken or act will ever be forgotten by me.

W. A. Hooper.

Procrastination of Congress

For months congress has done little except meet and spend its time and the money of the people on investigations which have been of no practical benefit. If the same energy that is being shown now had been employed months ago, every important matter before Congress would have been disposed of. Outside of appropriation measures, few important laws have been enacted besides the railroad bill, and this was put through because necessity compelled action.

The present Congress is no worse than preceding ones in the matter of putting off its business until the last minute. It is a peculiar failing of the men who make up Congress, whether they happen to be Democrats or Republicans. Some day the country may have a Congress that will handle its business in a business way but that time is far away.

Mrs. Caskey Dead

Mrs. Lousia Caskey died early Wednesday, June 23 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hub Harrison, at Salmon. She was about 70 years of age.

Interment will take place at the Livelyville cemetery today.

American Legion Meeting

There will be a meeting of Jas. O. Ritchey Post American Legion Saturday, June 26, at 8:30 p. m., in Dr. Kennedy's office. It is very important that YOU be present.

Geo. E. Darsey, Jr., Com.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodges of Breckenridge are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weisinger.

Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking our many friends for the loving help and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. Especially do we thank Mrs. Q. F. King of Elkhart for her willing help and service.

W. E. Page and Children.

Little Miss Francis Stafford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Stafford, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday at her home in this city. Dr. Nash of Palestine was the attending physician.

Misses Norma, Katherine and Mabel Hassell and Bessie Satterwhite and Dock Jones of Crockett were visitors to Grapeland Sunday.

Visit Darsey's ready-to-wear department every time you come to Grapeland. You'll find many money saving values throughout the store.

George E. Darsey & Co.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

BATHING SUITS



YOU ARE SURE TO FIND THE STYLE OF BATHING SUIT YOU WANT RIGHT OUT OF OUR STOCK

Our assortment include the best models that will be seen anywhere this season. These Suits are of the finest wool and cotton fabrics in many varied patterns and colors for men, women, boys, girls and children.

BATHERS' BAGS; SWIMMING AND DIVING CAPS;
 BATHERS' SHOES; CADET HOSIERY.

Suits priced from\$1.50 to \$10.00

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Styleplus Clothes



STYLEPLUS SUMMER CLOTHES are especially designed for hot day comfort. Styleplus hot weather clothes are made in SKELETON-LINED MODELS.

The Special Woolens are of the lightest textures—fabrics that hold their shape because they have quality and respond to retail tailoring.

Here are Summer Clothes that take care of your appearance and your comfort both—and their price is very moderate.

LET US SHOW YOU THE RIGHT KIND OF SUMMER SUIT

This Store has the best selection of Summer 1920 models in men's and young men's Palm Beach Suits, light weight woolen suits and three-piece Woolen Suits.

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WE PROTECT YOU

when you buy your meat from us, by giving you HEALTHY BEEVES that are killed and handled in the most SANITARY manner.

Buy Meat from us and be Satisfied

CITY MEAT MARKET

T. W. LEWIS, Proprietor

LOCAL ITEMS

Lawn Mowers at Kennedy Bros.

Miss Adabel Leaverton is visiting friends in Beaumont.

Trunks and suit cases for any trip anywhere. Darsey's.

Nice cool, comfortable cots at Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips left last week for Abilene, where she will spend sometime with relatives.

The poultry powders at Kennedy Bros. make hens lay more eggs.

Attorney Geo. W. Cook of Crockett was in Grapeland Monday on legal business.

We will sell you a home in town or a farm in the country. S. E. Howard Land Co.

Mail boxes at Kennedy Bros. Bath tablet toilet soap at Kennedy Bros.

A. A. Murray of Alpine spent several days here last week visiting his brother, J. M. Murray.

Miss Sarah Mac Crook of Crockett visited in Grapeland Tuesday.

Joe Cook and family and Miss Mary Kate Butler visited at Porter Springs Sunday.

For Sale

A good graded Holstein cow; will soon be fresh. tf O. W. Davis.

Fruit jars at Kennedy Bros.

A nice home for rent in town. S. E. Howard Land Co.

Boys—Bicycle time is here, buy your tires at Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

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

If you want to buy or sell real estate, see or write S. E. Howard Land Co.

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

Mrs. T. J. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Goodman Rogers of Elkhart were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Owens and son, Mulkey, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Kent, at Woodworth, La.

Mrs. Claud Keeland has returned home from Huntsville, where she spent two weeks visiting her mother.

Misses Wilmer and Lucy Keisler of Huntsville are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. C. W. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks and Mrs. Brooks' sister, Miss Ellen Logan, left last Friday for San Antonio, where Mr. Brooks will enter a chiropractic school. They expect to be away about eighteen months.

Ice cream freezers at reduced prices at Kennedy Bros.

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

Big display of O. V. B. Tools in our show windows this week. Kennedy Bros.

Miss Emma Lou Blount returned to her home in Palestine Tuesday, after a visit with Miss Edith Bean.

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

Ben Frisby of Amarillo is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frisby. He will return the latter part of this week, going the auto route.

For Sale

Full blooded Poland China pigs. 1-t Joe Cook, Route 2.

Mrs. W. P. Traylor and children have returned home after a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Grapeland. They were met in Houston by Mr. Traylor.—Cleveland Advocate.

Paint your car any color you like with Lucas' quick drying auto paint. Sold at Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. Edgar Bramlette of Cleveland is here visiting her brother, Messrs. W. E. and Claud Keeland.

Mrs. W. P. Traylor has as her guests her sister, Miss Willie Sanders and her niece, Miss Mae Minter, of Magnolia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cartwright, Mrs. B. S. Elliott and Misses Clarette Elliott and Nona Queen of Crockett were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy Sunday afternoon.

For all kinds of ice cold bottled drinks, such as soda water, LaPerla, etc., you can get them at the ice house. We keep 'em cold! J. W. Howard.

LOST

2 yearlings; 1 black Holstein male, 1 Jersey heifer 1 year old. Finder notify J. A. Bean and receive reward.

Right now, white hats are in big demand everywhere by the ladies who are planning vacations and summer trips. Darsey's twenty-five per cent reduction on millinery applies to all hats.

The most important news of the day is in the advertising column of the newspapers and periodicals that come into your home. The optic nerve will help the pocket nerve if you watch current advertising. The advertiser who takes special pains to gain your attention and secure your trade knows full well that he must have merit in the goods that will hold your trade when once he gets it. For this obvious reason it will pay you well to read advertisements and to buy advertised goods.—Exchange.

Rub-my-Tism is a great pain killer. It relieves pain and soreness caused by Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, etc.

Quality of — Soft Drinks

There is a broad difference in a drink made from imitation extract and one made from true fruit flavors. We use the

True Fruit Flavors

Hence we have better drinks. We buy the BEST ICE CREAM obtainable regardless of cost

Come to our Fountain for the Best

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE

HONESTY AND QUALITY

WADE L. SMITH

To The Churches of the Neches River Association

(Republished by request.)

Dear Brethren:

Realizing that we are "debtors to all men" to give them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and feeling keenly that we are under special obligation to the last in our immediate communities and in this association and believing still further that the supreme need of the churches throughout the land is an Old Fashioned revival of the religion of Jesus, we, whose names appear hereunder, have organized what we may term "A Volunteer Evangelistic Force." The purpose of which is to assist in whatever way we can in any church or school community without a church, in having a revival. If you have no pastor, and desire a meeting; or if you have a pastor and desire help in your meeting, you may notify T. N. Mainer, Lovelady, Texas, and he will put you in touch with a preacher and other helpers.

Other preachers and personal workers in the association who can are cordially invited and urged to join our force. Send your name and the time that you could give to this work to Bro. Mainer. Let every Christian join us in prayer to God for the greatest revivals ever known in our association.

The following have volunteered their services:

L. L. Sams, Crockett; W. H. Rosser, Crockett; Mr. Charlie Jones, Crockett; Cyrus Campbell, Salmon; W. E. Ray, Lovelady; W. A. Reagan, Groveton; Clyde Dominy, Pennington; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Pennington; Mr. "Hose" Holly, Pennington; Dr. Atmer, Crockett. There are others whose names will appear later.

I. H. Willingham, Crockett, Texas.

LADIES

Have you thought how much cooler your kitchen would be if you had Hibbard, short burner, oil stove? Sold on 15 days free trial—Kennedy Bros.

Rub-my-Tism is a powerful antiseptic; it kills the poison caused from infected cuts, cures old sores, tetter, etc.

\$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.

Better than Gold

Any senatorial candidate who desires to pay for his political advertising in the Newberry style by sending the publisher a ton of print paper will find the brethren of the press willing to waive the rule that advertising must be paid in cash only—Lamar (Colo.) Sparks.

Farm labor is scarce and help for the farm woman is scarcer. It is almost impossible for the housewife to secure reliable help in many sections. This being true, it is very important that every household device and convenience be provided that the work may be carried on as efficiently and with as little effort as possible. There are more people engaged in housekeeping than in any other business in the world.—Let us make their work as light a possible.—The Progressive Farmer.

One "Hun" Gets His Deserts

One of the German officers who looted French residences during the war gets his punishment in the shape of a sentence to sixteen years' imprisonment. Herr Captain Imhoff pleaded in vain that thousands of officers, from the Crown Prince down, had done the same thing. The Judge thought that no excuse, and said he was sorry he could not impose a heavier sentence. Imhoff's house was found to be full of fine furniture, pictures and tapestries stolen from French chateaux.

Miss Irvin Tally of Crockett visited in Grapeland Monday.

We Specialize in Filling DIFFICULT PRESCRIPTIONS

We have a complete stock of FRESH DRUGS
We use no CHEAP or "SKIN GAME" Drugs
We do not GUESS at a FINISHED PRODUCT
With us, THEORY and PRACTICE go hand in hand
We prepared ourselves before we attempted to serve you
We have a MODERN store with MODERN equipment
We believe in EFFICIENTLY serving HUMANITY
YOU can DEPEND on what we DO and SAY—Ask your Doctor

Of course our business is the means of a LIVELIHOOD to us—Yet we do not value a DOLLAR more than LIFE, because we live up to the HIGH STANDARD OF OUR PROFESSION.

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666 quickly relieves Constipation, Billiousness, Loss of Appetite and Headaches, due to Torpid Liver.

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:
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 GAINEY
STELL SHARP
H. T. DAVIS
- For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:
J. S. LONG (Re-election)
J. K. (K.) JONES
ED DOUGLASS
W. J. BRANCH
S. W. DUITCH
- For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2:
G. R. (ROSS) MURCHISON
J. C. ESTES (Re-election)
F. P. (PAUL) KENNEDY
- 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
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"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.

Steel Bridges Arrive at Palestine for Road Work

Palestine, Texas, June 19.—The steel bridges which are to be used on some of the country roads and which have been tied up on account of the strike situation on the docks, have at last arrived and the commissioners announce that the work which is much needed will be pushed at once.

Candidate's Speaking Dates

The candidates for offices in Houston County met in the district court room Saturday afternoon to arrange a program for speaking dates over the county. Mr. J. C. Kennedy was made chairman of the meeting and J. H. Rosser secretary.

It was the sense of the candidates that this county should have but one primary so far as county officers is concerned.

The chairman appointed a committee to make up a schedule of the appointments for speaking dates and of the time to be allotted to each speaker. The report of the committee, with several amendments, was adopted, and following is the arrangement as to the place and the dates:

Augusta, Thursday, June 24; Percilla, Thursday, July 1; Grapeland, Tuesday, 6; Arbor, Wednesday, 7; Weches, Thursday, 8; Belott, Tuesday, 13; Ratcliff, Wednesday, 14; Porter Springs, Thursday, 15; Kennard, Friday, 16; Weldon, Tuesday 20; Lovelady, Wednesday, 21; Crockett, Friday, 23.

It was the sense of the meeting that district and state candidates and all speakers who are not candidates for county and precinct offices are invited to take part in the meeting over the county, but that such speakers are to wait for their turn until county and precinct candidates have finished their program. Such out-of-county speakers are not to come into the program at any intervening period during the day, but may conclude each days program if they see fit to do so.

J. H. Rosser, Secretary

Democrats Still Puzzled

With the Democratic National Convention only a short time away, the selection of a candidate is as uncertain as ever. Mr. McAdoo is still regarded as leading the race. Lately, there has been strong sentiment in favor of John W. Davis, former Solicitor-General of the U. S. and now Ambassador to Great Britain. Attorney-General Palmer is the most energetic candidate and seems to have the most active support.

The convention is likely to be enlivened by some sort of fight between W. J. Bryan and Governor Edwards of New Jersey, a candidate favoring an anti-prohibition platform.

Danger of Food Shortage

Farmers' organizations appealed to President Wilson for aid in meeting the serious labor situation on the farms. In some sections, they say lack of farm labor has cut down production by one-third. As a result thousands of farm-houses are idle and millions of acres unplanted.

Ed Keen was able to be in town Monday for the first time in several weeks, having just recovered from a serious illness.

Governor Hobby Signs Agreeably Pink Boll Worm Bill

Austin, Texas, June 19.—Governor Hobby signed the pink boll worm bill Saturday afternoon. He vetoed the item of \$100,000 carried in the emergency appropriation bill which made unnecessary since he approved the pink boll worm bill.

As signed, the bill is satisfactory to the federal department of agriculture at Washington, announced Dr. W. D. Hunter, member of the federal horticultural board. Dr. Hunter made public the following statement on the subject: "The pink boll worm act just passed by the legislature, taken altogether, is the satisfactory outcome of a difficult problem which has perplexed the State and federal administrative officers for several weeks.

"It meets the essential requirements for the continuation of the federal work interest—that is, it provides for untrammelled inspections of the fields to determine whether infestation is present, the early destruction of infested material which may be found and the continuation of the existing regulated zones in the State. The federal co-operation with the State of Texas will therefore continue and the department of agriculture will use its funds liberally as has been the case in the past in supplementing the work of the State department of agriculture.

Card of Thanks

We desire to take this method of thanking those who have been with us in our bereavement and by kind words and kindly acts have tried to lessen our sorrow. We assure you that we are deeply grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward.

Cash for Produce

We are cash buyers of produce and it will always pay you to see us when you have anything to sell, especially chickens and eggs.

J. W. Howard.

You can get the GENUINE FORD PARTS at Ford PRICES at Brooks Bros.

Misses Bess Howard and Melba Brock returned from Carthage, Monday, where they have been visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Howell Appling.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES

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—when "delicious and refreshing" mean the most.
THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
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NOTICE—WARNING

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

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When you buy parts from us they are genuine FORD PARTS.
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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
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Rules to Prevent Typhoid
Issued by Health Officer

Austin, Texas, June 28.—Reports reaching the State Board of Health show that with the rise of the barometer in Texas, the typhoid rate is increasing and Dr. C. W. Goddard, state health officer, issues warning against this dread disease.

"Typhoid in Texas appears to be a good companion to warm weather flies," says Dr. Goddard, "and sanitary precaution and personal hygiene are vital in escaping its ravages." Infection, he continues, "comes from direct contact with typhoid germs, contaminated food and polluted water."

Here are ways to prevent the spread of this disease, according to Dr. Goddard:

1. Disinfect excreta from typhoid sufferers.
2. Secure safe disposal of all night soil.
3. Assure purity of drinking water.
4. Safe-guard all food supplies.
5. Keep down fly production by eliminating breeding.
6. Vaccinate against typhoid.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, June 21.—We have had several nice rains lately, which have put the "finishing touch" to our corn and helped our cotton considerably. The crops are clean and there is but little grass.

Our Sunday School and prayer meeting is growing fast. There was not so many at prayer meeting last night, due to sickness and church at Antrim.

Rev. C. A. Campbell will fill his appointment next Saturday night and Sunday.

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Streetman is ill at this writing.

The death angel visited the home of W. E. Page Saturday evening, June 12, and claimed as its victim the loving wife and mother. Her remains were buried in the Antrim cemetery Sunday afternoon following. To the bereaved we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. Mart Stanford of Electra and Willie Page of Jayton are now at the home of W. E. Page, being called to the bedside of the former's sister and Willie's mother. Neither of them reached here in time for the funeral. Willie has been seriously ill since arriving last Monday, but is improving now.

How a Noted Vet. Gets Rid of Rats—Farmers Heed

Dr. H. H. Butler says, "I use RAT-SNAP around my hospital every three months, whether I see rats or not. It does the work—RAT-SNAP gets them every time. I recommend it to everybody having rats." Don't wait until there is a brood of rats, act immediately you see the first one. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Wade L. Smith and Keeland Bros.

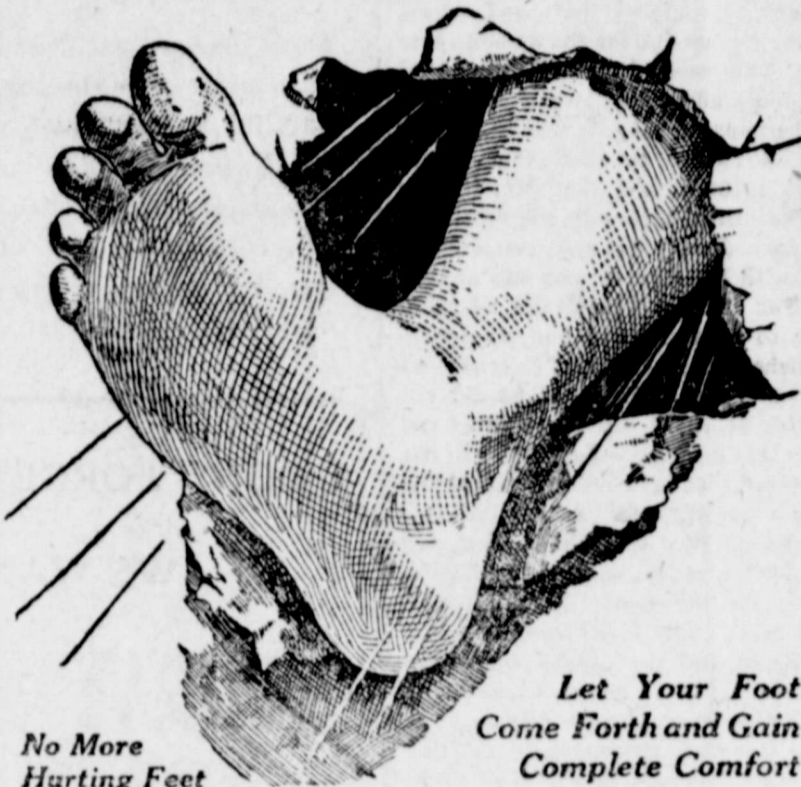
If you cannot eat heartily without an attack of indigestion, your stomach is weak. You need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is fine digestive tonic. Besides, it rids the stomach and bowels of the impurities which bring on sickness. Price \$1.25 per bottle.

Chicago Foot Specialist is Coming Here

At considerable expense and trouble, we have arranged for a foot expert to be at this store

Thursday, July 1st

for the convenience of foot sufferers.
Examination and Advice Free



No More Hurting Feet

Let Your Foot Come Forth and Gain Complete Comfort

This expert, who is one of the Staff of Dr. Wm. M. Scholl, the noted specialist and recognized foot authority is able to tell at once what the real cause of your foot trouble is. He knows feet as a dentist does teeth or as an architect does houses.

There is a **Dr. Scholl** Appliance or Remedy For Every Foot Trouble

No matter how simple or how serious your foot trouble is, he can tell you (and show you) how to gain

Immediate Relief

and a rapid correction of the difficulty. Remember the dates. Be sure to come in. Everybody welcome.

George E. Darsey & Company

"Watch Your Feet"

Farmer Believed to Have Found Sure Cure for Weevil

Palestine, Texas, June 19.—Last year one of our farmers, G. N. Branch, experimented to keep down the boll weevils, with the result that he made nine bales of cotton on thirty acres. An adjoining neighbor on 150 acres made only one bale.

Mr. Branch bought sulphur and burnt it on the south side of his field late in the evenings, and the fact that his crop was raised in a badly infested neighborhood has resulted in many of our farmers trying the same method this year. Many firmly believe he has found the only solution to the weevil question. The method used as yet is rather crude, as the sulphur is burned on old stumps, in pans, etc., but has proven that it is a success, and further experiment by many farmers this year may arrive at a better method.

Perishing to Leave Army

General Perishing will leave active Army service in the near future. In a letter to Secretary Baker he asks for release in order to "engage in something more active." He says that he will be ready to serve the country again in any time of need.

Splendid Rains

Splendid rains fell over Houston county at intervals last week, which will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers. Good corn crops are now practically assured and cotton has been wonderfully helped. The weather the past two weeks has made ideal farming conditions and many farmers are up with their work.

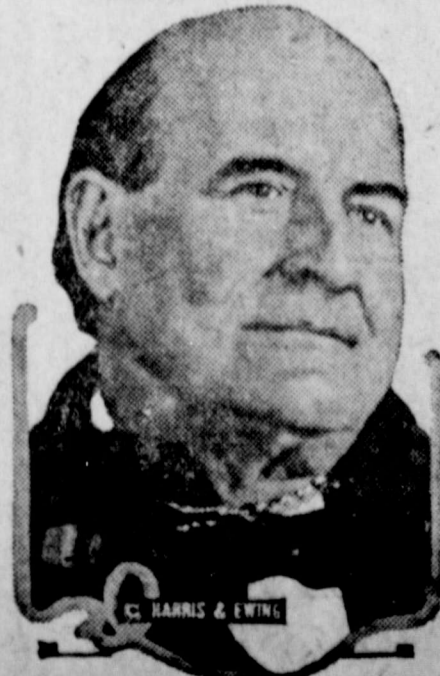
Crops throughout this section are very fine. However, boll weevils are reported numerous in some sections and may yet destroy a large portion of the cotton.

How We cleared Our Summer Home of Rats, Says Mrs Perry

"When we opened our seaside home last May, it was alive with rats. They'd gnawed all the upholstery. We cleaned them out in a week with RAT-SNAP. I prefer this rat killer because it comes in cake form, no mixing. Saves dirtying hands and plates." Three sizes, 25c 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Wade L. Smith and Keeland Bros.

Prominent Men in Affairs of the Nation

WILLIAM J. BRYAN



Are You Progressing in the World or Moving Backward

Are you chained to a small job and small salary? Are you in a rut where you are just holding your own, where you are not improving yourself and have no future? Don't think you are standing still. You can't; you either move forward or backward. If you are not progressing you are losing ground. You have ambition, you want a good position and prospects for success in the future. Don't allow yourself to stay on a small job and a small income, without making any progress in life. Get your feet on the ladder of success. How are you going to do it?

There are several ways from here to there. You can travel the twenty-five thousand miles around the earth and arrive in the next street, or you can take a straight line across the block and reach your destination in two minutes. The world is full of people trying to cross the block by going around the world. The ones who get somewhere are the ones who know how to select a direct route.

The direct route to a good business position is thru the Tyler Commercial College.

If you don't believe this, go out some day and make a dozen applications for positions. Approach the employer and say, "I would like to have some kind of a position," and when you are asked what you can do, tell them you haven't any particular training, but that you can do most anything. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred he will tell you he wants a bookkeeper, stenographer, typist, somebody who can do one thing in a superior way.

There is a short cut to business success and there is a long route, and when you are young you have the opportunity to elect the one or the other. Doubtless you can get some kind of a job in a business and work up. But don't underestimate the difficulty of the task of working up. Successful business men are too busy to teach school in their office. Select the shorter, direct route, through the T. C. C., and you will reach your destination early enough to enjoy the fruits of the journey.

You do not have to be a sage to understand that these things are true but you will be a wise young man or woman if you realize their significance, realize that they apply to you and not to someone else, and take advantage of the opportunities that the right sort of action will open up. Take a course with us and we will place you in a good paying position as soon as you finish. Fill in coupon below and mail to us for free catalogue, descriptive of our courses of book-keeping, shorthand, business administration and finance, telegraphy, cotton classing, etc., and of the largest commercial training institutions in America. Name _____ Address _____ Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES STATEMENT

To the Citizens of Houston County:

We, the undersigned, who compose the three members of the Finance Committee, appointed by the District Judge at the Spring Term, 1920, of the District Court of Houston County, understand that an erroneous impression has been created in regard to Denny Collins' connection with the condition of affairs found to exist, by said Committee, in the County Clerk's office.

We made a thorough investigation of the conditions existing in this office and found the records kept by Denny Collins, the Deputy County Clerk, insofar as he was concerned, in excellent shape, and are glad to say, both individually and collectively, that he was not responsible for any irregularity existing in the management of such office censured by us, and he should not be criticized because of any such irregularity or act, by any one desiring to see right and honesty prevail. In fact, Denny Collins rendered said Finance Committee valuable assistance in obtaining the information sought by us concerning the condition of said office, and upon which in-

formation our report was largely founded and based.

This statement is made for such citizens of Houston County as desire to learn the truth.

(Signed) G. Q. King,
C. C. Warfield,
W. G. Darsey,
Finance Committee.
(Political Advertisement)

Servant Girl Wouldn't Go in Cellar Fearing Rats

Mrs. Tepper, Plainfield, N. J. says, "Rats were so bad in our cellar the servant girl wouldn't go there. Bought some RAT-SNAP and it cleaned all the rats out." RAT-SNAP destroys rats and mice. Absolutely prevents odors. Comes in cake form, no mixing. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Wade L. Smith and Keeland Bros.

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B. R. Eaves left Wednesday for Archer City, where he will spend some time visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. R. McCarter. Mrs. Eaves is visiting in Foreman, Ark.

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LIVELYVILLE ITEMS

Livelyville, June 21.—Farmers everywhere are well pleased with the nice rain. While corn was in need of rain, cotton was doing nicely without it. We can see a decided benefit from the showers, for gardens, sweet potatoes and tomatoes. Folks are well up with their work and crops look cleaner than they have for several years. If the weevils will be generous and leave the cotton alone, we have hopes of a good crop.

Memorial services are nearly over for this year. Wonder why there is scarcity of picnics? Candidates are undoubtedly feeling sure of their jobs, as there is very little speaking by them anywhere, but perhaps they are planning a monster picnic somewhere before the election.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Halton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Chaffin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters and children visited week end at his brother's, Claude Masters.

Rat Jones and family are visiting in Leon county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis spent

part of last week with their son, Dudley Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dunham announce the birth of a little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Denman entertained several friends with an ice cream supper Saturday night.

Stores to Close for American Legion Picnic July 6.

We, the following business men of Grapeland, agree that we will not open our places of business on Tuesday, July 6, on account of the American Legion picnic:

Murray & Mangum,
 Keeland Bros.,
 Geo. E. Darsey & Co.,
 W. H. Long & Co.,
 McLean & Riall,
 T. H. Leaverton,
 Guaranty State Bank,
 Keeland Bros.,
 F. & M. State Bank,
 J. F. Lively,
 S. E. Howard,
 J. H. Bowman,
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TAX ASSESSOR JOHN ELLIS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

his report with Beathard still talking a \$15000.00 shortage.

Mr. Harper brings in his audit and finds me due the county \$317.00, and the fat was in the fire! HARPER HAD MADE A MONKEY OUT OF BEATHARD. He had gotten Beathard's \$1,000.00. He had not delivered the goods that Beathard had wanted so badly. Beathard gets angry sure enough now. He had been left out in the cold with a lot of reckless statements to straighten up and to which his own auditor had branded as false.

Just as soon as I could leave my work, as I was very busy making out the county tag rolls, I came down and told Mr. Estes and Mr. Long that I wanted to pay my part and did so, taking my receipt for the amount paid in. This seemed to make Beathard still more angry and he put an article in the paper saying he was in possession of figures to show that I was short \$5700.00 and that Mr. Harper had furnished him with the figures.

I immediately got into communication with Mr. Harper who was at that time at Laredo, Texas, and he came back to Crockett and had an article published in the Crockett Courier over his signature saying that he did not furnish Beathard with any figures and up to this good time Beathard has not answered that article or furnished the figures to any one. And right here is another good proof that Beathard was only after an individual and not acting for the good of the county. This same audit found another county official due the county something near \$1000.00, or more than three times what I was supposed to owe and up to this time not one penny of this has been paid in and you have never heard Beathard ask that this be placed back. It seems that this should convince almost any right thinking man that Beathard was only venting his unholy hatred upon me and not acting as he says for the best interest of the county.

About this time I was shot at by another gentleman. Mr. J. P. O'Keefe took a hand in the argument and came out boldly in defense of his friend Beathard. He also writes several pieces and has them published, and while Jimmie does not quote any exact figures and is short on facts, he is certainly long on insinuations. He does not say so in his articles but he leaves the impression that he is chuck full of information and will give it out at the proper time. He has a lot to say about how nervous I was when I settled with the county. Yes, Jimmie, I expect I was a little nervous having to pay \$317.00 into the county treasury when I knew that I did not owe it. I was somewhat nervous Jimmie, but old fellow, I was not near as nervous as you are going to be when the GOOD OLD WOODROW WILSON DEMOCRATS OF Houston County get through with you next month.

You are a sly old fox, Jimmie, but the boys are going to look into your record before they place you in a Houston County Office.

Myself and some of two or three thousand more good democrats have not forgotten the last time you tried for office in this county about twenty years ago. You forsook your republican brethren and landed in the populist party as a candidate for county clerk, and although you had unanimous support of all the negroes in the county, we sent you back to your republican party to meditate on the things that might have been.

Now where do we find you Jimmie in the presidential election? We find you lined up with the REPUBLICAN PARTY and your name placed on the steering committee with one Gabe Washington and Tom Tarter, two colored brothers of the city of Crockett.

I met your friend Gabe Washington on the street and asked him to please tell me just what the duty that you and this committee was to perform and this is what he said, "This here committee dat you speaks of me and Mr. O'Keefe was to 'struct the colored folks how to vote." And so while the true blue democrats of Houston County together with the red blooded man hood of our country who were getting ready to go upon the battlefield and fight for the principles and ideals of the greatest man on earth (Woodrow Wilson) we find your name placed on a committee to 'STRUCT THE NEGROES OF THIS COUNTY TO VOTE AGAINST HIM AND HIS PRINCIPLES.

Mr. O'Keefe, when President Wilson

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3 lb. bucket 1869 Coffee.....	1.65
3 lb. bucket Rice Hotel Coffee.....	1.65
Pure ribbon cane syrup per case of 6 buckets.....	8.25
Peanut oil, per gallon.....	2.25

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first called for volunteers to see service in France, I had two sons who were of military age. Both of these boys answered this call. The body of one of these boys was returned to me in a casket draped with the flag of the Greatest Nation on earth. The other one, thanks be to God, was returned to me safe and sound, and is to-day making a good citizen, but if I ever hear of him casting his ballot with the black and tan republican party of the county I will disown him. And Mr. O'Keefe, you are going to find out that there are lots of people in old Houston County who are just like me about this, for this Grand Old State of Texas is solid in its democracy and has never and never will permit any political Joseph with a coat of many shades and colors to receive any honors at her hands.

And now in conclusion I wish to say that I never desired to get into a newspaper controversy with anyone, but as the public well knows Mr. Beathard and Mr. O'Keefe have been spending a great deal of their time for the past year bringing charge after charge against me which they cannot sustain and they not only openly charged me through the newspapers of perpetrating a fraud on the County, but have at any and all occasions sought to discredit me with the people who have so generously honored me in the past.

There was nothing left me but to answer their charges and I have done

so I believe to the satisfaction of all honest men.

I have not really been surprised at Mr. Beathard for his unjust and continued persecution of me for I realize that a one cylindered mind with a foul spark plug and a poor grade of fuel can throw off an obnoxious order and must stay on the same track always, but I must confess that knowing the teaching of Mr. O'Keefe, he has certainly disregarded same in every imaginable way. And I have this to say to you, Mr. Jimmie Absalom Beathard, and to you, Mr. Jimmie O'Possum O'Keefe, that I am quite sure the people of Houston county do not desire to listen to your abuse of me in the newspapers, but if it is your desire to continue to discuss my official record, get out your paper and sharpen your pencil, come on in. "the water is fine."

Respectfully,
 John H. Ellis,
 Tax Assessor, Houston County.

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