

# The Grapeland Messenger.

AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

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## Jury Tastes Evidence and Votes Defendants Guilty

Tampa, Fla., March 18.—The jury looked dubious when evidence in a liquor seizure case involving the Cuban schooner Ramplazo was presented for its inspection in the federal court.

"Have a drink, boys, and see for yourself if it is not the real stuff," said District Attorney Herbert S. Phillips, handing bottles of whiskey, brandy and wine part of 3,000 quarts seized on the vessel, to one who merely sniffed, and were convinced, promptly voting the captain, mate and two deck hands guilty.

## Palestine Street Paving Bond Issue is Approved

Austin, Tex., March 18.—The attorney general's department today approved the following bonds issues: Palestine permanent street bonds, \$250,000, maturing in forty years, with ten-year option, 5½ per cent interest; Mineral Wells waterworks, \$200,000 serially, 6 per cent.

## Prize for Service to Humanity

Admirers of the late President are proposing to raise a fund of \$500,000 or more, to be called Woodrow Wilson Fund. The income is to be used somewhat like that of the Nobel Fund in Sweden, and is to be paid, once a year, to that person who, during the year, has done the greatest service to humanity. Mr. Wilson is asked to lay down the rules for determining the nature of the service, or what kinds of service shall be considered. Many prominent men and women are interested in the matter. It is believed that a fund yielding an income of about \$25,000 a year can be easily raised.

## Does Anyone Want a Bison? Uncle Sam Gives Them Away

The forest service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has more than 20 male buffalo of varying size and age, which it is desirous to give away or loan to park or zoological associations, or responsible individuals who will take good care of them and use them for breeding or exhibition purposes.

The buffalo herd, established on the Wichita National Forest and game Preserve, Oklahoma, some 15 years ago with a nucleus of 15 animals, has prospered mightily. It now numbers nearly 150 head, including the 28-year-old "gray gander" of the herd, as well as the smallest and friskiest bull calf born last spring. As the herd has grown the number of bulls has increased more rapidly than the cows, until now here are too many of the former.

Under the regulations the forest service can give or lend only one male buffalo to an individual or institution. Several applications have already been received and approved, and plans are on foot to cut out from the herd the animals selected, and crate and haul them to the railroad. Although Uncle Sam is willing to make a present of these animals, the recipient must pay all expenses incident to the gift, including the cost of crating, hauling, and freight charges from Cache, Okla., to the point of delivery.

Here is an excellent opportunity to get a real, live buffalo—not as gentle, perhaps, as a kitten, but, nevertheless, a nice pet if you have plenty of room to keep him, surrounded by a 12-foot double-ply, woven wire fence, and the price of two tons of hay a year.

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## Advertised for "Lost" Members, Church is Full

Evanston, Ill., Mar. 18.—"Lost 100 Methodists."

This advertisement recently startled Evanston newspaper readers. It was inserted by Rev. Ernest Fremont Little, pastor of the First Methodist Church here who believes in "fighting the devil in printer's ink." His church has a membership of 2,000, an increase of nearly 100 percent since he assumed the pastorate. His text of the "lost advertisement" reads as follows:

"Lost—Somewhere between Church street and Himan avenue. Evanston and the church back home. 100 church letters. Some are in attics, others in desks, still others in the possession of former pastors. Suitable reward and much satisfaction assured to all who find and turn them into the pastor of this church."

## SALMON NEWS

Salmon, Mar., 21.—Most of the people are through planting corn and the corn that is up looks fine. Gardens look promising and everything looks like real spring to us, which makes us want to go fishing. But if you go you had better try to slip off without anyone seeing you or some one might accuse you of arming yourself with mineral rods and picks and shovels, seeking after hidden treasures as Rip Van Winkle did some of us last week. Rip Van Winkle has been asleep again, and while sleeping she thought she had a vision and through that vision she saw a little band of men start out fishing and hunting; she saw them get some fish hooks and Rip did not know what they were so she called them mineral rods; and she saw them start with their guns and didn't know what to call them, so she called them picks; she saw some dogs with them and not knowing what they were she called them shovels. And these men were going out seeking hidden treasures! Now, we can overlook Rip for this because of the fact that she has slept most of her life and never had a chance to learn the difference between these things and when she awakes maybe the vision will depart and she will have the chance to learn the difference between a rod and fish hook.

The boys organized a ball team which will be the best we have ever had at this place, and they will play their first game Saturday afternoon at Center Grove with that team.

Our school will close Friday with a concert Friday night. The teachers and pupils are working hard to get up a good program and we think they will be successful.

Our pastor, Bro. Morrison, and the B. Y. P. U. members are going to have a picnic Saturday and the children are looking forward to a good time.

Everybody is invited to come

## Anti-Saloon League Speaker Here Tonight

Dr. W. H. Bickers of the Anti-Saloon League will speak in Grapeland tonight at 7:30 at the Baptist church.

Dr. Bickers is a forceful speaker and enjoys the distinction of being the "Irish orator." He is the superintendent of the enforcement department of the League in Texas.

There will be no charge for admission and a cordial invitation is extended to hear him.

to church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Killion entertained the young folks last Friday night with a party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lasiter visited Mr. and Mrs. Hub Starkey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grounds spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNight.

Bro. N. S. Herod attended the meeting at the Baptist church at Grapeland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murdock and children of Waneta visited their daughter, Miss Maybelle, who is working in the store for R. F. Smith.

A good many were present at the young peoples' meeting Sunday night. We had some visitors from other communities. We invite them to come again.

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## Man Pays Grocery Bill Which is Forty Years Old

Corsicana, Tex., Mar., 18.—While doing business at Dresden, this county, more than forty years ago, W. D. and E. W. Johnson sold some groceries to a man who soon left the country without paying the bill. Today these men received a letter from the man from his present home in Tennessee and in the letter was a \$20 bill. In his letter the man said that the money which he sent was much more than the original bill but he thought they were due some interest.

In speaking of the incident Mr. Johnson said he had forgotten about the matter, and did not remember the original amount of the bill.

## Singing at San Pedro

There is going to be an all day singing at San Pedro church (old Lockout) the first Sunday in April conducted by Mr. Ed Bullar of Percilla. Everybody come, especially the good singers. In connection with this there will be preaching in the afternoon by Rev. Newland.

Albert Gainey.

Cold settled in the muscles of the neck, arms or shoulder makes every movement painful. Use Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relieves the pain and relaxes the muscles. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

## How is Your Mind?

That is "sorter" a sassy question, but we do not mean it that way. The adage, "as a man thinketh so is he," as a people think, so are they.

Let's get the gloom away and soon things will brighten and truly we will help drive away the gloom if you will come to our store to trade, because we'll help you to make your money go farther.

Best grade gingham . . . . . 17 1-2c

Best grade cheviots . . . . . 17 1-2c

Best grade of bleached domestic per yard . . . . . 17 1-2c

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12 cans of tomatoes for	\$1.40
2 cans of tomatoes for	25c
45 pound can of Swift's lard for	\$5.85
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Wheat bran, per sack	\$1.70
Corn meal, per sack	75c
7 cans of Salmon for	\$1.00
12 bars of soap for	50c
2 cans of corn for	35c
High patent flour, per sack for	\$2.75
Extra high patent flour, per sack	\$2.90
Garrett Snuff, per bottle	30c
Calumet Baking Powder, per can	30c
5 gallons best Eupion oil for	90c

## TRADE WITH US

and help us get the price down

## KEELAND BROS.

**Passing The Religious "Buck"**

Taking as his subject, "The Second Coming of Christ" Sunday evening Evangelist Blaylock held an immense congregation seemingly in the hollow of his hand. His sound reasoning, pleasing personality and oratorical flights couched in choicest English might have pierced an armor of steel—but not that of self righteousness. With dramatic eloquence he declared that church folks would have to get right with God before sinners could be brought to repentance.

The following day: Said a Baptist Deacon to a Methodist Steward: "That evangelist sure did rake you over the coals last night!" And the Methodist Steward "sagely" did make reply: "Why, man, he skinned you alive!"

Did Evangelist Blaylock's just exhortation of church members fail to pierce your egotistical, self righteous armor? How many times over might the Baptist Deacon and the Methodist Steward be multiplied not only in Alice but thruout the world?

Self-righteousness is the paramount sin of the church world and a blazing signboard which is pointing out the road to hell.—Alice News.

**Governor of the Philippines**

Gen. Leonard Wood is ordered to the Philippines to report on conditions there. It is said that President Harding will later appoint him Governor-General.

Francis Burton Harrison, who has been Governor-General for nearly eight years, took leave of the people, and received addresses of regret in English and Tagalog. There was a great procession at Manila.

**The Thing That Does It**

You may talk to men about the duty and the privilege of being better farmers and they will laugh in the face and keep right on in the old way.

But just put your own preaching into effect right on your own farm, working out your theories in actual practice, so that you have the best farm in the neighborhood, and you will accomplish what you never can accomplish by talking.

The thing that does it is doing. Tell your neighbor that if he will set out an apple tree, some day he will have fruit to sell and keep, and you may watch till your are as gray as a rat and see no apple tree on his farm.

But set out a tree on your own farm and bring it to bearing, and you will need to argue no more. The rosy cheeked apples on your tree hit the nail on the head.—Exchange.

The Houston Chronicle sums it up as follows: "What the farmer needs is a square deal, economical production and the shortest possible road between himself and the consumer." How could it be expressed more succinctly?

The preacher was asked if the man who played the cornet in the orchestra would go to heaven. To this he replied: "I don't see why he should not, but"—after a pause—"I doubt whether the man next door will."

**Health Hints**

1. Ventilate every room you occupy.
2. Wear loose, porous clothing suited to season, weather and occupation.
3. If you are an indoor worker, be sure to get recreation out doors.
4. Sleep in fresh air always; in the open if you can.
5. Hold a handkerchief before your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and insist that others do so, too.
6. Always wash your hands before eating.
7. Do not over-eat. This applies especially to meats and eggs.
8. Eat some hard and some bulky foods; some fruits.
9. Eat slowly — chew thoroughly.
10. Drink sufficient water daily.
11. Stand, sit, and walk erect.
12. Do not allow poisons and infections to enter the body.
13. Keep the teeth, gums, and tongue clean.
14. Keep serene. Worry is the foe of health. Cultivate the companionship of your fellow men.
16. Avoid self-drugging. Be ware the plausible humbug of the patent medicine faker.
17. Have your doctor examine you carefully once a year. Also consult your dentist at regular intervals.

**When Washington Lied**

Yes George Washington lied. To a judge, too. He told the judge he was going to pay a fine of \$15 and then failed to come to court to pay it. When he was arrested he told the court he would come in after his birthday Feb. 22, and settle. So the judge was easy on George.

But when the appointed day came and George didn't, the judge was aroused at this contempt and sent a squad of men around to collect. When Washington arrived at the court he attempted to pacify the judge for his delinquency. But the judge was adamant and couldn't see it George's way, so he changed the sentence from \$15 to 60 days in jail at hard labor.

George, much discomfited, had to go and when the jailer left him he began his first meditation on the virtue of truthfulness. This is a story which has never become widespread, but folks will now realize that Washington was human, too. However, there is no cause for fear of another shattered idol, for the George mentioned is a colored boy, a resident of Washington, who plainly thinks nothing of bringing his illustrious name into disgrace.

**Our Honor Roll**

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

- Grapeland—R. T. Murchison, Bob Wherry.
- Route 1—W. D. Cox, W. W. Dunnam.
- Route 3—J. F. Durnell.
- Percilla—R. R. Sullivan.
- Augusta—W. H. Holcomb Sr., W. H. Holcomb Jr.
- Crockett, Route 1—D. C. McCarter.
- Huntsville—Miss Lucile Kolb. (By W. H. Kolb)

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**LIVELYVILLE NEWS**

Livelyville, Mar., 21.—Only four more weeks and our school term will come to a close. We hope we will maintain a good attendance all the way through.

Corn is nearly all planted and cotton land mostly all broke, and egg prices all smashed. Wonder if it pays to farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Denman visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman Sunday.

Hannis Wilkins spent Sunday with Billy Mac Donald and Jimmie Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Masters spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters.

**BETHEL NEWS**

Bethel, Mar., 21.—We didn't know that the farmers of the Bethel community were digging for gold and lost treasures, but knew they were burying lost treasures. We have been told that Rip Van Winkle has awakened again and suppose that was her dream.

Jessie Steadman spent Saturday night with Alna Tillman.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lasiter visited Mr. Redman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henyard Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Denman, Elizabeth Howard and Gracie Tillman spent Sunday at the home of Lenard Howard.

Mrs. Reagan Lasiter has come home. We are all glad to see her well and at home again.

Mrs. Keen entertained a few

young people Saturday night. All had a nice time.

Mrs. Mary Belle Denman spent Saturday night with Mrs. Alma Redman.

Henry Wright is very sick at present.

Misses Elizabeth Howard and Gracie Tillman spent Monday night with Mrs. Matilda Steadman, near Slocum.

**UNION NEWS**

Union, Mar., 21.—Our contestants did splendid work at the county meet. Miss Valley DuBose and Otis Pelham won second place as senior declaimers, and Arwell Bean third place as junior declaimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walling.

Hubert Garrison visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moseley Saturday night.

Miss Gladys Beeson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dickey at Percilla.

Mrs. Leach and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beeson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caskey and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Caskey Sunday.

Miss Blue Bell Wells visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Keep the bowels active and the digestion good if you would enjoy health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters whenever disorders appear will keep a man on the active list. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Is your subscription paid in advance?

**ANTRIM NEWS**

Antrim, Mar., 21.—All of the farmers are busy planting another crop and the women are planting gardens and everyone is busy these days.

Rev. J. S. McDaniel filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. He was accompanied by Bro. Defoor, who preached for us Sunday, and his sermon was enjoyed by all.

J. L. Nichols and daughter, Miss Erma Mae, and Misses Alice and Lillie Taylor visited at the home J. F. Kiser Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell entertained the young people of this community with a singing Sunday afternoon. A large crowd was present and everyone enjoyed it very much.

Walter Blackwell visited Virgil Durnell Sunday.

Allie Little and Calvin Durnell visited Lee Martin Sunday.

Mrs. Erma Schuder spent last week with her sister and nephew Mrs. S. J. Martin and J. F. Martin.

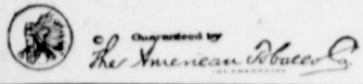
Misses Emma Charm Edens and Mamye and Eula Durnell and Revs. McDaniel and Defoor were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell Sunday.

**President Harding's Hobby**

In an address to the National Press Club, at Washington, President Harding says that his hobby is to try to find somewhere a "human touch that awakens disappointment into hope." Those who heard him understand this to have an important meaning—that he wished to revive the hopes of a disappointed world.



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



**Meeting of the League**

The next meeting of the League of Nations is to be held June 6, at Geneva. The Assembly meets in September.

**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.

Petticoats are cheaper; which proves that a thing is not always valuable merely because it is rare.—Detroit Free-Press.

**Improved Roads**

**PERMANENT ROADS ARE BEST**

Although Apparently Expensive at First, They Add Greatly to Value of Farm Lands.

When one is figuring the cost of improving the public roads consideration should be given to the increased value of the lands located in the section where the roads have been permanently improved.

In every case where roads have been put in a permanently good condition, the value of the farms has increased to a point that the increased value would more than pay the cost of the improvement. Permanent roads do seem high-priced in the beginning but



An Improved Road Near New York City.

one should figure that there will be small future outlay for upkeep.

The dirt road has a bad reputation every place it is found and even improving does not make it a permanent road, for it is continually needing work. It is a never-ending job to keep a dirt road in even passable condition. It is like doing the chores on the farm, they must be gone over again and again and still remain to be looked after. The properly graded road, of course, is better than one poorly made but at its best it is a continual worry and expense. Where very steep hills are on the roadway, ditches should be run off along the side to carry the water into the side ditch and not allow it to run down to the bottom, carrying the soil with it and making a pool where it stops.

Much of the movement now for improved roads is for permanent roads. And, as stated above, these permanent roads although quite expensive at first, add much to the value of the lands and to the reputation of the farming districts. It has been much easier to populate a new farming section when it is known that permanent roads are coming soon or are already installed. A farm always sells better when the buyer can approach it on a substantial roadway. Those who are advocating good roads and permanent roads may not all live to see their ambitions satisfied, but they are starting a movement that will carry on to the coming generations and will be a blessing for those who live after the present improved road agitation.

**SUPERIOR SYSTEM OF ROADS**

In Every Section of Country Work is Progressing Favorably on Many Projects.

The time is rapidly passing when the bad roads of America can be pointed out as a reproach. In every section of the country work is in progress to give the United States a system of roads which will compare favorably with those of other countries. Roads are being built at 2,985 different points. Fully 30,000 miles of road have been approved by the secretary of agriculture. It is estimated that this construction will cost the country nearly \$400,000,000. At the end of June, 1920, the government reported that 2,118 different projects or a total of 16,000 miles of roads had been completed.—Boys' Life.

**ACCESSIBILITY TO MARKETS**

Farm on Paved Road is Nearer to the City Than One Located on Impassable Highway.

The type of road over which a farmer must haul his crops determines his accessibility to markets. A farm many miles from the city, but if located on a paved road, is nearer to market than a farm separated from it by only a mile of impassable road. That is why the various reports of the United States weather bureau issued daily by the local state offices of the bureau, devote frequently their entire report to the subject of roads—a strange place you'll say to find an editorial promoting permanent highways, but it is there from time to time, nevertheless.

**HOME TOWN HELPS**

**DISTINCTIVE SIGN FOR TOWN**

Idea That is Attaining Popularity in England is Worth Consideration in Our Own Land.

They are endeavoring in England to make a fashion in village signs—what a good notion to borrow! It has been urged that for the unlabeled notice at the entrance to a town, reading, "Fairfield. No 'cut-outs,'" there be substituted a sign such as villages and the visitors to them enjoyed in the old days; a design, boldly executed and colored, which should call to mind some historical or industrial association with the place, or some suggestion inherent in the name itself and which would come in time to be known as the symbol of the town. The London Daily Mail thought the idea so good that it opened a competition to designers of village signs. The first prize was \$5,000 and has gone to a man who made a sign for the village of St. Peter's-in-Thames—the English have literally picturesque names on their map, but some of our own Indian words would offer the artist as rich an opportunity, and think, too, what he could do for Concord and Lexington, for Deerfield and Tarrytown. Several of the English villages have already responded with the offer to buy the designs submitted in this particular competition and have them executed and set up. In addition automobilists have declared their desire to contribute toward the expenses in some cases, for they say that though they live in the city, they would have much pleasure from these signs. At this point, however, the village will be wisest to refuse. The town may go where it will for the artist, but the sign must be its own, no gift to it from an outsider—better take five years to get it and have it real, than obtain it quickly and artificially. The village sign is no fashion to sweep the countryside wholesale, but what an admirable one to set going and let grow steadily!—The Villager.

**MERE NUMBERS NO CRITERION**

Town Must Be Judged by Conditions of Living That Prevail Within Its Borders.

The gathering of important information by the census bureau has been a gradual growth. The first census in 1790 was taken for the sole purpose of determining the representation, which by the Constitution had been put on a numerical basis. Each succeeding decennial enumeration has had this as its first object, but gradually other, and actually more important information has been included, until now the volumes issued by the census bureau on other subjects far outnumber those which contain the figures of population. It is a regrettable fact that we pay too little attention to these other figures. They contain a wealth of information and suggestion for the improvement of industrial, social, religious and domestic relations of the people.

Rivalry between American cities based upon these conditions would be on a higher plane than the present rivalry in mere numbers. That city which could boast of being the best in which to live, best for all classes of society, would have far more benefit in its boasting than the one which could speak only of its numbers. Urban life in the United States is becoming too congested, too large a proportion of the entire population, in spite of improved facilities for suburban living and transit. Cities would far better concern themselves with the conditions of living of their people than with the number of people themselves, as compared with other cities. That would be placing the emphasis where it belongs.

**Town's Real Opportunities.**

Nearly all places go down in history because of the kind of people they give to the world or encourage to remain, because of their interest in education, religious training and in true Americanism. The real greatness of any city depends on the future it is building for its people, not on the wealth and prestige which the people are winning for it today.

No town need be pessimistic because its numbers are small. There are opportunities aplenty for it to win lasting fame if it helps those within it to be intelligent, honest and anxious to help the nation and the world to be better places in which to live.—Walter I. Robinson in Indianapolis Star.

READ THE ADS

**MAKING STUDY OF BACTERIA**

Institution in England Has More Than Eight Hundred Different Strains Under Constant Observation.

The national collection of microbes at the Lister institute, London, Eng., which was started in January, now contains more than 800 different strains of bacteria, writes a medical correspondent. Let loose under appropriate conditions, they would cause more destruction of life than all the military and naval armaments of the world. "But you are safer here than digging in your garden," said Dr. St. John Brooks, who, with an assistant, Miss M. Rhodes, has the care of the collection. "We have bacteria here from almost every country in the world and receive new consignments every week. They are all micro-organisms which either cause disease or are useful in industry and agriculture. We have pure strains from which an endless succession of generations may be produced. To keep these microbes alive one must understand their various likes and dislikes. Some thrive on one kind of food on which others would languish and die. They are very sensitive to temperature. It is hoped in time to make this the most complete collection of death-dealing and industrially useful micro-organisms in the world."

**QUITE SO**



Mr. Pester—I suppose you took me for a fool when you married me?  
His Wife—Well, I took you for better or for worse, not knowing how you'd turn out.

**ONE-PIECE SLIPPER.**

Michael J. Hollenbach of Gloversville, N. Y., is the inventor of what is called a one-piece slipper. The material for it is cut out of a single piece of leather or cloth, so that all that is needed is to put in a few stitches and the footgear is complete.

This kind of slipper may be fitted over the foot like a surgical shoe. With correct cut, it fits smoothly and perfectly, having none of the looseness which gives most slippers a provoking inclination to drop off on slight provocation.

Another advantage it has is there is no seam at the heel to cause irritation and discomfort. And still another advantage is in lowering the cost of manufacture.

**WORTH-WHILE ACQUAINTANCES.**

"Do you notice the large number of horny-handed sons of toil who are now riding in Pullman cars?"

"I do," replied the traveling salesman. "And for my part, I'm glad to see them."

"Why so?"

"I'm hearing some brand-new stories in the smoker."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**STARTS HIM OFF.**

"What is Mr. Grumpson's attitude toward the proposed blue laws?" asked Mrs. Glipping.

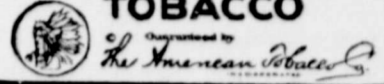
"His attitude is such," replied Mrs. Grumpson, with a shudder, "that I don't dare mention the subject to him if I want to spend a peaceful evening."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

It can be said of very few men that when they are pulled up by the roots there'll be a hole to look at.—Ashland (Mo.) Bugle.



50 good cigarettes for 10c from one sack of

**GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO**



**Printers' "Devil" and "Hell-Box"**

Ques. In order to settle a dispute will you please tell me how the words "hell" and "devil" as used in printing shops originated?  
—Ans. The boy who took the printed sheets from the press in the old days was commonly so bedaubed and black with ink that the workmen jocosely called him the "devil." Printing used to be called the "black art" and the boys who assisted the pressman were also sometimes called imps. Now the newest apprentice boy in the pressroom, whose duty it is to run errands and to help the pressmen, is called the printer's devil. The "hell-box" is the place where refuse old type etc. is thrown.—The Pathfinder.

The continued decline in the price of cotton must make it unnecessary to urge on anyone the vital importance of reducing the acreage in that crop more than it has ever been reduced before. Usually the price of cotton works upward at planting time. Now at planting time the price continues to work downward. At the moment when farmers must measure their cotton acreage, the price of cotton is lower than it has been at any time within five years. If that single fact does not sufficiently warn all of us of the disaster that must result if anything like a normal crop of cotton is grown, argument and exhortation would be futile.—Galveston News.

**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.

A very intoxicated man was wabbling along the street in a city one night when he came to a fish market with a large wooden fish hanging out. He immediately knocked on the door and shouted until the proprietor, who lived overhead, opened the window and angrily asked what was the trouble. "Shay, mister, pull in; you got a bite," was the answer.—Country Gentleman.

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Positively eradicates dandruff—corrects seborrheic scalp—stops falling hair—promotes luxuriant growth—adds lustre, beauty, health—action immediate and certain. Money-Back Guarantee.  
At druggists and barbers, or send 25c for generous sample.  
LUCKY TIGER CO., Kansas City, Mo.

**Was Very Weak**

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

**TAKE**

**CARDUI**

The Woman's Tonic

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

**All Druggists**

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THURSDAY, MAR. 24, 1921

**TURN ON THE LIGHTS**

The Elkhart Record asks "How about a light and power plant for Elkhart?"

We have been asking the same question here in Grapeland for fifteen years and it is still unanswered.

Two or three years ago a committee of our citizens went to Palestine and took the matter up with Texas Light & Power Co. of building a high powered line from Palestine through Elkhart to Grapeland. The company declined, saying the cost would be prohibitive, the cost at time being for labor and copper wire. But now things are different. They might be persuaded to undertake the project. Labor is plentiful and can be had at reasonable prices. Copper wire has declined to almost a pre-war basis.

We drop the suggestion that citizens of Grapeland and Elkhart again take the matter up with these people and see if they not put it through. The company had the project in mind just about the time the war started when their plans were halted.

No one will deny that a high tension wire from the plant at Palestine would give better service than local plants.

**THE ONLY WAY**

Now and then we are reminded of the old Indian who heard that his white brother gained much comfort from sleeping on feathers, and who one night secured a single feather, slept on that one feather all night, and arose in the morning to declare that the white man was a confirmed fool.

Sleeping on a single feather and expecting to be comfortable is about like putting one ad in a newspaper and expecting to get rich. You've got to have several feathers to make a bed, and you've got to run several ads to build up a business. The Grapeland merchant who feels the pulling power of advertising will tell you that spasmodic advertising seldom pays. You've got to keep hammering it into the heads of the people you want to sell, to that you have what they want and at a price that will satisfy them. The makers of Pears soap

advertised for fifty years and a few years ago they stopped advertising and tried to live on their reputation. It only took a few years for them to see that the soap men who were advertising were putting them out of business, and they started advertising again before it was too late. There is only one way to advertise—and that is regularly and systematically.

The Houston woman who refused to be excused from doing jury service set a mighty good example in good citizenship for some of us he-men to follow.

The money Europe is spending to try and persuade America to cancel war debts would go a long way toward paying off some of them.

A prominent statistician of the country says that "within a year we are going to enter into the greatest period of development and prosperity ever seen in this country." Here's hoping the said figure compiler knows what he is talking about.

**Some Success "I Wills."**

A certain Church prints on the back of its programs of services these words:

- I will not worry.
- I will not give way to anger.
- I will not yield to envy, jealousy, or hatred.
- I will be kind to every man, woman and child with whom I come in contact.
- I will be cheerful and hopeful.
- I will trust in God and bravely face the future.
- Read them again.
- They are words worth while.
- Cut them out and paste or pin them up where you can see them often.
- About all there is in life worth striving for is suggested in these few lines.
- Houses, land, bonds, automobiles are fine possessions. But far more precious still to any man in any station are the treasures of the mind and soul—composure, courage, cheerfulness, tolerance, kindness, hope—all these and faith in something higher than what the eyes see and the hand holds.—Charles Grant Miller.

**Special Easter Program at Christian Church Sunday.**

- 11 o'clock. Song by the choir.
- Responsive reading.
- Prayer by superintendent.
- Reading by Margret Ferguson.
- Song by the children.
- "In the Garden," Grace Richards.
- Piano Solo, Frances Stafford.
- Exercise, four girls.
- Vocal solo, Mrs. Olan Davis.
- Reading, Ray Norman.
- Violin solo, Dora Johnston.
- Exercise, Dave Nunn Leaverton.
- Song by the choir.
- Drill by sixteen girls.
- Benediction.

**Cotton Seed for Sale**

Pure Mebane early Triumph seed for sale. These seed are machine cleaned and machined culled and guaranteed pure. Put in 3 bushel sacks delivered at Grapeland for \$2.50 per bushel. B. F. Rogers, Palestine, Texas.

**Men's Spring Hats**



You will find your style here among our big assortment of Mallory and Worth Hats. Curved and straight brims, medium and wide bands and a variety of spring colors.

Come in and try on a few. You will soon find one to please you.

You can depend on the quality and value of

**MALLORY AND WORTH HATS**

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

**PERCILLA NEWS**

Percilla, Mar., 21.—Little Jessie Mae Dickey was sick today. We hope she will soon recover.

Quite a number from here attended the county meet at Crockett Friday and Saturday, and we are well pleased with success our pupils made. Clay Henderson won first place as senior declaimer, Carlton Sewell first place as junior declaimer, and Willie Belle Jones second place as junior declaimer. Miss Olda Lively was junior speller, but we have not heard from her papers. We are all in hopes she will win.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hendricks and family, Misses Rezi Jones, Fannie Branch, Lottie Denson and several others attended church at New Hope Sunday.

Messrs. Dan Dickey and W. W. Sullivan went to Palestine Saturday after Mrs. Dickey. She has been with her father who has been very sick.

Miss Rosa Branch visited homefolks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gainey and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Arland Gainey and daughter attended singing Sunday night. We also had several visitors from other places.

Mrs. A. P. McKenzie has been very sick for the past week, but is lots better now.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sewell and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Gee at Grapeland Saturday night.

Our Sunday school has been very dull for the last few Sundays. We are in hopes there will be a large crowd next Sunday. Everybody is invited.

**Alfalfa Hay**

A car of choice alfalfa hay due to arrive this week. See me if you need any.

J. W. Howard.

**Some Time**

YOU WILL NEED:

- A Doctor
- A Prescription filled
- A good Drug Store
- And careful compounding

Then remember that we await your orders and will faithfully serve you.

**D. N. Leaverton**  
LEADING DRUGGIST

**Notice of Election**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Grapeland Independent School District at the courthouse in Grapeland, Texas, the first Saturday in April, the same being the 2nd day of said month A. D. 1921, for the purpose of electing three trustees to succeed Wade L. Smith, George Shaver, and J. W. Howard, whose terms of office expire on said date.

W. D. Granberry,  
President of Board.

**Melon Seed**

Those wishing the Tom Watson watermelon seed please call and get them at once.

J. W. Howard.

**Trustee Election Notice**

Notice is hereby given that an election for county school trustees will be held on the first Saturday in April next at the various places in the county where elections are held for district trustees. Each voter may vote for a trustee at large while those in precincts Nos. 2 and 1 will vote also for a county trustee from their respective precincts. The county trustees in precincts (commissioners' precincts) Nos. 3 and 4 hold over until next year.

Nat Patton,  
County Judge, Houston County,  
Texas.

Chester Owens was down from Palestine Sunday.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

For groceries—  
S. E. Howard.

We charge batteries.  
Norman & Lively.

For wood phone  
E. L. Frisby

For fruit and candies, call at  
S. E. Howard's.

Rhode Island Red eggs for  
setting. \$1.00 for 15.  
Mrs. R. B. Edens.

I am in the market for shoats  
weighing 35 to 60 pounds.  
Henry Dailey.

K. C. Alsup, who is working  
at Goose Creek, visited his family  
here this week.

**For Sale**

Jersey cow with young calf.  
2t Carl Jones.

Miss Virgil Elkins of Love-  
lady visited Miss Agnes Murray  
the latter part of last week.

**Wanted**

Team for its feed.  
3t Burtis Kolb, Rte. 1.

John Selkirk of Troup spent  
last week end here visiting his  
mother, Mrs. J. M. Selkirk.

WANTED—Job on farm.  
Notify Elwood Lively, at Mil-  
burn Ellis'.

Registered Jersey bull for ser-  
vice. Compare pedigree and in-  
dividual bulls before breeding.  
4t C. C. Hill.

John R. Owens of Trinity  
spent Monday here on business  
and mingling with his many  
friends.

An optimist is one who thinks  
of the spring flowers; a pessi-  
mist is one who thinks of the  
spring cold.

Drs. C. C. Hill and W. D. Mc-  
Carty went to Houston the lat-  
ter part of last week to attend  
a Shriners' meeting.

When did you have grease put  
in the rear of your car and the  
transmission? We have some  
that's good. Let us fill it up.  
Norman & Lively.

**Notice, Boys**

Swimming in my pond will be  
prohibited this year, as I am  
going to stock it with fish.  
Fred Bridges.

**For Sale**

I have thousands of tomato  
plants 4 to 6 inches high ready  
to put in boxes or hot beds.  
35c per 100, or 300 for \$1.00.  
Mrs. Candis Luce,  
tf Grapeland, Route 2.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward  
for any case of Catarrh that cannot be  
cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.  
Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken  
by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-  
five years, and has become known as the  
most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's  
Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on  
the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poi-  
son from the Blood and healing the dis-  
eased portions.  
After you have taken Hall's Catarrh  
Medicine for a short time you will see a  
great improvement in your general  
health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medi-  
cine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send  
for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Amber and orange cane seed  
S. E. Howard.

Be sure to take your chickens  
and eggs to McLean & Riall's.

Is your subscription due?  
Look at the label.

Good insurance cheap. Join  
the Home Benefit Association.

All kinds of sweeps cheap at  
McLeans & Riall's.

Kimbells' best flour, at  
S. E. Howard.

Bring us your chickens and  
eggs.  
McLean & Riall.

Let us grind your valves and  
clean the carbon out of your  
car.  
Norman & Lively.

Joe T. Darsey of Alpine is  
spending a few days here, hav-  
ing been called here to attend  
the funeral of his mother.

J. W. Bridges of Elkhart was  
here a few days the latter part  
of last week visiting relatives  
and friends.

W. R. Wherry was up from  
Houston Saturday on business  
matters and meeting his many  
old friends.

Miss Linnie Dee Haltom, who  
is teaching a music class at  
Trinity, spent last week end  
here visiting her mother.

M. E. Darsey has recently in-  
stalled waterworks in his home  
and put down two cement side-  
walks.

Mrs. Ora Barrett returned last  
Friday from Dallas where she  
spent a few days with her hus-  
band. She expects to return to  
Dallas to live in the near future.

**Ready for Service**

Good Jersey male now ready  
for service at our place in New  
Prospect community. Fee \$1.50  
cash.

Ed Musick,  
Webb Finch.

Constable Ferguson went to  
Palestine Monday and arrested a  
young man by the name of Yar-  
brough who is wanted in connec-  
tion with a robbery committed  
here some time ago. He was car-  
ried to Crockett and placed in  
jail.

**Fertilizer**

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

From an engineering stand-  
point, Mexico seems to be the  
greatest country in the world,  
for there they get the maxi-  
mum number of revolutions with  
the minimum amount of power.  
—Science and Invention.

Col. R. R. Claridge, formerly  
editor of the News Bulletin, is  
enjoying life in the "forest  
primeval" of East Texas. The  
colonel enjoys life wherever he  
goes and is missed from where-  
ever he has been. None miss him  
more than the present editor,  
and News Bulletin readers miss  
him—well, these columns will  
no doubt tell.—News Bulletin,  
State Agriculture Department.

**At the Methodist Church**

Next Sunday is Easter and we  
are going to have services in  
keeping with the occasion. Spe-  
cial music and a sermon on the  
resurrection. Come along and  
let's make it a helpful day. Put  
on your new hat and dress if you  
are able and feel like it, if not,  
do like I am going to do, put on  
your old one and come along  
anyway.

If you want to be in that  
Easter egg hunt Sunday after-  
noon make it a point to be at  
Sunday school Sunday morning.  
We will sure have some fun in  
seeing who can find the most  
eggs.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

**Maize for Feed**

Have some maize heads; they  
are excellent feed. Those desir-  
ing any, get it at once.

J. W. Howard.

**Notice**

Through the week all children  
under 14 years old can get their  
hair cut for 25c: on Saturday 35c.

City Barber Shop,  
Connor Denson, Prop.

Watch your children for symp-  
oms of worms. They undermine  
the health and breed sickness.  
Use White's Cream, Vermifuge.  
It expells worms and restores  
health and vigor. Price 60c.  
Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Rural life is far from as bad  
as the theorists would have you  
believe and not as good as it  
should be. It can be improved  
when rural people get together  
and help themselves. Little help  
need be expected from the theo-  
rists.

**Cash for Produce**

We are cash buyers of pro-  
duce and it will always pay you  
to see us when you have any-  
thing to sell, especially chick-  
ens and eggs.

J. W. Howard.

Clarence McCarty left Sunday  
for Port Arthur, where he has a  
position with a large mercantile  
firm as bookkeeper. He has been  
employed as bookkeeper for T.  
H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

**Stop That Itch**

Use Blue Star Eczema Remedy  
for French itch, eczema, tetter,  
ring worm, sores on babies and  
all skin diseases. Sold on a  
guarantee by Smith & Ryan,  
Grapeland, Texas.

**For Sale**

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

**Snap Shots**

Sometimes a man's wife is so  
smart she keeps him believing he  
is.

And as a general thing, the  
kind of man who looks upon life  
as a joke has to be supported by  
some serious-minded person.

It has just about gotten so in  
this country that when a lady  
wears pretty shoes and stock-  
ings the men don't remember  
whether she was bareheaded or  
not.—Galveston News.

**Play Ball!**

Arrived this week:

**Spaulding's line of Base  
ball supplies**

BATS from - 50c to \$2.50

BALLS from - 25c to \$2.50

Also

Gloves, Masks, etc.

**Smith & Ryan**  
DRUGGISTS

**Mrs. Mattie C. Darsey Dead**

Mrs. Mattie Clower Darsey,  
wife of Mr. E. H. Darsey, died  
Monday morning, March 21,  
1921, in a sanitarium at Dallas,  
following an operation which was  
performed on her throat Satur-  
day morning. She had been in  
Dallas about three weeks tak-  
ing treatment under a specialist  
prior to the operation.

Mrs. Darsey was born in  
Henry county, Georgia, October  
2, 1857. She was married to E.  
H. Darsey November 8, 1877.  
Surviving her are eight children  
and her husband: Messrs. W. G.,  
Speer, George R., Melvin, Miss  
Esther and Mrs. Loye Stowe of  
this city, Joe Darsey, of Alpine,  
Texas, and Mrs. Fannie Nutt,  
who resides in Georgia; also a  
step-daughter, Mrs. Clara Bar-  
field, also residing in Georgia.

She with her husband and  
children came to Texas in Nov.,  
1902, settling east of town, later  
moving to Grapeland where she  
was living at the time of her  
death. In early youth she united  
with the Methodist church and  
lived a consistent Christian life  
all through the years.

Funeral services were conduct-  
ed at the home Tuesday after-  
noon by her pastor Rev. B. C.  
Anderson, assisted by Revs. Far-  
mer and Newland, and interr-  
ment took place in the city  
cemetery.

The funeral was attended by  
a large number of people and  
the floral offerings were many  
and very beautiful, attesting  
the high esteem in which this  
good woman was held by her  
many friends.

**LIBERTY HILL ITEMS**

Liberty Hill, Mar., 21.—Sun-  
day was preaching day here and  
Rev. Marquis was with us morn-  
ing and night. His sermons were  
enjoyed by all.

Miss Irvine Talley, who has a  
position in Crockett, is home to  
spend a few days' vacation with  
her grandmother.

Will Mooney, who has been in  
West Texas for some time, has  
returned and was in this commu-  
nity Sunday.

The teachers, together with a

number of the pupils, went to  
Crockett on last Friday and Sat-  
urday to attend the Interschol-  
astic League meet. Freddie  
Ramey and Eva Moore were the  
contestants in spelling, and al-  
though it will be some time be-  
fore they will know their grades  
they feel confident of having ob-  
tained a high mark. Silas Story  
got fourth place in junior boys'  
declamation, Evalia Holcomb  
third place in junior girls' decla-  
mation and Alzeda Davis won  
first place in senior girls' decla-  
mation for rural schools.

**The Harding Policies**

No direction of old world poli-  
cies.

No permanent military alli-  
ance, political commitments or  
economic obligations which will  
subject our decisions to foreign  
authority.

Formation of an association  
of Nations for conference.

Recommendations looking  
toward approximate disarmament.

Creation of machinery for  
mediation, conciliation and ar-  
bitration of international dis-  
putes.

Clarification of international  
laws.

Creation of world court.  
Resistance of assaults on  
civilization

Promotion of international  
trade.

Reduction of abnormal ex-  
penditures.

Administration efficiency.

Lightened tax burdens,  
sound commercial practices and  
adequate credit facilities.

Sympathetic concern for ag-  
riculture problems.

Abolition of Government ex-  
periments in business.

Industrial peace.

About the only distinction  
some of our young men achieve  
is in making their automobiles  
turn turtle.

Our observation is that after  
a man has succeeded in teaching  
his dog to understand what he  
says he doesn't say anything  
worth while.

## Management of the Packing Industry by Congressional Commission.

By SENATOR REED SMOOT of Utah, Speech in Congress.



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As I came through Chicago the other day I visited the international live stock exhibition. I thought to myself: "Is there any square mile of land in all the world where so much business is done as upon that one square mile in Chicago in which the packing industry is located, and to which the live stock of this country is shipped from all parts of the land?"

Here, Mr. President, we find a business that has grown not only in volume but in perfection of handling and distributing its products, until there is nothing like it in all the world; and now we want by legislation to turn it over to be managed by rules and regulations and orders of a commission appointed, created by congress.

I say, without fear of contradiction, there is not a member of that commission that could manage successfully any one department of that great industry; and if the men who favor this legislation owned the business they would never think of hiring such men for that purpose.

We know the condition. The commissioners are not going to make these investigations personally. Who, then, will make them? Somebody that has passed a civil-service examination; more than likely persons that never conducted business to any extent in all their lives. Who is going to issue the orders and the rules and the regulations? Men who know nothing about the business. If we are going to destroy it, let us do it outright, let us do it at once, rather than to bring about a strangulation that will take perhaps a year or two to accomplish.

If the time has come to license business in the United States, treat them all alike. If the time has come when business must be run in the United States by a lot of \$1,500 and \$1,600 clerks, directed by a commission here in Washington, let it apply to all business.

### Illiteracy in U. S. a Disgrace

In an address to the sick and the wounded at Walter Reed hospital, Washington, Gen. Pershing made the astounding statement that 30 per cent of the young men of the country are illiterate, although physically perfect. "As a result of the draft," Gen. Pershing stated, we found that one-third of the men who were with the colors could neither read nor write. Such a condition is a crime, a shame and a disgrace upon our escutcheon."

We Americans have always prided ourselves that our educational system is the best in the world and that it offers greater opportunities to the rising generation than that of any other country. But when such startling percentages of illiteracy among men ranging from 21 to 31 years is discovered, we may well ask ourselves if our vaunted opportunities do not fall short of the mark. If the same proportion of illiteracy applied to all the 24, 234,021 men who registered for the draft, more than 8,000,000 men were unable to read and write their own names. One man out of three was unable to tell "a" from "z" or to recognize his own name if he saw it in print! Such facts are hard to believe and almost inconceivable.

Of course the draft called men from all social classes, but this does not explain why so many were ignorant even of the alphabet and rudimentary education. Although ignorant, they were as good fighters as their more fortunate comrades, but their illiteracy does not reflect any credit on our country. Gen. Pershing is being commended throughout the land for directing attention to this fact, although it is an unwelcome one.

Educational institutions and school authorities should be aroused to their duty in attacking this problem. Compulsory education should be enforced stringently and night schools be maintained for those obliged to work during the day. The United States never wants it said again that out of 3,000,000

men picked at random 1,000,000 cannot read or write.—The Pathfinder.

Rapid heart throbbing does not necessarily mean heart disease; generally it is caused by a disordered stomach. Prove it for yourself by taking Prickly Ash Bitters; if the stomach is at fault the heart symptoms will quickly disappear. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

### Palestine for the Jews

The effort to restore Palestine as a home for the Jews is going to be a success, according to Sir Alfred Mond, who has just reached London from the Holy Land. "Palestine is a glorious state," he says, "which is suffering today from centuries of neglect at the hands of the Turks. There is a vast amount of work to be done. The country must be literally rebuilt, and there will be work for 3,000,000 people for years."

When the bowels are costive the waste matter ferments, producing a gaseous condition that is disagreeable. To remove the impurities quickly, a dose of Herbine is needed. It does the work thoroughly and pleasantly. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

### U. S. Wants Rights, Not Favors

Japan will not yield an inch in the Yap question, an official of the Foreign Office at Tokio is quoted as saying. But she might as a favor permit an American cable to be landed there.

Irregular bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at bedtime and you will get its beneficial effects after break-fast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes a man feel fit for the day's work. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

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

### Miss Kyle Writes From State Juvenile School.

Editor's Note.—The following letter was written by Miss Mary Jo Kyle to her sister, Mrs. Ed Musick. Miss Kyle is an instructor in the State Juvenile Training School at Gatesville, Tex. Her letter gives an interesting insight into the workings of this institution, which is doing so much for the delinquent boys of our state.

I have been here six months today and I like it better all the time. There is quite a bit of work attached to a position here that you don't have as a teacher on the outside, but it is pleasant work. At first I dreaded my Sunday school class a little bit, but now money could hardly buy it. I have the first grade juveniles Sunday and these little folks bring up such good lessons, and they do not forget what you tell them, either.

They had the story Samuel last May and one Sunday not long ago I asked them about Samuel and showed them the old chart and what few were here then just picked the story up and carried it right along. I wish you could hear them sometimes.

We had a good Christian Endeavor meeting Tuesday night. The boys had studied the topics and seemed so eager to talk about them. It was the best meeting we have had because it was the first time we had time. Before this we had to get them back to the building by bugle time, 8 o'clock, but Mr. King gave us permission to stay longer, bugle or no bugle, so we let them discuss the topics freely.

We have beautiful weather. It is so clear and warm. It seems as though spring is here. I think I will take about a dozen of my boys to the mountains for a picnic tomorrow. I took a dozen to the river two weeks ago and let them gather mussel shells. The water was very low then, but it is now up quite a bit, so this dozen will have to go to the mountains instead. About once a month they let all the boys who have money in the office order from town. They ordered this week and we will get the stuff tomorrow, so that will help their picnic along.

Ordering day is surely a busy job for the first grade teacher. I had to write a large number of mine for fear others couldn't read it if the children did the writing. Peanut butter is the favorite article to order, one never fails to take that. And of course they all order candy.

You know I've always said that what a schools needed most was co-operation of teachers and parents, that if parents would see to it that the children slept plenty, at least eight hours, and eat three meals (no more) a day, we as teachers would be more successful. I know it now. My boys here learn faster than any I've ever had. I wish you could see one little boy I have and know what he was when he came. He was the most pitiful thing I ever saw; so pale and thin, without a grain of energy. He's been here four months and with his regular habits, good food, well cooked, and no cigarettes, he has changed almost beyond belief. His eyes are so bright, cheeks pink, and he is so fat that his face is as round as a doll's.

Misses Schneider and Beavers,

6th and 7th grade teachers, got up a good program for the 22nd of February. It was simple and no great lot of work, but it was entertaining and came as a little surprise to most of the boys, so they enjoyed it very much.

One of the power plants boys who left here a short while back, wrote us that he was at work in the power plant at his home and was getting \$120 per month. He told me just before he got ready to leave that he didn't think he'd follow that kind of work, but I guess he changed his mind.

The boys take great pride in the school and work in general. I have two grown boys in my room who are in the plow squad and they come in every once in a while telling me how the oats in a certain field are looking, or how much land is ready for planting and things like that. It is the same way with other work, too. Every boy hinks "my squad" is "the squad," and everyone thinks he works under the best man on the hill. My plow boys got into an argument last week about which one worked for the better man and tried to get me to act as judge, but I thought it best not to act as judge, there.

There are quite a number of cases of sickness here, influenza I fear. There are still many boys in the hospital, but only one who is real sick and he had pneumonia. Three of the teachers have had whatever it is, but think they will be able to go to school Monday.

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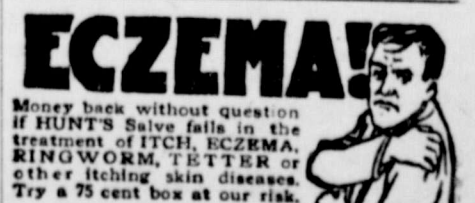
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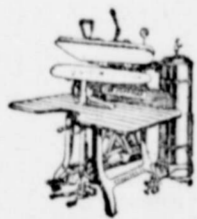
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One of the last acts of Wilson's Administration was to inform the Chinese government that the United States does not concede the British claim to a monopoly of "wireless" rights in parts of that country. China was given to understand that Americans will build, regardless of British objections, a high-power wireless plants at Shanghai. Permission to build it had already been obtained. This is regarded as a test case, and important because

it will determine whether Great Britain can enforce similar claims elsewhere.

### Call for a Conquering Hero

Man has conquered the air the Indians, and the elements and has subdued the bear and other wild animals. There ought to be some way of taming the auto, since he has to live with it.—Minneapolis Tribune.

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### GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By the School Reporter)

Last week we found the county meet upon us, and being unprepared, we did not take much part in all the events, but we are glad to announce that among our number we have A1 boys and girls. This was evidenced during the junior and senior girls' declamations, when Lucile Howard won first place and Elizabeth Leaverton won second place. The meet awarded to our first place winners premiums as follows: \$4 to Lucile Howard, declamation junior girls; \$2 to Ellis Duitch 440 yard race; \$2 to Dot Clewis and Elizabeth Leaverton tennis doubles. Our first place winners have our congratulations and we are hoping that there will be more among the number next year.

On next Friday afternoon at 3:15, the Grapeland High School Literary Society will produce its second program, which will be as follows:

Song, "That Star Spangled Banner," by society.

Class Prophecy, Fannie Mae Pennington.

Violin solo, Elmo Lee Tyer.

Essay on the roast pig, Wilma Lively.

Declamation, Elizabeth Leaverton.

Song, "Jaunita," 8th grade girls.

Debate, Resolved, that man has done more for the world than women. Affirmative, Frank Granberry, John Kennedy; Negative, Louella Holcomb, Louise Selkirk.

Piano solo, Lonnie Mae Guice. The best class in school, Mildred Haltom.

Jokes, Lucindy Darsey.

Everybody come and enjoy the program with us.

On Monday of this week we had our picture taken so that when we are men and women of the state we can think back to the times in the "old school building."

On Tuesday of this week we had with us an artist in the person of Mrs. Blackmore, who has been teaching her art of painting at Elkhart. We were all filled with admiration at the sight of her paintings. We are glad to have Mrs. Blackmore with us. Her presence we hope shall help some of us to be able to do her quality of work.

### Failure at Kennard

The Kennard Mercantile Company, doing a general merchandise business at Kennard, closed its doors Monday morning. The Courier's information is that the firm went in voluntary bankruptcy. Inability to meet obligations on account of poor collections is said to be the cause. The company did a considerable credit business—Crockett Courier.

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### Facts About Cotton

World production of cotton outside of the United States, for factory consumption, has averaged 7,138,900 bales a year for the past 10 years, according to U. S. census figures.

Pink boll worm, the most deadly of all enemies of the cotton plant, first made its appearance at Hearne, Texas, in 1917. Like the boll weevil, it came from Mexico.

Foreign grown cotton to the number of 682,911 bales was imported into the United States last year. It consisted mostly of Egyptians, and was the largest quantity ever imported.

The number of ginneries in the United States in 1919 was 22,418, of which 18,815 were active, and ginned an average of 602 bales each.

Of the total of 18,815 active gins in the United States during 1919 all but 93 were saw-gins.

Roller gins are used principally in ginning sea-island cotton, and the long staple cottons of Arizona and California.

There is now enough cotton in the world, unspun, to last nearly two years.

From the year 1900 to the outbreak of the great war in 1914 the number of cotton spindles has increased at the rate of about 3,000,000 every year.

Since 1914 the number of cotton spindles fit for use has been reduced from a total of 154,000,000 to a total of 138,000,000, a decrease of 16,000,000 during the six years.

In the United States there are 68 counties which have more than 100,000 cotton spindles each.

Bristol county, Mass., with 7,632,003 cotton spindles, leads all other counties in the total number.

Chinese and Indian cotton are used to a very limited extent for mixing with American upland cotton in the manufacture of the cheaper grades of goods.

Nearly all of the cotton consumed in the United States is domestic upland cotton.

The term "upland" is applied to all cotton produced in this country, except sea-island cotton and includes the long staple upland varieties.

Personally we have never quite understood why they pay the baseball pitcher so much and the rooter so little.



Smith and Ryan

### Ford Sees Good Times Ahead

Henry Ford tells the newspapers that "the worst is over" in the business depression. Business is picking up in the middle West, he says and the rest of the country will soon fall in line. He proves his optimism by the fact that his factories are turning out 3000 automobiles and 200 tractors every day. "And that's pretty near a pre-war schedule," he says.

The prince of wales, visiting in Glasgow, declined to attend a public dinner in his honor on account of opposition by the laborites in the town council to the expenditure of funds for such a function when they say hundreds of families are starving. He was received enthusiastically by all including the unemployed who formed in a parade carrying banners with such mottoes as "We want the 1914 prices" and "The prince has refused our dinner. We have no option."

The gentleman who has invented an overcoat which will hide an umbrella has doubtless conferred a service on civilization, but we'd be more pleased if he'd invent some way for us to find the unprincipled scoundrel who stole ours.

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### Soldiers and Crime Waves

It has been said a great many times that the deep unsettlement, mental, moral and physical, which was caused by the war has something to do with the increase of crime and the greater audacity of criminals which have been noted since the war. It is not easy to prove the theory but since other wars have been followed by similar periods of lawlessness the conclusion is sufficiently well supported to be believed. It is, however, quite another thing to say that the effect of the war upon men in service turned many of them into criminals, and that the crime wave is caused by criminal ex-service men.

Colonel Edward Munson of the United States army general staff has completed a statistical study of the whole subject which deserves wide publicity and attention. His figures show that while the men in service made up about one-twentieth of the population ex-service men are responsible for only one fortieth of the crime which has brought men to court in the last six months. The former soldier is therefore consid-

erably less criminal than the average of the population, which is what would be expected when the care with which the men were selected is considered.

It is true, as Colonel Munson admits, that many atrocious crimes have been attributed to ex-service men, but it also is true that many of the men arrested in such cases have claimed to have military records when as a matter of fact they never enlisted.

With such facts available there is no further excuse for theoretical criminalologists who slander American soldiers.—Detroit Free Press.

### Minstrel Postponed

The American Legion minstrel, which was advertised for Monday and Tuesday nights of this week, has been postponed to April 15 and 16. A more definite announcement will be made later.

A Boston woman calls her own "the silly sex." That's a case where an angle may rush in where a male foot would fear to tread.—Philadelphia Record.

The chap who whines that he was a fool to get married never seems to remember that he was a fool before that.—Monett (Mo.) Courier.

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Trapping has been one of the principal occupations in Canada for centuries and from this source has been derived much of the wealth of that country. But there, as in other lands, in recent years the activities of the trappers have overtaken and passed the supply of fur-bearing animals, remarks the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. In the last few years the trappers have come within measurable distance of exterminating the creatures upon which they depend for a living. During all the years the beaver has been a standard source of fur supply, and the beaver is close to extinction. This animal has played so large a part in Canadian commercial history that it has obtained a permanent place on the national insignia.

It is, therefore of more than passing interest to note that an effort is being made to stop the work of extinction through the medium of beaver farms, where the animals are cultivated and protected. Where it has been tried this has seemed to prove a profitable investment. One beaver farm established on Prince Edward island last year sold its supply of pelts for from \$40 to \$60 each. Thus business acumen may do what sentiment could not accomplish and save the beaver from complete extermination.

### ENORMOUS DAMAGE BY SOOT

Figures Explain Reasons for the Rapid Decay of Buildings in the City of London.

The decay to the fabric of Westminster abbey, for the repair of which an eloquent appeal has recently received wide publicity, will serve to direct attention once again to one of the chief causes for the rapid destruction to which the building stones of many important London edifices are subject. Even in industrial areas at least 50 per cent of the smoke nuisance is attributable to domestic chimneys up which something like 2,500,000 tons of soot escapes annually in the United Kingdom, this figure representing about 6 per cent of the domestic consumption of 40,000,000 tons of bituminous coal. Of the average of at least 1 per cent of sulphur in such coal more than one-half escapes into the atmosphere as sulphuric or sulphurous acids, more or less localized on the tarry and adhesive soot particles, each of which constitutes a center of active corrosion, especially on such easily corrodable materials as calcareous building stones.

### LATHE TURNS MASTS FOR SHIPS.

What is virtually a combination lathe and planer of gigantic size taking work upward of 100 feet in length, is the interesting shipyard tool invented in Georgia, that is making new records in the manufacture of masts and spars, says Popular Mechanics Magazine in an illustrated story. The big stick of timber to be turned into a mast is centered between two tailstocks, one at each end, and supported at the center in an internal-gear chuck, which, driven by a 25-horsepower motor, revolves it at 18 r. p. m. The two cutting-head carriages, electrically propelled, travel on rails between the center and ends of the timber moving at the rate of three, six or twelve feet a minute.

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### Sweet Potatoes Versus Cotton

On this matter of substituting for cotton, the Birmingham News is giving some advice to farmers of Alabama which is equally good to the farmers of East and South Texas. That is to plant sweet potatoes. Alabama thus far is the largest grower of sweet potatoes, but Texas is only a short distance behind, and at the rate sweet potato culture has been increasing in this state within the last few years, Texas is in a fair way to assume leadership. This is proof enough that sweet potatoes can be successfully and profitably grown.

In sections of East Texas where the new type of curing and storing plant has been introduced, which permits the keeping of the product for several months, and the gradual marketing of the crop, sweet potato growing has been widely developed, and the crop has been found to be more profitable than cotton by far, in average times.

At the present time the sweet potato as a money crop has decidedly the better outlook. There are now several million more bales of cotton on hand than the world can buy, and with the coming of the new crop, the surplus is likely to be augmented. The market for sweet potatoes, however is steadily broadening. Sweet potatoes are now being shipped to the great markets of the country, and are becoming a national, not a local food, bidding fair to take their place in time along with the Irish potato as a common food product.

Reports from various sections in South and East Texas tell of the farmers taking up in a cooperative way the culture of sweet potatoes. Since they are a proven crop, would it not be well for farmers throughout East and South Texas to turn to sweet potatoes as a money crop, in their program of diversification, and to get behind a movement to nationalize the sweet potato as an article of food?

There is undoubtedly a great opportunity here, which will help to restore prosperity to the

farmers, if it be properly utilized.—Houston Post.

American Legion posts throughout the United States have been asked by the national headquarters of the organization at Indianapolis to be on the lookout for a revival of German propaganda in this country. The bulletin sent out by the national headquarters says the object of the propaganda seems intended to turn American sentiment against the Allies and to create "a powerful national machine by the amalgamation of the disloyal elements in our population." The bulletin says mass meetings have been arranged for the promoters of the propaganda in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Omaha, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Louisville. The warning issued to the American Legion posts should be heeded by every loyal American citizen.

### The Really Poor

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If his morals are questionable.  
If he has lost his grip upon himself.  
If he lacks education and refinement.  
If he is selfish, uncharitable or cruel.  
If he has forfeited his health for wealth.  
If his mind and soul have been neglected.  
If he has traded away his character for money.  
If his wife and family do not love and respect him.  
If he has a disagreeable disposition that makes enemies or repels people.  
If making money has crowded out the cultivation of his esthetic faculties.—New Success Magazine.

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