

# The Grapeland Messenger.

AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

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## Young Man Shoots Himself in Hotel Room at Houston

The following account of the death of J. R. Conner of Ratcliff is taken from Friday's issue of the Houston Chronicle:

"J. R. Conner cashier of the First State Bank of Ratcliff, shot himself to death in his room at the Brazos Hotel at 7 o'clock Thursday morning.

"Friends were not able to assign any reason for his action, but declared that they were certain his business affairs could have nothing to do with it.

"Justice J. M. Ray, who held the inquest, gave a verdict of suicide.

"Conner, who had come to Houston for a few days of recreation, was rooming with O. W. Davis of Grapeland. Davis said that he was awakened by the sound of a shot and rushed over to Conner's bed to find that he was dying. A bullet had entered his left breast. The pistol was lying beside his bed. Before aid could be summoned, Conner died.

"Davis said that Conner had told him Wednesday night that 'nobody knows it but mut me, but I've got a bad lung.' Davis said, however, that he did not seem unusually despondent and that he did not know Conner had a pistol.

"Conner was well known in Houston banking circles, having

visited here a number of times. He was only 27 years old, and unmarried.

"He is the son of W. P. Conner, vice-president and one of the organizers of the bank.

"Surviving him are his father and mother; three brothers, Reese, Oscar and Wheeler Conner; three sisters, Addie May, Virgie and Corrie Conner; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCelvey, all of Ratcliff; another brother H. A. Conner of Vernon, and uncle, H. A. McCelvey, of Houston."

Mr. Conner was one of Houston county's best known young men, and the cause of his rash act is a mystery. His body was sent to Ratcliff for interment Friday. He was a mason and a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Crockett.

Ed Harmon, former Grapeland citizen now residing near Sweetwater, came in last week to spend a few days with relatives and friends, and brought his little girl, whom he will place in the Grapeland school for the remainder of the term.

Rev. G. H. Farmer closed his second year as pastor of the Christian church last Sunday. He has been called as pastor of this church for another year, which will be glad news to every one, as he and his good wife have made many warm friends since their residence here.

A few doses 666 break a cold.

## Use Every Possible Means to Keep Land From Washing

No land can be made rich that is being washed and gullied by every heavy rain that comes. The first step toward improving the rolling lands of the South is to prevent their washing or erosion.

The gently rolling lands that are not washed into gullies except by the heaviest rains and may be saved or kept from washing away by a growing crop, or a cover crop, as it is generally called when grown largely for that purpose only. Such lands are held by sods or by pasture or meadow crops. Grain crops or those not requiring cultivation during their growth will also usually prevent the washing of such lands. But even these lands, or those having any appreciable slope, are likely to wash away during the winter season of heavy rainfall.

The steep or hilly lands and even those of moderate slope wash badly as a result of our heavy rainfall and the character of the soil, unless considerable care is taken to run the rows of drilled crops as to prevent the collection of large quantities of water at one place, and unless terraces are made and crops are kept growing on the land all the time.—The Progressive Farmer.

### Party for Brides-Elect

Last Wednesday evening after the picture show, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey very delightfully entertained seven couples, including and honoring Miss Ola Baker, the Thanksgiving bride-elect, and her charming maid of honor, Miss Lee McVicker of Houston. The gay party gathered in the spacious living room as they returned from the movie and engaged in conversation, which sparkled with the atmosphere of the coming wedding, until the hostess gave the entire assemblage of merrymakers opportunity to show their knowledge of those things "necessary" to a wedding, through the excitement of the bride's trousseau contest. Three couples tied for the honors and the tie was run off, leaving Mr. Arnold Clewis and Miss Rena Ross Richards the victors.

After the close of the contest, when each lady was required to read her answer to the bewildering questions, Mrs. Darsey led the way to the dining room. Here it was that the young Mr. Kewpie and Miss Ola Baker Kewlie presided over the cream and cake course, after which the "matrimonial questionnaire" race was run to see who would be "next". At each plate was a small saucer in which stood a tiny candle. The lights were turned off and at a given signal each person lighted his or her candle to see whose candle would win the race and burn out first. As fate had it the candle of Miss Willie Browning fairly ran a downhill race and won many "knots" ahead of all contestants. No one would believe the story

proved by the candles until the announcement was made in a very definite form and was included in a proclamation which was held by the diminutive bride in the center of the table. The proclamation read, much to the surprise of all present, as follows:

"Whereas, Willie, daughter of L. Q. of the House of Browning, and Walter, son of W. D. of the House of McCarty, having each reached the age of discretion, and,

"Whereas, each of these contracting parties wish to enter the State of Matrimony, and,

"Whereas, I am Governor of said State, do hereby grant them permission to enter said state, on or after Thursday, November 25th, 1920, at the Village of Happiness, State of Matrimony."

(Signed) Dan Cupid, M. D.

After profuse congratulations to both brides-elect, the party broke up, still wondering how the candles knew which way to prophesy.

We wish to announce to all the highwaymen that we never carry over thirty cents (30c) in our pocket and we owe that.

## Drilling Resumed on O'Hara Well West of Town

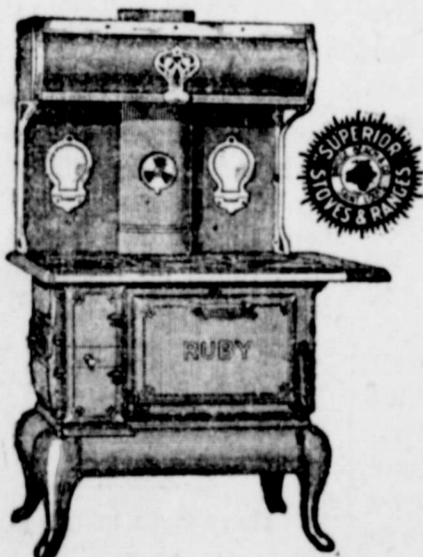
The O'Hara Oil Co. have begun drilling on their test well one mile north of Grapeland after having been shut down about four months.

Several hundred feet of casing have been bought and moved to the lease and Mr. O'Hara states that the well will be pushed to completion. It will be drilled 3,000 feet unless oil is struck at a lesser depth.

"If you don't think co-operation is necessary, watch what happens to a wagon if one wheel comes off." It is the same in town-building. It takes co-operation of everybody concerned to get anywhere. If a movement is started for the betterment of the town and community which only receives the co-operation of a few, it is soon drowned by the cold water poured upon it by the ones who do not support it.—Farmersville Times.

666 quickly relieves a cold.

## Big Cut in Prices On Iron Beds, Mattresses Springs, Dressers Tables, Chairs, Rugs and Bridge-Beach Stoves



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Grapeland, Texas

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You can succeed. Other people—those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve muscle or brain cell than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts—out of action. They used their gifts as you should. They gained a training in our College that developed and broadened and increased their talents—as you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you. Wherever your eye turns you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no better general education or "school learning" than you, but who was wise enough to enter our school for a business education, and who is today going ahead and leaving in the rear those who thought special training unnecessary. It is as necessary as a medical school for a doctor or a law school for a lawyer.

You should not think of success as a present, which Santa Claus will bring you and drop into your stockings while you sleep. Success is achieved by well directed effort.

You have made excuses and waited long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision NOW. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring your entering our college NOW.

The object of this appeal is to set you to thinking of your future. If we have done this, we shall feel that you owe it to yourself to investigate what America's largest business university can do for you. Four thousand already entered this year.

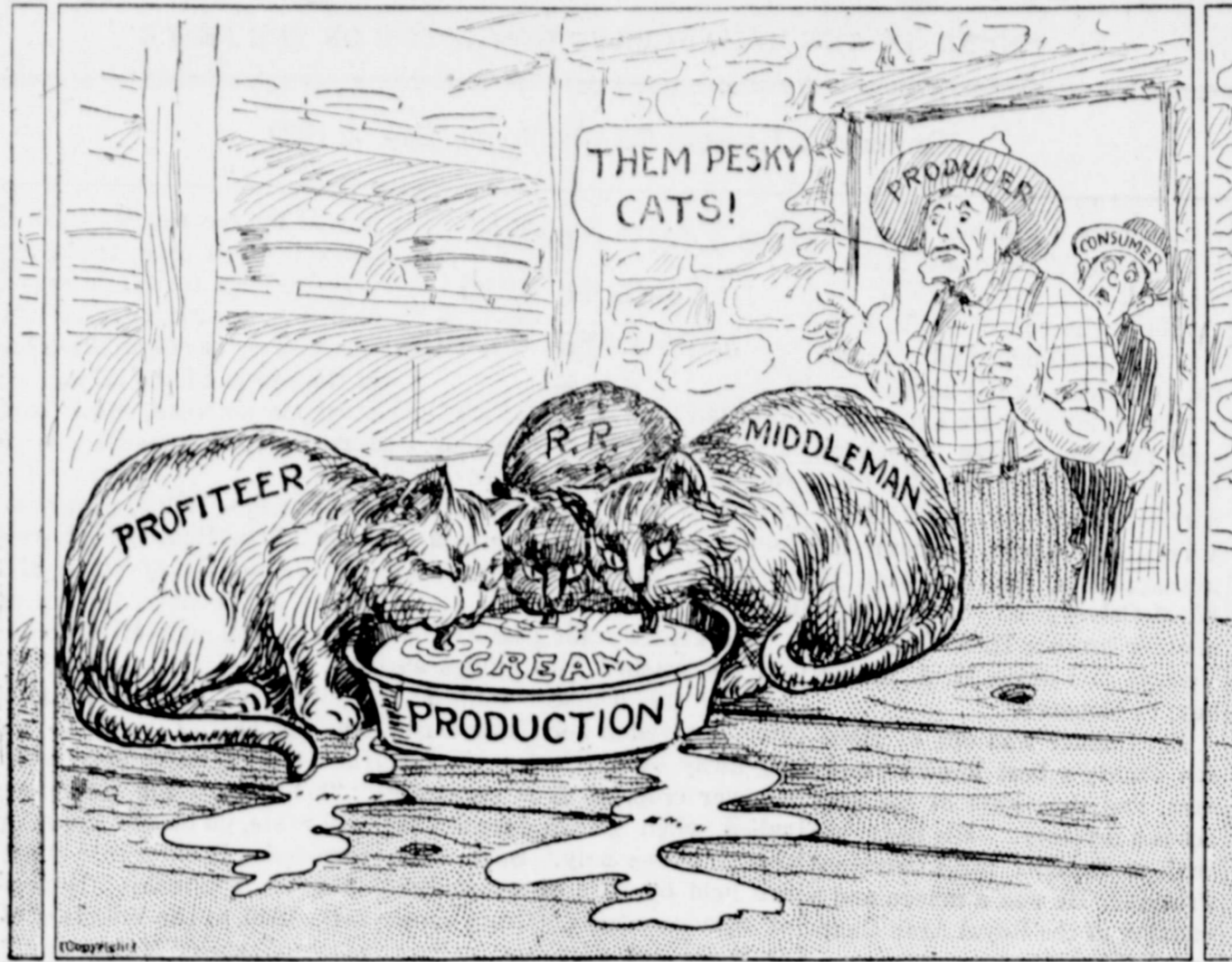
When may we expect you? Our classes will continue through the holiday season. Write or wire for reservation, or ask for a catalogue. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

**Will Leave Cotton Unpicked**

Frank Morris, who is operating a big farm on the Trinity river in this county, says he has at least fifty bales of cotton still in the field unpicked, as the price will not justify the cost of picking. This is a big loss and some of the cotton was grown at a heavy cost. We understand other farmers are leaving some of their cotton in the fields.—Anderson County Herald.

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**Who Gets the Cream?**



**The New Methodist Pastor**

The following item is taken from the Polk County Enterprise, Livingston, concerning the new pastor of the Methodist church:

"Rev. B. C. Anderson, who has been pastor of the Methodist church at this place for four years, has been sent to Grapeland, and Rev. J. E. Buttrill, pastor of the Grapeland church, has been sent to Livingston.

"During the four years Rev. Anderson has been pastor of the Livingston church he has endeared himself to the people of this town. Not only to the people of his own church, but to the members of every denomination in town, and to those who are not members of any church at all.

"The editor of the Enterprise, who, by the way, is a member of the Baptist church, has been closely associated with Bro. Anderson for the past few years, doing Red Cross work and other war activities, during our great struggle for world freedom, and we believe we express the sentiment of the entire town when we say that there is not a more sincere minister in the whole Texas Conference than Bro. Anderson. The night was never too cold or the hour never too dark for him to go when he was called to give aid or comfort to suffering humanity, or to go and offer words of consolation to those in distress. Loyal to God, his church and to his friends, and to those who were in distress, is the life that has been lived by Bro. Anderson here, and it is with deep regret that we must say good bye to such a noble character.

"It is also with deep regret that the people must say good bye to that noble wife of Bro. Anderson's for she too, has made many warm friends during her stay here. Rev. and Mrs. Anderson have the best wishes of the Livingston people in their new home."

**Care for Cows**

Not long ago a man said he could not see why his cows made so little butter every summer, for he had good stock but failed to get the butter fat that others were getting from

cows that were only a poor grade of cattle. I looked him straight in the eye and said "Mr. D; you have asked me a question, so here is the answer straight from the shoulder. You take such poor care of your cows during the winter months that it requires all summer to get them ready to make butter. Your cows are too poor to produce the fat. A fat cow will give you more butter fat than a poor cow. You have poorly housed cattle and then poorly fed and cared for during all the winter and when spring comes it requires a great part of the summer to build them up to what they should be. No cow can do her best turned to a straw stack to get her living in all kinds of weather."—The Southland Farmer.

**Death of Baby**

The two year old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Driskell, who reside a few miles east of Grapeland, died Sunday afternoon of diphtheria. They have the sympathy of their friends in their sorrow.

If your digestion is bad your bowels constipated and you don't eat or sleep well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use for cleansing the system. It purifies and invigorates the vital organs, restores appetite, energy and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

**Scholarship for Sale**

We have a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College, which we will sell to some young man or woman at a discount. The Messenger.

**Executive Ability**

Executive ability has been variously defined, but the following from an executive with a sense of humor seems to cover the whole subject. He said:

"Executive ability is the ability to hire some one to do work for which you will get the credit, and, if there is a slip-up, having some one at whose door to lay the blame."

**A Peep into the Future**

The rural printer and publisher need not expect prewar prices for his supplies, labor-hire, rent, etc., during his generation. It is generally conceded by those who have the best information from experience and the best insight from theory, that news print paper will scarcely ever again reach the low prices prevailing for several years before the war. Such stock is now from four to seven times the price per pound at that time, and the supply is smaller than the demand.

Here and there occasionally some small lots are offered at prices rather below the average but the printer and publisher cannot depend upon the same condition continuing; in fact, he is not always prepared to take advantage of such offerings as there are frequently limitations as to quantity, or terms, or delivery, which he must meet to avail himself of the opportunity.

Canadian paper manufacturers whose business is largely of an export nature, have announced and advance of \$5.00 per ton for newsprint, effective on contracts dating from January 1st, and American manufacturers, it is understood, will make the same addition to the 1921 contract price. In view of the fact that the world is using newsprint paper faster than it is produced and that in a general way stocks are being depleted, it does not appear that prices to the small consumer, at least, will be considerably reduced for many years.

It is true that various experiments are being made to find a practical substitute for wood pulp in the manufacture of print paper, which may, at some time in the future, prove of benefit, but such developments are slow and expensive, and it would not be fair to take them into consideration at this time in the formulation of a price schedule under which a rural printing and publishing business could work, paying running expenses and depreciation charges and provide for the proprietor the reward he is entitled to.—Publishers Auxiliary.

Renew your subscription.

**Former Anderson County Sheriff Died Last Friday**

Former sheriff Zach Day died at his home near Elkhart shortly after midnight Friday. He had been in bad health for some time and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Day was a prominent citizen of the county for many years, and served the county as sheriff at one time. He is survived by a large circle of relatives. One of his daughters, Mrs. Cora Dennison, lives in this city, and he was an uncle of Tab Sadler, also of this city. His funeral was conducted at Elkhart today.—Anderson County Herald.

**Farmer Gives Crop Away**

Gainsville, Texas, Nov. 27.—A crop of cotton that will make six bales has been given to a farmer residing near Era, Cooke county, because the owner has no family to pick the staple and could devote his own energies to work that would bring greater monetary returns based on the present price being paid for cotton. The recipient of the crop is picking it and will hold the cotton until the price advances. The man who planted the crop spent over \$200 for its cultivation and could not realize that amount for it after paying for picking, therefore he gave it away to a relative.

To relieve rheumatism, sprains, lame back, lumbago or pleurisy, Ballard's Snow Lintment is a remedy of proven merit. It is very powerful and penetrating. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**Notice School Tax Payers**

I will be in Grapeland every Friday for the purpose of collecting the tax for the Grapeland Independent School District. Please pay your tax at the earliest possible date, as the school needs the money.

Paul Kennedy, Collector.

**Dental Notice**

I am now located at the Grapeland Hotel ready to do your dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.

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**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.

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If you are subject to attacks of heartburn or indigestion, it may do you good to learn that Prickly Ash Bitters is a prompt and efficient remedy. It strengthens digestion, relieves heartburn, tones up the stomach and by its agreeable cathartic effect it empties and purifies the bowels. Try it. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith and Ryan special agents.

**Have Old Clothes Dyed**

Beat the high cost of clothing by having your old clothes dyed. We represent one of the best dyeing establishments in the state and their work is very satisfactory.

M. L. Clewis.

READ THE ADS

# Guaranty State Bank

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

For the benefit of our customers and others who might be disposed to contend that the condition of our town and surrounding country is as bad or worse than in 1914, and for our own pleasure and satisfaction, we are submitting herewith a comparative statement of our Bank at the close of business November 15, 1914, and November 15, 1920, which reflects the condition of our Bank on both dates, and which is the best index to the condition of the country surrounding us.

By comparison you will note that our Bank has a little more than six and one-half times the deposits now that we had in 1914.

Our resources 1914 . . . . \$ 47,716.41  
Same date 1920 . . . . . \$194,428.08

Or, to be exact, our resources are \$146,711.67 greater than in 1914.

### Resources:

|                                       | Nov. 15, 1914      | Nov. 15, 1920       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts                   | \$34,094.52        | \$ 83,528.27        |
| Acceptances                           | 000.00             | 7,148.48            |
| County Warrants                       | 000.00             | 2,216.68            |
| U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness    | 000.00             | 25,000.00           |
| U. S. Bonds and Stamps                | 000.00             | 31,873.76           |
| Banking house and fixtures            | 5,618.30           | 6,080.60            |
| Cash in vault and banks               | 7,306.90           | 36,447.90           |
| Interest in depositors' guaranty fund | 433.44             | 1,827.84            |
| Collections                           | 37.00              | 304.55              |
| Cotton account                        | 226.25             | 000.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$47,716.41</b> | <b>\$194,428.08</b> |

### Liabilities:

|                       |                    |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$15,000.00        | \$ 20,000.00        |
| Surplus               | 3,500.00           | 10,000.00           |
| Undivided profits     | 435.40             | 4,075.92            |
| U. S. Bonds deposited | 000.00             | 16,350.00           |
| <b>DEPOSITS</b>       | <b>22,044.13</b>   | <b>144,002.16</b>   |
| Bills payable         | 6,279.50           | 000.00              |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$47,716.41</b> | <b>\$194,428.08</b> |

Look these statements over, get a vision of what is in store for us; lose sight of hard times, economize and live at home and we will have no hard times. Believing that we live in the best part of Texas and with implicit confidence in our people to exert a greater effort to economize and make a living at home, we will all see that we are in much better shape than we sometimes think.

We Say Never Give Up!

**U. M. BROCK**  
CASHIER

WHEN IN ELKHART, EAT AT THE

## Elkhart Cafe

ALWAYS SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT

Short Orders a Specialty

—We also have a nice stock of—  
CIGARS, CHEWING TOBACCO, CANDY, ETC.

J. A. Murdock, Proprietor

### Judge Landis Made

#### Baseball Referee

Following the scandal over the "throwing" of the world's series last year by the Chicago Americans to the Cincinnati Nationals, a bitter war ensued between the National League and three members of the American League on one side and the remaining five members of the American league on the other. Both sides agreed that "the principles of ethical control of baseball" should rule but they differed as to the means of voting decisions.

A compromise was effected and judge K. M. Landis, of Chicago,

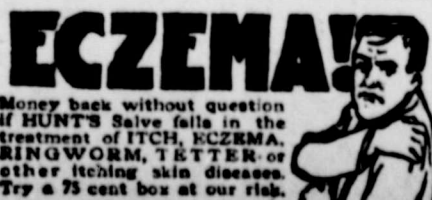
was unanimously chosen "chairman of baseball." His salary will be \$42,500 a year and his term will run seven years. In every case his decision will be final. Minor leagues will be invited to join the plan.

Judge Landis wants also to retain his position as federal judge which pays \$7500. Thus he will get nearly six times as much for judging baseball as for serving on the bench. The baseball magnates hope that by enlisting a man of such high reputation for their supreme umpire they will bring the national game back into popular confidence.

### "Gone Up Salt River"

It is frequently said of a defeated candidate that "he has gone up Salt River." Salt River is a small, shallow stream in Kentucky. Years ago a man ran for office in that locality and was badly beaten. He had been very confident of his election and he was so angered and dazed by the outcome that he jumped into an old boat and rowed away and was never seen again. When anyone inquired where he was, the answer was that he had gone up Salt River, and this saying was finally adopted into the language of politics.

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### Justice for Convicts' Dependents

The two Dallas detectives who donated the reward they received for capturing an escaped convict from the Louisiana penitentiary to the wife and child of the convict, who were found to be in need, not only proved that detectives have hearts, but they taught a lesson that State governments should take home to themselves in dealing with State prisoners.

It is not infrequently the case that when a man is convicted and sent to the penitentiary for crime his wife and dependents suffer more from the penalty than does the criminal himself. It is a serious matter to take away the support of a woman and children, and the leniency of juries in dealing with men charged with crimes may often be traced to their hesitancy in bringing the innocent to suffer with the guilty, which is inevitable when wives and children of convicts have no other means of support save their labor.

If all the states, when imprisoning a man for crime, would put the proceeds from his labor, over and above the cost of his keep, to the support of his dependents, it would be one the most beneficial steps toward the better administration of justice that could be taken. It would relieve want and suffering among helpless dependents, it would tend to stimulate diligence and good behavior on the part of the prisoner and thereby work for his reform, it would reduce the temptation of governors to pardon criminals who had not paid the penalty for their crimes, and would encourage juries to convict more readily, by partially removing the dependents of the defendant from their consideration.

The modification of the allowance plan followed in the army during the war would almost surely result in simplifying the whole problem of punishing and suppressing crime. — Houston Post.

Mrs. Mary Jennings of Nacogdoches is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Driskell, just east of town.

### \$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, etc.

### Newspaper Gems

A court has decided that a man is the head of his family, but the man still has to prove it.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Our opinion is that when the time comes for the meek to inherit the earth, taxes will be so high they won't want it.—Dallas News.

The only doubtful States left are the states of mind of a large number of postmasters and they aren't so very doubtful.—Syracuse Herald.

J. T. M. writes to inquire: "Where is all the daylight that was saved?" Easy enough. It was knocked out of the Democratic party November 2.—New York Morning Telegraph.

"Business sees the coming dawn," declares a trade journal. No, no; what business sees is the coming down.—Bridgeport Star.

The Eighteenth Amendment put liquor in the home and the Nineteenth put politics there. You just can't keep 'em apart.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

Senator Poindexter favors a protective tariff on peanuts to keep out the Asiatic product. We favor legislation to keep out foreign nuts of all kinds.—Augusta Herald.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor and son returned Sunday from Houston, where they visited relatives several days.

The Misses Sandell, teachers in our school, visited home folks at Huntsville during the Thanksgiving holidays, returning Sunday.

Miss Blanche Ray, superintendent of the Grapeland school, attended the state teachers' convention in Ft. Worth last Thursday and Friday.

Col. W. S. Walter is in receipt of news of the death of his niece, who resides at Hillsboro, Ill. She was hurt in an automobile wreck some time ago, sustaining a broken back, but lived twenty-eight weeks after the accident.

Dock Trimble, a former citizen of this community, but who has been living in Dallas county the past three years, is here for a few days, and will move back to this section if he can find a place. Mr. Trimble says the section in which he lives is hard hit on account of the crop failures and low prices being paid for farm products.

**New Pastor Arrives**

Rev. B. C. Anderson, the new pastor of the Methodist church, arrived with his family Sunday afternoon from Livingston, coming through the country in their car. They left Livingston Saturday, but were delayed on account of mud and bad roads. Their household effects came in Tuesday and they are now located at their home at the parsonage.

Bro. Anderson preached Sunday night to a large congregation and will preach again at 11 o'clock next Sunday and each Sunday thereafter.

He comes to this church highly recommended as a minister and has already made a favorable impression upon the people. We extend this family a hearty welcome.

**Harris-Baker Wedding**

On last Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist church, a very pretty wedding occurred when Mr. J. Major Harris of Houston led to the hymenial altar, Miss Ola Baker. The ring ceremony was used, and Rev. G. H. Farmer was the officiating minister.

Just prior to the ceremony Miss Clarite Elliott of Crockett, in her most gracious way, sang "I love you."

Preceding the bride and groom came Miss Linna D. Haltom and Mr. Chester Owens as attendants, followed by Miss Lee MacVicker of Houston, as maid of honor, and Mr. George E. Darsey Jr., best man. Then came the bride and groom to the strains of "Here Comes the Bride," played by Mr. Arthur Guice.

Immediately after the ceremony, the happy young couple left for Houston, where they will reside.

Miss Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baker of this city, although she has been making her home in other cities for several years, living the past three years in Houston.

Mr. Harris is a prominent young business man of Houston, being a member of the firm of Harris Clothing Co.

They have the best wishes of everyone for a happy married life.

Holiday goods? Well, I guess. Purchased in mid-season, hence the biggest assortment ever carried. Dolls, nice ones, too, cut glass, ivory goods, jewelry, manicure sets, silverware, the life time kind. All on display soon. Smith & Ryan.

**McCarty—Browning**

A surprise wedding and one of unusual interest was that of Miss Willie Browning of this city to Mr. Walter McCarty of Beaumont, which occurred in Houston Thanksgiving, November 25, 1920.

The contracting parties were both reared in Grapeland, but Mr. McCarty has been making his home at Beaumont for several years.

They have a host of friends who will join the Messenger in congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life.

After spending a day in Houston, Mr. McCarty returned to Beaumont and Miss Willie returned to Grapeland, where she has a position as saleslady with George E. Darsey & Co. After January 1st, she will resign and join her husband at Beaumont, where they will make their home.

**Special Services at the Christian Church**

Next Sunday at the morning hour of worship C.W. B. M. Day will be observed at the Christian church. There will be special music appropriate to the occasion, and the sermon will be in keeping with the general purpose of the day. An offering, which will count on the church's missionary budget for this year, will be taken at the close of the service.

The regular evening service will be at 6:45 o'clock.

Since this will be the first Sunday of the third year of our labor together as church and pastor, and since too we are to have a special service at the morning hour, every member of the church is urged to be in attendance at the eleven o'clock service. Come in the evening if you can, but be sure to be present Sunday morning.

All visitors will be welcome at both services.

G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

**Died at San Antonio**

Mr. Alf Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Matthews of the Antrim community, died in a sanitarium at San Antonio Monday night. Death was caused by typhoid fever.

His brother, W. R. Matthews left Wednesday at noon for San Antonio to accompany the remains here, and upon arrival interment will take place in Matthews graveyard, in the Antrim community.

Rub-My-Tism cures bruises, cuts, burns, sores, tetter, etc.

# Prices Scaping the Bottom!

Prices have struck the bottom at DARSEY'S! They are as low as they will be for a long time--lower than they could be resold for if bought today. Cost and profit are not taken into consideration. We are cleaning our shelves of this fall's stock of goods and our customers are reaping the benefit of the lowest prices in town.

**PRICES ARE SCRAPING THE BOTTOM** in every department of our store. Here is part of the proof:

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| Women's cloth Coats, \$6 and up at  | <b>HALF PRICE</b> |
| Girls' coats, \$2.50 and up at  | <b>HALF PRICE</b> |
| Millinery, new fall hats at   | <b>HALF PRICE</b> |
| Best grade dress gingham at   | <b>24c</b>        |
| Good grade of dress gingham at  | <b>17 1-2c</b>    |
| \$1.00 New Vogue Suitings at  | <b>50c</b>        |
| Men's Overalls and Jumpers at   | <b>\$1.75</b>     |
| Men's heavy Moleskin Pants at   | <b>\$3.95</b>     |
| Heavy ribbed underwear at   | <b>90c</b>        |
| Children's' EZ union suits at   | <b>\$1.00</b>     |
| Lowest prices on outing, ticking, sheeting, hosiery, caps, etc.             |                   |
| \$10.00 Stetson hats at   | <b>\$7.75</b>     |
| 16.60 Florsheim Shoes at  | <b>\$12.50</b>    |
| 1 lot ladies high grade kid shoes, Louis heel, in brown, grey and white, at | <b>\$6.50</b>     |

Lowest prices on all leather work, dress and school shoes, men's and boys' suits, overcoats, shirts, etc.

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**LOCAL ITEMS**

To prevent a cold take 666.

Clewis' new fall samples are arriving.

Miss Nellie Ferguson is visiting friends at DeLeon.

Plenty of best grade tacking at W. H. Long & Co's.

Mrs. Ward of Amarillo is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ben Frisby.

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

Miss Mattye Leigh Moseley attended the football game in Austin Thanksgiving.

Rub-My-Tism relieves Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains.

Mrs. Claud Keeland and son visited relatives in Huntsville from Thursday until Sunday.

Miss Pat Harrison spent the latter part of last week at Alto with relatives and friends.

A new line of "up to the Minute" style in soft and linen collars at W. H. Long & Co's.

**For Rent**

7 room bungalow of Mrs. Frank Allen. Apply to 2t Mrs. George Calhoun.

Chas. Jones returned Monday morning from Oakwood, where he spent Sunday with his wife and baby.

Remember that after December 11 the gins of Grapeland will close permanently for the season.

666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.

R. L. Pridgen and family visited the Houston fair and exposition the latter part of last week.

Do you need a trunk or suit case? We have them. W. H. Long & Co.

**Wood for Sale**

All sizes and kinds of wood delivered. See or phone it. J. W. Cook.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Shanks of Crockett, and Miss Bula Taylor of Dallas visited Mrs. J. A. Frisby several days last week.

**For Sale**

I practically new Singer hemstitching and picoting machine. For price write Mrs. Maud Allen, 419 South May St., Palestine, Texas, 2t

Mr. Jim Caskey and Mrs. J. N. Parker were married last Wednesday, November 24. Their many friends extend congratulations.

**Renter Wanted**

To work 75 acres of land on third and fourth. Good land; also hog pasture furnished. f Mrs. Lucy Willis, Rte 3.

**Renter Wanted**

To work 40 to 100 acres of land; will furnish plows and cultivators and teams, cow to milk. Apply to A. N. Edens, G. Grapeland, R. 3.

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**Appropriate Christmas Gifts**

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The question of an appropriate gift is a problem for the average person

That is why we have given such careful thought and attention to the selection of holiday gifts you will find in our store.

No one in the family was overlooked, from the tiniest infant to grand-dad and grandmother.

DO YOU REALIZE HOW FEW DAYS

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The following articles listed and many more not included in the list are now on display in our show windows and store:

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**Stationery, Fountain Pens and Pencils.**

**TOYS—Books, and Fireworks for the boys.**

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Packages to be sent long distance should be mailed early. We give careful attention to the packing and wrapping of packages to be sent out this way.

**SMITH & RYAN**

**DRUGGISTS**

To break a cold take 666.

Select your suit now from Clewis' new fall samples.

Cheapest coffee and flour in town at W. H. Long & Co.

Miss Linna Dee Haltom, who is teaching a music class at Trinity, spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with her mother.

J. E. Spence has recently completed the remodeling of his residence in the west part of town.

Dr. W. D. McCarty and family went to Houston last Thursday to attend the McCarty-Browning wedding.

Mr. E. E. Hollingsworth visited relatives and friends in Livingston a few days this and last week.

A few choice, pure bred Duroc pigs for sale worth the money. See, write or phone M. L. Whitaker, Grapeland, Texas, Route 2, Box 75. It

**Berry Plants**

Macatawa plants now ready to move. Let me supply your wants while they last. M. L. Williams, R. 4. tf

Miss Madge Bean went to Palestine Saturday to spend a few days with her mother, who is living in that city temporarily so that her son can take treatment under a specialist.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**For Sale**

Two work horses and pigs, some registered. Make me an offer. Louie Frisby.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brooks of the Rock Hill community left the latter part of last week for New Mexico where they will spend several weeks visiting.

Lewis Nance Murchison, who is attending the A. and M. College at College Station, spent last week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Murchison.

**Renter Wanted**

To work on halves, land containing 50 or 60 acres, 2 miles, on Crockett road. Phone or see J. W. Cook. It

Norman Mollard and Miss Irene Gilmore of Palestine were married in Grapeland Sunday night at the home of Rev. G. H. Farmer, who officiated.

The statement of the Guaranty State Bank is being reprinted this week on account of a typographical error appearing in it last week. The real estate loans should be \$4,130.39, instead of \$41,130.39.

Misses Lucindy Darsey, Mabel Boykin, Mae Doris and Rena Ross Richards and Messrs. Frank Granberry and Killough Richards spent last Thursday at Aldine as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ory Heath, and visited the Houston fair and exposition Friday.

Miss Alice Bell Mangum, who has been visiting her brother, W. L. Mangum and family for the past month, returning to her home in Mississippi last week.

**ENON NEWS**

Enon, Nov. 29.—We have been having some very bad weather the past few days. On that account our Sunday school attendance was small last Sunday.

The young people enjoyed a Thanksgiving social last Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whitaker, given in honor of their daughter, Miss Velma.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roe Oliver Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Goodnight and Mrs. Sam Shaver of the Union Chapel community visited at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Whitaker Sunday.

Miss Stella Woodard spent the week end with relatives at Grapeland.

Mrs. Joe Colkin visited her mother, Mrs. George Brimberry, Monday.

The little body of Lela Mae Drikell was laid to rest in the Davis cemetery, Monday 29. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Libby Skidmore and children spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whitaker.

Mrs. George Brimberry spent Sunday with her son, Ben Brimberry.

Little Elbert Brimberry has been right sick for the past few

days but is better at this writing.

Miss Nola Colman spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Cora Chapman.

Little Cooper Skidmore is on the sick list, but is better at this writing.

Miss Velma Whitaker is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Whitaker, of the Union Chapel community.

**Cotton Report**

There were 20,419 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1920, prior to November 14, 1920, compared with 7,365 bales ginned to November 14, 1919.

E. B. Hale, Agent.

**Ginning Notice**

On December 11, our gins will close permanently for this season. Up until that time we will gin three days each week—Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Those having cotton to be ginned, please take notice.

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Shade of free trade! A Southern tariff congress has been holding sessions south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1920

**READJUSTMENT IS ON**

Various reports and newspaper items indicate that the next two or three months are going to witness considerable turmoil in industrial circles throughout the country, and that we are going to make greater strides toward readjustment than we have at any time since the world war.

However, we should not get it into our heads that an industrial revolution is on the way and that wages are going to smash, that factories are going to close up tight and stay closed or that banks are going to pull down the blinds and quit. Nothing so bad as that is forecasted.

But indications are that thousands of men all over the country are going to be thrown out of employment while this readjustment is going on. Factories will release their men and leave them idle while they revise price lists and set new standards of production. These prices will be lower so that it will be necessary when the plants again resume operation to offer the old jobs at a reduced wage. This is already being done in many places and is soon destined to become general. It is worth while to note, too, that in most instances the men are accepting the decreasing wage. That alone will prevent a serious flareup throughout the country.

Within a short time there will be, for the first time since we entered the war, more men than there are jobs. The man who has steady work at a living wage is the one to take not of these changing conditions.

This thing will right itself and when we emerge from it, eventually it will prove better for all concerned. The world has been out of joint for three years, and the time is now here when we will descend from the high pinnacle of riotous living and return to earth once more.

We take no stock in, nor do we share the views of some that the country is broke, ruined and going to the bow-wows. Rather we take an optimistic view of things, contrasting them with years gone by and can see a shaft of sunlight protruding through the dark cloud. There's an exceedingly optimistic vein in the advertisement printed in this issue by the Guaranty State Bank, giving a comparative statement of

their business now and same date in 1914. Quite a number of people contend that conditions are worse than in 1914, when the great war broke on a peaceful world, stagnating business and crushing commerce of every kind. We do not believe it, nor can the contention be borne out by the facts, so far as this immediate section is concerned. The condition of the banks is a pretty good index as to the condition of the community from which they draw their business and if you'll turn now and read the statement it will open your eyes and perhaps give you a better vision. Quit talking hard times. The psychological effect is bad—it is as deadly poison. Therefore, friends, we admonish you to try to see the good instead of the bad side of things. The effect will be helpful, not only to you, but will radiate its good influence in a limitless sphere and the world will be better.

**Tenants Leaving Farms**

Lockhart, Tex., Nov. 28.—There is still considerable acreage of farm lands not rented and landlords have begun to fear that much land will not be cultivated. A tendency to move into town by many tenants owing to the low price of cotton is given as the reason.

**The Meanest Man**

Sherman, Tex.; Nov. 26.—A burglar last night robbed a local restaurant, taking the Salvation Army's Christmas money box. The proprietress announced that if the burglar will communicate with her, giving the amount taken, she will replace it out of her own funds.

**Engaged Sow Chase Men**

Paris, Texas, Nov. 22.—While Jesse Bramlett, a farmer southeast of town, was killing hogs a few days ago, assisted by neighbors, they were attacked by a brood sow in the lot. A pistol was used in killing the porkers. The enraged sow got hold of the pistol and held it in her mouth as she chased the men around. There was danger of it being discharged while she champed it between her teeth. The men scattered and stayed a safe distance until she dropped the pistol.

**Compressed Air as Medicine**

A Kansas City, Mo. physician has devised a steel chamber to be used in treating certain classes of patients with compressed air. The chamber 88 feet long and 10 feet in diameter, is fitted up somewhat the same as a sleeping car, accommodations being provided for 72 persons. Patients spend from three to 12 hours daily in the chamber under air pressures of from five to 20 pounds, according to the condition of each. The treatment is said to quiet the nerves, promote sleep, stimulate the appetite and renew the store of energy.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirit. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

John Tyer of Percilla went to Palestine Monday on business.

No. 768  
**Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE GUARANTY STATE BANK**

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of November, 1920, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 25th day of November, 1920.

**Resources:**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Loans, and discounts, personal or collateral .....      | \$ 79,397.88        |
| Loans, real estate .....                                | 4,130.39            |
| U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness .....                | 25,000.00           |
| Bonds and stocks .....                                  | 31,019.00           |
| Real Estate (Bank-house) .....                          | 3,428.90            |
| County Warrants .....                                   | 2,216.68            |
| Furniture and Fixtures .....                            | 2,651.70            |
| Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand ..... | 36,447.90           |
| War saving stamps .....                                 | 854.76              |
| Interest in Depositors' guaranty fund .....             | 1,700.87            |
| Assessment depositors' guaranty fund .....              | 126.97              |
| Acceptances and bills of exchange .....                 | 7,148.48            |
| Other resources .....                                   | 304.55              |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                      | <b>\$194,428.08</b> |

**Liabilities**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Capital stock paid in .....                 | \$ 20,000.00        |
| Surplus fund .....                          | 10,000.00           |
| Undivided profits net .....                 | 4,075.92            |
| Individual deposits, subject to check ..... | 123,572.82          |
| Time certificates of deposit .....          | 19,403.19           |
| Cashier's checks .....                      | 478.58              |
| Bonds deposited .....                       | 16,350.00           |
| Other liabilities .....                     | 547.57              |
| <b>Total .....</b>                          | <b>\$194,428.08</b> |

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Houston.

We, C. W. Kennedy, as president, and U. M. Brock, as cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. Kennedy, President.  
 U. M. Brock, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November, 1920.

Chester Owens,  
 Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.

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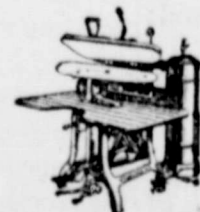
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### Was Very Weak

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

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# CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I found after one bottle of Cardui I was improving," adds Mrs. Crosswhite. "Six bottles of Cardui and . . . I was cured, yes, I can say they were a God-send to me. I believe I would have died, had it not been for Cardui." Cardui has been found beneficial in many thousands of other cases of womanly troubles. If you feel the need of a good, strengthening tonic, why not try Cardui? It may be just what you need.

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#### ROCK HILL ITEMS

Rock Hill, Nov. 28.—We have had some real bad weather, as Friday was unusually bad, but we are glad to see it fair up once more.

Sunday school and church was well attended yesterday, although the weather was threatening. Glad to see all come out and take part, and we were glad to have Mrs. Campbell with us.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brooks have moved from our community and Mr. Denson has rented his place and will move in next week.

The Young Ladies Club meets Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Will be glad to see all members present.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and a few more days then Christmas. All the children are patiently waiting for the time to draw near for Santa Clause to come. Never mind; it isn't long till you shall hear the sleigh bells ringing.

We were glad to see the Antrim visitors at church and Sunday school. Wish they would join us every Sunday.

Teachers and pupils took Friday for a holiday, although there wasn't much of a holiday to it, as the weather was so bad.

#### UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving was not observed in any unusual way here, although we feel there is a great deal we should be thankful for.

Mrs. W. P. Davidson and little daughter have gone to Texarkana Ark., to visit her father. This is Mrs. Davidson's first visit home in quite awhile, so we are sure it will be a happy event.

Mr. and Mr. T. L. Brown entertained quite a number of their relatives Thanksgiving day.

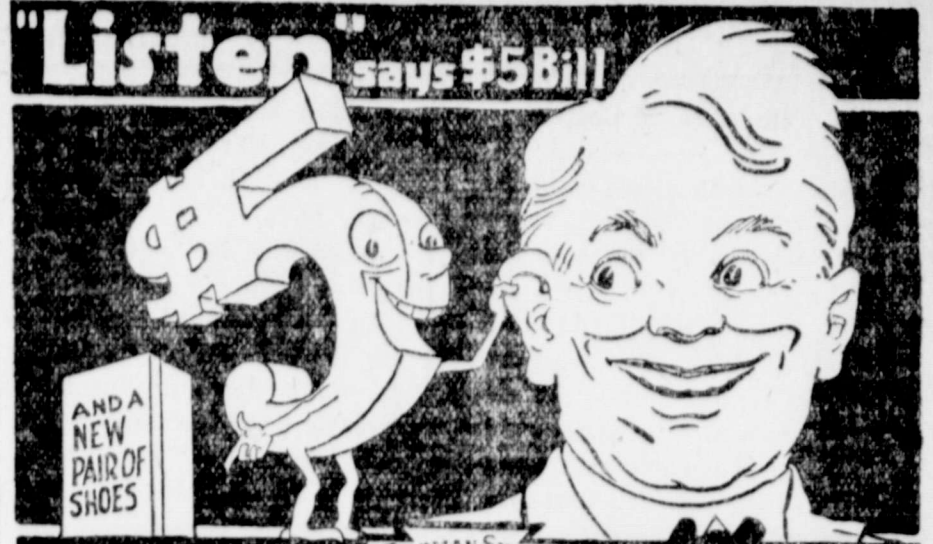
Little Miss Alma Spruill of Grapeland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Weisinger spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Clark.

George Brimberry is spending awhile with his mother, Mrs. Polly Brimberry.

Rev. W. R. Durnell will preach here the second Sunday in December; also Saturday night before.

Mrs. W. P. Kyle, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. E.



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#### An Old Stunt

The oldest joke, says an exchange, and we almost agree, is the one about the man who went to the ladies' hosiery counter in a department store and said that he wanted to buy a pair of stockings. The saleslady looked at him and said: "Do you want them for your wife, or would you like something expensive?"

Now that the football season is over, there'll be a dearth of college news, the fact that A. Greasy Grind kicked a field goal over pons asinorum not being considered sufficiently interesting to send out from the academic shades of the higher education.

Mrs. A. O. Riall visited relatives in Crockett the latter part of last week.

Martin, has returned to her home at Daly's.

Mesdames. A. W. Pelham and Mary Cutler spent last Monday with Mrs. Henry Platt.

When the kidneys are ailing, use Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine kidney tonic. Relieves backache, bladder troubles, indigestion and constipation. Men of advanced years get great relief from its use. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith and Ryan Special Agents.

#### Job Printing

The Messenger's prices for job work are based upon the Franklin Printing Price List, which are scientifically arrived at—no guess work, fair to the buyer and seller.

Doctors are aganist kissing—for the other fellow.

## Answer Your Door Bell!

Emerson said that if a man did something better than his neighbor, no matter what it was, the world would make a beaten path to his door.

But times have changed—Now a-days the men who make the "better" things are "making paths" to YOUR door.

Every time a newspaper comes your door-bell. Merchants and a host of people are ringing

manufacturers are waiting on the doorstep to spread their goods at your feet for you to look at.

Don't let the opportunity that advertisements offer you slip by.—No matter what you want, clothing, groceries, a fountain pen or a farm, you will find the "better" ones in the advertising columns.

The advertisements tell you where you can get what you want, when you want it.

Buying with a definite knowledge is so much better than shopping at random. Study the advertisements

Varieties of Cotton

No little has been said about the staples of different varieties of Texas cotton; much has been said by people who know practically nothing about the subject.

I believe that every Texas farmer should know as much about the merits and demerits of the kind of cotton he grows as he can find out. To that end we have made a personal investigation into the facts concerning the matter and through the medium of the Messenger will give a summary of them to its readers.

First, I find that the promoters of many of the varieties of cotton make greater claims for their staple than the facts found by the department of agriculture will bear out.

These figures are taken from Bulletin No. 266, published August, 1920, by E. P. Humbert. I wish to give his preface in his own words:

"This Bulletin gives the staple and drag or body of several varieties of cotton grown by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station during the season of 1919. Apparent discrepancies may occur since results of but one year are tabulated. Each variety was grown at ten different places in the state, however, and an excellent opportunity was offered for making comparison. A later bulletin will give other facts of importance concerning these varieties. The yield per acre, percentage of lint, size of boll, earliness, etc., are factors which affect the value of a particular variety of cotton. The shorter varieties often yield best. Farmers are interested in the net returns from each acre rather than in the price per pound or in any other one factor which affects the net return. This bulletin is not meant to over emphasize the importance of staple length. It simply makes available certain data which have a bearing on the value of these varieties of cotton. The varieties were planted in the regular variety test plots of the station. The most important varieties are listed.

- (Staple expressed in 16ths).
- Rowden, 20 tests, average, 16.4.
- Belton, 20 tests, average, 16.3.
- Acala, 40 tests, average, 17.2.
- Truitt, 10 tests, average, 16.2.
- Harvell, 10 tests, average, 13.4.
- Durango, 10 tests, average, 17.6.
- Express, 10 tests, average, 18.
- Foster, 10 tests, average, 18.1.
- Kechi, 10 tests, average, 17.2.
- Sonoa Flake, 10 tests, (long staple, average, 20.4.
- Cleveland, 10 tests, average, 14.3.
- Mebane, 20 tests, average, 16.0.
- Mebane Triumph, 40 tests, average, 14.3.
- Kasch, 10 tests, average, 15.3.
- Boykin, 10 tests, average, 14.4.
- Webb, 10 tests, average, 15.1.
- Chislom, 10 tests, average, 15.4.
- Bennett, 10 tests, average, 16.4.
- Lene Star, 70 tests, average, 1.63.

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Holdon, 10 tests, average, 16.2. Jackson, 10 tests, average, 15.1. Ferguson R. N., 10 tests, average, 14.5.

Union Big Boll, 10 tests, average, 12.9.

Half and Half, 10 tests, average, 13.4.

Anyone desiring further information may obtain same by addressing the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas.

W. R. Durnell.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Nov. 29.—We, too, are still on the map, but saying that, we also report a meek little presence, for the slump in cotton has nearly crushed the life out of us all, although we should take the editor's view and be thankful for the fat hogs so many haven't got.

Our Sunday school has almost disbanded, judging by the presence of the few children and no adults. Don't let it be so, for we certainly need a good Sunday school.

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

Mrs. Eugene Lively and children visited her sister, Mrs. Glenn Sullivan, Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Alna Tillman and Miss Virgie Tillman visited their mother, Mrs. Hubert Steadman at Salmon.

Mrs. G. W. Garner is up and around again, after several days' sickness.

Thanksgiving was very quiet here; no celebration of any kind, even school was in session.

We are glad to see John Adams with us again. He has been at Mineral Wells for several weeks in search of health, and he believes he found it. We are glad to hear it.

Mr. and H. L. Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Howard.

G. W. Garner went to Elkhart Friday on business.

Shower for Bride

"A shower rally very pleasant. When every rainbow is a present;

So don't forget the day and hour. But join us in a "Miscellaneous Shower."

The above invitation was received by the many friends of Mrs. W. S. McCarty (nee Miss Willie Browning) Tuesday evening, when Misses Boykin, Dorris, Davis, Richards and Mesdames. C. R. Taylor and M. E. Darsey were hostess at a miscellaneous shower, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey, honoring Mrs. McCarty.

The guests were received at the door by Miss Rena Ross Richards where they registered in a beautifully hand designed "Blue Bird Bride's Book," presided over by Miss Mabel Boykin.

On entering the living room each guest could not help but express their admiration for the artistic decorations of blue birds, which was carried out throughout the house. Two contests were participated in. First, "Five requirements for domestic happiness," second, "What shall the bride wear." Miss Lucindy Darsey, receiving a box of handkerchiefs for highest honors, which she presented to the bride. At the conclusion of this W. D. Taylor, dressed as a messenger

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Bee-Keepers' Meeting

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. M. C. Tanquary, State Entomologist, stating that he can be with us in a bee-keepers' meeting Saturday evening, December 4, 1920, at the Commercial Club room in Crockett, at 2:00 o'clock, p. m. If you have a single living hive of bees you should be interested in this meeting. We expect to organize a county bee-keepers' association in order to co-operate with the State Bureau of Entomology. We hope to have a hive of bees under glass and other modern bee-keeping appliances at the meeting but no one will have anything to sell; it is purely an educational affair, with better bee-keeping as the goal we are striving for. Tell your neighbor that has bees and be on hand promptly. Geo. M. Jeffus, Crockett, Texas.

Mules Strayed

Look out for two mules, 1 bay horse mule, the other dark sorrel mare. If found notify A. B. Spence.

Nesbit Lively attended the McCarty-Browning wedding in Houston last Thursday.

Notice to the Public

Beginning Saturday, and each Saturday thereafter we will put on a delivery service at the market. Let us have your orders for meat of all kinds and oysters. It A. E. Murdock.

Charlie Wall, Reagan Long and Herman Murchinson spent Sunday afternoon in Palestine.

Advertising is the economic factor of business. Without it few buyers would know of the exceptional values offered. The turn-over would be reduced to almost nothing and in order to live the merchant would be compelled to jack up his prices. It would be the only solution possible. Higher prices mean fewer buyers and business failure to the man who is afraid that advertisnig may be an extravagance.

As we understand it, the old regular Republican leaders look on Brother Hoover as being still in the probation state.

Our idea of an optimist is the farmer who raises a crop of cotton at a cost of 30c per pound, sells it at 10 or 15 cents per pound, then goes ahead with another crop.—Rosebud News.

boy came hurriedly into the room with a message for the bride from the brides' husband saying that he was coming at once, but before congratulations could be offered another message was received to this effect: "Meet me down the road, washout-on the line." The sympathetic guests requested that they too would go with the grief stricken bride, so they hurried to the next room to get their wraps, and there they really beheld a "washout-on-the-line," for a long clothes line was stretched across the room and the many beautiful gifts were descending from this.

After many delightful exclamations they were bidden to enter the dining room, where a salad course, with cake and tea was served. Mrs. C. R. Taylor, gave a toast to the bride, who readily responded.

After this they again gathered in the living room, where the bride from a handsomely decorated blue bird chair in her most gracious manner thanked each guests, and especially the hostess for this lovely affair.

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