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EPHESUS NEWS

Ephesus, Jan. 17.—We have noticed in the last two papers that lots of people are making new year resolutions. We are glad to learn that most of our people are trying to do something to make this a better place to live.

The farmers are resolving to stay out of debt as much as possible, and the merchants are resolving to do as much cash business as possible. We see where their heads are level.

Resolutions that are like German treaties are not worth much. The idea is to make good resolutions and keep them.

If we would make this world a better place to live in we would all do well to observe the golden rule, which is "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even unto them." Matt. 7, 12. There is not a man in all the world that wants someone to do him wrong. If we would do more to make others happy we would be happier ourselves. The most of us are like the hog that roots around under the great oak tree and eats the acorns but never looks up to see where the blessings comes from. We get so wrought up over misfortunes, we forget to be thankful for the blessings we receive.

We people here in East Texas have much to be thankful for. Some say we are in the midst of a panic. What if we are? We have plenty to eat and enough

clothes to keep us warm. Why should we worry?

We are only here for a few years at the best, and we are all going to live until we die. If we are at peace with our maker, death is only a stepping stone to better place. Paul said he was willing to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. 2nd Cor., 5, 8. That is, he was willing for God to use him as He saw fit.

Of course it is human nature for us to try to get all of this world's goods we can, but when we see we are beat there is no use making a big fuss about it—just take it as our part and try to do better next time. When we meet in town next Saturday let's talk about the good things to come and try to forget the bad things that are passed and gone. Let's cheer up and do our part to make this a happy and prosperous year.

Reuben Graham has a sick baby. We have not learned what the trouble is, but hope it will soon recover.

Henry Graham has had an attack of appendicitis, but he is able to work again.

About six of the farmers around here met at Joe Turner's Saturday and put the bridge across Mayes creek. We hope we will be able to get lumber and build a new bridge there before another man gets hurt. The bridge that is there never will be safe.

Eld. W. R. Durnell filled his appointment here last Sunday.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Jan. 17.—Although the bottom fell out of prices on cotton, hogs and some other things produced by farmers, we see them at work with vim starting another crop in hope they may receive better prices in the future. Some have a good amount of their land flat broke, while others have not plowed a furrow.

Rev. Anderson delivered a fine sermon at this place last Sunday afternoon. He was accompanied by his wife and children and Frank Leaverton and family, all from Grapeland. We gladly welcome these visitors and hope to see them and many others with us again. Jim Herod and wife from Oak Grove were visitors here Sunday.

Our Sunday school is growing some and we hope to see better attendance as spring advances.

The literary society rendered a splendid program last Friday night, a large crowd in attendance.

Mrs. Z. A. Parker returned home Saturday from Grapeland, where she has been several weeks at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Ritchey. She reports Mrs. Ritchey's condition quite serious.

Mrs. E. J. Musick spent several weeks at Hays Springs at the home of her son, Sam Musick, returning home last Sunday.

Argie Finch has been sick several days. Very little sickness except colds at the present time.

The attendance was good. W. P. Davidson and family of Union Chapel were visitors.

The fifth Sunday meeting of this association will convene with this church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in this month. The program, which is printed this week in the Messenger, is a good one, and we have provided for some able speakers to carry it out. Everybody is invited to attend these services. We have plenty of pork, potatoes, corn bread and syrup. You will not get hungry while you are here.

Our Sunday school is improving as spring draws near. It is hard to maintain a Sunday school through the winter, but we are used to doing hard jobs, so we don't get discouraged when things look blue.

Our literary school, under the management of W. G. Luce and Miss Ruby Oliver, is progressing nicely and all it still setting pretty.

Are You Going to Plant Tomatoes?

Those in charge of the movement to get the tomato industry started in this community request all who are going to plant this spring, to call at Messenger office and leave their name and the number of acres they will plant. Please do this by Saturday, as it is very important to know how many acres will be planted. Attend to this at once.

Renew your subscription.

LIBERTY HILL NEWS

Liberty Hill, Jan. 17.—This community has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Girtie Farrar of Waneta. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ramey, and her mother, Mrs. J. C. Smith, have our heartfelt sympathy.

Ed Bullar and his singing class from Percilla were here Sunday and their singing was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Lewis Hendricks and a number of people from Waneta were here from Waneta Sunday to attend the singing.

Rev. Marquis filled his regular appointment here last Sunday and the service was well attended.

Mrs. A. M. Scarborough left last week for West Columbia, where she will join her husband, who has a position there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cannon of Alto are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davis.

The boys' basket ball team played a game with Waneta on the latter's court last Saturday, and won by a score of 13 to 11.

Ed Holcomb, who has been working at West Columbia, is

spending a few days with his family.

Joe Bayes of Marshall is visiting friends in this community.

The young people enjoyed a really and truly tacky party at Mrs. Mary Cutler's last Friday night. Everyone was dressed suitable to the occasion, and the many old fashioned games that were played were enjoyed by all to the fullest extent.

The Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dickey of Percilla announce the birth of a son Saturday, January 8th, 1921.

Meal and Hulls

I have a car of cotton seed meal and hulls to trade for cotton seed, or will sell for cash. Will save you money.

Henry Dailey.

Herbine corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a fine herbal medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Days of Economy

These are days of economy—days that require prudent buying.

Quality, service and accommodation go to make the budget of economical policies you wish to employ in making your purchases.

You will look for these things when you go to buy and this store can help you in the very problems you are trying to solve.

It is not difficult to trade here. We have what you want and you can get it when you want it at prices that are always right.

You are demanding the maximum on your dollars and we make it possible for you to realize full value for your spendings.

Discriminating buyers will find this the ideal store with which to trade.

Come to see us and let your wants be known

McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

Grapeland, Texas

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Keeland Brothers

10 pounds of sugar for	\$1.00
6 pounds of coffee for	\$1.00
22 bars of soap for	\$1.00
22 packages of soda for	\$1.00
7 cans of salmon for	\$1.00
8 cans of tomatoes for	\$1.00
6 cans of corn for	\$1.00
10 pounds of rice for	\$1.00
8 pounds of lima beans for	\$1.00

ONION SETS

SEED IRISH POTATOES

GARDEN SEED and SEED OATS

KEELAND BROS.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

POULTRY FLOCKS

CAUSE OF TURKEY FAILURES

When on Free Range There Is No Overfeeding and Necessary Exercise Is Obtained.

Improper feeding combined with close confinement, has been the cause of many failures in turkey raising. When on free range the poults are busy most of the day searching for feed. Here there is no overfeeding and lack of exercise, such as poults are often subjected to by those ignorant of their wants. If the range is plentifully supplied with green feed, grasshoppers, and other insects, and if the weather is favorable, the best plan is to allow the poults to feed themselves. It is usually advisable, however, to have them come home at night, and if driven up and fed at a certain place every night they will soon learn to come up themselves.

When, on account of rainy weather or unfavorable range conditions, it is advisable to raise the poults by the coop method, more care must be given to their feeding.

Successful turkey raisers use many different kinds of feed. Some suggested by the United States department of agriculture poultry specialists follow:

Hard-boiled egg chopped fine and corn-bread crumbs for the first week, and then whole wheat and hulled oats; stale bread, soaked in milk and squeezed dry, for the first few days, and then common chick feed; clabbered milk seasoned with a little salt and pepper, corn-bread crumbs; equal parts "pinhead" oats, whole wheat and cracked corn; cracked wheat; cornmeal and wheat bran mixed in the proportion of three to one and baked into bread; and bran or middlings one-half, cracked Egyptian corn one-quarter, wheat and hulled oats one-quarter.

In addition to the above, skim milk and buttermilk are quite often fed, with excellent results. A good plan is to keep the milk in front of the poults during the morning and water



Bronze Turkey Hen.

during the afternoon. If grit and green feed cannot be picked up outside the coop, they must be provided in some other way. Chopped onion tops, lettuce leaves, dandelion leaves, and alfalfa make excellent green feed. Grit can be furnished in the form of coarse sand.

CAREFUL IN FEEDING CHICKS

Little Fellows Will Grow More Rapidly if Fed Five Times Daily if It is Done Right.

Young chickens should be fed from three to five times daily, depending upon one's experience in feeding, says the United States department of agriculture. Undoubtedly chickens can be grown faster by feeding five times daily than by feeding three times daily. It should be borne in mind that more harm can be done to the young chickens by overfeeding than by underfeeding, and at no time should they be fed more than barely to satisfy their appetites and to keep them exercising, except at the evening or last meal, when they should be given all they will eat. Greater care must be exercised not to overfeed young chicks that are confined than those that have free range, as leg weakness is apt to result in those confined.

IMPROVING CHICKEN FLOCKS

One Florida Farmer Has 200 Cocks and 950 Hens, All Standard Bred White Leghorns.

The large number of well-bred flocks of poultry and the skillful methods used in improving them are becoming more and more evident with the development of the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign. One Florida poultry farm, recently enrolled, has 200 cocks and 950 hens, all standard bred, single-comb White Leghorns. In addition, they are line bred for high egg production and the flock has been trap nested for 24 years. The owner states that in addition the fowls are of good exhibition type.

NATURE'S WORK WELL DONE

Good Old Mother Has a Purpose in All Her Doings, However It Seems to Us.

Nature's methods, we say, are blind, haphazard; the wind blows where it listeth, and the seeds fall where the winds and waters carry them; the frosts blight this section and spare not; the rains flood the country in the West and the drought burns up vegetation in the East. And yet we survive and prosper, observes John Burroughs in the Atlantic. Nature averages up well. We see nothing like a purpose or will in her total scheme of things, yet inside her hit and miss methods, her storms and tornadoes and earthquakes and distempers, we see a fundamental benefaction. If it is not good will it amounts to the same thing. Our fathers saw special providences, but we see only unchangeable laws. Nature has no art, no architecture, no music. Her temples, as the poets tell us, are the woods, her harps the branches of the trees, her minstrels the birds and insects, her gardens the fields and waysides—all safe comparisons for purposes of literature, but not for purposes of science.

DREADFUL SPIRIT OF EVIL

African Tribes Have Implicit Belief in the Existence of Monster Who Inflicts Death.

African tribes, while having no gods, believe in a queer personage known as Nyakwa. He is the son of human parents; but no one knows who those parents are, and even the parents themselves don't know it. He is mortal, though he is never known to die. He is invulnerable, though no one ever tried to wound him. He is invisible to all human eyes except to those of his intended victims, and only once to them. Any one who looks upon Nyakwa knows that he must die within that moon. Those who claim to have seen him say that he is neither white nor black, nor yet the color of a mulatto; but of a pale, grayish-yellow hue like that of dead grass. He wears the skin of a deadly serpent about his waist. He lives in the marshes of the jungle and never leaves them except at night; then he often steals into the villages, usually when it is stormy. Silently and without giving pain at the time, he gnaws at the heart, sucks the blood and blows his fetid breath into the faces of his victims while they sleep.

HOW TWO BOYS TOOK LEAVE.

E. F. Benson, who wrote "Dodo," is out with an autobiographical book containing many sly hits at other people. Here is his description of the leave-taking of two close school-boy friends—of whom he was one—at Marlborough. They were lying on the grass:

And at last the friend rolled over on to his face and said:

"Oh, damn!"

"Why?" I asked, knowing quite well.

"Because it will be awful rot without you."

"You'll soon find somebody else," said I.

"Funny," said he.

"Laugh, then," said I.

Few authors of English school stories have written anything as true as that.

Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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.

To break a cold take 666.

It's Renewal Time!

On January 1st many subscriptions to The Messenger expire. Are you going to renew?

Look at the Figures Opposite Your Name

If it reads "Jan 1 21" it means that your subscription expired January 1, "Dec. 1, 20" means that your time was out December 1, 1920. "Feb 1 21" means your time will expire February 1, 1921, etc.

We Appreciate your Patronage and Solicit your Renewal

The Messenger

YOUR HOME PAPER

Make Thousands of Dollars. Get Ahead of the Other Fellow by Picking Scraps of Time from the Wastebasket

Abraham Lincoln would split rails all day in the forest and would walk five miles to borrow a book to study and improve himself. It is said that George Washington in answer to a question of his mother as to why he studied so late at night, replied that he was working out the destiny of his country, and he did.

There are hundreds of young people today who are desirous of gaining a practical education, but for one reason or other, they cannot leave home to secure it, so they drag along from one year to the next in the same old rut. There are hundreds of others who cannot attend our school in person but who are availing themselves of the opportunity offered by the correspondence Department of our College, saving their leisure moments and investing them in an education that will mean thousands of dollars to them in the coming years.

You may say that you are not able to take a course, but the person who can least afford it is the one who needs it most, who should get it by all means at any sacrifice; it does not cost much.

Young friend, take advantage of your opportunity to gain a business education, use the moments that would otherwise be wasted. Spend an hour after nightfall in the long winter evenings qualifying yourself with a knowledge of the famous Byrne Shorthand, Practical Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Arithmetic, Grammar, Writing, Salesmanship and Business Efficiency, Advertising and Telegraphy, by which you will make the business world readily pay cash for your services.

Fill out the following blank and mail to the Correspondence Department for catalogue and full particulars of this Money-back, guaranteed course.

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Address
Correspondence Course Interested in.....
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Sumner Urges Death for Criminal Use of Weapons

Washington, Jan. 15.—Death penalty for persons convicted of committing crimes by the use of weapons, was proposed today by Representative Sumners of Texas as means of checking the present day crime wave. Mr. Sumners, for many years a prosecuting attorney and former president of the District and County Attorney's Association, said action was necessary to make human life more secure.

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleaned of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Borozone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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.

When you want anything in

MEATS

EITHER FRESH OR CURED

**Cheese, Bread,
Fruits, etc.**

COME TO SEE US

CITY MEAT MARKET

C. Denson, Prop.

SALMON NEWS

Salmon, Jan. 17.—The box supper last Friday night was a success in every way. A good program was rendered by the school and teachers, and some good violin music was furnished by Henry Guenther. About thirty boxes well filled were sold to the highest bidder. The house was crowded with people and all had a good time.

Will Shipper, Frank Killion, Norman Lasiter, Percy Smith and Elisha Walling were all Palestine visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Campbell spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod entertained with a singing Sunday night. A very large crowd was present and all enjoyed the singing very much.

Rev. Fred J. Newland, who is pastor of the Baptist church at GrapeLand, will preach for us Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We earnestly urge everyone to come and hear him. He will have something good for us. We want to meet at 2:30 and have a song service before preaching.

Norman Lasiter has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis but is reported to be better.

We want to remind the people of this community that we still carry on a Sunday school at the church every Sunday at 10 o'clock. Come and bring the children next Sunday.

More Homes Needed in U. S.

Our country needs 1,250,000 more homes. So the U. S. Chamber of Commerce tells us, after investigating the subject of housing. Before the war about 350,000 dwellings were built each year, but in 1919 the number had shrunk to 70,000. Still fewer, it is estimated, were built in 1920.

High cost of bulding and high rents are causing families to live in crowded conditions which are dangerous to public health.

Now is Time to Advertise

Advertising should be maintained and not cut at this time when many manufacturers are seriously overstocked, according to Stanley E. Gunnison, a director of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, writing in the current issue of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Bulletin.

"We have come to a period in the growth and even existence of many business houses," says Mr. Gunnison. "Decisions that are made today will be determining factors in the success or failure of the years to come.

"The greatest and most successful concerns have always been the most consistent advertisers. Mindful of the lessons of the past, they safeguard the present and anticipate the future.

"Yet today we hear business men talking of curtailing their advertising at a time when they are overstocked with goods and are undersold to the extent of thousands of dollars."

It Was Al's Little Secret

Mr. Burseson, in his annual report admits that he is a good postmaster general, and that all the defects in the service are due to congress and some of his employees.—Indianapolis Star.

A few doses 666 break a cold.

"I Believe That Every Girl Should Be Trained to Do Something."

By MISS MABEL BOARDMAN, District of Columbia Commissioner.



Do I think a young woman should enter public service provided she has the inclination? That depends upon circumstances; family conditions most always playing a large part in a woman's decision. Her first duty lies at home, and nothing can ever change that.

On the other hand, I believe that every girl—rich or poor—should be trained to do something, either by which she could make a living or by which she could benefit humanity. There is no excuse for an absolutely selfish existence. Every woman, with the possible exception of the young mother with a growing family, should find some opportunity for public service work. I believe in beginning early to educate for citizenship. The children should be made to realize that citizenship means service. I also believe that in the schools girls should be given some special business instruction and, in fact, all possible equipment that will help to fit them for their particular niche in life. What the "particular niche" may be is a hard question to answer. You can't lay down any law because it all depends on the woman herself—the circumstances of her environment, her training, talent and, most important of all, her inclination.

As to the rewards and disappointments of a career of public service, women are young yet in their new field of opportunity. But I believe they are going to be less material than men; that when they go into public service they have bigger objectives and will therefore have bigger rewards. Of course, they will have the same disappointments that men have, added to the sacrifices women have to make when they enter public life that men do not.

As a matter of fact, I believe women are better fitted for municipal positions than they are for national, that their breadth of human sympathy and understanding of civic problems enable them to do a much bigger municipal work. In the Red Cross, for instance, the national work is such a huge undertaking that unless we had given women something to interest them in a local way we never could have moved them.

Cotton Acreage Reduction

The Wall Street Journal says: "By reducing cotton acreage 50 per cent, the Southern farmer, having lost in the decline, will cut himself off from profiting by the inevitable rally." In this position the Journal is absolutely wrong, for by reducing his acreage by onehalf and raising his own foodstuffs the cotton grower would get more for 6,000,000 bales than 12,000,000 bales and would at the same time keep his "corncrib and smokehouse at home" instead of in the West.

The only safe and sane policy for Southern farmers this year will be to cut cotton acreage at least onehalf and raise every pound of foodstuffs and feedstuffs needed. Then the 6,000,000 bales raised at half the cost of 12,000,000 bales would bring at least twice as much as would 12,000,000 bales. The farmer would thus cut his cost in half and at the same time double his income. Let such a proposition be offered on a feasible basis, legally and ethically, to any banker or manufacturer, and we would see how quickly they would jump to accept it.—From the Manufacturers Record.

Chicago furnished the woman of millions who had a taste of royalty recently, and is now back home, imploring her friends to devote their time to looking after Americans of good sense for a husband. The fear is mine that this woman's advice will amount to as much with her hearers as the advice that was given to her prior to her marriage to a titled foreigner. History of past occurrences furnishes too many illustrations to permit of discussion by those who differ. Dating back to the time when the Gould millions were burning in the coffers of the railroad magnet, the man from the old world came over and by his "excellent method of love making," one eye on the million dollar dowry and the other on the

woman, he succeeded. Others followed the same gate, and ere long the millions made in America were used to rehabilitate the castles about to yield to the ravages of time. It is always the pitiful wail of the disappointed that the sensational sheets bring to light, but the wail, with all of its mournful effects, will not put a stop to the practice of seeking to tower above the others. So long as the millions are to be commanded, and social positions are yearned for—not to omit the desire to tower above the other party—so long will the silly young things give up their dowry for a dilapidated old title.—La Grange Journal.

Get the Listening Habit

It is recounted on one occasion a certain wise man was asked the first rule of getting along in the world of people. The answer came back—"Be a good listener."

In these days of modern newspapers, reading corresponds to listening. In the news columns are the printed views and opinions of the foremost men and women of our day—leaders in thought and action. To be well informed, you read what they have to say, just as you would listen if they were speaking to you.

In the advertising columns you have the opportunity to "listen" to messages that are even closer and more vital to everyday life.

Your own townspeople, as well as men and women from all over the world are telling you their stories. For your benefit.

There's an endless array of articles from which you can choose. The choice is simple if you're a good listener—the more you listen the more you know and the better able to buy. So get the listening habit. Read the advertisements.

Mr. E. W. Davis is gradually recovering from a recent serious illness.

Police Hunting for Master Mind in Dallas Robbery

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 16—Search for four bandits, one of whom police believe to be the "master mind" in the daring robbery of a post office sub-station here Friday night when six unmasked men made away with two mail pouches containing more than \$2,500,000 in nonnegotiable paper and approximately \$4,000 paper money, was continued Sunday without cessation, but no member of the robber band had been captured early Sunday night.

Local police officials have assurances which affirm their belief that sensational developments are impending, in that the man who they believed planned the holdup is well known locally. Search for this "master mind" is being centered within the city of Dallas, although Fort Worth police are closely co-operating with local detectives in hopes of rounding up the entire band there.

W. S. Scrivner, alleged confessed member of the bandit gang, was picked up injured a few hours after the robbery near an overturned automobile on the Lake Worth roadside, and Pat Murphy, alias Rufus Clemons, was found underneath the car, with his neck broken. The accident happened while the two men were speeding from a point near Lake Worth, where they hid most of the loot. Scrivner is said to have confessed to police whom he led to the place Saturday.

Fight Ahead Over Reserve Bank

A partisan contest now seems probable during the Harding administration, the Democrats defending the present Federal Reserve banking system, which they put into operation, and the Republicans wishing to substitute for it a system with one centralized bank.

Trying to Check Crime Wave

To try to stop the wave of robbery, judges are giving life sentences to hold-up men where the law will permit such a sentence, even if murder isn't committed. Many legislatures are asked to provide the death penalty for those who, with arms in their hands, force their victims to give up money or valuables. It is expected that present terms of imprisonment will be doubled in most States as soon as the legislatures can vote on it.

Pains Were Terrific

Read how Mrs. Albert Gregory, of R. F. D. No. 1, Bluford, Ill., got rid of her ills. "During . . . I was awfully weak . . . My pains were terrific. I thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could not stand the pressure of my hands on the lower part of my stomach . . . I simply felt as if life was for but a short time. My husband was worried . . . One evening, while reading the Birthday Almanac, he came across a case similar to mine, and went straight for some Cardui for me to try.

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took it faithfully and the results were immediate," adds Mrs. Gregory. "I continued to get better, all my ills left me, and I went through . . . with no further trouble. My baby was fat and strong, and myself—thank God—am once more hale and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For many years Cardui has been found helpful in building up the system when run down by disorders peculiar to women.

Take
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1.82

ECZEMA!

Money back without question if HUNT'S Salve fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Try a 75 cent box at our risk.



Smith & Ryan Druggists

To drive out worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

THE MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter

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6 Months	.75
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Our Advertising Rates are reasonable and Rate Card cheerfully furnished upon application.

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

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of The Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston County. To aid us in this, every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

Phones—Farmers Union System
Office 51
Residence 11

THURSDAY, JAN. 20, 1921

NO REDUCTION CONTEMPLATED

Perhaps some of the Messenger's subscribers are putting off renewing their subscription in the hope that there will be a return to the old price of \$1.00 per year. To those who entertain such hope, we are frank to tell you that no reduction will be made any time in the immediate future.

A great noise has been made about prices coming down—and it has been mostly noise. The cost of living has not come down to any appreciable extent. True, some items have declined, and and there has been a sharp decline in farm products. But there must be a further decline if prices come down to a level with farm products.

The National Industrial Conference Board, in a statement printed in Sunday's papers, tell us that the cost of living has declined only 5.6 per cent since last July. This decline, however, has left the cost of living higher than in 1914, just preceding the war, by the following percentages, according to the Board's report.

Clothing, 128; fuel and light, 100; food, 93; sundries, 92, and shelter 66.

The items we use in producing the Messenger are still high. Paper has slightly declined, but we are paying 10c per pound for newsprint, (we have paid as high as 14c) against the prewar price of 3c. Bond paper that we formerly bought for 12 1-2c per pound is costing us 22c. Other grades of paper that we formerly bought for 8c and 10c per pound is costing us 18c and 20c.

The slight drop in the price of paper does not justify us in thinking of reducing our subscription price at this time. There is still a big gap in the prewar prices of paper and now.

We have only three sources of revenue: Subscriptions, advertising and job work. No country newspaper could be published for the subscription price alone, and very few of them make a great deal of money from all three sources.

The Messenger's biggest revenue producer is from its advertising columns, but since some of the business men of Grapeland have "gone into their hole," and seemingly "pulled the hole in after them," this revenue has been

reduced to almost nothing.

So by the above you can readily see that a reduction in subscription is impossible at this time. Now, if you appreciate your local paper we would deem it a great favor just at this time if you would say so by letting us have your renewal and speaking a good word for us to your neighbor if he is not a subscriber.

AN INVESTMENT—NOT AN EXPENSE

The following is reproduced from the Publisher's Auxiliary, comment unnecessary:

"No local merchant can afford not to advertise in weekly newspapers of the better class. It is a sad commentary upon small town business men that they don't see the advantage to them of carrying an advertisement in the small town paper every single week. Such an advertisement is the cheapest salesman that the merchant can employ. The money spent in advertising in the better class of weekly newspapers is an investment and not an expense; and that is the best-paying investment that the merchant can make; but not one in a thousand publishers of the weekly papers is compensated anywhere near what he is worth to the merchants and to the community in which he lives and to whose interests he dedicates his life. Every editor of a weekly newspaper is constantly working in behalf of every merchant in this community whether that merchant patronizes the local paper or not; but every merchant of every community, unfortunately, doesn't have the business common sense and the business foresight to see that it to his own personal advantage to help support the country editor by advertising—telling the people in the newspaper what he has, how it can be used and what it costs."

CIVIC PRIDE AND DUTY

None of us particularly relish having our duty pointed out to us, but it is a good thing for the world at large that we are reminded occasionally about it, for we are all prone to overlook most anything which can be put off until tomorrow. Especially is this true unless the duty happens to be a pleasure. In that case we perform it with relish, but if it is merely a duty and not a pleasure, that is different.

A civic duty is what every patriotic and right thinking man and woman owes to his home community, and its performance to the full extent of ability should be a pleasure, but alas, it seldom is.

Taking the selfish end of it, it is a fact that the more we build up our home town and community the better we will individually prosper, and so if we are not broad-minded enough to look at it from a general view, we can take it home to our own selves and figure that it is a personal benefit in dollars and cents.

Opening your mouth and putting your foot in it is not as difficult as it sounds.

If the "Father of his Country" could come back and take a look around any large city and note the three foreigners to one American, and listen to their jabbering lingo about tearing down the government he fought for, he would wonder what in blazes he was father to.

Cheerfulness, kindness, graciousness and tenderness are the rubber tires which lessen the jolt when life's vehicle strikes the rough places.

The gougers and profiteers had their day, and now it is amusing to watch them twist and squirm since old Vox has begun to Pop.

Everyone of us should be much more thankful and grateful than we are. If you don't give thought to that once in a while, then you ought to. You owe it to yourself to do so, because it would make life just that much brighter for you and your burdens just that much lighter and easier to bear.

Practically every phase of production and distribution, as we now practice them, is open to large improvement, but most particularly is the road open for a new and better correlation between production, distribution and the consumer, so that the present wide gap between the cost of the article as it leaves the hand of the manufacturer and as it reaches the hand of the consumer may be minimized.

Another Chicken Story

We noticed Mrs. Whitaker's report on her chickens and think she did well. While she beat me some, I'm not ashamed, by any means of the record made by my hens. On account of my book being destroyed, I can't give the exact number in dozens of the eggs sold, but can give the exact figures in dollars and cents received from sale of eggs and chickens.

I had 50 hens and during the year 1920 sold eggs and chickens enough to bring me \$213.60; had eggs to use at home all time, and have 70 hens, 35 of them last year pullets; also 25 young chickens, from broilers up to friers.

In our opinion if farmers' wives would take an interest in chickens they would soon find that it beats trying to help raise cotton, but it takes work to raise chickens and eggs. Let us hear from some farmers wife that has beat Mrs. Whitaker and myself.
Mrs. Ed Musick.

Death of Mrs. Doty

Mrs. Sallie Doty died at her home in north Grapeland Friday evening at 3 o'clock, January 12, 1920.

Her remains were laid to rest Saturday afternoon in the Parker cemetery by the side of her husband, who departed this life some eighteen years ago. Funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. Fred J. Newland.

Mrs. Doty had just passed her 77th birthday. Having lived in this community practically all her life, she was well known and loved by everyone. She was a member of the Baptist church. She is survived by one child, Mrs. Jennie Griscom, with whom she lived, and in her sorrow, the Messenger joins friends in extending condolence.

Our stock of groceries is "spick and span," clean and ready for your inspection. See us before you buy. Kennedy Bros.

Horses and Mules

A few good horses and mules cheap for cash or good paper.
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

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A man's ability to accumulate money is one of the standards by which the business and financial world determine his worth.

Therefore, one's best bit of evidence is his bank balance.

One whose pocket is his bank can only have the temporary sort of prosperity. On the other hand, the thousands who bank their earnings have every opportunity and incentive to permanently prosper.

Select a goal and save for it. Devise a system and hold it—put your money in our bank; before long you will have a sizeable sum of money.

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State Bank

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Fifth Sunday Meeting

Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Anderson County Association, to be held with Ephesus Church, two miles east of Latexo, Jan. 28-30.

Friday

10:00 a. m.—When is Man Elected to Eternal Life?—Jim Roach, J. S. McDaniel.

11:00 a. m.—Preaching—W. D. Andrews.

2:00 p. m.—Is There any New Testament Authority for the Practice of Dedicating Church Buildings to the Service of God?—G. H. Black, W. D. Andrews.

7:30 p. m.—Preaching—J. I. McDaniel.

Saturday

10:00 a. m.—What is Meant by the Expression, "Fallen From Grace" in Gal. 5, 4? Were Those Who Fell Saved People Before They Fell? Were They Lost Because of Their Fall?—Joe T. Nation, W. R. Durnell.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon—A. A. Allen.

2:00 p. m.—Harmonize Chapter 1-8 with Chapter 3-8 of 1st Jno.—W. D. Defoor, B. F. Wright.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon—G. H. Black.

Sunday

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching—W. D. Defoor.

Note—Those desiring to attend from a distance will be met Friday morning at Latexo. Everybody has a welcome.

For Rent

100 acres of land six miles from town; also 50 acres one-half mile of town
R. B. Edens.

Ready for Service

Financial Prince Premier, registered Jersey male now ready for service. Fee \$5.00 in advance, service guaranteed.
C. C. Hill.

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 5c tire tape at Darsey's, 5c.
 Garden seed at Kennedy Bros.
 666 quickly relieves a cold.
 Seed Irish potatoes at Kennedy Bros..
 Fresh garden seed at Kennedy Bros.
 666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.
 All kinds of plow goods at Keeland Bros, at lowest prices.
 Genuine Ford parts at Darsey's.
 Plenty of Kelley plows, points, landsides and parts at Kennedy Bros.
 Miss Esther Davis has returned from Livingston, where she visited relatives several weeks.
 Oscar Matthews, who is in the navy, is home on furlough to visit his parents.
 Buy your Kelley plow goods at Keeland Bros. and save money.
 People are fast learning that we know our business in repairing cars. Suppose you try us. Norman & Lively.

LOST—Jan. 15, gold wishbone pin, red set; will reward finder. Mrs. S. G. Germany, Grapeland, Texas, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis, Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth and Miss Esther Davis were Crockett visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert Sadler and children returned to their home at Port Arthur Saturday, after a visited to relatives at Percilla.

Try a bottle of our Worcestershire sauce. It's fine on oysters or fresh meat. Only 20c per bottle at Kennedy Bros.

Concrete well curbing is the thing to use to stop your well from caving. See us about it. Leaverton & Walling.

When your car needs repairing, bring it to us. We will give you a good job and charge you only a moderate price. Norman & Lively.

Renter Wanted at Once
 Half or third and fourth, that can work 45 or 50 acres of land. See G. A. Walton at Barber Shop.

J. F. Martin of the Antrim community called Saturday to send the paper to his son, Lee Martin at Dallas, who is working for a large mercantile firm in that city.

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, 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, 75c.
 Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.
 Mrs. J. C. Kennedy visited relatives in Crockett this week.
 Cold blast lattern \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 at Kennedy Bros.

M. E. Adams of Percilla was here Monday on business.
 Red, yellow and white onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

Extra low prices on furniture and stoves at Keeland Bros.
 Rub-My-Tism relieves Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains.

Plenty of plow bolts at Kennedy Bros.
 J. D. Moore left Tuesday for Henderson and Van Zandt counties on business matters.

All kinds of bolts, points and repairs for Kelley Plows at Kennedy Bros.
 Miss Melba Brock is visiting friends and relatives in Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long of Augusta visited relatives here Sunday.
 J. H. Leaverton has gone to Franklin, where he will engage in the produce business.

Seed oats, Seed potatoes, Onion Sets and Garden Seed at Darsey's.
 Onion sets, seed potatoes and seed oats and garden seed at the right prices at Keeland Bros.

Rev. Fred J. Newland and T. S. Kent were business visitors to Crockett Tuesday morning.
 All boy's Express Wagons go at 20 per cent off. Kennedy Bros.

Try our new "hay burner" delivery service. Not how quick, but how sure. Kennedy Bros.
 Keeland Bros. will sell you—
 10 lb sugar for.....\$1.00
 6 lb of coffee.....\$1.00
 Best flour at.....\$2.95

See us for concrete well curbing. We have a large stock on hand. It is cheapest in the long run because it will last a lifetime. Leaverton & Walling.
 Chester Owens has gone to Austin, where he has a position as private secretary to Senator I. D. Fairchild while the legislature is in session.

Wood for Sale
 Fire wood, heater wood, stove wood. Phone me F. U. phone and I will deliver it.
 J. W. Cook.

We have one of the best mechanics to be found anywhere. We can fix your car and put it in good shape. Try our service. East side railroad.
 Norman & Lively.

Repairing Plows and Implements
 If you need any repairs or extra parts for your plows, planters or cultivators see one of the boys at Darsey's Hardware department.

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.
 To prevent a cold take 666.
 Garden seed at Kennedy Bros.
 If you have any corn for sale see Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Seed Irish potatoes at Kennedy Bros.
 WE BUY CORN. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. O'Hara spent Saturday in Palestine.

J. C. Kennedy was in Houston the first of the week on business.
 All kinds of Kelley plows at Kennedy Bros.
 Darsey handles GENUINE Ford parts.

Miss Mattie Leigh Moseley spent Saturday in Palestine.
 Trade at Keeland Bros. and save money.
 Our stock of Kelley turning plows is complete. Kennedy Bros.

Geo. E. Darsey was a business visitor to Houston the first of the week.
 Rev. B. C. Anderson was in Houston the first of the week on business.

Plenty of Cuban white sisal rope for plow lines at Kennedy Bros.
 Put concrete tiling in your well. We have plenty. Leaverton & Walling.

Mr. S. T. Anthony is ill at his home in this city and his condition is said to be very serious. His sons, Hosea Anthony of Pecos City, and Howard Anthony of Dallas are attending his bedside.

For Sale
 Choice frost-proof cabbage plants, early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Post paid. Prompt shipment. 100, 35c; 300, \$1.00. Jesse Barnes, 4t Trinity Texas.

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.

There has been no war for two years, but congress is asked to spend next year 1,400 million dollars on the army and navy—three times what was spent on the entire government a few years ago. Yet there are those among us who would adopt universal compulsory military training and make soldiering our chief business.—Capper's Weekly.

Of course you have gathered up the farm implements and placed them in a good shelter to protect them from the weather during the winter months. Or did you leave this important matter for someone else to look after? Farm implements cost money. Credit and money may be hard to get some of these days. Better look after the farm implements.

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ENON NEWS

Enon, Jan. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Homer Wright.
 Roy Ferguson spent Sunday night with his aunt, Mrs. J. A. Mason.
 Miss Velma Whitaker spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Nola Coleman.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Brimberry visited their son, Will Brimberry, Sunday.
 Miss Stella Woodard visited relatives at Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson visited their daughter, Mrs. M. L. Whitaker, Sunday.
 J. T. Skidmore visited relatives here Sunday.
 Mrs. Colentan spent Sunday night with her daughter, Mrs. Marshal Brimberry.
 Mrs. Frank Brown visited her daughter, Mrs. Chuck Skidmore, Saturday.
 R. C. Ferguson and M. L. Whitaker made a business trip to Crockett Saturday.
 Messrs. Almond Anderson and Clemons Ivey visited in this community Sunday.
 Miss Nola Coleman spent Sunday night with Velma Whitaker.
 Misses Opal Neel and Zora and Opal Marshall were visitors at our school Monday.

Second Hand Wagons

A few good second hand wagons that you can buy cheap for Cash or good paper.
 Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

At the Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.
 Morning sermon at 11 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock p. m.
 Evening sermon at 7 o'clock
 Fred J. Newland, Pastor.

At the Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 o'clock.
 Preaching at 11 o'clock.
 The first quarterly conference will be held at the church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and Bro. C. U. McCarty, our presiding elder, will preach Sunday night at 7 o'clock.
 Keep these services in mind and attend them if possible. We are always glad to have visitors.
 B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Messrs. John Lubold of Omaha, Neb., and O. Connor of Lincoln, Neb., are here this week in the interest of the O'Hara Oil Co. Mr. Connor is a geologist and is looking over this section for some people in his state who are interested.

If you reduce the cotton acreage, be sure to produce more of the stuff Texas has been buying elsewhere. And we don't mind saying right here that the fact that Texas spends about \$350,000,000 a year for dairy products, meat and canned goods would send her to the lunatic asylum if her sanity were ever questioned, and it would be but for her illustrious democratic majority.—George Bailey, in Houston Post.

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ORIGIN OF TERM "TWO BITS"

Can Be Traced to Piece of Silver Coined by Mexico, and Is Not Slang Phrase.

To northern and eastern people, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the term "two bits" may sound like slang, but to people of the West and Southwest it is the best of idiomatic English. The expression, "a quarter," is seldom heard in those regions. People invariably say "two bits," and it is much easier for them to say "six bits" than "seventy-five cents."

The word "bit" was used in this sense about 1792, when the Spanish milled dollar was the unit of money in the Southwest. At that time there happened to be coined under Spanish authority a piece of silver for Mexico that represented the eighth part of a dollar, and that was called a "real" after the name of a coin in Spain. It had the same value as the early American shilling. Yankees used the shilling as a common expression, and some people can remember when farmers hired help by shillings.

When the "forty-niners" went to California and the Southwest they found that dos reales was the equivalent of two shillings. Later, dos reales became common as a quarter. The Americans never learned to say dos reales, but they may have Americanized that amount by saying "two bits."

GOOD REASON



Mrs. Benham—Be a man.
Benham—How can I, when you keep me so short?

HIS SYSTEM DEFECTIVE.

The shabby visitor laid his hat upon a chair, and drawing a booklet from his pocket, approached the merchant prince.

"I can tell you," he said, "how to become a great success; how to win independence for life."

"Three seconds gone from the minute I'm giving you," said the merchant.

"I have here," went on the visitor, "an infallible memory system. Master it and you will master the world. You will not forget to post the letter your wife gave you this morning, and you can do without that worsted on your finger."

"My trouble," said the merchant, "is that I can't find a reliable system for forgetting things I want to. Your minute's up."

Sadly the visitor departed, but two minutes later he returned to the office, breathless and excited.

"I forgot my hat!" he said.—Argonaut.

WONDERFUL GAS ENGINE.

The most powerful gas engine is claimed to be one made at Liege, Belgium. It was not quite completed at the outbreak of the war, but was taken to Germany, and restored to its owners only after the war's close. As now improved, it develops 8,000 horsepower. Each of its four cylinders has a diameter of about 51 inches, a stroke of 58 inches, and it makes 94 revolutions per minute. The heat of the exhaust generates steam to drive a turbine.

Pay Your School Tax

The time is short. Penalty added after January 31. I will be in town every day from now on to collect taxes.

F. P. Kennedy, Collector.

Ol' John B. Thrift, Sr.



UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Jan. 17.—We had some very wet weather last week and farmers who were plowing had to let their plows lie idle for awhile.

Mrs. Wm. Marshall and children of Rusk are visiting relatives here.

Henry Kyle of Daly's spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin.

T. L. Brown made a business trip to Crockett last Friday.

The young people enjoyed some musick and singing at Mrs. Mary Cutler's Sunday night.

G. W. Weisinger and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith are the proud parents of a boy baby.

Tom Marshall and family of Daly's spent the week end with Mrs. Omega Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Weisinger visited Ed Smith and family Thursday night.

Mrs. Bill Ferguson spent last Monday with Mrs. Polly Brimberry.

BETHEL ITEMS

Bethel, Jan. 17.—Joe Willis Redmond has been on the sick list several days.

Several of the young people of this community attended the box supper at Silver Creek Friday night. Mrs. Eunice Dickey was presented with the cake for the prettiest girl.

Miss Gracie Tillman spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Eunice Dickey.

Mr. Burrow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hutchings visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Lasiter Sunday.

Dr. McCarty of Grapeland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown will make their home in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hodges, Johnnie and Horace Redmond, Gracie Tillman, Eunice Dickey and Mongo Edmondson attended the party at Rat Jones', in the Livelyville community, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Starkey spent Saturday night with Mr.

and Mrs. Homer Denman.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kellam spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Denman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Franklin spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henyard Redmond were in Grapeland Saturday shopping.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Jan. 17.—There is nothing like hog killing time on the farm; such was the case the last week end, and we are trying to get our work all in front. We are about up with our "office" work and are ready for work that has no shed over it.

There are lots of vacant houses in this city of the forest but no one out of a job.

Tom Kent and family and J. L. Chiles were guests at the West home yesterday.

C. R. Taylor and family and Master Starling Boykin Jr. of Grapeland were visitors here Sunday at the Chiles home.

C. L. Wall of Grapeland was here Sunday. Dr. Officer was also in our midst.

Bro. Newland was on hand and preached us a good sermon. He made a favorable impression. He will preach for us again next third Sunday. J. O. Edington helped make the service good, bringing with him in his car the following: His daughter, Miss Lorene, and Miss Girdie Shaw and T. S. Kent.

Our school is getting along nicely and the children are learning rapidly; so much so that several have been promoted to the second grade in the mid-term. Let the patrons visit the school a little more.

Sorry to report that P. L. Fulgham is a little out of commission with rheumatism, but not confined to his bed.

ANTRIM NEWS

Antrim, Jan. 17.—Eld. J. S. McDaniel filled his regular appointment at this place yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell

visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Martin and children visited at the home of A. W. Brinson Sunday.

Messrs. Allie Little and Willie Price visited Virgil Durnell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lusky Gray visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis Sunday.

Miss Lura Gray spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Gray.

Misses Charm Edens and Eula Durnell visited their aunt, Mrs. Maud Durnell Sunday.

Warren Baker spent Saturday night with Virgie Durnell.

Johnnie Coker, who lives near Palestine, visited in this community Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Streetman and children were the guests of Mrs. Leila Little Sunday.

Mrs. Luna Streetman and children visited Mrs. Etta Little Sunday.

DALY'S NEWS

Daly's, Jan. 17.—Robert Lasiter, who has been in the U. S. navy, returned home a few days ago.

Sunday school is progressing nicely now and we all hope for it to be better in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Huff were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Huff Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spence spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lasiter.

There will be preaching at Daly's the fifth Sunday. Everybody come and bring some one with them.

Miss Callie Mae Lasiter, who is attending school in Grapeland, visited home folks Saturday night.

This Restless Earth

The earth has suffered 141 quakes in the year just passed, according to records kept by the Gonzales Heights Observatory in British Columbia. Most of these have been only slight tremors; a few have had serious results.

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

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Died of Pneumonia

Aaron Vickery, a well-known farmer, died at his home in the Creath community Thursday, January 6, of pneumonia. He leaves a wife and a son; a brother, W. Vickery, and a half-brother, M. L. Goolsby of Collin county. Mr. Goolsby reached the beside within fifteen minutes of his brother's death. The remains were interred at Weches, where the deceased was born and reared. Rev. W. H. Rosser conducted the religious service at the funeral.—Crockett Courier.

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To neglect your personal appearance when our prices for cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes are easily within your means?

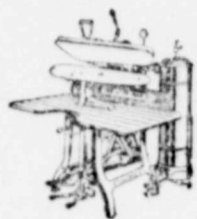
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To overlook the importance of personality as relates to outer garments?

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Lynching in 1920 Reached 61

The United States boasts the biggest, greatest, highest, best etc. of nearly everything—but in some things it has also the worst. In the unenviable role of lynchers, we Americans lead the world so far that not even the most lawless nations can approach; we have the field to ourselves.

In the last year there were 61 lynchings reported in this country. Of these, 52 were in the South and nine in the North and West. Of those lynched, 53 were negroes—one a woman—and eight were whites. All sorts of offenses were given as reasons for the lynchings; in 18 cases it was rape; in one case it was peeping through a window at a woman, and in another it was "insisting on voting."

Texas carried off the "honors" with a record of 10 lynchings; Georgia had nine; Alabama, Florida and Mississippi 7 each; North Carolina, Oklahoma, Minnesota and California boasted 3 each—and various other states had one.

Besides the lynchings, there were 56 other cases where the mobs were prevented by firm action of the authorities from carrying out their will. In some cases the mobs were fired on by the officers and seven of the lynchings were killed.

Bad as the record for 1920 is, it is an improvement over most former years. It shows 22 fewer lynchings than in 1919. For 1918 the number was 64; for 1917, 38; for 1916, 54; for 1915, 69. The year 1912 was the worst for some time, as the toll that year was 145; but many of this number were from race riots rather than deliberate lynchings. In 1892 the total was 208, which was the highest for any year recorded.

For the last 30 years the total lynchings were 2980, or just about 100 a year on the average. At times the lynchings have exceeded the number of legal executions thus showing that lynch law has more potency among us than the established law. We also hold the bad record among

civilized nations for murders, as we have a homicide rate of about five a year to each 100,000 population, or five times what it is in British territory and 10 times what it is in Scandinavian countries.—The Pathfinder.

Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements, it leads to chronic constipation, a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for putting the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Diversification Pays

Corsicana, Texas, Jan. 16.—Frank MacQuiston, a young farmer who lives near here, brought a bale of cotton to town Friday that weighed 590 pounds and he sold it for \$39.25. On the same wagon Mrs. McQuiston brought chickens and turkeys whose aggregate weight was 259 pounds and these brought her \$45.88, a difference of \$6.63 in favor of the turkeys and chickens.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

Liberty Bonds as Legal Tender

Tom Watson, the radical new Senator from Georgia, wants Liberty bonds made a legal tender at par for the payment of all debts. He says he will introduce a bill for that purpose as soon as he gets into the Senate. Such a law would, he says, bring the bonds back to par instantly. Probably it would, but only by cheapening the money of the country—which of course would send all prices up again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Moore of Augusta were transacting business in GrapeLand Monday.

LOBSTER-ROMANCE

By MARY CONNELLY.

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No matter what their respective occupations or social standing during the winter months, on this particular occasion they were simply a fisherman and his sweetheart going lobster catching at 5 o'clock of a summer's morning, and as the man steered for the open sea he divided his attention between the girl opposite him and the brightly painted buoys which bobbed in the green water, marking the place where the lobster pots lay hidden.

Sea-gulls screamed overhead, and occasionally skimmed the water gracefully a few yards from the side of their boat; "Mother Carey's chickens" with their ministerial coats of black and white fluttered to within a few feet of them in answer to the fisherman's coaxing whistle; and now and then a buoy floated calmly by with a solitary mackerel-duck as passenger. The sun rose higher and higher, and the southwest wind sent the salt spray into their faces as they sped over the water.

The fisherman spoke for the first time since they had become entangled in the rope of a buoy.

"Here's a trap I haven't pulled for a week," he said, as he leaned over the side of the boat and drew the line toward him. The sound of his voice, quite normal and showing no hint of the conflicting emotions that had been going on within his breast that morning, gave him courage. He turned toward the girl, a half-smile on his lips.

"Let's bet on it," she suggested, and she returned his smile quietly.

"It will be empty," she said, beginning to show interest.

He laughed merrily. "Impossible!" he exclaimed; "after a week there ought to be something here. It's near rocks, too. If you lose," he added, "you pay a forfeit, you know."

There was complete silence as he drew the pot from the bottom hand over hand, and as it came to the surface covered with dank sea-weed and full of tiny star fish, they both leaned over it eagerly.

"Empty!" exclaimed the girl, as she sank back in her seat with a little laugh of triumph. The man dropped the trap back into the water and flung the dripping buoy angrily from him. Her laughter hurt him in his disappointment.

"We'll have to try three times," he told her; "it's the only way to make it fair for both of us."

Again he stopped the motor and caught at the buoy as it swept past. The game was growing exciting and the girl came and stood beside him. She wasn't exactly sure whether or not she wanted to win this time. As the trap neared the surface he closed his eyes and guessed quickly.

"There'll be two," he said, almost grimly, as he unfastened the little door. A perch imprisoned within sent the salt water into his eyes with its terrified flapping, and it was a moment or two before he could examine the contents of his trap. One large lobster, and, yes, hidden in one corner; a little chicken lobster. He measured it critically and then smiled.

"Nine and one-half inches," he told her, "I win this time."

Preparations were made for the third and final catch. A snowy-capped wave sent a white buoy bobbing into view and the girl felt a little tug at her heart-strings as she watched the man lean over and pull it from the water. Suddenly, with all her heart, she prayed that he would lose. The game had gone too far. She saw it in his eager glance and felt it in the quickened beating of her own heart. It seemed almost as though her liberty were slowly slipping from her, and she wanted so much to be always free. It was her turn to guess, and she glanced about her quickly. They were far out to sea by this time, and the rocks were no longer visible. She repeated her first bet.

"It will be empty here," she said.

He looked at her and sighed. "I was afraid that you would say that," he said gravely. "I seldom get much out here at the present time."

Hand over hand he drew in the rope until the trap rested dripping upon the side of the boat. He cleared away the sea-weed and looked into the trap while the girl sat with averted head almost as though it mattered nothing to her how it would all come out. Then a glad little chuckle from her companion made her turn, and she saw him standing with a giant lobster held by the back. She did not know whether to be angry or glad, but as she saw the unmistakable look of happiness in his eyes she began to smile at him. Hurriedly he snapped the lobster's claws and cast it into the barrel. Instinctively they both felt that fate had decided more than a mere forfeit for them. Shutting off the motor he

came toward her, and suddenly realized that she was undeniably glad to see him coming.

Whether or not the man asked the girl the all-important question that summer's morning has not been decided, for at the time the last catch was taken they were three miles out, and all jurisdiction over them had ceased, but sufficient it is to say, that when the boat came to shore an hour or so later they were sitting together upon the seat above the engine, looking as though they had found a pot of gold at the end of the sun-path they had followed that morning.

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Hens Are Quick to Raise "No Food, No Eggs" Sign Whenever Feed Is Overlooked.

Provide the hens with ample nourishment. One of the greatest feeding crimes is to let them get real hungry. Hens raise the "No Food, No Eggs" sign whenever they are neglected in this respect and it is hard to get them to abandon their "laying strike" when they begin it.

Dry Leaders Urge Nation To Help Back Volsted Law

Washington, Jan. 15.—Representative Volstead, father of the national prohibition enforcement act, and William M. Williams, the man who is trying to enforce it, tonight called for co-operation of everybody to make the country more nearly 100 per cent dry. The occasion for their statements was the first anniversary of constitutional prohibition.

Both frankly admitted that the country is far from dry and predicted hard work ahead if it is to be made so.

Volsted declared, however, that the "saloon is gone" and that one year of prohibition had benefitted the country.

Many permits were forged, liquors secured thereon and diverted to illegal purposes, Volstead declared. "Nevertheless, we feel that this situation is now well in hand by reason of new and additional regulations recently put into effect, the need for which was demonstrated by our experience."

Williams did not give the amount of liquor withdrawn from warehouses, but it is understood to be about 35,000,000 gal-

lons in the last year. All was withdrawn on permits and supposed to be used for non-beverage purposes, but much found its way into the hands of the bootleggers. There were about 62,000 permits issued.

Williams declared enforcement task is becoming easier.

Williams expressed hope that the "common sense and fairness of the American people" would bring about further co-operation and pointed out that in this way prohibition enforcement appropriations would be reduced and the federal tax burden in some measure lightened.

The Volstead act, the commissioner defended, saying it had not had a fair trial.

Chief Ainsworth of the customs service, which is co-operative in prohibiting enforcement, said:

"Custom houses all along the borders of the United States are clogged with millions of bottles of liquor seized from smugglers. The amount seized was but a tenth of what was smuggled into the country."

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Mexican National Life a Factory to Turn Out the Governing Classes.

By PROF. EZEQUIEL CHAVEZ, Mexican Educator.

Our whole national life has been one immense factory to manufacture the governing classes. The foreigners have controlled our commercial life, operated our mines, our railroads, our stores, our factories. Since the foreigner has carried on all of our economic life, what is there left to the Mexican to do? Why, simply to govern. And so our schools have prepared men for governing.

We need more and more different kinds of training. Our people need to enter many other lines, instead of being simply shut up, as in the past, to becoming physicians, lawyers and engineers. Our educational system must change, so that it can direct the young people into fifteen professions instead of into three, and into twenty or thirty different modes of gaining their living and contributing to society. The new school should turn itself to developing leaders in our economic and social life.

I do not mean to make our education entirely practical, leaving out all of the humanities, as Germany has done. We must see that the school introduces young people into useful livelihood and trains them at the same time to be good citizens.

Now for Steady Pulling

Business will mend. When prices reach fair levels, people will buy. There will be no wild scrambling, no contest for goods. There will be far less propaganda, more straightforward effort. Honest sweat is going to take the place of words.

From now, it will become the salesman's duty to sell, and customers will assume natural proportions. When a retailer wants a bill of goods, he won't place twenty-five orders for it. Touched in turn, manufacturers will begin to put quality in fabrics, and competition will become a condition as well as a theory. Up and down the line service will supplant impudent incivility. Some of the grand duchesses in department stores will even condescend to look at prospective purchasers when they don't happen to be swathed in mink and sable.

There is plenty of money in the country, for money doesn't evaporate although it is sometimes stuffed in banks, stockings, mattresses, and holes in the ground. There is no lack of optimism among men who knew the difference between economics and soap-box bunk. Another less familiar name for depression is salvation. The slacking up of business represents dishonesty squeezed out of business. It also represents silly confi-

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dence, indiscriminate buying, and speculation carried to dizzy extremes.

Convalescence is not the pleasantest thing in the world, but it is certainly safer than going on having fever. What we mistook for prosperity was high temperature.—Hollands Magazine.

We folks are a good deal alike about many things, whether we are rich or poor, high or low, wear overalls with a one string gallus or silk underwear and an opera plug hat that shuts up just like our wives won't when we want 'em to. People are people wherever you find 'em, and most people are good people and some better. If we but practice to please instead of to deceive, the habit grows and the rays of sunshine radiate in all directions, even as ripples on the water's surface from where the tiny pebble dropped.—Exchange.

Profiteering Approved

"I'm sorry, young man," said the druggist, as he eyed the small boy over the counter, "but I can only give you half as much castor oil for a dime as I used to."

The boy blithely handed him the coin. "I'm not kicking," he remarked. "The stuff's for me."—New York Watchman Examiner.

Fifty-Fifty

A captain in the merchant marine who received much commendation for his wonderful courage and endurance during the war asked to address a meeting in the West, at which Ex-President Taft was the chief speaker. Mr. Taft spoke first and at considerable length, and when he had finished the audience rose, almost to a man, to leave the building. The chairman sprang to his feet, rushed to the edge of the platform and called excitedly: "Come back and take your seats. Come back everyone of you. This man went through hell for us during the war, and it is up to us now to do the same for him."—Christian Register.

Strong drink is the only thing in the world that makes a man feel like a million dollars one day and like 30c Mex the next.

Many a man who in his time shucked 100 bushels of corn in a day now has a son who finds it mighty hard to bite the grain off a roasting ear.—Rochester (Ind.) Sun.

BIG FLATS FOR MADRID.

A gigantic effort to settle the housing problem of the Spanish capital by the inrush of thousands of country folk to the city is in progress in the northern section adjacent to the suburb of Cuatro Caminos. A private concern has acquired an enormous tract of land and has begun building what for Madrid are skyscrapers of ten stories. Each of these buildings is to contain 400 flats and 40 stores. The new model suburb is to be in all respects modern. Engineers are now engaged in laying out a boulevard running through its center over half a mile long and 130 feet in width, with two carriage ways and a central promenade lined with trees.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

It has been estimated that 33,000,000 foreigners have come to this country since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Of this number more than 6,000,000 have been from Germany, 4,000,000 from Ireland and an equal number from the rest of the United Kingdom, and less than 2,000,000 from the Scandinavian countries.

UNITED STATES SCHOOLS.

There are now more than 17,000 high schools in the United States, attended by 1,735,619 pupils. City high schools constitute more than 10 per cent of the total. They enroll, however, 52 per cent of all the pupils. The first high school in the United States was established in Boston in 1821.

GOT AWAY WITH HIS BAIT.

Redd—Do any fishing in that pond where you were last summer? Greene—Sure thing. "Any big fish there?" "There ought to be. I fed 'em all summer."

JAPAN TO RAISE SHEEP.

Experiments in the raising of sheep are being conducted by the agricultural department of the Japanese government, representatives of which have recently purchased some 200 Shropshire and 50 Corriedale ewes while on a mission to Australia. A number of rams have already been sent to Japan from England. It is reported that the total number of sheep now in Japan does not exceed 4,000 to 5,000, of mixed breeds.

THE RESEMBLANCE.

"The labor troubles seem to be proceeding like clockwork." "Yes, apparently, they have the strike habit."

FIRST AID.

"This stuff won't kill me, I hope," said the timorous customer. "I don't think so," replied the "blind tiger" proprietor. "But what did you press that button for?" "Oh, I was just calling our private ambulance."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

HARVARD EXEMPTS NONE.

All Harvard students are now required to take some active part in athletics. There is no longer any line drawn between the students who go in for development above the collar and those who favor development below the collar.

It is reported that the naval strength of the United States is only half that of England. And so the mad race to outstrip one another in armament receives an additional impetus.

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Newspaper Gems

Is it too late for the South to sell its cotton to the Shipping Board?—Syracuse Herald.

A falling star is like prices. It makes a great show of falling, but never lands anywhere.—Cleveland News.

It may be, as a scientist says, that from a physical standpoint we are much inferior to prehistoric man; still, most of us would rather be inferior than prehistoric.—New York World.

There will be more cabinet disappointments than appointments.—Syracuse Herald.

Mr. Burleson says the post-office department advanced under his administration. He probably refers to the advance in the pound rate.—Southern Lumberman.

There Must Be Something Else

There must be some hereafter, solace for sorrow, else why do our thoughts and sentiments flow back and engulf us as an Alpine torrent? If it be the end seems like we would not care as

we do.

There are moments in all our lives when there comes flashing back into memory's changing track recollections of friends who have been called to that home beyond the stars not made by hands. As one contemplates the moments, or maybe years spent with them, inexpressible sadness creeps into the heart and there is a loneliness that cannot be described—a yearning for the comrade sleeping beneath the sod, tongueless, silent, inanimate as the clods that rattled down upon the coffin. It is a part of the great plan to love and be separated, to have friends and have them move away, to form attachments and have them torn asunder by death, the great leveler, who is no respecter of love or friendships. Today we rejoice, tomorrow we mourn; today we laugh, tomorrow we cry; today our friends are with us, tomorrow we are alone. Thus has it been since the beginning of time, and so will it be until there is no time, and the earth shall be swallowed up in the final eternal design of the Creator.—Exchange.

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