

# The Grapeland Messenger.

AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

Volume 24 No. 51

Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, Feb. 17, 1921

Price \$1.50 Per Year

## Document Publication Measure is Favored

Austin Tex., Feb. 12.—Representative Barry Miller of Dallas has obtained a favorable committee report on his bill fixing the newspaper charge for official publications. The bill follows:

Section 1. That hereafter the price to be paid newspapers for the publication of proclamations, advertising or notices of all kinds required by law to be published in newspapers of this state for the state, counties or municipalities, or in any legal proceeding, shall not exceed the sum of 2c a word for the first insertion and 1c a word for each subsequent insertion for the same matter, provided that no newspaper shall charge for any proclamation, advertising or notice, herein provided for, a greater charge than its regular rate for advertising.

Sec. 2. Every newspaper in the state of Texas, which shall publish any proclamation or notice provided for in section 1 of this act, shall file with board of control at Austin, Tex., its regular advertising rate, sworn to by the editor, owner or publisher or some executive officer of the corporation, if such publication is owned by a corporation, and such affidavit shall be open to public inspection.

## Card Of Thanks

We want to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kind words spoken and services rendered us in the putting away of our dear father. The Brown children—

Flora,  
Clyde and  
Mary Lou.

## The Cradle Roll

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Luce Saturday, Feb. 11 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.

## Human Beings Stand Cold Better Than Animals

Most of the wild creatures are stronger and more active than man, and they are more healthy. Yet there is one point in which man can beat them all—that is, in the matter of resistance to heat and cold.

When an expedition penetrated into Tibet, that tremendous tableland north of India, winter brought a temperature of 40 degrees below zero Centigrade.

This is 11 degrees below freezing point of mercury. The horses and camels died, but the men resisted the terrific temperature.

The coldest town in the world is Yakutsk, in Siberia, and here during almost every winter, the spirit thermometer indicates 45 degrees below zero. Horses and cattle perish; even cats die with the cold, yet a population of several thousand human beings survives.

In Northern Alaska the cold is often so great that a bowl of water flung from a window falls to the ground in rattling ice crystals. Yet man lives and flourishes under these conditions.

Mankind is equally tolerant of extreme heat. He can live in the Sudan, where temperatures have been recorded of 120 degrees in the shade, and where the heat of the sun beating on the sand is sufficient to roast an egg.

More wonderful still, he can spend as much as ten or fifteen minutes at a time in the hottest room of a Turkish bath, where the temperature is 30 degrees above that of boiling water, and which is an ordeal which would kill almost any other warm-blooded animal.

## Service is Success

Service is the ground-work of the great industrial and business system on which civilization is built. So long as a government serves the people all goes well but when the people are called upon to serve the government, it is time to call a halt.

Imperialism must go in all organizations and co-operation must take place. This applies to individual plants as well as to nations.

## Bill For Protection of Newspaper Men Prepared

Austin, Feb. 11.—Confidences given newspaper men shall be regarded in the same manner as confidence between a lawyer and his client and a physician and his patient, under the provisions of a bill to be introduced in the house by Lee J. Rountree and being prepared by the attorney general's department at the request of Mr. Rountree. A similar bill, drafted by Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver, has been introduced in the Colorado legislature.

"Newspaper men daily receive confidences of men of every station of life, from governors to criminals," Mr. Rountree wrote the attorney general in asking him to draft the bill. "Frequently inquisitorial bodies summon them to appear before them and try to get from them this information. No newspaper man, even under the penalty of imprisonment, ever divulges these confidences. Purposes of this bill I am asking you to be good enough to draw will be to avoid their being constantly harassed as indicated above."

## Prices of Other Days— Whiskey 20c Per Quart

Beeville, Tex., Feb. 12.—A page from an old account book kept by a merchant at Fredericksburg, which was found here, quotes whiskey was selling for 20c a quart in 1853. Among other items listed are wine at 20c, steel at 30c, one pair shoes \$1.25; four yards domestic 50c; sugar 15c; 1 pound coffee \$1.00.

## Apples Carry Photos

Picture apples are the newest novelty produced by the gardening expert. These apples bear flags, names, monograms, lovers' devices, coats-of-arms and photographs of royalties.

There is no limit to the variety of designs, and this ingenious orchard creation suggest that in the near future we may have "illustrated" fruit of all sorts on our tables.

It is all very simple. When the apples are about the size of walnuts they are enclosed in paper bags. Being thus covered, the fruit is not reddened by the sun's rays as it matures. When fully grown it is still green or yellow.

As soon as the apples reach full size, the paper bags are replaced by others, on the sides of which designs have been cut like a stencil. The sun colors the exposed part of the fruit, so that when the bag is removed the picture is seen in red upon the green or yellow apple.

A man should not allow himself to hate even his enemies; because if you indulge this passion on some occasions, it will rise itself in others; if you hate your enemies, you will contract such a vicious habit of mind as by degrees will break out upon those who are your friends or those who are indifferent to you.—Plutarch.

## Neff Would Sell, Lease Or Junk the State Railroad

Austin Tex., Feb. 12.—Governor Neff, in a special message to the legislature today, says either junk, lease or sell the state railroad; that it never has and is not capable of sustaining itself; that it has been a drain on the treasury of the people and that the state is morally bound to pay some \$200,000 of obligations now outstanding.

Representative Hardin introduced a bill some two weeks ago in line with the governor's recommendation of today. Mr. Harding provides that the state dispossess itself of the state railroad. No action has been taken on the bill, but, in view of the governor's position, it is possible that the measure will be pushed.

Our observation is that women talk less about the weather than men do, but more about everything else.

The Gootson Hotel is being repainted this week. Josiah Caskey and Al Brown have the contract.

## Tank Car Driver Killed in Automobile Accident

Palestine, Tex., Feb. 12.—Louis McClung, driver of an auto oil tank wagon, was instantly killed when an International & Great Northern switch engine backed a string of freight cars into his machine, while crossing the Reagan street crossing. Witnesses of the accident state his head was completely severed from the body, and rolled some thirty feet. He recently moved here from Rusk and was married.

## Barn Burned

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn of Mr. T. S. Kent at early hour Monday morning.

Early risers saw the blaze and gave the alarm, and another barn standing only a short distance away was saved by those who responded quickly to the alarm.

Along with the barn, several bushels of corn, pea hay and some cotton was destroyed.

Renew your subscription today

# Money Talks!

We want you to know that money talks at our store. So do eggs talk. Try us and see.

## NOTE THESE PRICES:

11 lbs granulated sugar for . . . \$1.00

22 bars of soap for . . . \$1.00

45 lb can of lard for . . . \$6.75

Extra high patent flour for . . . \$2.95

Wheat shorts for . . . \$2.50

Wheat bran for . . . \$2.00

We are doing our best for the buying public with reference to selling a general stock of merchandise at cheaper prices. You owe it to your own pocketbook to see us before you buy.

**McLean & Riall**  
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS  
Grapeland, Texas

# Lower Prices

—AT—

## Keeland Brothers

11 pounds of sugar for . . . \$1.00  
6 pounds of coffee for . . . \$1.00  
Seed Irish potatoes, per peck . . . 75c  
Onion sets, per quart . . . 10c  
Best grade of flour, per sack . . . \$2.95  
4 1/2 bushels of seed oats for . . . \$4.00  
Wheat shorts . . . \$2.50  
Wheat Bran . . . \$2.00

**KEELAND BROS.**



50 good cigarettes  
for 10c from  
one sack of

GENUINE  
**"BULL"**  
DURHAM  
TOBACCO

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Feb. 14.—Most people have sown their oats the past week and hope it will continue warm and fair. Some gardening has been done also, but most of us have waited to see if Mr. Groundhog told the truth or not.

Many of our people went to Guiceland Sunday, as Bro. Chism preached in the new church.

Mrs. Herbert Denman, Mrs. Howard Denman and Mrs. Malone Wright spent last Wednesday with Mrs. G. W. Garner. All report a lovely day. Cake and chocolate was served in the afternoon and all had a most enjoyable time.

Hooker Brown and sister, Miss Ruzie and Miss Cora Morgan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, near Bethel.

George Cunningham entertained the young folks with a Valentine party. A large number was present. Ben Keen and several others rendered some lovely music. All had a glorious time.

Mrs. Herbert Denman spent several days in Palestine visiting her sister, Mrs. Cassie Gilmore. They motored to Dallas and other points, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sullivan and baby spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Sol Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Malone Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Denman spent Saturday night and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Alfred Caskey.

Mrs. Emma Denman spent Saturday night in Grapeland with Mrs. Minnie Walton.

Re-Appointed Superintendent

The many friends of Judge E. Winfree of this city will be glad to learn that he has been re-appointed by the state board of control to the superintendency of the confederate home at Austin. Judge Winfree has been filling above place for sometime and during his administration the home has made wonderful advancement, and his friends here predict that the affairs of that institution will continue to be handled in a satisfactory manner as long as he continues as the superintendent.—Houston County Times.

Modern politicians are too polite to call their opponents liars. They merely charge them with being malicious and malevolent prevaricators.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Feb. 14. Farmers are busy cleaning up land and plowing. All seem to be going to do their best, even if they did not receive much for their labor last year.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Spikes of Elkhart visited their sister, Mrs. Ed Smith, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Lone Star community attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Pelham spent Wednesday afternoon with Mesdames. Buck Cutler and Josie Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingram spent the week end with their daughter Mrs. Paul Weisinger.

Our community was made sad by the death of Grandmother Shaver, which occurred Friday morning at the home her daughter, Mrs. Walter Whitehead. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Misses Estell and Ruby Keen of Oak Grove attended services here Sunday.

Little Miss Alma Spruill of Grapeland spent the week end with Edna Lou Martin.

Mrs. G. W. Weisinger and children visited Mrs. Ed Smith Sunday.

Homer Lively, who has been working in the oil fields, visited his family here last week.

Lincoln's Speech at Gettysburg

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Intestinal worms destroy the health of children and weaken their vitality. The worms should be expelled before serious damage is done. White's Cream Verifuge is a thoroughly successful remedy. Price, 35c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

# 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

Young Friend! If George Washington Could Rise from his Grave on His Birthday the 22nd of this Month—

And see our cities at midnight lighted as bright as day hear the whirl of the electric car, talk over the wireless telephone, send a message by wireless to a ship far out at sea, examine his own bones with an X-ray, view the sunny plains and canals of Mars through a telescope, take a flight from America to Europe in an air ship, and return under the waters of the ocean in a submarine, get run over by an automobile going 90 miles an hour, see kings fleeing from their thrones—but what's the use going back a hundred years? A system of Shorthand and Bookkeeping twenty-five years old is of but little use today.

As the steamship has crowded out the sail boat, as the typewriter the goose quill pen and pokeberry ink, so have the famous Byrne System of Bookkeeping, Business Training and

Shorthand taken the place of the old systems, and the Tyler Commercial College with its modern progressive business methods has taken its place at the head of American business is plain; these systems cut in half the time and cost becoming an expert accountant or stenographer; they teach business as well as bookkeeping; they make it possible for the student to graduate and begin earning while the student of other systems is less than half through his course; they give the student a more thoro, practical working knowledge, which means a higher salary and the college has kept abreast of the times, and met the demands of the most exacting business office.

These practical, modern, time saving systems can be had in this section only in the Tyler Commercial College. You would not think of riding in a horse drawn vehicle in preference to an automobile. Then why think of studying the old ox-cart systems of accounting and stenography when you can get the Byrne Systems which

**ITCH!**  
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 and Ryan

possess such wonderful advantages that they enabled the management of the Tyler Commercial College to build the largest business training school in America, with an annual enrollment of four thousand.

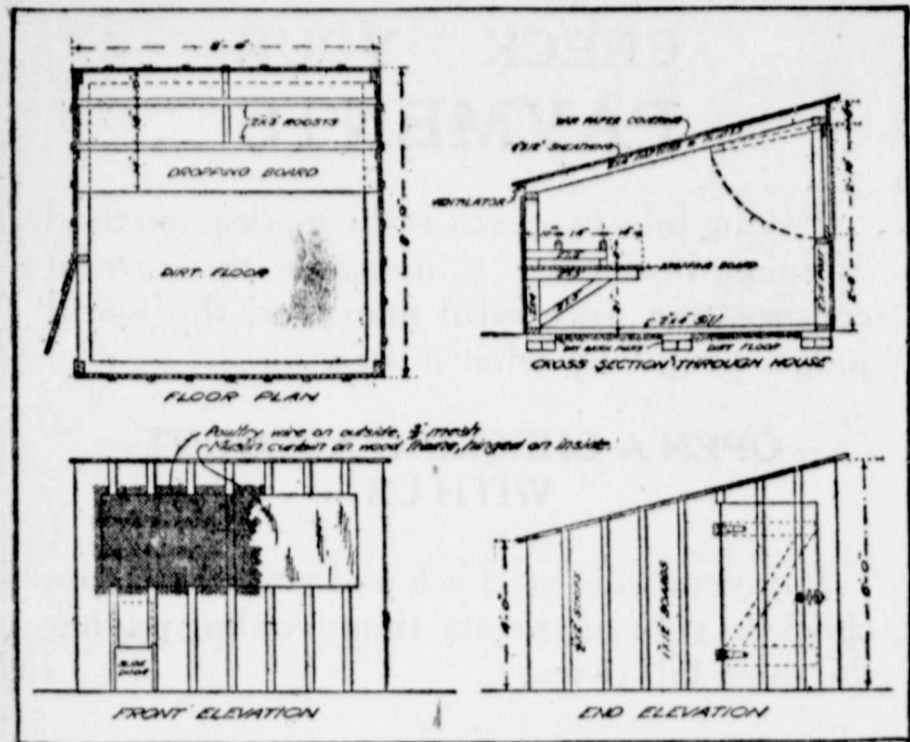
For free catalogue, fill in and mail to Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Avoid constipated habits—it breeds disease in the body. An occasional dose of Prickly Ash Bitters will keep the bowels healthy and regular. Men use it and find it good for that purpose. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

Be not simply good, but be good for something.—Thordeau

**INEXPENSIVE SHELTER SUITABLE FOR BACK YARD POULTRY FLOCK**



Plan of a Simple Backyard Poultry House.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Piano and packing boxes can be successfully converted into adequate backyard poultry houses, but many owners of small flocks prefer a building erected especially for the purpose, because it usually presents a better appearance in the back yard. For such, poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture suggest plans for a poultry house of the shed or slope-roof type that will make a small flock comfortable and be neat in appearance.

This building is 8 by 8 feet square, and is 6 feet high in front and 4 feet high in the rear. The house may be made higher with little extra cost and would be more convenient to work in. The ventilator in the rear is not needed in the northern part of the country. The roof is covered with roofing paper. The same material may be used on the sides or if desired the cracks may be covered with wooden strips three inches wide. Such a house is large enough for a flock of 20 hens.

**Dry Floor a Necessity.**

If the soil is well drained and remains dry no floor need be used in the house. Often a slight dampness can be corrected by filling up the floor several inches above the outside ground with sand, gravel, or dry dirt. Three or four inches of the surface of the floor should be removed and replaced with fresh earth once or twice a year. The run should be spaded up at least once a year. If the ground is so wet or damp that this condition cannot be corrected by filling, it is best to provide a board floor, as this will help to keep the house dry, will allow easier cleaning, and will promote the general health and welfare of the hens. A house with a board floor should be set on posts or blocks, so that it is 5 to 12 inches above the ground. When this space is left the floor will not rot so quickly and rats will not be so likely to take refuge under the house.

The dropping boards and roosts should be placed against the back wall. Here they are out of the way and also are least likely to be reached by drafts. The dropping boards should be about 20 to 30 inches from the floor, depending on the height of the building. This gives space enough under them so that the hens have room to exercise and is not too high for the heavier hens to fly up to. The roosts should be 3 or 4 inches above the dropping boards. If more than a single roost is used, they should be on the same level; otherwise all the hens will try to crowd upon the highest roost. A piece of 2 by 4 or 2 by

**Too Much Cotton**

Few stronger appeals to the common sense of the cotton producer of the South have been made than that which the Cotton Acreage Committee of Memphis, Tenn., is making in the form of printed slips, one of which in the process of wide distribution has reached this office.

This committee's argument for acreage reduction is not promissory, but prophetic. Before the producer who may be inclined to protest joining the reduction movement is upheld the certain alternative of disaster and distress. Declaring that the "South must know the truth," the Memphis committee asserts:

There is too much unspun cotton in the world today—millions of bales too much. If you pro-

duce more than a half crop of cotton you will not be able to sell it at any price. You must reduce acreage. We can not promise you, even if you do reduce acreage, that you will get more money for your cotton than you are getting now. We do promise that if you grow cotton without growing food for men and feed for animals we will all be worse off than bankrupt.

To this warning is added, with figures to support it, the statement that there is now enough cotton in the world to last two years. In view of the existing surplus and of existing conditions, failure to reduce may prove little less than suicidal.—Dallas Evening Journal.

Renew your subscription.

**RED CLOVER CAN BE SOWN EARLY**

Many Farmers Plant as Early as February, Even While Snow Is On Ground.

**SEED SELECTION IMPORTANT**

Plant Is Hardy and Not Injured by Ordinary Cold, and Sowing May Be Done While Other Farm Work Is Comparatively Slack.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Red clover has been styled the corner stone of agriculture in the North Central and Eastern states.

Many farmers will begin laying the corner stone as early as February, when it is customary in many sections to sow red clover on the surface of the snow, so that it will sink into the soil with the first thaw in the spring. Red clover is hardy, and is not injured by ordinary cold; and the fact that it can be sown at a season when work on the farm is comparatively light adds to the economy of its cultivation.

The first important point to be observed is the selection of good seed. Specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Considerable care should be used in this respect well in advance of the time of seeding. This is particularly true at present, when a large proportion of the red clover seed used in the United States comes from abroad. If poor seed is used the expected crop may be a partial or total failure.

**Good Seed Is Plump.**

Good red clover seed is plump or well filled, bright with a slight luster, the color of individual seeds ranging from violet to light yellow. The individual seeds should be at least medium sized and fairly uniform, free of adulterants of any kind and from seeds of noxious weeds.

Home-grown seed is desirable, especially in the North, because it is almost certain to be adapted to local conditions. If it is not available, sam-



Red Clover Plant.

ples should be obtained from reliable dealers. These should be examined for adulterants, weed seeds and shriveled seeds. They should also be tested for germination before purchasing in quantity.

In the absence of more accurate methods an estimate should be made of the proportion of true red clover seed and of weed seeds and other impurities. From the red clover seed separated from all impurities, a counted number, as 100, should be taken just as they come. These seeds should be placed between layers of moistened cloth or paper or merely covered in a bed of sand or light soil. A dinner plate, covered with another, is a suitable germinating receptacle. It can be kept in the living room, at a temperature between 65 and 85 degrees. Between the third and sixth days the sprouting ability of the seeds should be shown.

It should be borne in mind that the sowing value of the seed is represented by the amount of true clover which will germinate with reasonable promptness. Thus, if four-fifths of a sample is pure clover, and only three-fourths will sprout, then only three-fifths, or 60 per cent, of the original seed as offered will grow. Thus, the germinating test has an important bearing on the worth of seed offered to the farmer.

**Protects American Farmers.**

A seed-testing service is maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture, where 29,638 samples of various seeds were examined and tested in the last fiscal year—16,442 in Washington and 13,196 in the five branch seed-testing stations. Similar

service is offered by the various state experiment stations. The department also exercises a strict inspection service over field seeds brought from foreign countries, and last year 5,000,000 pounds of various seeds were rejected or held for cleaning before being allowed to be offered to American farmers.

It is important that the testing of seed be done early enough that a sufficient supply of pure seed can be purchased in time for use; and if seed is to be sent to one of the government or state testing laboratories, at least two weeks should be allowed.

**Are Pies Round or Square?**

The teacher of a class in arithmetic was explaining how to find the circumference of a circle. After measuring a number of circles the children found that the circumference was always 3.1416 times the diameter. It was called pi. Then the teacher asked the class: "Why do you suppose the mathematicians call it pi?" No one seemed to know and finally one girl held up her hand.

"Well, Mary," said the teacher. "Because pie is round," was the reply.

"It isn't; sit down," was the command.

Mary sat down, murmuring: "Well, I never saw a square one."

**Not Common.**

"I dunno whether that feller is engaged in some shady occupation or not. But—"

"Well?"

"There's something mighty suspicious about the way he minds his own business." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Horticultural.**

Dyer—Miss Gray was married the year she came out.

Ryer—What you might call nipped the bud.—Judge.

**Never Mind Yesterday**

Don't be so optimistic that you imagine that you can acquire that which is really worth while without working for it.

You say you are an optimist because you feel that "everything will come out alright," and that it will not require any special effort but faith on your part.

This is merely a variety of day dreaming.

It would be just as sensible to kiss a wishing stone.

It affords some persons a lot of pleasure to spend their idle moments in thinking of the good things which some day are bound to come their way.

But time spent in such thought is a great drawback to real success.

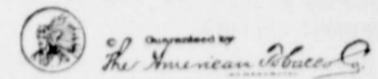
The mind is weakened and made impractical and can not be well directed along the line from which success must come.

It is not the so-called lucky fellow, but the one who thinks and plans and acts, who wins.

The real thing in efficiency



**LUCKY STRIKE**  
cigarette. Flavor is sealed in by toasting



does not stop to congratulate himself after each achievement, because to keep the ground gained he must keep looking ahead and mapping his future and going according to the best information obtainable. —Houston Chronicle.

If your head is dizzy on stooping or rising suddenly and everything turns black before the eyes, you have a torpid liver. Take Herbine. It is a powerful liver regulator. 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.

Hard working men who are burdened with a torpid liver, feel tired, lazy and discouraged. They know they are lazy and they are ashamed, yet it is nothing to be ashamed of. The thing to do is to get the liver started again and to purify the stomach and bowels. There is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It puts a man in working trim and makes life worth living. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special agents.

No wonder many people won't go to church, as the minister might give out hymns with such obsolete sentiments as "Work for the night is coming."

**IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?**

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

"I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was pulling me down. I sent for Cardui and began it . . .

"In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work.

"Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness."

The enthusiastic praise of thousands of other women who have found Cardui helpful should convince you that it is worth trying. All druggists sell it.

**THE MESSENGER**

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter

**SUBSCRIPTION IN ADVANCE:**  
 1 Year .....\$1.50  
 6 Months ..... .75  
 3 Months ..... .40

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, FEB. 17, 1921

**TIME TO BE CALM**

The calmness of Americans in the past few years, and right now when serious industrial conditions confront us is a matter worthy of note. They accepted the hardships of war with composure, and they stood up bravely in the face of the highest prices ever known immediately following the war. They did so because work was plentiful, and as long as they could get the money they did not hesitate to spend it.

Today, in the face of tremendous losses being suffered by producers, they are remaining calm and hoping markets will soon become stable and everything will get back on a sound basis. They are determined to bite their lips, keep at work, save every penny possible and trust to Providence to pull them safely through.

And it is this calmness that is going to be our salvation. A people who refuse to become excited when trouble besets them can be depended on to work out any problem. It is a people who lose their heads who cannot be trusted to settle their troubles as they arise. Faith governs all of us at this time, faith in the final prevailing good sense of both labor and capital, faith in the stability of our country, no matter how blue the outlook may be. Faith has brought us through some strenuous times, so let us continue to have faith that the threatening clouds will soon roll away and we will walk out into the bright light of the greatest prosperity this nation has ever known.

It is no longer necessary to look under the bed for a burglar. He may be sitting in the parlor.

The hen's cackle in the barnyard will not sound so good now. The sudden drop in eggs has taken some more out of the joy of life for the producer.

President-elect Harding has resigned as editor of the Marion Star. We're willing to do the same thing under similar circumstances.

Is your subscription paid in advance?

**Repeal Of Suspended Sentence Laws Urged**

Austin, Tex., Feb. 14.—Governor Neff sent a special message to the legislature this afternoon stating that "during my visit this morning as I sometimes do, I omitted one of the main objects of my coming," that he inadvertently failed to mention briefly a few reasons why the suspended sentence law should be repealed.

"This one thing more than any other, is at this time creating disrespect for and disobedience of the law," the message continues.

"It is the bulwark of the criminal and his greatest encouragement to commit crime. I understand that the bill providing for the repeal of this law will probably be up for your consideration this afternoon. I am therefore transmitting herewith a table of information compiled from correspondence which I have recently had with the clerks of the district courts of the state, and which correspondence is in my office for your inspection.

"Reports have been received from all the counties of the state except twenty-eight. Not counting the number of suspensions from these twenty-eight counties the number of suspended sentences given during the years 1919 and 1920 aggregate 2001. The table shows the number of suspensions granted during the two years in each county. The table also shows the number of convictions had during the two years in each county with this exception:

"The convictions recorded are from September, 1918, to September, 1920, while the suspended sentences granted are for the two calendar years 1919 and 1920. You will observe from the table that in some counties they have had more suspended sentences than convictions; the explanation for this is that in these counties a term of court was had that was not embraced in the two calendar years of 1919 and 1920. The record by counties as transmitted herewith is for the use of the members if they so desire.

"The prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs and other officers of the state charged with the enforcement of the law, regard the suspended sentence as their greatest impediment. I do not believe that you could render a greater service for law enforcement than to strike from the statute books the entire law providing for the suspended sentence.

"Although there are many felonies for which the suspended sentence, under the law, can not be granted the figures submitted for your inspection demonstrate that in practically all cases where it is permissible to grant suspended sentences it is done, and in many counties covers practically all convictions had."

**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.

**Lost**

A Poland China male, a sow and bunch of shoates, marked swallow fork and underbit in right ear, crop off of the left. Finder notify

J. H. Mitchell, Route 3.

**Ferguson Land Law Is Declared Null And Void**

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 12.—The Ferguson land law was held void and in contravention of the state and federal constitutions in an opinion handed down Saturday by Associate Justice Dexter Hamilton of the fifth court of civil appeals in the case of G. A. Rumbo, appellant, vs. C. W. Winterrow, appellee, from Ellis County.

The act held void and unconstitutional was an amendment passed in 1915 by the state legislature to article 5475 of the revised civil statutes. It is popularly known as the Ferguson land law. The amended act in part fixes the maximum rental on agriculture land, declares all contracts fixing a higher or greater rental than the maximum null and void, and provides for recovery by the tenant from the landlord of double the amount of such excess rent money so collected. Under this act, and specifically applicable to the case before the court, the maximum rental could be only one-third of the grain and one-fourth of the cotton when the landlord furnished only the land and house to the tenant.

The higher court held the sections 3, 17 and 19 of article amended act was violative of 1 of the state constitution, and section 1, fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution. Declaring the amended act to be void, the court reversed and remanded the case.

**GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**

(By the School Reporter)

A "pep" meeting was held in the high school auditorium Thursday afternoon for the benefit of the basket ball teams of this school. Besides the pupils, those present were Mrs. Henry Richards, Mrs. W. D. Granberry, Mrs. Carl Gainey, Rev. Newland and Rev. Anderson. We were glad to have these people with us, and all who are interested in the welfare of the school.

**Girls Defeat Lovelady**

Friday afternoon the girls' junior team played ball with Lovelady's junior team and defeated them by a score of 5 to 0. This was the first time that our team had played against another town.

**Livingston Wins**

The boys' senior team played defeated by a score of 13 to 9. Livingston Saturday and was When the first half of the game was over our boys were two scores ahead, which shows that they had done some real playing, but they lost out in the second half.

Rev. G. H. Farmer conducted chapel exercises Tuesday morning of this week. We enjoyed his talk very much.

He who kills time murders opportunities. It is a truism which cannot too often be repeated, that lost wealth may be replaced by industry lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone forever.

Arnold Clewis has gone to Houston to engage in the tailoring business.

**Pay by Check**

**CHECK YOUR PAYMENTS**

Paying bills by check is the modern method of doing business. It indicates the careful conservative, successful man, and the world judges people by what it sees.

**OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH US**

Pay your bills by check and you can keep a check on your payments, thus avoiding paying the same bill twice.

**Farmers & Merchants**

**State Bank**

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

**When you Write Letters**

You ought to have the most suitable stationery you can get, whether you are writing for a job, or accepting a proposal of marriage, or simply sending a long, gossipy letter to a chum.

**Our Stationery**

supply is composed of styles, tints, and weights to please a variety of tastes. And our prices—your money's worth.

**D. N. Leaverton**

**LEADING DRUGGIST**

**We feature Goodrich Rubber Goods**

**Bee Keepers' Meeting.**

The Houston County Bee Keepers' Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Commercial Club in Crockett on Saturday Feb. 19th, 1921, at 1:00 o'clock P. M. Those members who ordered supplies in the recent order should be on hand before noon and get their supplies then. Part of the goods have arrived already and all of them are expected to be here by the 19th. Any new members or any one needing supplies should attend this meeting.

Farmer Shaw, Pres.  
 Lovelady, Texas.  
 Geo. M. Jeffus, Sec.,  
 Crockett, Texas.

**Printing Prices Not Lower**

No printer can sell paper stock at less than the cost of replacement, neither can he sell printing at less than production cost plus a profit.

In some industries like sugar, clothing, shoes, etc., prices were based for a time not upon costs, but upon what the traffic would bear. In these lines considerable declines have been noted.

In the printing industry prices have been based not upon what traffic would bear, but upon the cost of manufacture and there can be no decline in these prices until the cost of materials and labor are materially decreased. —The Business Printer.

**Explained**

"There is sufficient poison in twenty cigarettes to kill a full grown rabbit," asserts an alarmist, to which his friend replied: "That probably accounts for the fact that full-grown rabbits are seldom seen smoking cigarettes."

We have just received a big shipment of plow bolts.  
 Kennedy Bros.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.  
Darsey is showing some nice spring hats for ladies.

Plenty of barb wire at Keeland Bros.

All kinds of flower seed at Kennedy Bros.

Darsey has a big assortment of dress pants.

M. E. Darsey was a business visitor to Palestine Tuesday.

Buy your seed potatoes from us. Kennedy Bros.

Ice box for sale at Anthony's store. Price \$6.00.

Block salt for cattle and horses Kennedy Bros.

11 lbs best sugar ..... \$1.00  
Keeland Bros.

Let us overhaul your Ford motor. We guarantee to give satisfaction. Norman & Lively.

My home in Grapeland is for sale or will trade for a farm. Alton Lively.

W. R. Wherry was up from Houston again last Saturday on business.

We want to buy your produce—chickens and eggs. See us before you sell. Kennedy Bros.

**For Sale**

Have some horses and mules for sale or will trade for cattle. J. S. Eaves.

J. R. Phillips spent Sunday in New Waverly with Mrs. Phillips and the baby, who are visiting relatives there.

A new, fresh car of that good La France flour at Kennedy Bros. It makes baking a pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kerr came in from Goose Creek Tuesday to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Spring will soon be here. Let us get your car and tune it up for you. Norman & Lively.

Stroll through our grocery department and see what a nice, fresh stock we carry. Kennedy Bros.

Miss Evagene Murchison of Houston is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murchison.

**Plant Watermelons**

If you want to plant a few acres in watermelons for the market, see J. W. Howard and let him know the number of acres so that seed can be secured. Do this at once.

**Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured**

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists. Tc. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

Pretty dress gingham at Darsey's.

ONION SETS, per quart .....10c  
Keeland Bros.

Nice line of silk and lisle hose at Darsey's.

Mrs. W. L. Mangum is visiting relatives in Trinity.

ALFALFA HAY at—Keeland Bros.

If coffee does not agree with you, try Postum. We sell it. Kennedy Bros.

**Wood For Sale**

Wood of all kinds at any time. E. L. Frisby.

Come to see us when in town. We are always glad to see you. Kennedy Bros.

SEED IRISH POTATOES per peck .....75c  
Keeland Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McGee of Crockett visited relatives near Grapeland Sunday afternoon.

**Ready for Service**

My registered Jersey male, 2 miles north of town. Service fee \$2.50. E. P. Bean.

**Carbon**

Get rid of your ants. We have just received two barrels of CARBON. Bring your containers. SMITH & RYAN.

We have everything you need in the way of either dry goods or groceries. We will make it to your interest to trade with us. Kennedy Bros.

One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters. In the home she is a load-stone to all hearts and a load-star to all eyes.—Herbert.

If you break down on the road, phone or send for us. We will fix you up in a hurry. All work guaranteed. Norman & Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLean, William McLean and Mrs. A. O. Riall visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

It's a long time between drinks, particularly for those lying in the cemetery as the result of poison liquor.

**Fertilizer**

Have a small quantity of fertilizer on hand. Those wishing any, call on me; will make you a special price. J. W. Howard.

Gordon Murphy, who will be the next chief of police of Houston under the new administration, is a brother of Mrs. N. H. Montgomery, formerly of this city.

**To-Resume Dipping**

The commissioners' court, in session at Crockett last Monday, voted to continue cattle dipping this season, complying with the federal law, and avoiding having Houston county cattle quarantined.

The court also voted to employ a county demonstration agent.

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

Buy your work pants at Darsey's.

All kinds of onion sets, 50c per gallon at Kennedy Bros.

For cabbage and tomato plants call on Mrs. J. F. Haltom.

We wash cars. Norman & Lively.

W E. Keeland was in Houston the first of the week on business.

Boy's toy wagon "cheap, cheap," at Kennedy Bros.

2 cans best tomatoes ..... 25c  
2 cans best corn ..... 35c  
Keeland Bros.

Get our prices on any item you need before you buy. Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gee and two-children of Elkhart visited Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gee Sunday.

Get the most for your money. Trade with us and be satisfied. Kennedy Bros.

One gift well given is as good as a thousand; a thousand gifts ill given are hardly better than none.—Dean Stanley.

If it's cold and you can't start your car, phone us. We will be there in a jiffy. Norman & Lively.

Mrs. F. M. Boone, wife of our daughter, have arrived from school superintendent, and little Maydelle.

All kinds of bolts, points and repairs for Kelley Plows at Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. Chas. Jones has returned from Oakwood, where she has been visiting relatives, and after a few days spent here, will proceed to Alexandria, La., to join her husband.

He who is most slow in making a promise is the most faithful in the performance of it.—Rousseau.

**Put Up Your Hogs**

It is now time to put up all hogs running at large, and this warning should be sufficient to those affected. W. N. Ferguson, Constable.

Doing is the great thing. For if, resolutely, people do what is right, in time they come to like doing it.—Ruskin.

**Card Of Thanks**

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for their response to our call for help Monday morning, when our barn was destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Kent.

Monroe Jones of Percilla was in town the latter part of last week for the first time in quite awhile. He has been suffering with a severe carbuncle on his neck, which for a time, was very serious.

It is easy to get rid of the misery of heartburn or indigestion. Herbine goes right to the spot. It drives out the badly digested food and makes you feel fine. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**Toilet Articles**

**GALORE!**

You will find here at all times a well selected and complete stock of—

**TOILET ARTICLES**

Besides the ordinary run of such merchandise, we have—

**The Chantilla,  
The Nyal and the  
Soul Kiss Lines**

There is no better face cream than Nyal's and no better Toilet Water or Perfume than the Soul Kiss.

Try these upon our guarantee.

**Smith & Ryan  
DRUGGISTS**

**SALMON NEWS**

Salmon, Feb. 14.—We would like to have a good rain at the present, as it is getting very dry in places and is making it hard on our gardens. Today is potato planting day with lots of the people and it will soon be corn planting time again.

Bro. C. A. Campbell had to make two or three of himself yesterday afternoon to save his fence on account of some one starting a fire. He was successful after fighting the fire two or three hours. People ought to be very careful about putting out fire a dry time like this because it might destroy lots of property and fences are hard to build.

Ben Mosely left last week for Marlin where he will take treatment for his leg. We all hope that he will be greatly benefitted.

One of our state missionaries, Bro. Arrick, visited our place Saturday evening and preached a fine sermon for us Saturday night.

A large crowd was present to hear Bro. Chism preach at Guice-land Sunday, and also to hear Bro. Campbell preach Sunday night.

Fred Guenther and Miss Annie Tyer, who are teaching our school, were married in Crockett Saturday. Both of them have a host of friends who will join us in wishing them a very happy and prosperous married life. They will make their home in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. McKnight spent Sunday evening with Mr and Mrs. Byron Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larue of Palestine visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Lasiter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lasiter.

Everybody come to Sunday school next Sunday at 10 o'clock as we want to spend about thirty minutes in a song service. All parents who are interested in their children and had rather have them in a good live Sunday school than see them loafing around on the Lord's day, we want you to come next Sunday.

**WANETA NEWS**

Waneta, Feb. 14.—Everybody is gardening, as it is so warm and spring like. They may have to replant after Easter passes, but we hope not.

John Brumley, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is doing fine and improving fast.

Mrs. Mary Hendricks has been on the sick list, but is up now. She was attended by her daughter, Mrs. Alton McKenzie of Percilla.

There was a large crowd at New Hope Sunday night; sure had extra good singing. Everybody meet there early next Sunday night and we will try to do better. We are sure we can if the people will take an interest as they should.

There was a larger crowd than ever at Sunday school at New Hope Sunday. So you see we are improving on that point and want to continue to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barnes spent the past week end with Mrs. Barnes' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Brumley.

Tom Barnes returned home Saturday from Dallas, McKinney and Rock wall, where he has been visiting friends and relatives. He reports a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively spent Sunday with their son and family, Will Lively.

Mrs. Fate Barnes and family spent Sunday afternoon with Cuin Barnes and family.

**At the Methodist Church**

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

I am especially anxious for all the young men and ladies, or boys and girls above the age of fifteen to be in this service. I am going to talk to you about a subject that concerns, or should concern, you very much, "your life work."

I will preach at New Prospect at 3 p. m. We plan to commence our revival here the second Sunday in April. It is our intention to do the preaching, being assisted by some good person to lead the singing. B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

**"I Refuse to Take the Million Legacy Because the Money Is Not Mine."**

By CHARLES GARLAND, Buzzards Bay, N. Y.

I have renounced my right to a million-dollar legacy left me by my father. I refuse to take the money because it is not mine. A system which starves thousands while hundreds are stuffed condemns itself. A system which leaves a sick woman helpless and offers its services to a healthy man condemns itself. It is such a system that offers me a million dollars.

It is blind to the simplest truth known to every child, the truth that the hungry should be fed and the naked clothed. I have had to choose between the loss of private property and the law which is written in every human heart. I choose the one which I believe to be true.

I believe I could do no good with the money. It is the man who gives food to the hungry who does good, not the dollars given in exchange for the food. I would be happy to be the man if I had the food to give, but I cannot lend myself to handling the money that is not mine even though the good that might be done is possibly great.

There are great opportunities to do good, but they are in men's hearts, not in the check book.

1920—1921

The Old Year opened in a blaze of almost limitless activity and prosperity. Farmers and mechanics were as prosperous as merchants and manufacturers. The demand for labor exceeded the supply. No one who wanted to work lacked the opportunity. The Old Year ends and the New Year will open, with stagnation everywhere as compared with the activity of twelve months ago; but it is in the power of the American people to make the New Year, before it closes, show prosperity as wide and employment as general as was the condition of twelve months ago.

Inherently every condition justifies optimism and activity. We have had no epidemics of disease to sweep over the land, no drought to destroy our crops, no floods to wash away railroads and bridges, and no earthquakes to shatter down our structures; we have simply been suffering from the unwise action of men in financial leadership wholly incompetent for their task.

We have been paying the penalty for some of the wild extravagance and graft and kindred work of the last eight years and more especially of the four years of war.

We can put all these things behind us. We have raised abundant crops, our barns are bursting with riches of food and feed. The shelves of the world are bare of the things that we can produce and have in abundance. We only need courage under the leadership of the hour to go forward to a greater prosperity than that which ushered in the year that has just passed out.

Then, up with the spirit of optimism! Down with the spirit of pessimism! Let all Americans unite for the upbuilding of the whole country, for putting aside class hatred, for the greatest efficiency in work and the largest pay which the business can stand, for suppressing graft and honoring honesty, for that patriotism which can find expression in working for the business advancement of the country as whole-souledly as it worked for the saving of the nation from barbarism.

The future is ours; the opportunity limitless. If we make the most of the situation, the coming year will bring an abundance of prosperity to every section and to every industry.

Put your shoulder to the wheel!—Manufacturer's Record.

**Deluge in 3200 A. D.?**

In a book, "The Deluge; It Will Come Again," a German predicts that about the year 3200 a deluge will sweep the earth, destroy wicked humanity and usher in a new era of evolution, just as happened in Noah's time. His prediction, he claims is based on astronomical and geological observations which are declared to indicate that conditions 1300 years hence will be similar to those obtaining when the flood recorded in the Bible came. He declares that the deluge is part of the "great periodic laws" and undertakes to show that the earth is washed clean of its wickedness at intervals of about 12,500 years.

**Want to Buy**

I am in the market for stoker sows and shoats; will pay 5c to 6c, according to class and grade. If I am not in town, see J. W. Howard, who will weigh the hogs and pay for same.  
George Calhoun

Liquid Borozone is an efficient healing remedy for human or animal flesh. It mends a severe wound, sore, cut or scratch in the shortest possible time. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**Look Forward to 1922 Eclipse**

A total eclipse of the sun is scheduled for Sept. 20, 1922. Astronomers are looking eagerly forward to this event as they expect it to present favorable conditions for further testing the Einstein theory. Already the field of stars that will surround the orb at that time has been photographed and a diagram has been prepared. The Maldive islands and Christmas islands, it is believed, offer the best available sites for the observation of the phenomenon.

**Meal and Hulls**

Let me sell you your meal and hulls. I have been in the business here for 11 years, but have never gotten rich yet. Will treat you right and meet all competition.

J. W. Howard

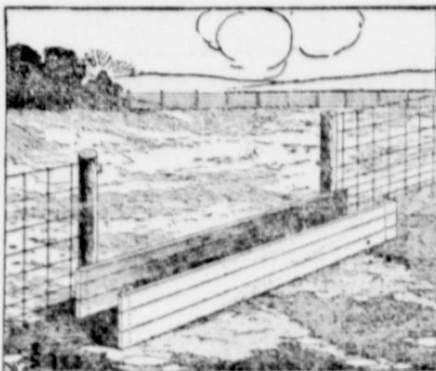
Doubt is felt if John Barley-corn is really dead, but anyway he has been put as far under ground as the cellar.

**HOG-PROOF GATE IS HANDY ARRANGEMENT**

Cattle and Horses Permitted to Pass at Will.

Two Low Fences, About 18 Inches High, Serve to Keep Swine in Their Own Pasture—Other Animals Can Step Over.

A farmer uses this arrangement to keep the hogs in one lot, while allowing his cattle and horses to pass unrestrained into another pasture. The gate was removed from the hinges, and the space from post to post was boarded up solidly to a height of 18 inches from the ground. About 18



Two Low Fences Across the Gateway Will Stop the Hogs, but Allow Horses and Cattle to Pass.

Inches from each gatepost, inside the lot where the hogs were confined, a short post was driven. Long boards nailed from one to the other of these posts made another panel of board fence, 18 inches high and parallel with the boarded-up gate, with an 18-inch space between the two low walls. When a hog comes to this detached panel, it will go to the end and pass round into the narrow passage between the two board walls, continuing on through and out at the other end till it tires of the performance. One that is short enough to turn in the 18-inch passage is too small to jump or climb over the boards before it, and one that cannot turn is unable to face the wall and make the attempt to climb.

All other stock, except small calves or colts, will step over the low walls. No wide cracks, offering footholds, should be left between the boards.—H. F. Grinstead, Columbia, Mo., in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

**FARM SELECTION PERPLEXING**

Study of Several Intricate Points Called For—Knowledge of Basic Principles Needed.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In choosing a farm one has the options of buying with the intention of operating the place as his entire business, buying a small farm and renting enough additional land to meet his needs, or renting a farm either on the share or cash basis. One's choice in the matter is usually determined by the funds available.

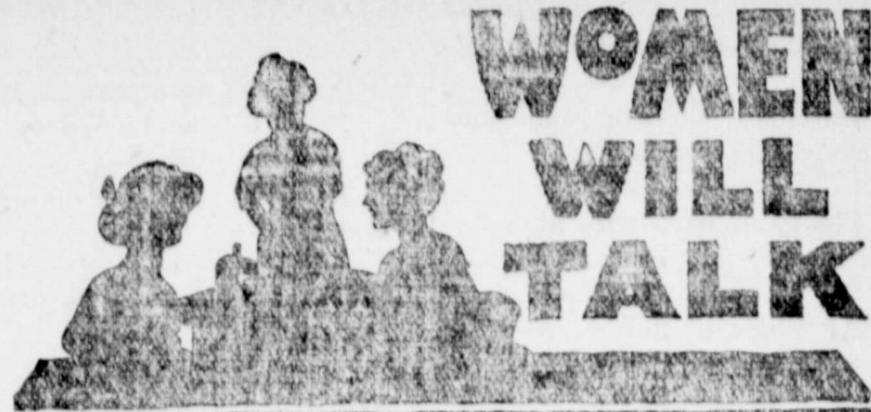
If one has only a small amount of capital and wishes to undertake farming as a business from which to derive his entire income, he should, in nearly all cases, begin as a renter. However, if he wishes to buy a farm on which to live, deriving a part of his income from other sources, then, possibly, purchasing is desirable, even if capital is limited.

Whatever course is followed, it is highly desirable that one thoroughly understand the basic principles governing the farm business before deciding some of the finer points. A disregard of these basic principles is responsible for a large proportion of farm failures.

A man may unconsciously work all his life against some economic barrier when success would have been comparatively easy if he had selected a farm where the economic principle would aid him instead of working against him.

**X-Ray Better Than Thumb Prints**

Xray pictures of the finger tips, according to a French expert, provide a more certain means of identification than the ordinary finger prints which are generally relied on. Such photographs, he says show the exact depth and shape of the nails which are different in each individual. The finger prints he points out, may be changed by a simple surgical operation but the tell-tale nail and the form of the bone cannot be changed without cutting off the finger.



**WOMEN WILL TALK**

For three generations women have been talking about Stella Vitae—"Woman's Relief," "Mother's Cordial." Telling each other what Stella Vitae has done for them, and their daughters, and their friends. Any woman may try Stella Vitae on the positive guarantee that if the first bottle doesn't help, the druggist will refund the money. Ask your druggist.

What Some Women Say About

**STELLA-VITAE**

MR. H. L. HALL, of Larkinsville, Ala., a well-known merchant who sold STELLA VITAE and used it in his family, writes: "STELLA VITAE has proved to be the best medicine my wife has ever used for a run-down system."

MRS. LILIE REYNOLDS of Madison, S. C., says: "I have been using your STELLA VITAE with wonderful results. It is the most wonderful medicine for women that I have ever used. I want all my friends to try STELLA VITAE."

THACHER MEDICINE CO., Chattanooga, Tenn., U. S. A.

**Smith & Ryan Druggists**

**Let us Teach Reverence for the Law**

Let reverence for the law be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in courts of justice. And in short let it become the religion of the nation; and let the old and young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars.—Abraham Lincoln.

It is easy to get rid of the misery of heartburn or indigestion. Herbine goes right to the spot. It drives out the badly digested food and makes you feel fine. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**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.

The business man who figures advertising as an additional expense to the conduct of his business is simply using bad judgment. Statistics the world over shows that the business concern that is doing the largest volume of advertising is the one that is not only the most prosperous, but does the largest business and sells goods the cheapest. No doubt about that.—Lufkin News

If you don't sleep well at night from nervousness, indigestion or urinary troubles, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies the system and relieves the kidneys and bladder. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Is your subscription due? Look at the label.

He who has less than he desires has more than he deserves.—Bacon.

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS**

**Wm. F. MURPHY**

Doctor of Dental Surgery  
Dental Examiner for the United States Public Health Service  
Hours:  
9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.  
Office Phone.....336  
Res. Phone.....335  
207 1-2 Main St.  
PALESTINE, - TEXAS

Earle Adams Earle Adams Jr

**ADAMS & ADAMS**

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

**C. C. OFFICER**

Veterinarian  
Telephone the Goodson Hotel or Drug Stores

**JOHN SPENCE**

Lawyer  
CROCKETT, TEXAS  
Office up stairs over Millar & Berry's Store

**DR. G. L. RYE**

DENTIST  
Office over First National Bank across from depot  
Palestine, Texas  
Office Hours:  
9 to 12 1 to 5

**ABSTRACTS**

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

**J. W. YOUNG**

Crockett, Texas



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

# Can you Afford

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

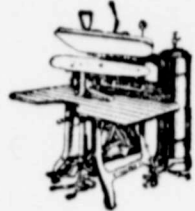
## CAN YOU AFFORD

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

## YOU CANNOT

We solicit your patronage and agree to give you unexcelled service.

We Call for and Deliver



# Clewis

## "Stick-to-it-iveness"

Some wiseacre has said: "It is its stick-to-it-iveness that gets the postage stamp to its destination."

Twenty four years of intimate, practical service has brought to the Messenger the confidence and trust of the people of this community.

If one salesman — working eight hours every day—could talk of your goods for five minutes to each of our readers, it would take him several months to cover the ground and accomplish as much as can be accomplished with one issue of the paper.

Advertise—stick to it. It is just as sure to reach the people you want to reach as the postage stamp is sure to reach its destination.

### Big Frogs In Little Ponds

The young man on a farm is not as handicapped in opportunities as he might imagine. He has a steady income, his board and lodging are furnished free of charge, he is not required to buy expensive clothing for appearances, and the majority of what he earns he can put away in the bank. If he had rushed off to a big city, as many others did, he would today probably be out of a job, would be paying extortionate prices for his food and lodging, and would see his earnings dribbling away every hour of the day—everything going out and nothing coming

in. These are the conditions that prevail in this country today. What do you think of them, young man on the farm? Big frogs in little ponds enjoy life, while little minnows in big waters are eaten by other fish. Which would you rather be?—Kilgore Chronicle.

### Cotton Seed

Those having cotton seed to sell, see me and let me buy them. The mills will close down for the season pretty soon, so if you have any, better dispose of them at once.

J. W. Howard.

Renew your subscription today

### Kidneys or Bladder Out of Order?

Do you suffer from kidney or bladder troubles? If you do, here indeed is good news. Whether your case is one of recent development or long standing, quick, sure, lasting relief may be yours through HOBOS Kidney & Bladder Remedy. This

wonderful herb medicine has relieved many hundreds of sufferers, and can help YOU. Contains no alcohol or harmful drugs. At druggists everywhere for \$1.25 the bottle. Hobo Med. Mfg. Co., Shreveport, La.

## HOBOS

Kidney & Bladder Remedy

SMITH & RYAN, Druggists

### PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, Feb. 14.—Bro. Hodges filled his regular appointment yesterday and surely preached a fine sermon.

There was a large crowd at singing last night and we had good singing. If little Doris McKenzie continues to lead we will soon have another leader when Mr. Bullar is away.

Waneta boys came and played ball Friday afternoon and beat by a score of 22 to 12. Saturday afternoon the girl team went to Liberty Hill and played and won by a large score, but everyone came home telling their parents how nice they were treated while they were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dickey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and family, Misses Mary Abbie Langham, Edna Daniels, Rezi Jones, Fannie Branch, Katie Rawls, Elizabeth Sullivan, Messrs. Sam Elliott, Weldon Rawls, Milton Adams and Willie Ferrill went to Liberty Hill to play and see the ball game Saturday.

Clay Henderson spent Saturday with James Cook.

Several of the pupils have been preparing declamations and spelling for the county meet. Miss Willie Belle Jones is going to declaim with the juniors. Miss Katie Rawls is our senior speller, Carlton Sewell junior declaimer.

Mrs. Bertha Sullivan and children of Crockett visited Mrs. C. E. Jones Sunday.

Misses Rosa Branch and Ola Bynum visited Mrs. W. J. Branch Sunday.

### The Liar's Fish.

A countryman was standing on a fish pier where the day's catch was being landed. Presently a swordfish of monstrous size was hoisted up, and the old fellow glared at it in wonder and amazement. He positively could not believe his senses and when at last he recovered himself sufficiently to speak, it was only to exclaim:

"The man that caught that fish is a liar!" —Boston Transcript.

The difference between an old and new fashioned kiss is about five minutes and the difference between an old and new fashioned skirt is about twenty inches.—Exchange.

### AGRICULTURE A NATIONAL PROBLEM

A sober national thought with regard to the importance, the absolute necessity, of a sustained agriculture in this country is imperative. There is, perhaps, no single solution for the situation which the farmers are now facing, but there are many steps which can be and should be taken to place our agriculture on a more satisfactory basis and to stabilize the business of farming, not in the interest of the farmers alone but in the interest of the nation as a whole. The matter is of such tremendous importance to our entire population that it should be recognized everywhere as a national problem and dealt with as such.—Annual Report of the Secretary of Agriculture.

### DRY PLACE FOR SEED BEANS

Molds Will Quickly Attack Crop if Moisture Gets to Them, Killing Germinating Qualities.

Beans for seed should be kept in a dry place or molds will readily attack them. Beans will heat if the least bit of moisture gets to them and destroys their germinating qualities. Shoveling them over will help keep them dry.

### PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



The Old Residenter likes to Tell of the Days when the Town had only 79 People and there was a Cornfield where the First National Bank now stands. Then there was no High Cost of Living and the Butcher threw in a Chunk of Liver with a Dime's Worth of Steak. Them wuz The Days!

### ON GUARD AGAINST FORGERS

Men of Money Devise Secret Signs Which Inform Bank Cashiers That Checks Are Genuine.

So clever is the modern forger that the man who relies on a signature which is hard to copy is liable at any moment to find himself victimized and his account depleted.

In order to prevent the successful uttering of a forged check, several men have hit upon devices which even the smartest criminal could hardly detect.

For instance, there is an American millionaire who makes a tiny blot on some part of the check as a sign to the bank cashier that it is genuine. Not one forger in a thousand would attribute a blot to anything but carelessness, and quite a number of would-be swindlers have found themselves pulled up sharply on presenting an unblotted check over the counter.

Another man has hit upon the idea of apparently making a mistake in the date in the right-hand top corner of the check, which mistake is rectified by the crossing out of the wrong numeral and the substitution of the correct one. The check forger would hardly regard such an apparent blunder as the result of deliberate intention.

A Frenchman with whom this subject was discussed stated that his own method is an almost infallible one. Whenever he writes a check, he takes the precaution of tearing it out of his check book in such a manner that a tiny shred of the counterfoil remains attached to the draft. This is an intimation to the bank that the check is genuine.

Perhaps, however, the most extraordinary device is that adopted by a wary Hebrew. He makes a point of carefully perfuming every check bearing his signature with a certain scent which is very difficult to obtain.

### Johnson's Tour of 1866.

Johnson's "Swing 'round the Circle" was an expression frequently to be met with in the fall of 1866, and was applied to a speech-making tour made by President Johnson about that time. President Johnson left Washington August 28, 1866, in compliance with a request that he would lay the cornerstone of a monument to be erected to Stephen A. Douglas, in Chicago, September 6. He was attended by a distinguished party, including several members of his cabinet, General Grant and Admiral Farragut also were in the party. The route was by way of Philadelphia, New York and Albany. In one of his speeches the president referred to himself as one having "swung around the entire circle" of public service, from alderman to president. The phrase "took" with newspaper reporters, and so came to be generally applied to his tour. Johnson's welcome was mixed, for passions ran high in those times. The general attitude was, however, courteous, and even cordial. In this respect St. Louis contrasted very favorably with some other large cities, Cleveland, Chicago and Springfield had extended to him no official recognition, while at Indianapolis he was hooted. On the whole, Johnson's tour did not strengthen his position in the country, serving, as it did, but to intensify the fury of the opposition.—Kansas City Star.

Those can conquer who think they can.—Emerson.

You miss the best news in the paper if you do not read the ads.

### UNION DOTS

Union, Feb. 14.—Most of the farmers are busy planting oats while we are having pretty weather.

Our basket ball team played with the New Prospect team last Friday. The score was 21 to 4 in favor of Union.

Misses Flora Chaffin and Gladys Beeson spent Sunday with Miss Mirtie Mosely and Miss Hattie Stevens.

Miss Audrey Chaffin visited Mrs. Nora Walling Sunday.

Miss Loye Caskey, Artie Davis and Otis Pelham visited Misses Lura and Zela Keen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chaffin visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Herod Sunday.

John Bryant visited Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Moseley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lasiter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hub Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Smith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith.

### Growers Increase Profits By Proper Cotton Grading

Need for more general adoption by communities of a single superior variety of cotton for each community has been brought out by cooperative graders working under the direction of the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, who last year graded approximately 230,730 bales in Texas, Mississippi, South Carolina. It is evident, they say, that no marketing association can secure the full benefits of organized effort unless it is handling dependable quantities of a standardized product. For this reason cotton specialists of the department are giving special attention to educating producers regarding the value of classing cotton before sale, the use of market quotations, the growing of better varieties of cotton on a community basis, the depressing effect of inferior staple upon prices, and the losses incident to improper ginning, baling and storage. They are encouraged to organize for the purpose of securing the benefits of community production and marketing of superior cotton. At some of the towns in which classers were located, it had been the custom to buy all cotton as short staple, but during the past season cotton classed in the course of these demonstrations as a full inch or longer was sold at a premium, thus bringing into the hands of the producers thousands of dollars more than they could have gained under former conditions and emphasizing the desirability of selling according to actual class. A further result has been the withdrawal from the field of many so-called "scalper" buyers whose profits depend largely upon the ignorance of the grower as to the class and value of his cotton.

### More Success With Poultry

I notice some telling what they did with their chickens last year. Since Christmas I have gotten 112 dozen of eggs from 55 hens, selling 94 dozen, which brought me 40c per dozen and used the others at home. I think this does real well for winter months.

Mrs. R. E. Martin.

## A TEXAS LEGISLATOR FREED FROM CANCER

C. K. Walter of Waelder Says Two Malignant Growths Were Permanently Cured by Dr. O. A. Johnson

A recent experience has convinced the Hon. C. K. Walter of Waelder, former member of the Texas Legislature, that cancer is curable. After being freed from two malignant growths by Dr. O. A. Johnson, Kansas City cancer specialist, Mr. Walter writes:

"I have remained silent for several months for the reason that I wanted to be sure I had received a permanent cure. I now state without the slightest hesitancy that, in my opinion, not only have both of my cancers been permanently healed by you, but that your very efficient constitutional treatment has eliminated all the poisonous matter from my system.

"A little over three years ago a small sore appeared on the left side of my face. I tried the various salves to be found in the drug stores. Then I resorted to doctors. The first one treated me with an electric needle, but I received no benefit. I doctored awhile at home, after which I spent three weeks in San Antonio, eight weeks in Houston and eleven in Galveston. While being treated in Galveston, another cancer appeared on my left ear.

"About that time I concluded to go to Dr. Johnson. I did, and in less than eight weeks both cancers were cured. Had I gone to Dr. Johnson earlier (when I first received the book, 'Cancer Truths') I would have saved two out of the four doctor bills and doubtless would have received a cure inside of three weeks. To every person suffering with a cancer, I would urge you to lose no time in going to Dr. Johnson."

Dr. Johnson is one of the foremost cancer specialists. He has studied cancer many years and has treated thousands of cases successfully without the use of the knife. His book, "Cancer Truths," explaining his mild, non-surgical treatment and the various forms of cancer, will be sent free, postpaid, to anyone who writes to him at his research laboratories. Simply address Dr. O. A. Johnson, Suite 560, 1324 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo. (Advertisement)

### 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.

## Million Packets of Flower Seeds Free

We believe in flowers around the homes of the South. Flowers brighten up the home surroundings and give pleasure and satisfaction to those who have them.

We have filled more than a million packets of seeds, of beautiful yet easily grown flowers to be given to our customers this spring for the beguiling of their homes.

Wouldn't you like to have five packets of beautiful flowers free? YOU CAN GET THEM! Hastings' 1921 catalog is a 116-page handsomely illustrated seed book with twenty beautiful pages showing the finest varieties in their true natural colors. It is full of helpful garden, flower and farm information that is needed in every home, and, too, the catalog tells you how to get these flower seeds absolutely free.

Write for our 1921 catalog now. It is the finest, most valuable and beautiful seed book ever published, and you will be mighty glad you've got it. There is no obligation to buy anything. Just ask for the catalog. H. G. HASTINGS CO., SEEDSMEN, ATLANTA, GA.

3 Per Cent Real Estate Loans Under supervision of Insurance and Banking Commission of Texas.

THOS. B. COLLINS and CHARLES JONES, AGENTS, Crockett, Texas

## TOAD BECAME PET OF SUNNY SPAIN

Lived for Thirty-Six Years With French Family.

Little Creature Soon Lost All Fear of Mankind and Furnished Amusement to Its Protectors.

There was a wise old toad that lived for more than thirty-six years in a hole beneath the doorstep of a French farmhouse. How old it was when first noticed no one could say, but it had probably lived for a long time before familiarity with the sight of man emboldened it to rest tranquilly on the doorstep over which persons were constantly passing.

The step became the batrachian's hunting ground, where, with little trouble, it might capture the ants which persisted in crossing and recrossing it. The toad, hunting for its supper, came to be regarded as one of the sights of the neighborhood, and certainly the skillful manner in which it used its wonderfully formed tongue entitled it to be ranked as an expert among hunters.

For one thing, it showed wonderful skill in judging distance; the tongue was never darted out until the insect came within a certain range. The accuracy of the creature's aim was another matter for surprise. The insects were generally in motion when the tongue was darted against them, but the arrow never failed to hit its mark.

The rapidity with which the tongue was shot forth excited much wonder. The operation is a complex one. The tongue is doubled or rolled up when in the mouth; therefore, a twofold action is required, an uncoiling of the weapon, and then the darting of it forth.

The withdrawing of the tongue, with the captured insect on the top, was not less remarkable. Notwithstanding the rapid motion, the fineness of the tongue tip and the struggles of the prey the victim was never dropped.

The toad was so tame that it might rightly be called domesticated. It would remain quietly in one hand and take its food from the other, provided a leaf was placed on the hand which held it. Without this precaution the warmth of the human hand was evidently annoying and uncomfortable to the chilly little fellow.

Few things seemed to please it more than to be placed on a table in the evening when the lamp was lighted. It would look around with the greatest confidence in its gleaming eye and when insects were placed on the table it snapped them up with even greater rapidity than in its day huntings.

In this way the toad lived for thirty-six years, the pet of the neighborhood. It might have lived many years more had not a tame but spiteful raven pecked out one of its eyes.

### Thumb Prints for Brides.

The newest slogan of English social life is to fight bigamy with Bertillon methods. There the war has brought on an unprecedented wave of bigamy. Soldiers with two and sometimes three wives are still being daily charged in the courts. Australians with wives at the other end of the earth and brides in England were said to be the worst offenders, their special plural marriage system becoming one of the jokes of the music halls.

It has been suggested that couples seeking marriage licenses should furnish their photographs, which shall be affixed to their marriage "lines." The certificate bearing the thumb prints of both bride and bridegroom shall then be photographed and the proof filed with the statistical records at Somerset house. By adopting this system it is believed that no question can ever remain unsettled as to the actual identity of the contracting parties in case any such question should ever arise.

### Corn Products Widely Used.

The products of corn go around the world to a degree beyond all guessing. Two products widely diffused are glucose corn sirup and grape sugar. In 1919 corn sirup was distributed to nearly seventy-five different countries, in weight amounting to 220,380,761 pounds and of the value of \$13,169,051. To more than twenty countries corn sugar was sent to the amount of 35,236,948 pounds and of the value of \$1,970,803. Corn sirup is a distinctively American product. Its greatest purchaser was the United Kingdom, and France was next. The same distinction is true in the foreign purchases of corn sugar. Glucose was discovered about 1800.

If your head is dizzy on stooping or rising suddenly and everything turns black before the eyes, you have a torpid liver. Take Herbine. It is a powerful liver regulator. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Titbits That Have Won Popularity in America.

"Turron," a Christmas Delicacy, is Declared to Be Unsurpassed in the Line of Sweetmeats.

"Sea sleeves, each in his ink," reads the quaint label on the little cans that bring us one of the queer harvests of the Mediterranean. The ink is the protective fluid of the calamare, but the chef turns it to use as a sauce. Pen-and-ink fish is another name for this small squid, because his inner shell looks like a quill pen. Sea sleeves are a delicacy that one would have to get used to, like snails, white bait, and crawfish, but those who are fond of them rather pride themselves upon it. They can be found in all Spanish delicatessen shops, says a writer in the New York Evening Post.

But Spain's masterpiece, many think, is turron—a nougat incomparably delicate and rich, made from nuts, fruits, and honey, its sweetness varying somewhat with each of the places which are celebrated for its manufacture: Alicante, Valencia and Murcia. Turrones are in famous demand at the holidays, and Spanish groceries in New York are seldom able to fill all their orders, for this is a Christmas sweet par excellence. An epicure has called turrones "a sweetmeat delicious beyond words." The most popular of the several kinds is probably Turron Alicante. Others are Turron Jijona, Turron Yema, and Turron Mazapan.

Hearts of palm might be thought a tragic delicacy by the lover of trees, for every salad made of this asparagus-like edible means the death of a mountain palm. They come from Algiers, as well as from Spain, and the supply seems to hold out, but conservation does not concern those lands as yet.

The true globe artichoke, alcachofas al natural, keeps its unique flavor, though it journeys from Spain in cans. It is a portion of the immature, thistle-like flower, violet or white, and in no way resembles the more prosaic Jerusalem artichoke which looks like a potato. Artichokes grow wild in the south of Europe, but they never have been cultivated here except by wealthy epicures, and though purchasable in season at the finer markets, our public treats them rather formally—for a dish so appetizing.

Down on Pearl street there is a large Spanish grocery where all these Spanish allurements and many others may be bought, and where you will notice in particular the very aristocratic meats that do not disdain the tin can—partridges with truffles and mushrooms, stuffed hare, Catalonian sausages, "Galician dinner," fowls prepared with sweet red peppers. And then the quince paste, apricot paste, dried Malaga figs, almond cheese, and Spanish waters.

### Reclaiming Lost Paradise.

Efforts are being made to reclaim and plant parts of the vast tract of land which stretches for several miles around Rome and goes by the name of the Campagna Romana. It has been allowed to remain idle and uncultivated ever since the fall of the Roman empire. Before that time it was a sort of terrestrial paradise.

When Rome, however, was obliged to resign her position as "the mistress of the world" the campagna was abandoned and gradually became a marshy, malaria-infected desert, inhabited only by a few hardy shepherds.

Prince Aldobrandini has engaged a company to reclaim a huge estate of several thousands of acres which he owns in the campagna.

So happy have the results at the experimental station been that it is hoped that soon work may be begun for the total reclaiming of the whole of the campagna.

### Paper Francs Until 1924.

According to latest reports, it will be some time before the metal tokens to be issued by the French mint to replace the notes of the smaller denominations in use in Paris and other cities will be in full circulation, says the Continental Edition of the London Mail.

No less than 300,000,000 of the jetons (or counters) are required, and, as the mint can only manufacture about 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 a month, it is likely to be 1924 before the total issue necessary is made. The department is also hampered by the lack of the requisite metal.

One reason why we don't accept the theory of gravitation is because when the bottom drops out we hit the ceiling.

Is your subscription due? Look at the label.

Capital \$20,000.00

Surplus \$12,000.00

## 100 Per Cent Protection

Did you know that since the guaranty fund for state banks in Texas became operative January 1, 1910, to the present time there has not been \$1.00 lost in a state bank?

In other words, the bank deposit guaranty system has scored a record of 100 per cent protection to depositors in the more than 1000 state banks in Texas.

After more than nine years successful operation, we solicit the checking accounts of individuals, firms and corporations.

We pay 5 per cent interest on Time Deposits, issue Travelers' Checks and Bank Drafts.

## The Guaranty State Bank

Buy Your

MEAT and BREAD

From

The City Meat Market

C. DENSON, Proprietor.

The best to be had in fresh meats and bread—the place of SERVICE. When you buy here you get nothing but the highest quality. Let us serve you.

### The Boy Called Bad

Mr. Amuson, prominent in Boy Scout work, is probably right in a general way when he says there is no such thing as a naturally bad boy. Heredity must be accorded its influence and doubtless there are some degenerated and criminal boy minds whose unhappy proclivities can not be corrected but in the main badness, as the scout worker says, is merely high spirits and mischievousness. If the so-called bad boys' abounding energies could only be turned into proper channels, their full measure in itself would make a useful citizen of him.

Perhaps the most pitiful thing in the world is the so frequent lack of intelligent guidance for lively boys and girls which permits them to grow up into trifling or wicked men, women and citizens. They might have been saved so easily. A wise, kind word at a critical moment from someone he likes and respects often changes the whole current of a child's life and ultimately makes a good man of him when the lack of it would have caused him to drift into worthlessness. What an unceasing demand for devotion and wisdom on the part of parents. And in the teacher's case how infinitely more important are sympathy's and personality than mere learning!—Ex.

### I Am Calling You

I am the best friend of mankind. To the man who prizes sanity, peacefulness, pure-mindedness, social standing and longevity, I am a necessity.

I am hung about with sweet memories of brides—memories of mothers—memories of boys and girls—memories of the aged as they grope their way down the shadows.

I am decked with loving tears—crowned by loving hands and hearts.

In the minds of the greatest men on earth, I find a constant dwelling place.

I live in the lives of the young and the dreams of the old.

I safeguard man through all paths—from the first hour life's sun slants upon his footprints until the purple gathers in the west and the darkness falls.

I lift up the fallen. I strengthen the weak. I help the distressed. I show mercy, bestow kindness and offer a friendly hand to the man in fine linen and the man in homespun.

I am the essence of good fellowship, friendliness and love.

I give gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away. They are given freely to all that ask.

I bring back the freshness of life, the eagerness, the spirit of youth which feels that it has something to live for ahead.

I meet you with outstretched arms and with songs of gladness. Some time—some day—some hour—in the near or far future you will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand.

I am your comforter and best friend.

I am calling you!

I AM THE CHURCH!

—Express, Enfield, Ill.

### NOTICE

We will have a man here in a few days, exact date to be announced in the Messenger next week, to discuss the matter of dairying and show us where we can make some extra money. We want all farmers who are interested in this matter to watch for the date and attend this meeting.