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### Non-Partisan League A Deadly Blight

Not the least of the reasons why the Non-Partisan league should be kept out of the politics of Texas is that its participation in political contests engenders a spirit of bitterness that is highly injurious to the State after elections, no matter which way the elections go.

In North Dakota, where the league has been active for several years, reliable investigators have found the league partisans and their opponents so hostile toward each other as to strongly remind them of the bitterness that prevailed between the opposing sides among the people in the border States before the war between the States.

Having started out to overturn the established institutions of the State and to defy all American traditions, the league's leaders have naturally met with a stout defense from those who are still true to the American democratic form of government, and it has been a war to the knife.

"They hate each other," says a special investigator, writing in the Portland Oregonian. "Neighbors of years' standing, life long friends, have become bitter enemies. Members of families no longer speak to each other," he writes, and ventures the opinion that what North Dakota needs most right now is for the people to forget politics and begin to look for the good in their neighbors for awhile. As long as the present attitude continues in his opinion, there is little hope for an early return to sanity.

And this condition is resulting in emigration from the State, it is said. Business men are leaving, going to other States where they are not persecuted, while many farmers have despaired of the rising taxes and the autocratic methods that are being used ostensibly in their behalf by the present inhabitants of the State capital, and are selling their homes to buy elsewhere.

With such a picture of conditions in North Dakota as this before them, will Texas people countenance the introduction into the politics of this State of such a destructive influence?

Leaving out of consideration the viciousness of the principles advocated by the league, can Texas afford to allow such disturbing force to enter the State?

Are you willing to listen to a crowd of imported agitators whose dearest success is counted in stirring up strife and dividing the people?

Texas is nearer free of bitter political strife now than at any time within many years. The prohibition question has been settled and Bailey will not be an issue after the coming primary. Having seen how progress has been hampered by factional strife, is it not the best policy for the people of this State to work to ether for the achievement of those things the State so badly needs, than to allow the emissaries of the socialist,

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\$6.00 Silk Poplin Skirts .....	5.40
\$7.50 Silk Poplin Skirts .....	6.25
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Townley. to divide them and menace their democratic government?—Houston Post.

### SALMON NEWS

Salmon, JJuly 19.—We hear many people wishing for rain, as it is getting very dry in this part of the world, although cotton is not suffering yet, but rain would be a great help to potatoes and put new life into everything.

Our protracted meeting commenced Saturday night and will continue to next Sunday. Large crowds are attending and Bro. Morrison is doing some good preaching.

The singing school, which is being taught by Mr. Starkey, is progressing nicely and will close Friday.

Misses Ruth and Minnie Williams of Hay Springs community visited friends here last week.

Floyd Campbell spent part of last week in Marshall visiting his sister.

Our ball team defeated Union Saturday by a score of 3 to 2. They will play again Friday

evening near Mr. Jim Beeson's. Since the meeting began there have been seven additions to the church, six by baptism and one by letter.

### Hogs Wanted

We will ship a car of hogs about August 10. If you have any suitable for shipping see us and get our price.

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Mrs. Laura Goodson has returned from Angleton and Freeport, where she visited relatives a week.

### At the Methodist Church

Services will be held by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Morning subject, "Power from on High." Come and bring a friend and a smile.

J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.

Dr. Sam Kennedy has let the contract for a new residence, which will be erected where the old one now stands, and work will begin within the next few days.

**Two More Oil Drilling Contracts Let**

The "oil fever" is striking Houston county in good shape now and the prospects are that in a very few months at the longest we will know whether oil exists here in paying quantities or at all.

Last Thursday was "high tide" day in the oil business for this county, two contracts having been made with New Yory and Houston parties by two Houston County oil companies to begin drilling for oil in the next six months, the contractors saying they expect to be drilling in the next 60 or 90 days, unless prevented by some unforeseen circumstances. The contractors are Dr. Joseph R. Ross of New York and David H. Hunt of Houston, Texas, the first contract being with the "Crockett Oil and Gas Company" and the second with parties connected with the Beathard-Bellott territory, the latter being promoted by Judge Nat Patton of Crockett and J. Y. Shook of Houston, Texas.

The Crockett Oil and Gas Co. is composed of P. D. Austin, J. W. Madden, S. A. Denny, W. B. Page, Jno. H. Ellis, Mack Hale, B. D. Rains, Dr. J. S. Wooters, T. D. Craddock, R. L. Shivers, J. E. Bynum and a number of others, this company owning about 13,000 acres of leases, and is on this territory that the first well is to be drilled, the same to be regarded as a real "test" well, which is to be sunk not less than 2750 feet deep, and is to be drilled by first class drilling machinery. This territory lies south, southwest and southeast from Crockett, and begins about two miles south of Crockett, part of the territory lying on each side of the I. & G. N. R. R. and furnishing an ideal oil section if oil should be found on account of its contiguity to transportation facilities.

Messrs. Ross and Hunt are experienced and practical oil men, and a "syndicate" has been formed to finance the undertaking. They are very enthusiastic over the prospects for oil, saying they never saw better surface in-

dications in "wild-cat" territory anywhere prior to development. And they back their faith by not being afraid to put their money in the proposition.

The Beathard-Bellott field consists of about 10,000 acres of land, and the contractors believe they will have no trouble to soon make this territory become a "proven" field. These enterprises mark a "new day" in the matter of development of the vast and unexplored resources of Houston county, and it is hoped and believed that we will soon learn that the county has other and larger sources of wealth than that of timber and agriculture. Let us hope this may prove to the case and it behooves every public-spirited and enterprising citizen to do all in his power to push the good work along.

Contributed.

On the plea of economy, Congress cut the agricultural appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1920, over home, a number of Congressmen priation for the year beginning July 1, 1920, is approximately \$6,000,000 less than the Department's estimates as to its needs and \$2,185,000 less than the amount provided in the appropriation act of the current year. In order to reduce the appropriation in the interest of economy, the United States Department of Agriculture recommended that the appropriation of \$239,000 for congressional seed distribution be eliminated. However, although this item was dropped by the Senate, it was insisted upon by the House conferees, and has been finally retained in the bill. In other words because they believed the distribution of seed helped their popularity at and \$2,185,000 less than the were willing to sacrifice the interests of a large number of their constituents to further their own selfish interests. This sum of \$239,000 should have been diverted to necessary and important activities having a direct bearing on agricultural production.—The Progressive Farmer.

**Visiting Oil Men Interested Here**

F. J. Powell and E. L. Johnson of Orange are Palestine visitors. They are interested in the development of the oil interests in different parts of the state and have some good holdings in this county. Yesterday, in company with T. J. Wallis of this city, the visitors went out to the well being finished by the Sabine Production Company and inspected the holdings in that vicinity. All of them express confidence in the proposition and all guarantee that the Sabine Production Company is a trustworthy concern and will bring in a field if possible. And they think the present well will come in a winner.—Palestine Herald.

**ROCK HILL ITEMS**

July 19.—Our revival meeting held by C. A. Campbell and song service by Mr. Tims of Slocum, came to a close Sunday afternoon at the water, where three newly converts were baptized. We received seven new members, four by letter and three by baptism. We feel that we have had a good meeting and it has done much good, and hope to be in many more like it.

Mrs. Huffer of California is now at the home of her son-in-law, W. E. Page. She will remain here a couple of months.

E. E. Tucker of this place, who is now working at Houston, accompanied by his nephew, Mr. Keefers, visited his family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tona Wood are the proud parents of a baby boy, which arrived at their home two weeks ago.

Miss Laura Sharp of Cooper spent last week with Miss Belle Streetman.

Miss Ludie Willis of Dallas returned to her work at that place Saturday, after two weeks' visit with her mother and relatives. She was accompanied home by her brother, Marvin, who will also reside there.

Tom Green returned home Friday night from Rocky Mound, where he built a house for Peter Bridges.

There will be preaching here versalist preacher. Everybody invited. Norman.

**Mad Dog Killed**

Tom Jordan shot and killed a dog showing strong symptoms of hydrophobia in south Crockett Friday afternoon. The dog had bitten several other dogs and was headed toward some children when shot. Mr. Jordan has started to the country with his gun when he observed the strange conduct of the dog. He did not know how many dogs have been bitten.—Crockett Courier.

The Missionary Society had charge of the services at the Methodist church Sunday morning and rendered a special program in which several of the members participated and rendered papers upon different subjects, dealing principally with the work being done in foreign fields. A special feature of the program was an address by Mrs. Norris of Crockett.

Miss Mabel Ward visited friends in Lovelady last week.

**Suffragists, Counting Tennessee Noses, See Victory Ahead**

Washington July 18.—Not only the assurance given by Governor Cox of his support of the ratification campaign in Tennessee but the results of the poll now being taken of the legislature has greatly increased the confidence of suffragists that the thirty-sixth State will be won within the next few weeks.

The poll of the legislature now being taken by the national women's party shows up to date the following situation:

Senate—Membership 33, necessary majority 17, pledged 11, noncommittal 3, opposed 1, leaving six to get and -8 still unheard from.

House—Membership 99, necessary majority 50, pledged 34, noncommittal 3, opposed 3, leaving 16 to get and 59 still unheard from.

The majority of those opposed or noncommittal, it is explained, are not antis, but are only doubtful as to the legality of action by the present legislature on the question.

The woman's party campaign in Tennessee will get under full headway Monday when Miss Sue White, the State chairman, who took part in the delegation to Governor Cox on July 16, arrives in Nashville.

**Derrick Rebuilt**

The derrick for the O'Hara Oil Co., which was destroyed by wind two weeks ago, has been rebuilt and was completed Tuesday. J. B. Woodside of this city was the contractor and did a very creditable job. The derrick is eighty-five feet high.

Drilling will begin this week and the well will be rushed with all possible speed to completion.

We should know pretty soon what lies beneath us, if anything at all.

**Bubonic Pleague in U. S.**

The bubonic plague, which has been creating havoc in Mexico, has made its appearance in Florida and Texas. Two cases have developed in Pensacola and two in Galveston. Vigorous measures are being taken to check the disease, special efforts being made to exterminate all rats. Expert rat trappers and fumigators have been sent out by the U. S. public health service while a bounty of 10 cents on each rat destroyed has been offered in some places.

**Close to Harding**

A number of editors who used to be printers are trying to make believe that they once worked with Harding at the trade. It won't do no good to peddle a lot of bunk of that kind. The nearest we ever came to working with Harding was when we worked with Hard Cider Hastings, a native of Kansas, who once passed through Ohio on a freight train.—Golden (Colo.) Republican.

Little Miss Francis Leaverton returned home Sunday from a months' visit with relatives at Kaufman and Athens.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

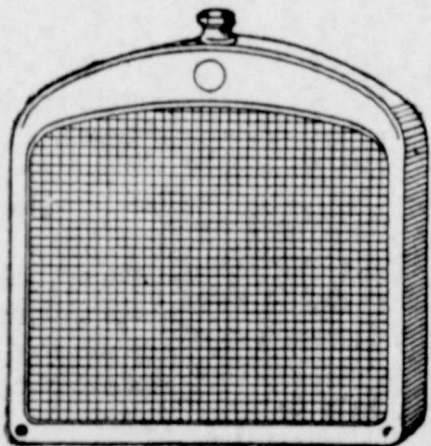
- For District Judge, Third Judicial District: JOHN S. PRINCE (Re-election) of Henderson County
- W. R. (JACK) BISHOP of Henderson County
- B. H. GARDNER of Anderson County
- For State Senator: J. H. PAINTER of Houston County
- I. D. FAIRCHILD of Angelina County.
- For County Clerk: W. D. COLLINS HARRY 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 Representative: W. G. CREATH
- 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)

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**Candidates to be Voted Upon  
In Primary Next Saturday**

For the information of voters, the Messenger prints below a complete list of the candidates, both state and county, to be voted upon in the primary next Saturday. Your attention is also called to the proposition of voting for the submission of constitutional amendment to the constitution providing for home ownership.

**For Governor:**

- PAT NEFF  
of McLennan County
- ROBERT E. THOMASON  
of El Paso County
- B. F. LOONEY  
of Hunt County
- JOSEPH W. BAILEY  
of Cooke County

**For Lieutenant Governor:**

- I. W. CULP  
of Bell County
- W. A. JOHNSON  
of Hall County
- R. B. HUMPHREY  
of Dallas County
- W. T. PACE  
of Dallas County
- J. C. McNEALUS  
of Dallas County
- LYNCH DAVIDSON  
of Harris County

**For Attorney General:**

C. M. CUREON, of Bosque County

**For State Treasurer:**

JOHN W. BAKER, of Crosby County

**For Court Criminal Appeals:**

F. B. MARTIN, of Gregg County  
W. L. DAVIDSON, of Travis County

**For Supreme Court:**

WILLIAM PIERSON  
of Hunt County  
WILLIAM M. KEY  
of Travis County  
WILLIAM E. HAWKINS  
of Travis County

**For Commissioner of Agriculture:**

SAM H. DIXON  
of Harris County  
GEORGE B. TERRELL  
of Cherokee County

**For Railroad Commissioner:**

EARLE B. MAYFIELD  
of Bosque County  
JOHN L. ANDREWS  
of Dallas County

**For Superintendent Public Instruction:**

ANNIE WEBB BLANTON  
of Denton County

**For Land Commissioner:**

J. T. ROBISON, of Morris County

**For Comptroller of Public Accounts:**

MARK L. WIGINGTON  
of Hill County  
LON A. SMITH  
of Rusk County

**For Congress, 7th District:**

CLAY STONE BRIGGS  
of Galveston County

**For State Senator, 13th District:**

J. H. PAINTER  
of Houston County  
I. D. FAIRCHILD  
of Angelina County

**For Representative:**

W. G. CREATH  
CHAS. CULBERSON RICE

**For District Judge:**

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

**For District Attorney:**

B. F. DENT of Houston County

**For County Chairman:**

J. W. MADDEN

**For District Clerk:**

V. B. TUNSTALL

**For County Judge:**

J. P. O'KEEFE  
NAT PATTON

**For Sheriff:**

P. T. (PRESTON) LIVELY  
O. B. (DEB) HALE  
A. W. PHILLIPS

**For County Attorney:**

EARLE P. ADAMS

**For Superintendent of Schools:**

J. H. ROSSER

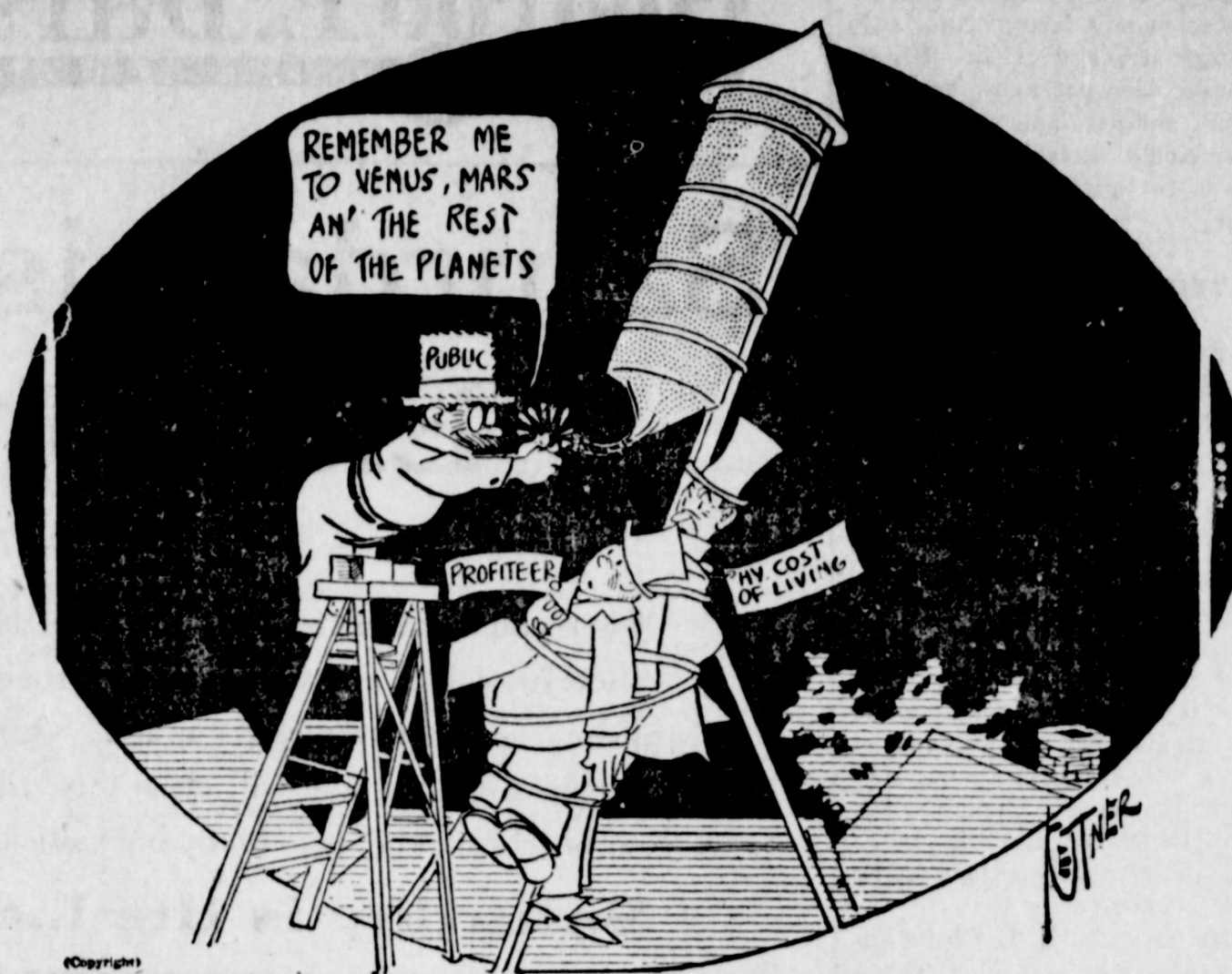
**For County Clerk:**

HARRY BREWTON  
W. D. (DENNY) COLLINS

**For Tax Collector:**

C. W. BUTLER JR.  
R. S. WILLIS

**Now for the Fireworks**



- For Tax Assessor:**  
HUGH ENGLISH  
WILL McLEAN
- For County Treasurer:**  
WILLIE ROBISON
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:**  
W. J. BRANCH  
ED DOUGLASS  
S. W. DUTCH  
J. K. JONES  
J. S. LONG
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:**  
F. P. (PAUL) KENNEDY  
J. A. WEDEMEYER  
G. R. (ROSS) MURCHISON  
J. C. ESTES
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:**  
STELL SHARP  
CLARENCE DAVIS  
AARON SPEER
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:**  
JOHN M. CREASY  
J. A. BEATHARD  
B. L. (Ben) WOMACK
- For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 1:**  
C. R. STEPHENSON  
E. M. CALLIER
- For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 2:**  
JOHN GALE  
ARTHUR TYER
- For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 3:**  
H. W. McKELVEY
- For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 4:**  
C. M. BARBEE
- For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 5:**  
JOHN A. DAVIS
- For Constable Precinct No 1:**  
D. K. SMITH  
JOHN A. BROOKS  
T. A. SIFFORD
- For Constable Precinct No. 2:**  
ARTHUR HOLCOMB  
J. H. MOORE  
R. R. SCARBOROUGH
- For Public Weigher Precinct No. 1:**  
W. E. HAIL
- For Public Weigher Precinct No. 3:**  
T. J. FOSTER
- For Public Weigher Precinct No. 4:**  
J. A. HUTCHENS
- For Public Weigher Precinct No. 5:**  
C. E. LIVELY  
E. C. PARKER  
G. M. WALTON  
J. H. MASTERS

FOR submitting an amendment to the Constitution providing for home ownership.  
AGAINST submitting an amendment to the Constitution providing for home ownership.  
We present Judge William Pierson of Hunt County for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. adv-2t

**Telephones for Permission to  
Run from Flock of Bears**

What do you think of having to telephone for permission to run from a flock of bears—and then having your more or less palpitating proposal turned down?

That is what happened to J. W. Hodge, a fire guard on the Shenandoah National Forest, a few days ago.

Hodge was stationed at the lookout tower on Hankey Mountain. It was his job to scan the skyline and to make expert diagnosis of the far away smoke smudges or any other indication of fire in the forest. This particular morning when he went to the lookout tower on the mountain top, he failed to attach his gun to his person. It was a mere formality, anyhow—and guns are cumbersome things to carry around.

Well he got into his lookout box and began searching the dim blue distances that looked like the further fringes of the world. He was very busy at that for awhile. Then his eyes came back closer home, and what he saw made him wish for an airplane to take him immediately to one of those far fringes. Three bears were browsing around only a little distance from his lookout tower. They were not apparently giving him any thought, but he did not know how soon they might become hungry. There being no airplane at hand, he decided to use his legs.

When he remembered he could not leave his post without permission, so he called up District Ranger Shanklin, laid the case before him, and requested permission to go for his gun. He was promptly told that the thing was impossible. The forests were dry, and fire might start anywhere at any time. Bears or no bears, it was Hodge's business to stay in that lookout box. Being a perfectly good forest guard, he stayed. Fortunately another lookout happened to listen in on the telephone conversation and succeeded in sending help to Hodge. —U. S. Weekly News Letter.

**"I Wouldn't go Camping Without Rat-Snap," Says Ray White**

"Wife and I spent our vacation camping last summer, smell of cooking brought rats. We went to town, got some RAT-SNAP, broke up cakes, put it outside our tent. We got the rats all right—big fellows." Farmers, storekeepers, housewives, should use RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Wade L. Smith and Keeland Bros.

One of the strongest points about the "family farm plan" for East Texas, which the East Texas Chamber of Commerce is working out, is that it eliminates the hired hand. Under this plan the farm is to be so laid out and conducted that one man can attend to it without assistance. It looks very much as though the one-man farm will be the farm of the future, as there is little ground for hope that labor will be plentiful in the country again even if rural conditions should improve materially. The plan of "family farm" meets this new condition.—Houston Post.

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THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1920

California is said to be raising a million dollar almond crop. Is that a sign the state's nutty?

We are afraid of every contagious thing except cheerfulness.

William Hearst is still creating quite a commotion. There couldn't be anything worse than Hearst unless he was twins.

You've got to hand it to Texas for raising and supplying a thirsty world with the biggest and best watermelons.

The Texas delegates are all at home, and they will be busy for a long time explaining how it happened.

If the Chicago republican program is to be taken as a precedent to go by, the presidency ought to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

It will all be over next Saturday. This has been the quietest and cleanest campaign for governor conducted in Texas for many years.

It would not have accomplished anything to insert a plank in the platform, "damn the profiteers," as some wanted, because they are damned already. What is needed is less words and more action.

Candidate Harding still insists that he is going to make a "front porch" campaign, but our prediction is that before the campaign is over, Cox and Roosevelt will have him "beating the bush" like a county candidate.

Those who are doing all the yelling now for light wine and beer never used to call for that kind of stuff when their feet were on the brass rail. It was for the old hard stuff in copious doses, with maybe something like wine for a chaser.

Some gink has figured it out that by following a well laid plan one can live well on 25c a day. A plan better than that should be evolved whereby a man could read over a full of fare and satisfy his stomach by swallowing his own words.

If it is true, and so eminent an authority as Dr. Brooks says it is, that Mr. Neff "never shot a gun baited a fish hook, used tobacco in any form, drunk anything stronger than Brazos water, does not know one card from another, and cannot play any kind of sociable game," then he is not qualified to be governor.

**TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES**

Reynard, July 19.—Since the cotton outlook is so good, most everybody down this way have quit growling at h. c. l. so much. The March cotton has a good crop already in sight if it can hold it, and is still carrying a fine bloom. The May and June cotton is doing its level best and with favorable conditions will get there o. k. The proposition now is labor. It is so scarce and so few gins, how are we going to save it? There is an old saying, "the more a man has the more he wants," and it is just as true the more he has the more he has to have.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chiles entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Glazner last Tuesday. Mr. Glazner is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pridgen, and they are only not ashamed of him, but proud, and from what we have seen believe he comes up to average, if not a little above. Now, these flowers are not artificial.

Miss Bess Berry is spending awhile with her cousin, Mrs. West.

Mrs. John Green and daughter, Mrs. Julia Brimberry, John A., Dan, and another one of the boys, were visitors here Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Bell Beazley. John A. said he was a little surprised at our community, did not think we could raise anything down here but corn and cotton and chills and fevers, but found we could raise peas also. Yes, we can raise anything here that can be raised anywhere if we try, but make corn and cotton a specialty.

We saw our first cotton bloom the 3rd day of June in Herman Beazley's field, the first open boll in Douglass Beazley's field yesterday on red land, and am sure will begin to pick the last of this month.

Conductor Franks of Palestine spent Friday night with his brother-in-law, P. L. Fulgham, in the interest of a special district candidate.

Mr. Editor, please print the state ticket in the Messenger this week and how you are going to vote, if you don't mind to. Believing you to be a safe and sane man, we are willing to take you as an example in the main if not in the whole.—(You will find the list of candidates from governor to constable elsewhere in this issue. We appreciate the compliment paid us, but cannot comply with your request except to say that the Messenger is supporting Mr. Thomason for governor.—Editor.)

The tie haulers are tearing our roads and bridges all to pieces, but this is a free country; hope they will be as free to help keep them up. Zack

Fight the boll weevils, with a heel sweep.—Darsey

Big car load of that good LaFrance and Luscious flour to arrive at Kennedy Bros. this week

**George E. Darsey & Co.**  
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

**Saturday is Election Day**

When you come to Grapeland to vote, don't overlook the wonderful values we are offering in men's women's and children's summer wearing apparel. Our successful mid-summer clearance sale will close this week. Complete your purchases at once. Many big values left.

**Saturday is the Last Day**

**20 PER CENT DISCOUNT** is being made on the following regular lines from our complete and up-to-date stock:

- Girls wash dresses reduced ..... **20 per cent**
- All men's slippers reduced ..... **20 per cent**
- All ladies slippers reduced ..... **20 per cent**
- Boys wash suits reduced ..... **20 per cent**
- Women's wash waists reduced ..... **20 per cent**
- Girls White Dresses reduced ..... **20 per cent**
- Woman's Summer dresses ..... **20 per cent**

These are only a few of the values we are offering at a **20 PER CENT REDUCTION.**

**HOT VALUES in COOL CLOTHING**

- Men's Straw Hats (for dress) at ..... **HALF PRICE**
- Summer Millinery reduced ..... **ONE-THIRD**
- Men's summer union suits at liberal reductions.
- Men's Palm Beach Suits reduced to ..... **\$17.00**
- Men's 2-piece woolen suits reduced ..... **ONE-FIFTH**
- Bathing suits reduced ..... **10 Per Cent**
- Men's Silk Shirts at big reductions.
- Men's Wash Ties reduced ..... **ONE-FOURTH**

**Saturday, July 24**

Make it count **BIG** with your vote at the polls and with your money at this store. Make our store your headquarters and have your friends meet you here. We'll have plenty of things that will add to your comfort and an extra large sales force to serve you. We're counting on you to come.

Every article we sell is from our regular stock and must give you satisfactory service. We consider no deal complete until our customer is satisfied.

**George E. Darsey & Co.**

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Get your shingles at Darsey's

Water wings at Kennedy Bros.

Get your shingles at Darsey's

Felt washers for your Ford at Kennedy Bros.

Get your stock condition powders at Darsey's.

Mrs. W. M. Barrett of Huntsville is visiting Mrs. Claud Keeland.

PYREX is the ORIGINAL cooking glass. All others are imitations.—Darsey.

6 foot Simond saws, only \$8.75 complete, at Kennedy Bros.

Clay Jones and family have moved back to their former home at Percilla.

For buying or selling real estate in or out of town we can help you. Howard Land C.

Reagan Long of Gunsite is here for a few days to visit relatives.

Try Sugar Gleen coffee. 3 pound can for \$1.50. Kennedy Bros.

See our show windows this week. They are interesting.

N. M. Brown of Mississippi is here visiting his uncle, J. M. Murray.

Try a Jiffy Crank Pin in your Ford car. Only 25c each at Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lively have moved into their new home recently completed.

Miss Ora Gainey left Wednesday for Dallas, after spending quite awhile here with relatives and friends.

N. M. Barfield of Sunny Side, Ga., came in last week, joining his wife here on a visit to relatives.

Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth is working in the post-office while Miss Eura Woodard is taking her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson have returned to their home in Paris.

Get your shingles at Darsey's

Maize heads at Kennedy Bros.

See the Pyrex at Darsey's.

Plenty of shellac at Kennedy Bros.

Darsey has the biggest line of aluminum ware in Grapeland.

You will find what you need in Ford parts at Hodges' Garage.

Miss Melba Brock is spending the week in Bryan visiting relatives.

O.V. B. razors, hones and pocket knives at Kennedy Bros.

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

**Farm Wagons**

Plenty of Pekin farm wagons for sale or trade at Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis and baby returned to their home in Crockett Sunday, after spending the week here with relatives.

**For Sale**

15 horse power Fairbanks Morse gas engine, in fine shape. See or write Herod & Sullivan, Grapeland, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyley Caskey and children of Palestine visited relatives here a few days this and last week.

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.

Miss Jennie McLean of Crockett was the week-end guest of Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riatt.

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

Odell Faris of Lake Charles, La., spent Tuesday and Wednesday here with his wife and son and other relatives, being on his way to Dallas and Marlin.

**For Sale**

A few registered, big bone Poland China pigs out of some of the best sows in Texas—the long stretchy kind.

20-4t. Texas Holstein Farm.

See Darsey for fishing tackle.

See Darsey for fishing tackle.

Sell your produce to Darsey.

Big showing of clocks at Kennedy Bros. this week.

See Darsey for automobile tires.

This is coffee week at Kennedy Bros. See our window display.

Darsey has received a big shipment of aluminumware.

Emory Long spent Friday in Palestine.

Darsey has received a big shipment of aluminumware.

Wirt Murray of Trinity spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray.

Bob Scarborough left Tuesday for Belcher, La., where he has accepted a position with a large mercantile company.

**Cream Freezers**

Ask about our closing out prices on ice cream freezers. They are cheaper at Kennedy Bros.

Murdock Murchison of Crockett is here spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Murchison.

Little Miss Dora Johnson returned from Palestine last Friday after a weeks visit with her aunt Mrs. O. T. Adams.

**Ladies**

Our line of groceries is complete. When in town come to see us.

Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Clements and children of Crockett were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis Sunday.

Jack Ellis of Jewett is visiting his brother, J. W. Ellis of the Livelyville community. Upon his return home the latter part of the week, he will be accompanied by Mr. Ellis.

**Housekeeper Wanted**

Middle aged lady preferred; two children to care for.

1-t. Oscar Beazley, Rte. 4.

Henry Shaw, John Lively and Horace Herod left Monday morning in a car for points in west Texas, where they will spend several days.

The only way to get a home in Grapeland is to buy or build; we can sell you town lots or a home cheaper than the lumber will cost you. Howard Land Co.

**LOST**

1 light red mooley cow, about 7 years old, marked crop, split and underbit in right, crop and underbit in left ear, branded J. J. on right hip. Reward for information leading to recovery. C. M. Royall,

19-3t Malvern, Texas.

Sell your produce to Darsey.

666 quick relief Constipation, BIRMINGHAM, Tenn. of Appetite and Discharges, due to Torpid Livers.

**Goodnight**

**Mosquito Lotion**

Only a few drops required

Lasts all night

Get a 25c Bottle

and sleep in peace

**THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE**  
HONESTY AND QUALITY WADE L. SMITH

**Card of Thanks**

We want to thank the good people of Grapeland and community for their kindness to us in our bereavement on account of the death of our dear little girl, Auzell, for the help, kind words, and floral offerings, and no words can express our deep appreciation.  
W. T. Payne and Family.

Misses Roberta Gayle, Fay Murray and Virgil Elkins of Lovelady are guests at the home of Mrs. J. M. Murray.

Miss Eula Mae Davis has returned from Centerville. She was accompanied home by her cousin, Miss Ouida Sherman.

Mrs. Bula Hicks, Mrs. McKenzie and Miss Julia Craddock of Little Rock, Ark., are here visiting Mrs. Jas. Owens and Mrs. Chas. Kent.

Miss Stella Woodard, who has been visiting the family of her uncle, Wylie Ritchey, has returned to her home in Huntsville.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and children returned to their home in Livingston Sunday, after spending two weeks here with relatives.

Mrs. Bell Owens spent from Saturday until Monday here visiting her sister, Miss Kittie Yarbrough, being on her way home to Trinity from Jacksonville.

The four year old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Payne died Saturday afternoon after a few days' illness, and the remains were buried in the Murdock cemetery Sunday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

**NOTICE**

We have purchased Brooks Bros. garage and will appreciate your business. We carry a complete line of Ford parts and will give you the best service. We are the authorized Ford Service Station.  
Hodges Bros.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1936.  
A. W. GLEASON,  
(Seal) Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by all druggists. Be sure you get Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**PREPARE**



**The L--- M--- is COMING**  
WHO IS HE?  
Watch! Wait! See!  
"Another Universal Serial Wonder"

Every Wednesday at **Star Theatre**

We are proud of the confidence doctors, druggist and the public have in 666 Chill and Fever Tonic.

**At Antrim**  
We will begin our revival services at Antrim next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We invite everyone to be present.  
J. E. Buttrill, pastor.

**Notice to Those Who Patronize the Laundry**  
In order to make things more convenient, we are changing the date of the laundry basket from Wednesday to Tuesday morning. All who have laundry please get it to us before No. 3 runs. It will leave Tuesday and return Friday.  
E. L. Frisby, Agent.  
Get your groceries at Darsey's.

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You get WHAT YOU PAY FOR when you buy GASOLINE from us. Our

**VICTORY VISIBLE PUMP**

is electrically operated and YOU CAN SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES what you are getting. No guess work. We also have—

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Will prove of the very greatest value to your business, regardless of the character of the business. Business men find that this service alone from a well-managed commercial bank is indispensable. It enables you to check up your receipts and expenditures accurately.



**FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK**

**Campaign Against Weevil Saves Great Deal of Cotton**

Tyler, Tex. July 18.—As a result of a campaign waged in Smith County against the boll weevil the cotton fields are in bloom again, and there is promise of a good crop. The fight against the weevil has been a fierce one, with the business men and farmers co-operating in every possible way to minimize the destruction of the pest.

At the close of the fifth week of prize awards to farmers picking up punctured squares it was decided to continue the awards for another three weeks. The first week of prize awards brought only nine farmers to the local chamber offices, but the fifth week found 247 farmers pulling down cash prizes for their work of saving the cotton crop. A total of \$302 was distributed by Tyler business men on last Saturday.

As a result of this work, inaugurated throughout East Texas by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, it is believed that many thousands of bales of cotton have been saved to that region. Half the towns in the district are now offering prizes for picking up the punctured squares. At Tyler it is a problem to know what to do with the punctured squares that are brought in. More than two tons were piled on the public square as a result of the contest.

**The Test**

Some visitors who were being shown over a pauper lunatic asylum inquired of their guide what methods were employed to discover when the inmates were sufficiently recovered to leave.

"Well," replied the guide, it is this way. We have a big trough of water and turn on the tap. We leave it running and tell 'em to bail out the water with pails until they've emptied the trough.

"How does that prove it?" asked one of the visitors.

"Why," said the guide, "them as ain't idiots turns off the tap."

**To Discharged Soldiers, Sailors and Marines**

The Legislature of this State has enacted a law that you are entitled to vote this year without holding your poll tax receipt, provided you were enlisted in the Military or Naval service of the United States in the war with Germany. This applies to the State Militia and National Guard who were mustered in as State soldiers as well as to all others. If your discharge is lost, misplaced or in the hands of the Government, you can still vote, though the election managers may require you to make an affidavit to that effect. If you have your discharge, it will be advisable to take it with you to the polls.

I make this statement so that enlisted men may fully understand that they have the privilege of voting in the coming primary.

Earl P. Adams,  
County Attorney.

**Just a Reminder**

We may be mistaken, of course as we all frequently are, but are honest in the belief that if one tries as best he can to be of service to mankind he will be rendering a service to his God, and indirectly to himself. Honor honesty, optimism, sunshine and good cheer are things we want to get hold of and keep close to, and help others get them also. You don't need to wear out your knees of your trousers in prayer to live up to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and you don't have to be like a mummy wrapped up in carpet rags to get by old St. Peter at the gate—Peter has more sense than that. Live, love and smile, for tomorrow you. er—diet. And just let it soak into your soul that friendship is without price, and nothing gets and holds it like SERVICE!

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.

**O'Keefe Makes Affidavits**

STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Houston.

I, J. P. O'Keefe, solemnly swear that all the statements made by me with reference to Mr. Ellis' settlement with the Commissioners' Court as shown by the figures and the county record are true and correct; also that my statements in reference to the erasures on the County Treasurer's book are true with the possible exception that where I said there were a large number of vouchers amounting to several thousand dollars, I should have said five or more vouchers amounting to several hundred dollars.

(Signed) J. P. O'Keefe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 19th day of July, 1920.

W. H. Mangum,  
Notary Public,  
Houston County, Texas.

(SEAL)  
**Another Affidavit**  
(Copy)

I, T. G. W. Tarver, certify that I have been chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Houston County for about 20 years; that I was chairman in 1916; that Mr. O'Keefe never participated in any of these conventions to my knowledge and that the circulars showing his name on a committee was not issued with his knowledge or approval.

(Signed) T. G. W. Tarver.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of June, 1920.

John Spence,  
Notary Public,  
Houston County, Texas.

(SEAL)  
**To the Public:**

I have prepared full reply to Mr. Ellis' last article. It will cost \$100.00 to publish. I cannot afford it.

J. P. O'Keefe.  
(Political Advertisement)

"How I Cleared the Mill of Rats,"  
By J. Tucker, R. I.

"As night watchman believe I have seen more rats than any man. Dogs wouldn't dare go near them. Got \$1.00 package of RAT-SNAP, inside of 6 weeks cleared them all out. Killed them by the score every night. Guess the rest were scared away. I'll never be without RAT-SNAP Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Wade L. Smith and Keeland Bros.

**List 539 Farm Bulletins**

A new list of farmer's bulletins that are ready for distribution has just been issued by the Department of Agriculture, The 539 bulletins treat a wide variety of farm subjects and the list may be had by applying to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

If you can't work well in hot weather take Prickly Ash Bitters it purifies the stomach, liver and bowels and fortifies the body to resist the depressing influence of summer heat. It is fine for working men. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

That job of running the Mexican bandit Villa to his lair and capturing him is still unfinished. Villa must be the original of the cartoonist's Slim Jim.—San Jose Epitome.

**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

**C. C. OFFICER**  
Veterinarian  
Telephone the Goodson  
Hotel or Drug Stores

**NOTICE—WARNING**

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

O. W. Davis, Agent.

Autos bought, sold and repaired. Work guaranteed. Truck wanted.

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Lawyer

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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**

High Class Cleaning and Pressing

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**Clewis**



**Best of 22**

The Eldorado Stage Co. of Los Angeles tested 22 leading makes on 12-passenger Packard buses. Not a tire was found to match the Millers in that extreme service.

# Some Costly Mistakes Men are Making on Tires

Men who buy tires on a guess, or on claims, are making some costly mistakes.

Large tire users make tests and comparisons. And the results in late years are amazing.

Hudson Taxi Co. of Detroit, for instance, made a long test on Miller Cords. And the average was 15,000 miles.

Miller dealers get hundreds to compare Miller mileage with others. And they find an increased mileage of 50 per cent to 75 per cent.

Large truck users are comparing Miller Cords, passenger type, with all others. And they are coming in large numbers to Millers.

California stage lines are using Millers after million-mile tests with many rivals.

### The Way to Know

At the Miller factory over 1,000 tires yearly are worn out in tests and comparisons.

They constantly prove that Miller is the best tire built.

In extreme rear-wheel tests they require an average of 15,000 miles on Cords.

They prove that the new Miller tread outwears the best of others by 25 per cent.

Such tires should be tested by every owner of a car. See what they give you. Compare with any tire on opposite rear wheels.

Miller experts, in late years, have doubled average tire mileage. Old-times figures do not apply today.

You will fix new requirements for your tires when you try a Miller. Do it now.

### Treads Patented

Center tread smooth with suction cup, for firm hold on wet asphalt. Geared-to-the-Road side treads mesh like cogs in dirt.



# Miller Tires

The Most Talked About Tires in America

Cords or Fabrics

Geared-to-the-Road  
Invented U. S. Patent, 1910

**Wade L. Smith**

### Creatures of Environment

The average human head, like an egg, a pound of butter or a crock of clabber, absorbs the flavor of its surroundings. It is chiefly a question of environment whether we grow up Catholics, Protestants, Republicans, Democrats, Progressives or members of the Committee of Forty-eight. And yet we adhere to opinions we have inherited with all the tenacity of a dog to a bone of a profligate to \$10 bill. We assume that our faith political and our creed religious are founded on our reasons, when in fact they were made for us by social and other conditions over which we had little control.

We even succeed in humbugging ourselves into the belief that we are the people and as such do the ruling, and that probably wisdom will die with us, when in reality our heads are cluttered up with a lot of old stuff that Noah could not get into the Ark. A whole lot of our so-called modern ideas were moulded by barbarians who were in the boneyard before Methuselah was born.

For one thing, we should do more thinking for ourselves, and then go to the polls and vote as we think.

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

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

### The Oil Supply

The oil supply of the country is getting to be a serious problem, and one that has to be grappled with. The supply is now way below the demand, and the production below the consumption. Hence prices are soaring and must continue to soar until the production again exceeds the consumption—and whether it will ever do that again nobody seems to know.

The reason is obvious. There are 7,000,000 automobiles and trucks in use now, with 2,000,000 being turned out this year, making in all 9,000,000. There is not enough oil produced in America to make gasoline for anything near such a number, and this country produces three-fourths of the world's supply.

Also, the auto industry now uses up 50 per cent of all the plate glass manufactured, and bureaus with mirrors are no longer turned out by the furniture factories.

As to the oil, a substitute must be found for gasoline, or else oil wells be struck, or less joy-riding be indulged in.

If your appetite is poor and your stomach and bowels are out of order the remedy you need is Prickly Ash Bitters. It cleanses the system of bilious impurities, sharpens the appetite and makes a man feel fine. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

### Safer Labor Plans.

Next year's farm management plan must not provide for as much hired help as was required on many farms this year, unless more farm labor is obtainable and at lower prices or farm products are expected to be higher, which is unlikely. Farmers cannot afford to take as great risk in getting hands when they were needed as they did this year. Conditions may be improved next year so there will be sufficient hands at prices farmer can afford to pay, and they may not. But can one afford to take that risk in planning the year's work? Until labor conditions improve or more inducement is offered for greater production, the safest plan will be to attempt no increased acreage, nor undertake great expense for larger yield.—Farm and Ranch.

### "It Looked Like a Battlefield in Europe," Said Mr. C. Dunster

"Was staying at a hotel in a small Pennsylvania town. Early one morning I went to the stable to hire a rig and was shown a pile of dead rats killed with RAT-SNAP the night before. Looked like a battlefield in Europe." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Wade L. Smith and Keeland Bros.

Master Cecil Whisley of San Antonio is here visiting his aunt, Miss Kittie Yarbrough, and other relatives.

### Free Terracing

I will spend from five to ten days making demonstrations in terracing the farm lands of Houston county this fall and winter after the farmers gather their crops. These demonstrations will only be made with farmers who are interested enough in building up their farms to purchase a farm level and ditcher. These requirements are made in order that the farmers may be equipped with the proper tools after they have received the instructions how to terrace their lands, handle the farm level and ditcher to carry the work on successfully. These tools will cost around \$100.00, but several farmers can purchase them co-operatively and use them successfully together. All farmers who have land that washes should have a level and a ditcher. Farmers can arrange with their dealers for these tools. These demonstrations will be made in different parts of the county where farmers are mostly interested in the work and the farmer or farmers who are willing to purchase a level and a ditcher can apply to Judge Patton or H. A. Fisher, Crockett, Texas, for one days service. Only one day will be spent in any one community and not over ten days in the County. I spent ten days in Rusk county last November, and made ten demonstrations in terracing and in each case the farmers purchased a level and a ditcher and later I went back to inspect the work and show them how to complete their terraces and found several hundred acres of land terraced, where they learned how and just kept it going, they were doing fine work. The object of all demonstration work is to teach the farmers how to do their own work. Terraces should be from 20 to 30 feet wide and 2 feet high, cutting as many crooks as possible, leaving no ditches on either side. The rows should be run parallel with the terraces, cultivating the terraces and losing no land. This work is put on by the Extension Department of the A & M. College of Texas and cost the farmers nothing. As there is being no more land made and the price of land going up all the time, it stands us in hand to save what we have.

Respectfully your,  
Henry, W. Acker, Agt.,  
White House, Texas.

1,999,999,999 to 1

The last census shows that there are nearly two billions on earth, and you are one of them—1,999,999,999 to 1.

When you get a little chesty in the head, think of the other 1,999,999,999 and out of this herd of humans it is reasonable to assume that your absence from earth would not stall things.

You might be missed by your family and friends, but 1,999,999,999 people would probably go on without you.

If hot weather saps your energy and you can't work well, it is a sign that your system is full of bilious impurities. You'll be sick if you do not do something. Take Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy for men; it cleanses the blood, liver and bowels, restores strength, vim and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.



W. O. DALLAS, Evangelist  
Abilene, Texas

### Revival Meeting Will Begin at Christian Church July 30.

Rev. G. H. Farmer, pastor of the Christian Church, announces that their revival meeting will begin Friday, July 30.

Great preparations have been made for the meeting, it is being extensively advertised, and good results are hoped for.

The services will be in charge of Rev. W. O. Dallas, an evangelist of Abilene, and he will be ably assisted by Mr. H. K. Shields, singer, of Los Angeles, Cal. Both of these gentlemen come very highly recommended and our people may expect to hear splendid preaching and singing. Make your arrangements to attend the services.



H. K. SHIELDS, Singer  
Los Angeles, Cal.

### Long Distance Courage

"You're a liar!" drawled the little man.

"What!" roared the big man, clenching a huge fist. "Do you dare to call me that, you poor, puny puppy?"

"I do," came back the defiant reply. "If you speak another word, you great lump of pork, I'll soon cut you short!"

"Cut me short, you cheese mite," shouted the enraged giant.

"Yes, and here goes," snapped the poor puny puppy sharply, and before the burly one could utter a word, he hung up the telephone receiver.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegram.

A fashion note says "there is only a little change in men's garments this year." Ours have been that way for several years.—Eaton (Colo.) Herald.

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.

Baseball News

Kennard played ball in Grape-land last Thursday, the local team winning by a score of 7 to 5.

The Oakwood team was here for two games, playing Friday and Saturday. Grapeland won Friday by a score of 7 to 2 and Oakwood won Saturday's game 6 to 5.

Grapeland played at Oakwood on Monday and Tuesday, winning the first game 4 to 1, losing the second 3 to 1. They have won a game each and the fifth game will be played in Palestine one day next week.

As we go to press Crockett and Grapeland are playing on the local diamond and will play Thursday and Friday at Crockett. These games will be hotly contested, as Crockett has defeated the local team two straights and our boys are determined to win all three games.

Discover Indian Relics

Austin, Texas, July 19.—Some wonderful discoveries bearing on the race of people who inhabited this state in prehistoric days have been made by Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, head of the bureau of ethnology of Smithsonian Institution, and J. E. Pearce, professor of anthropology of the University of Texas. According to Mr. Pearce, the life history of these people may be read from the records they left in their burned-rock mounds of kitchen middens. A report of the investigation will be published by the Smithsonian Institution. The University of Texas will retain possession of the collection of material unearthed, which will form the nucleus for a museum in anthropology.

The grouch says: "Life is just one blamed thing after another." The optimist says, "Life is just one grand sweet song." But with the farmers we are anxious to know just what they think. Last week it was boll weevils; the week before it was cotton borers; this week it is green worms destroying the young corn, stalk, root and all. We wonder what it will be next week?—Troup Banner.

Darsey wants your eggs.

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Union Chapel News

July 19.—The revival meeting is to begin Sunday. It will be conducted by Revs. W. R. Campbell of Elkhart and W. H. Rosser of Crockett. Let everyone try to attend and make it a success.

Mrs. Omega Marshall and daughter spent last week at Ephesus.

The death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Payne Saturday morning and claimed little Auzell, their four year old daughter. To the bereaved family, we offer sympathy.

Mrs. G. W. Weisinger and two children are having fevers. We hope they will soon recover.

Miss Ruby Davidson recently visited relatives near Elkhart.

Mrs. L. D. Spruill and children are visiting Mrs. R. E. Martin.

Miss Mamie Durnell of Antrim spent Monday with Misses Davidson.

Our Honor Roll

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

- Grapeland—W. H. Lively.
- Route 1—Bunk Smith.
- Route 4—M. L. Williams.
- Roby—W. A. Mooney.
- Percilla—John Tyer, John Daniels.
- Crockett—Rev. S. F. Tenny.
- Elkhart—Wm. Gee, Walter Caskey.
- Goose Creek—Carl Fulton.
- Byers—Mrs. J. E. Payne.
- Portland, Ore.—Mattie Alexander. (Col.)
- Ft. Worth—E. B. Dunham.
- Palestine—Miss Clara Loggins. (By T. D. Zackary.)
- Carbur, Fla.—J. D. Elledge.

J. D. Elledge left Tuesday for his home in Florida, after spending several weeks in this community visiting his old-time friends. Mr. Elledge formerly lived here, but this is his first visit since leaving twenty-five years ago. He enjoyed his visit immensely and wants to keep in touch with what is going on, therefore the Messenger will visit him weekly for the next year.

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.

Lewis Lea is here on his vacation visiting his grandfather, E. G. Pennington. Lewis is with the Western Union and has been located in Dallas, but will go from here to Oklahoma City with the same company.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mangum and little daughter have returned home from Mississippi, where they have been the past two weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Granberry and son, Frank, left Monday morning in their car for Cabot, Ark., where they will spend two weeks visiting relatives.

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

# A Vision of Better Days

What did the farmer, our fore-fathers, see in the old days, feeding his unmarketable crop to a few undersized, unmarketable hogs? His strong frame straining through the long hard days whose close brought no comfort. What did the stout-hearted farmer see in the long hard trail in the old days?

Across the years a vision came, happy, haunting, inspired. A vision of better days in the time that was to be. He saw, or thought he saw, the vast praries converted into farm homes, and those homes, centering around great cities. Those cities linked to-gether by an endless chain of railroads, swifter than his swiftest horse. All that has come to pass. He had a vision too, of herds of cattle and swine that were good herds. That would market his crop profitably in the city to which he was connected by railroads. He had a vision of changing those unmarketable hogs into a herd of more value, of real beauty, an animal of symmetry that would please the artistic eye, as well as convert grain crops into high class, wholesome food and at a profit. He saw as a result of the realization of the vision, happy faces of children, the satisfied smile of their parents, in a home that was to be different from his own. Happiness, comfort and prosperity; that was the vision of better days. They too, have come to pass and the resource of the nation being largely agricultural, it is safe to say that the happiness, comfort and prosperity we enjoy today are more the result of the vision of better days than any other one factor. The development of the modern Poland China is the result of that vision and you, my fellow-breeder, if you are taking advantage of the opportunities that are offered, you, are reaping the result of that.

## "DREAM OF BETTER DAYS"

Such Boars as the CLANSOM and COUNCIL and HILL BUSTER were unheard of in the old days, but were evidently the type of boar seen in the vision, and although it has taken generations to produce them, they too have come to pass.

These great boars are the sires of the pigs we are now offering for sale.

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## LONG BROTHERS

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A Parable of the Present

Put 100 men on an island where fish is a staple article of sustenance. Twenty-five of the men catch fish. Twenty-five others clean the fish. Twenty-five cook the fish. Twenty-five hunt fruit and vegetables. The entire company eat what thus is gathered and prepared.

So long as everybody works there is plenty. All hands are happy. Ten of the allotted fish catchers stop catching fish. Ten more dry and hide part of the fish they catch. Five continue to catch fish, but work only part of the day at it.

Fewer fish go into the community kitchen. But the same number of men insist upon having the same amount of fish to eat as they had before. The 50 men who formerly cleaned and cooked the fish have less to do owing to the under-supply of fish. But they continue to demand the food.

Gradually greater burdens are laid upon the fruit and vegetable hunters. These insist upon a larger share of fish in re-

turn for their larger efforts in gathering fruit and vegetables. It is denied them and soon 20 of the 25 quit gathering fruit and vegetables.

But the entire 100 men continue to insist upon their right to eat. The daily food supply gradually shrinks. The man with two fish demands three bananas in exchange for one of them. The man with two bananas refuse to part with one for fewer than three fish.

Finally the 10 men remaining at work quit in disgust. Everybody continues to eat. The hidden fish are brought to light and consumed. Comes a day when there is no food of any kind. Everybody on the island blames everybody else.

What would seem to be the solution? Exactly! We thought you would guess it. For we repeat that you can't eat, buy, sell, steal, give away, hoard, wear, use, play with or gamble with **WHAT ISN'T**.—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

Just the same, the League idea is the hope of the world.

**LOST**  
Small red pig about 6 weeks old.  
R. T. Bobbitt.

The question is often asked: "Will this become a nation of tenant farmers?" The percentage of tenant farms is rapidly increasing and this, of course, means decreasing fertility, decaying farm buildings and discontented rural citizens. The Federal Farm Loan Board has until recently helped to solve the problem in many thousands of cases. Hon. A. F. Lever, a member of the Board recently said: "It is more important to the safety of the country to convert a landless man into a landowner than to build a battleship or to add a regiment of soldiers to our standing army." Let us stand by the Federal farm land banks. —The Progressive Farmer.

Cupid can't hit a bonehead—it bursts the arrow.

Europe keeps right on stewing in its own juice.