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State Workers To Assist In Fighting Crop Insects

To aid in the general work of combating crop insect pests, the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture is organizing a survey that will cover practically the whole country and deal with all the more important insects that destroy crops. Invitations have been sent to prominent State entomologists throughout the country asking them to take part in the work, which will be similar to the one attempted, and for a time successfully conducted during the early war period.

It is planned to gather and disseminate information concerning the status of insect pests; to give information on the first appearance of migratory pests, so that precautionary measures can be taken; to accumulate information on fall and winter conditions of the insects as a basis for forecasts. An additional important feature of the work will be the preparation of a report of careful estimates of damage done by insect pests to the important crops.

As there is no federal appropriation for the survey the work for each state, it is said, will have to be conducted by State officials and through available State organization. The Department of Agriculture will supply the information which it obtains through its own agents, and will act as a clearing house for the information received from the several states. It is planned to issue the information in monthly reports, supplemented by a comprehensive annual report, and special reports on particular crop pests from time to time.

Tom Richards, who is working at Palestine, visited his parents here last week end.

New Train Schedule

A new schedule is now in effect on the I. & G. N as follows: Southbound: No. 1, Sunshine, due at 2:20 p. m. No. 5, due at 1:16 a. m.

Northbound: No. 4, due at 7:08 p. m.

No. 1 stops for passengers but does not handle express.

No. 2 handles all firstclass mail but does not stop for passengers.

No. 4 handles all express from Grapeland regardless of destination.

The new arrangement does not suit the public; many kicks are being registered against the poor service.

If the railroad company had called in all its traffic experts they could not have devised a schedule which would have been more inconvenient for the traveling public.

The railroad company seems to have revived what Vanderlip said some twenty-five years ago, "the public be damned." But with trucks and flivvers flying everywhere, the people can say, "damn the railroads." An auto passenger service has already been established between Palestine and Crockett.

At The Methodist Church

Remember our services next Sunday and come.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

We go to Antrim Sunday at 3 p. m.

E. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Many young men who gleefully left the farms and rushed to the great cities a year or two ago are now wending their way sadly back to that haven from whence they fled. Three squares and a place to sleep again look good to them.

Creation of New State Threatened by West Texans

Sweetwater, Texas, April 3—Creation of a new state will be called for by citizens of West Texas if the special session of the legislature does not comply with demands that they be given immediate representation in the legislature proportionate to population; that the State government equalize tax burdens; and that a just proportion of taxes paid by them be expended in erection and maintenance of such educational institutions as they may deem proper for the training of their children, according to resolutions unanimously adopted here Saturday night at a meeting of more than five thousand citizens of Nolan and surrounding West Texas counties.

Charges that the State of Texas for the past twenty years has maintained an unconstitutional government by failing to afford representation according to population in West Texas, thus creating inequality and injustice, are made in the resolutions.

They add that West Texas is burdened with taxation without representation which is grossly unjust when compared to taxation levied in other portions of Texas, and further aver citizens of West Texas have appealed in vain to the government for justness and adequate educational facilities and that no free and vigorous people can be content with a state government which denies them such rights.

An appeal to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, "and all lovers of justice and fair play" was incorporated in the resolutions.

Action of the citizens Saturday night came as a result of Governor Neff's veto of the West Texas A. and M. bill calling for an appropriation of \$500,000 for a new agricultural college, the rural school aid measure, and failure of the legislature to redistrict the state according to population.

Neff Makes No Comment

Austin, Texas, April 3—Governor Neff had no comment to make Saturday when asked for a statement regarding the move to divide Texas into two separate states inaugurated in certain West Texas towns Saturday. Neither would he comment on the interview given out by Representative Joe Burkett of Eastland county.

"At present I have nothing to say about the matter," the governor said. However, he indicated that he would later defend his actions in vetoing the West Texas A. and M. bill which caused the West Texas citizens to agitate division.

Revised Version

When Fashion enters the door, bills fly in the windows:—Boston Transcript.

The Cash Bird

The bluebird brings happiness, but the stork brings a \$200 tax-exemption.—Buffalo News.

Prof. Horn Next Sunday

This noted speaker and educator will deliver an address at the Methodist Church at Crockett next Sunday at the regular 11 o'clock services. Prof. Horn is one of the leading educators in the State, is Superintendent of the Houston Schools and has made them second to none anywhere. He is an able and forceful speaker and will bring with him a message that everybody should hear. Everybody is invited to come out and hear him.

Board of Stewards.

Lost or Stolen

Black roach mane pony, about 15 hands high, will weigh between 8 and 9 hundred pounds, has a white spot in her face and left fore foot is white, marked over slope on tip of right ear. She was seen at Frank Patton's Tuesday, Mar., 22 at his place north of the Creath and Weches road at what is known as Creath Texas. She was going northwest of Creath. Liberal reward for her return or any news of her. Please write Frank Holcomb, Crockett, Texas, Route A, care of M. B. Creath.

Possibly it's a little trying on some people to earn enormous incomes and then have the government step in and annex a majority of it in the shape of excess profit tax. And still, we wouldn't object to undergoing the ordeal a time or two, just for the sake of experience.—Alto Herald.

Income Tax Yields More Than Treasury Hoped

The United States income taxes, due March 15, yielded fully \$100,000,000 more than the Treasury officials expected. The total last week was about \$600,000,000 with several outlying districts to hear from.

This sum was about 250 millions less than was collected in March last year. But, as the Treasury had expected a still greater falling off, the result is gratifying.

The larger taxpayers as the law allows, generally paid only one-fourth of the tax. They will pay again in June, September and December. But many of the smaller taxpayers paid in full.

The collection of \$600,000,000 in Mar. indicates that the income and profits taxes will reach a total of perhaps \$2,200,000,000 for the year. This is not half what the government needs.

Hopes of early reduction of the government's expenses were lately dashed by the new Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, who was reported as saying that he hoped the expenses this year would be "not much more" than last year.

67 Years Young

Esq. John A. Davis celebrated his birthday last Monday, and says he is 67 years young. Thirty-four of these 67 years he has been justice of the peace of Grapeland precinct. He will hold the office for life, for being a good democrat, he cannot resign.

The Time is Right

We believe the time is right for you to buy your spring needs in dry goods and shoes.

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SALMON NEWS

Salmon, April 4.—The frost and cool weather last week has certainly made our little corn look sick, but its color is coming back since we have had a few warm days.

Hubbard Garrison, who has been visiting his father quite awhile, left Saturday night for San Antonio to resume his duties for Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Minnie Garrison has been on the sick list but is reported to be better.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Walling is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. David Caskey and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKnight.

The boys will have another game of ball with Center Grove to be played here Saturday afternoon. Come out and see the game.

We notice that the wind is still blowing over where Rip Van Winkle stays, and nobody knows when it will cease. We really think that Rip would do a good business if she would go into the publishing business and write a story book and call it "Rip and Tear."

UNION ITEMS

Union, April 4.—Our school lasts two more weeks, and we all hope to do better work than in the past.

Misses Vallie and Mada DuBose and Mrs. Eunice Dickey spent Sunday with Miss Gladys Beeson.

There was a large crowd at the party at Mr. Chris Chaffin's and everybody had a good time.

Miss Johnnie DuBose visited home folk Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moseley visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brumley Sunday.

Misses Ina Mae and Fannie Belle Waisinger spent Sunday with Mrs. Dora Wells.

Elkhart Mercantile Co.
Sold at Auction

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, the store house, lot, stock and fixtures were auctioned off. Quite a number of bids were made, W. F. Keith, representing Sanger Bros. of Dallas being the highest bidder, his bid being \$8800.00.

The building, lot and fixtures cost about \$20,000, which was a heavy loss to stockholders, let alone the amount in accounts, etc., that went in the deal.—Elkhart Record.

SILVER CREEK NEWS

Silver Creek, April 4—We have been having some pretty weather and most all have their corn up. Gardens look promising and everything looks like real spring to us.

Mrs. Lora Franklin has been sick for several days, but is reported better.

Mrs. Willie Caskey and children and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaffin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chaffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutchens visited Mr. and Mrs. Pack Sunday.

Will Hodges and Thomas and Oliver Edmondson spent Sunday with Ben and Tex Franklin.

Mrs. Eunice Dickey visited Miss Lura Germany Thursday.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party at Herbert Denman's near Livelyville Saturday night. They all reported a nice time.

Mrs. Billie Hodges and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Franklin.

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

Of Greater Value Than Mineral Oil Says These Experts

A local oil man yesterday had as guests Mr. Rothchilds of New York, a noted chemist, and Dr. Garing of Orange, and together they visited various parts of the country, oil holes that have been drilled and others drilling. And he said these men told him that this country had something more valuable than oil, and a substance that was highly desired and very much in demand, and which sold by the pound instead of by the barrel. This substance, they assert, is "ichthyol," and is the basis of varnishes, various styles etc. In fact, its uses are manifold. In each well drilled in this county this substance has been encountered. In one of the wells drilled by the producers Company, north of the city, a strata of this substance several feet thick was encountered. It is too heavy to flow, and therefore cannot be pumped. It has to be mined. These men made assertion that the deposits in this section would soon be recognized, and that it will bring to this section much wealth.—Palestine Herald.

Apply Ballard's Snow Liment to joints that ache. It relieves bone ache, muscle ache and neuralgic pain. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Crockett, Texas, Apr. 4.—The spring term of the district court was opened Monday, March 28, by Judge W. R. Bishop of Athens. District Attorney Dent, County Attorney Adams, Sheriff Hale and Clerk Tunstall were present. The grand jury was empaneled immediately after dinner with J. W. Shivers of this city as foreman. Judge Bishop in his charge to this body, was brief and concise, covering general violations of law in a few words. It was clear and distinct, and legally, it called for considerable favorable comment.

Grand Jury

This body was in session until Friday evening when they adjourned over until a later day in the term. Their report will be found in another column of this paper. They returned 7 felony bills as follows: Smith Williams, murder; Lomar Pliier, burglary. These two parties are already under arrest. Other bills upon which no arrests have been made were burglary 1; horse theft 1; hog theft 2; selling mortgaged property 1. Two misdemeanor bills were returned, both for cutting and destroying timber.

Criminal Docket

Coon Wolf, horse theft, dismissed; R. T. Kent, murder, dismissed; John Brewton, Jr. rape, dismissed; Travis Denson, theft, new trial granted and dismissed. No criminal cases were set, but all will be taken up later.

Civil Docket

No orders of any importance were entered. A few cases of minor importance were tried, some settled and a few dismissed.

Divorce Docket

The following cases were dismissed for want of prosecution: R. vs J. H. Franklin; E. vs W. Taylor; L. vs M. Spearman; B. vs J. B. Hardin; J. vs P. Masters; A. vs L. Smith; S. vs L. Perryman; R. vs K. Beard; J. vs R. Lomax; S. vs A. Scurlock; J. vs B. King; B. vs M. McLauren; D. vs J. W. Lacy; S. vs A. Futch; W. vs W. Moore; A. vs R. Collins; V. vs N. Gibson; B. vs L. Stell; H. vs L. Smith; M. vs E. Moten; G. vs A. Dow; C. vs W. Runnels; M. vs B. Polaski; B. vs B. West; F. vs R. Rodriguez; M. vs W. Wilbert; A. vs S. Bledsoe; W. vs Mary Allen; B. vs L. Horn; E. vs H. McCann; W. vs B. Jenkins; F. vs M. Marshall; Jessie vs J. M. Hale; E. vs C. Prince; L. vs A. Wiley; Q. vs W. S. Norvell; S. vs Ben Mitchell; M. vs J. Nelms; C. vs J. Lawrence; E. vs B. Johnson; Cora vs Ray Baughman; J. vs C. Madison.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: Mary vs French Harper; R. vs Tom Bell; P. vs Sam Johnson; A. S. vs F. E. Shrimpton; Jeff vs N. Martin; Jane vs C. Glover; B. vs B. West; J. vs Will Newman; W. E. vs Culbert Barrs; Josephine vs Henry Harrison; E. vs G. Lockett; Earle vs Mrs. Abbie Parrish; F. vs J. Coleman J. R. vs Rosa Womack; A. vs C. Camp; W. vs R. Long; Nannie vs E. C. Capps; (children given to plaintiff and defendant ordered not to remove them from the county); B. L. vs S. M. Clark; A. vs Lottie Sapp; Jim vs A. Parks; Dora vs J. L. Sullivan; J. vs B. McGee; S. vs L. Moore; A. C. vs M. Coleman; F. vs G. I. Washington; Anna vs D. Gilmore; Mrs. Frankie vs Leslie Middleton; (three minor children given to mother and



**MR. J. H. STAMPS
OF TIMPSON**

who will be in charge of the singing during the revival meeting at

The Methodist Church
Beginning
Sunday, April 17

We herewith present you with the picture of Mr. J. H. Stamps of Timpson, who is to lead the song service in the meeting which begins at the Methodist Church Sunday, April 17th.

The pastor will do the preaching, and we earnestly desire the co-operation of every Christian in our little city that this meeting may be made a great blessing to our citizenship. We are especially anxious that those of other churches who can sing, and I think this might near includes all, will join in the choir that the music may be made a great feature of the meeting.

I feel like God is going to bless us, and His cause is going to be built up through these efforts, and I know this will be true if each one puts his heart into it as it is our privilege to do so.

B. C. ANDERSON, Pastor

defendant ordered not remove them from the county); Eliza vs Frank Clark.

The disposition of Judge Bishop to rush business, have unreasonable delays cease and eliminate the usual "putting off" of cases was shown by the fact that he notified attorneys that he did not like the word "pass" when applied to cases on the docket of his court, and that they would have to be tried or he would dismiss them for want of prosecution. In keeping with this statement, he dismissed a large number of cases, marking the docket "dismissed for the want of prosecution."

PERCILLA NEWS

(Delayed)

Percilla, Mar., 28.—We were very glad to see as many present as were at Sunday school yesterday. We elected Clay Jones superintendent in Mr. Smith's place. Mr. Smith is not going to be here much longer, so he resigned.

Mrs. Vella Lively gave an Easter egg hunt for her class Sunday afternoon. The following were present: Misses Linnie and Rezi Jones, Fannie Branch, Erma Lou Elliott, Nan Elizabeth Sullivan; Messrs. Howel Whitaker, Marvin and Sam Elliott, James Cook, Clay Henderson, Marshall McKenzie and several others. After the hunt, Mrs. Lively spread supper on a beautifully decorated table. Miss Rezi Jones and Marvin Elliott received the cake for finding the most eggs, the number being twenty-three. Everyone had a nice time and wish Easter come more often.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sewell and

Miss Mary Lou and Chester went to Palestine Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dickey and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Dickey Sunday.

Percilla, April 4.—Quite a number of our people attended the singing at San Pedro yesterday, and all of them had a nice time and plenty of dinner. We will assure the San Pedro people they have a cordial invitation to Percilla any time they can come.

Mrs. T. B. Fitchett of Palestine visited her mother, Mrs. W. W. Sullivan, last week.

We are going to have a nice program Wednesday night, Apr. 13. Everybody has a special invitation. We have five graduates this year: Misses Rezi Jones, Mary Lou Sewell, Nan Elizabeth Sullivan, and Katie Rawls and Chester Sewell. They, with several others, have prepared a nice play.

A torpid liver needs an overhauling with Herbine. Its benefits are immediately apparent. Energy takes the place of laziness, appetite returns and the hour of rest brings with it sound, refreshing sleep. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Three Sweetest Words

Texarkana, Ark., Apr. 1. Editor Messenger: The three sweetest words in the English language—"enclosed find check" for another year's subscription to the Messenger. Yours truly, A. M. Martin.

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For several years wood pulp and other paper materials have been successfully used for making pails, cans and containers of various kinds. In response to the demand for cheaper barrels to take the place of the wooden kind which, owing to the scarcity of timber and increased manufacturing costs, have become quite expensive, inventors have tried making barrels out of paper. The most successful ones are built up of numerous layers of stiff paper, centered together with some kind of adhesive. They are light, strong, watertight and cost only about a third as much as wooden barrels, size for size.

The mild cathartic action of Herbine is well liked by ladies. It purifies the system without griping or sickening the stomach. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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

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.

ANTRIM NEWS ITEMS

Antrim, April 4.—We are having some beautiful weather and everybody is trying to get crops planted as nearly as possible. Corn is up and being plowed and cotton land is being prepared.

Jim Hogg Edens, who has been working at Laporte, is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens.

Little Lillie Ruth and Bertha Mae Durnell spent Saturday with their grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

Miss Alice Taylor spent Saturday night with Miss Eula Durnell.

Lee Martin and his grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Martin, visited R. E. Martin and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Jim Hogg Edens spent Saturday night with Virgil Durnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kiser.

Misses Eula Mae Nichols and Mamye Durnell were the guests of Mrs. W. M. Durnell Saturday night.

J. F. Durnell and family and Mrs. W. R. Durnell and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

Our school will close next Friday much to the regret of the pupils. Our teachers, Misses Rhoda and Carrie Haynes, have accomplished good work. We certainly have had a good school and we hope we can get the same teachers next term.

Little Louise Nichols spent Saturday night with Lillie Ruth Durnell.

Miss Charm Edens spent Sunday night with Miss Mayme Durnell.

Miss Ola Kiser went to Crockett Thursday to take the teachers' examination.

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

Chester Martin spent Thursday night with Homer Little.

Virgil Durnell spent Sunday and Sunday night at his aunt's, Mrs. A. N. Edens.

Lee Martin spent Friday night with his grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Martin.

Trustee Election

Wade L. Smith, George Shaver and J. W. Howard were re-elected trustees for the Grape-land school in the election held Saturday. The election was very quiet and a very small vote was polled.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Apr. 4.—Weather has been favorable this week and we can see great improvements in things, even though we had a couple of light frosts, we think everything will be alright.

Mrs. Jackson Bagwell and baby daughter visited her mother, Mrs. L. B. Helm, last week.

The Y. L. S. C. met Wednesday evening. We are preparing some better lights and benches for the church.

We wish to correct a mistake made in our news last week about our revival meeting. It is to begin Saturday night before the second Sunday in July, and not before the coming second Sunday.

Rev. Jesse Willis of Dallas visited his mother, Mrs. Lucy Willis, a few days last week.

Miss Eva Mae Nichols and little sister, Louise, visited friends in the Antrim community last week.

Miss Ola Kiser went to Crockett Thursday to take the examination. We wish her success.

BETHEL NEWS

Bethel, April 4.—John Lasiter and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Lasiter.

Mrs. Redmond and son, Joe Willie, was called to Henderson county, near Athens Friday on account of the death of her brother, Dan Lambright.

Mr. and Mrs. Alna Tillman and Misses Gracie and Virgie Tillman visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Denman Sunday.

Elbert Oatts spent Friday night with Horace and Johnnie Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Howard visited relatives near Denson Springs Saturday night and Sunday.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party at Hubert Denman's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Sadler visited relatives at Grape-land Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow and Mrs. Norman Lasiter and children spent Sunday at the home of Reagan Lasiter.

Cleveland Howard spent Saturday night with Henyard Redmond.

Miss Erie Lasiter is visiting her brother, Reagan Lasiter.

Off To The Pen

Thirty-one prisoners left Dallas Saturday for the state penitentiary. Not a man among them but had the chance—even as you and I—to become a prosperous, happy, law-abiding citizen. Crime is the poorest paying business in the world.—Dallas Times Herald.

Instant Cure Found for Rabies

Hydrophobia may now be cured almost instantly by vaccination and the use of a new serum, it is claimed by Profs. Marie and Remlingor, of the Paris Pasteur Institute. Persons so treated will also be immune from further infection, it is said. In experiments 18 dogs were used, all of which were cured by the new method.

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.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, April 4.—We had preaching today. Bro Herod delivered a splendid sermon which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Chism preached Sunday night to a large congregation. While we have preaching only every first Sunday, we have Sunday school every Sunday at 2 o'clock. Let us all come and make our Sunday school one of the best in the county. Our community is one of the best, for we have a splendid school and a good church house, a fine lot of young folks and if we only stand shoulder to shoulder Livelyville will excel and lead around here in church affairs as it did years ago. Although the hard workers of those days have gone home to reap the reward of their labors, we still have lots of good, religious people among us who will rejoice to have Livelyville's church up to where it was long ago.

Our memorial day will be May 13. We hope everybody will do their best to make it a long remembered day. We will have a nice program and we hope lots to eat. We will be glad to have all that feel inclined to help us make the day befitting for the occasion.

Revival services, protracted meeting as it is called, will start here the first Sunday in August, opening Saturday night before.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom.

Ruth Mac Donald and Idola Adams spent Sunday with Leona Haltom.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yarbrough, Miss Kittie Yarbrough and Mrs. G. E. Whitley of Grape-land spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Tucker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tucker.

Paul MacDonald of Grape-land spent Sunday here with home folk.

A Tribute in Memory of Our Darling Husband and Father

Dear husband, thou art sleeping beneath the cold, cold sod; we know that you are resting from the toils and strifes of life.

And over on the hillside green and gay a new grave is plainly seen where the loved one has gone before us, and the remains lie silent within the tomb.

Of course, we all have missed thee, and the missing is greater still, but we have given to the great Creator our ills and woes to share, for He is our help, un-failing as nothing else can do.

There were many friends who visited you to give you comfort and cheer, yet there was only one who could heal thee, which he did at his own will.

You suffered misery untold, misery that we cannot understand, but amid your many sufferings it was with patience brave and true.

The Lord sent a blessed death angel to take thee and to guide thee into paradise into the shining courts above.

Your place is vacant at the fireside, it is vacant at the family altar, it is vacant in the lawn and meadow green, and far greater still is vacant home, but the greatest consolation were the words you spoke to me saying that you was ready when the

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Lord should call you unto himself from labor to reward.

You are gone but not forgotten, for we love thee still; you have paid a debt that each and everyone must pay, but we will meet you again on that celestial shore.

You was faithful in Christian life; you was honest and true, yet the Lord knew better for you and made your life anew where no sickness, pain nor-sorrow can ever enter into.

You left your wife and children to mourn the loss of you; while some had gone before you into the heavenly home above which Christ himself prepared and he himself doth dwell.

We have thanked the many love ones for their kindness great and true, which was given us during your illness and we pray that God will bless them with the best he has in store, and as he made your life anew, may theirs be made too.

Your loving wife and nine children, five boys and four girls, and a host of grandchildren, shall think of you each day and strive to make heaven our home just as you have done, without one doubt or fear and without one struggle when the last hour appears.

Dear father, thou art gone, but expect to meet again when the Lord shall call his own to come forth from the grave to live in that glorious resurrection morn.

Mrs. J. N. Tyer,
 and Children.
 (Advertisement)

Little Chance for Lower Taxes

Speaking to the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the new Secretary of War, J. W. Weeks, said that the government is going to need seventeen billion dollars in the next two years and a half. To raise it, he said, will be "an infinitely greater task than was ever undertaken by any nation in the world in time of peace." There is no one, he added however skilled in finance, that does not view the prospect with more or less alarm. Perhaps referring to the soldier bonus, he said that it would be the height of folly to undertake new commitments if they can be avoided.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1921

TELL US ABOUT IT

It's big news in New York when J. P. Morgan returns from a European trip, and the papers devote column after column to it. But is isn't of as much interest to Grapeland citizens as it is to read in their home paper that a former resident of the town is here on a visit, or that you are preparing to pay a visit to someone in another section of the country. Home news holds first place in this community, and always will. That is why we want to impress upon you the necessity of helping to gather that home news that your home paper may lay it before its readers. We want every personal item we can get. We want to know about all the visiting that is going on in the community, for every visit is of interest to someone besides the party making it. It takes but a second or two of your time to jot it down, or to keep it in mind and pass it to someone from this office when you meet them on the street. It may appear to be a small item in your estimation, and yet it may interest some far-away reader more than any other item in the paper. So it is going to help you by helping the whole community in which you live.

It is mighty encouraging to note that the Grapeland hens are once more on a normal basis of production.

No sensible man would swear to the foolish things he says during a courtship and no sensible woman would want him to.

Any man will let his wife have money to spend rather than argue with her and lose both the argument and the money.

We suspect that more men would join the church if it had some sort of secret pass word and a grip

A whole lot of scenery in the country surrounding Grapeland would be a good deal more attractive if we didn't have to watch the ruts and chug-holes in the road.

Henry Ford says he is going to invent a way to secure milk without a cow. We hope he will devote his energies in discovering a way to print a newspaper without type and ink.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, April 4.—Cotton planting time is here and some planted before time and have cotton up. Right at this time of season we are in danger of getting our work badly mixed—corn to plow, cotton to plant, corn to thin, goobers to plant, etc.

Overseer Murray fixed some bad places in the road last week and one end of the road is in pretty fair shape.

Surveyor Guinn and J. H. Rosser were in our midst Tuesday, having been called by the trustees to run the north and west lines of our school district, which gave us considerable more territory than we thought we had. This will add quite a number to our scholastics. The lines had never been run as called for by the map and in taking the census, the enumerator had to guess at it.

In the election Saturday P. L. Fulgham and T. S. Kent Jr. were re-elected trustees.

C. H. Beazley came out with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West Sunday to spend a few days on the farm. They were accompanied by Capt. N. H. Phillips who made us a good talk on the Sunday school lesson. Mr. Phillips is a Presbyterian elder, and a stranger to most of us, but he impressed us as a Bible student and a servant of the Lord.

The school program was rendered to the satisfaction of all. J. W. Brown, a new boy in school, won the belt from Jack Allen in the cracker eating contest by a close margin.

J. L. Chiles, wife and daughter and little grandson were guests at the Kent home Sunday; also Douglass Beazley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley, A. E. Murray and Miss McCall were visitors to Palestine Sunday.

Oscar Beazley has left us for the oil fields.

W. L. Fox had a tussle with fever last week. Trust he will soon be himself again.

Notwithstanding the fall in eggs, the old hens still continue to cackle. Mrs. Douglass Beazley sent forty dozen eggs to town Saturday.

76th Birth Anniversary Celebrated

Mrs. N. E. Spence, better known as "mother," was given quite a pleasant surprise by a host of relatives and friends on Thursday, March 31, this being her birthday day for the 76th time in her life.

When the crowd begun to drive up unloading baskets of appetizing edibles, "Mother" met them with a very surprised but welcome greeting. When the noon hour arrived a long table, decorated with bouquets of roses and a birthday cake bearing 76 candles and everything an appetite could wish for to eat was placed on the spacious screened porch, where everyone had a chance to partake of these good things.

The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation and in giving good wishes to the hostess, all hoping that they could have the opportunity of surprising her with an other birthday party.

She was presented with several useful and pretty gifts.

Those present were: Mesdames M. S. Spence, A. B. Spence, S. N. Boykin, Minnie Miller, Rena Dockery, A. H. Luker and son



The best stores throughout the country are observing this week as "NATIONAL GINGHAM WEEK," and we have for our customers a wide selection of pleasing patterns in leading brands of fast color Gingham, as well as other cotton wash fabrics at

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The correct styles of the season are on display at this store for men, women and children. We especially call your attention to our showing of—

- White Dresses for girls and misses.
- Wash and Play Suits for boys and girls.
- Early Summer Millinery.

We have received another shipment of ladies' Low Shoes in the popular shades of brown and black, in oxfords, strap pumps and plain pumps.

We are endeavoring to help you reduce your living expenses by selling goods of the highest quality on the closest possible margins. In every department of the store you will be pleased with the values your receive.

We will Pay most for your Produce

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Byron Maxwell and son, E. P. McCall and son Homer Jones and daughter, George Scarborough and son, J. P. Royall, M. E. Darsey, and daughters, Frank Leaverton and daughter, George E. Darsey, J. R. Richards, and Misses Mabel Boykin and Rena Ross Richards and Mr. George Darsey Jr.

Reporter.

Pure bred Poland China male for service. Fee \$1.00.
Arch Parker.

Mae Bean Dead

Mae Bean died at his home in the Oak Grove community Thursday evening March 31, 1921.

His remains were interred Friday in the Parker cemetery. Religious services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Campbell, and his body was laid to rest by the Grapeland Camp of the Woodmen of the World, of which order he had been a prominent member for several years. He served the

Camp as Counsel Commander for two terms.

Mr. Bean was reared in this community and his friends are only limited by his acquaintances. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He survived by his wife and several children; also his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Lewis Nance Murchison has returned from Breckenridge, where he has been for several weeks.

LOCAL ITEMS

For wood phone
E. L. Frisby

Darsey will pay the postage on records you want mailed.

Clewis represents the best dye works in the state.

W. P. Traylor visited relatives in New Waverly Sunday.

All size Columbia records are fifty cents at Darsey's.

Ignorance is a great blessing to some people.

Wanted

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

Aldine Lively of Percilla was transacting business here Monday.

Mrs. Claude Keeland and son visited relatives at Huntsville last week end.

Ross Brock of Livingston spent a few days here this week visiting his father, U. M. Brock.

Registered Jersey bull for service. Compare pedigree and individual bulls before breeding.
4t C. C. Hill.

Clarence McCarty came in Sunday from Port Arthur and has his old job with Leaverton Lumber Co.

When your car knocks it damages it every time you run it. Have us locate and take it out.
Norman & Lively.

J. H. Leaverton has returned from Franklin, where he spent a few months in the produce business.

Wanted

1000 boys age from 15 to 99 years, to call at Clewis' tailor shop and let him take their measure for a spring suit.

Charles Kent of Woodworth, La., was here a few days the latter part of last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent.

"JACK"

I have purchased the Farrar jack and will stand him at my place two and one half miles east of Augusta. Fees \$12.00.
J. B. Young.

John Tyer formerly of Percilla, now of Palestine, was here Saturday on business and meeting his numerous friends. Mr. Tyer is engaged in the dairy business.

Ready for Service

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

Ed Musick.
tf Webb Finch.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Columbia Grafanolas at pre-war prices at Darsey's.

C. L. Edmiston of Crockett was in the city Monday.

Oak posts for sale.
4t J. N. Perkins, Route 4.

Is your subscription paid in advance?

Ladies, let Clewis have your old silk dress, waist or skirt and coat suit and have it dyed.

Miss Sarah Mack Crook of Crockett was the guest of Miss Lucindy Darsey Sunday.

Single comb Brown Leghorn eggs for setting. 75c per 15.
2t Mrs. Ford Newman, R. 3

Edgar Spence of Post City spent several days here last week visiting relatives.

If your suit is sun faded, let Clewis have it dyed for you. It will make it look like new.

Markus Anthony of Longview visited his parents here a few days last week.

Miss Hale of Camilla is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jack Murchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lacy were up from Crockett Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Adams of Palestine spent Sunday here with relatives.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Columbia Records are only 50c at—
DARSEY'S.

Messrs. N. H. Phillips and C. H. Beazley of Crockett were in Grapeland Monday on business.

Miss Helen McMurphy of Pine Bluff, Ark., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. William Alfred Riall.

Cotton Seed Wanted

I am in market for cotton seed. If you have any to sell see me for prices.

Henry Dailey.

Notice

I have a Duroc boar on my farm a mile north of town. Service fee \$2.00.

2t Tucker Campbell.

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Buttons made to order. All work guaranteed.

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It's time to have your automobile put in shape for the summer. We guarantee our work to be satisfactory.

Norman & Lively.

Alton Frisby has resigned his job with the City Barber Shop and has taken charge of the Muddock restaurant on second street. Charlie Dickey of Percilla succeeds him at the barber shop.

For Sale or Trade

3 nice young milk cows with young calves for sale or trade for hogs.

3t Texas Holstien Farm

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.

Lost But Found

A wonderful meeting occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Melton on last Saturday morning when Mrs. Melton's aged father, Mr. Elbert Wells of Lufkin came over to meet his used to be wife and daughter, Mrs. Melton and mother. Such an event does not happen only when providence alone guides the circumstances. Mr. Wells, (more commonly known by friends as Uncle Elbert) was left an orphan when but a small boy in Georgia and was reared by a wealthy uncle in Marian county, Georgia, who laid plans for a great future for Mr. Wells by educating and training him up to his delight, but being disappointed in this by Mr. Wells early marriage, his uncle discarded him and deprived him of the fortune that he had laid away for his nephew. And while yet a young man Mr. Wells realizing the difficulty in providing for a household with the low price of labor in old Georgia at that time, left his wife with her father, and came to Texas in search of better wages. His daughter (Mrs. Melton now) was only 6 months old at the time he left them, and after a time he lost all trace of his family, and married again to Miss Elsie Womack in eastern Trinity Co., where they lived happily together for many years, raising a family of 7 boys and two girls, most all residing near their fathers home until the death of their mother some 6 or 8 years ago. Mr. Wells again being left alone went to Lufkin to live and get employment and by some means Mrs. Melton, his used to be little daughter in Georgia, found out from a neighbor, Mr. J. B. Oliver that Mr. Wells was still living and after careful investigation and correspondence found he was really her father.

Mrs. Melton resided with her mother and grandfather in Georgia until she was married to W. F. Melton in 1887. Then Mrs Wells made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Melton. They moved to Texas in 1892, and lived near Grapeland till 1901, then near Crockett until 1903. They then moved to Kennard where they have been ever since. Mr. Wells of course not dreaming that every year or two his wife and daughter were coming nearer. Neither did they even have a thought of him only that he might have died in some distant place long ago, but instead have lived within 20 miles of each other for these many years and did not know it. Mrs. Wells is feeble and almost deaf, yet she at once recognized her husband, Mr. Wells. They talked and cried together until all doubts were clear as to who they were and they spent several of the happiest hours of their lives telling of the many, many events and strange happenings and wondering why that God had been so good as to let them meet again. Mrs. Wells is now 77 while Mr. Wells is 70.—Ratcliff Herald.

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Our gardens and truck patches should come first, but by all means do not neglect the livestock and poultry end of your business. The latter is still our principal asset, even though the price of eggs has gone down for the present.

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Resolutions

Whereas, the Missionary Society of the Methodist church has lost one of its most beloved members in the person of Mrs. Mattie C. Darsey, and

Whereas, Sister Darsey being the oldest member of our society had served well the interest of her church during the several years of her membership in the society, therefore be it

Resolved, that the society express its appreciation of the life and service of Sister Darsey as a member of this society as manifested in her regular attendance on its meetings, her ever readiness to respond when called upon and in her sustained interest in

all its work.

Resolved further that our Christian regard and sympathy be extended to her husband and children in this great bereavement that has befallen them.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minute book.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy,
Mrs. S. N. Boykin,
Mrs. A. H. Luker,
Committee

(Advertisement)

One of life's inconsistencies: a mouse is afraid of a man and a man is afraid of a woman, and a woman is afraid of a mouse.—Wiggins (Colo.) Courier.

Thrift Habit Brings Ever-Increasing Happiness and Peace of Mind.

By S. W. STRAUS, American Society for Thrift.

It is not easy to practice thrift after one has allowed oneself to become improvident. As St. Augustine said, "Habits if not resisted soon become a necessity."

But good habits soon become necessity just as bad ones do, and after the start has been made in thrift practices, it not only becomes easier as time goes on, but it brings an ever-increasing reward of happiness and peace of mind.

The man who starts this new year with a definite resolution to save money and get ahead will find that before he is far along in 1921 these fixed habits will accomplish far more for him than he ever dreamed could be the case.

He will find himself living in a brighter world than ever before, and, in place of the old specter of debt continually hanging over him, he will experience the splendid exhilaration of getting ahead.

Let this new year, so rich in opportunities, bring a firm resolve to pull yourself out of the old rut of thriftless ways. Make of it a portal to the temple of success.

In this endeavor your very first step must be a determined resolution to practice thrift.

The Crossroads

The total cotton crop for last year, just made public by the government census bureau, amounted to over 13,000,000 bales. If the total crop this year amounts to one-third of what was gathered last year there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth when the product is placed on the market. Do the sensible thing—and plant something else.—Lufkin News.

The first of September we thought it might not be larger than 11,000,000 bales. The middle of October convinced us that it would certainly fall below 12,000,000 bales. The wind-up shows that it was over 13,000,000. This outcome, which is common, serves annually to discount in the mill centers all estimates and statements from the growing centers that the cotton crop will be decreased in acreage or reduced in output. The South regularly and dependably raises too much cotton, constantly adding to the undigested surplus and keeping that surplus in competition with each successive new crop. There was a change during the war, owing to abnormal demands, but the war is over and instead of an abnormal demand for cotton we are faced by no demand at all. The world is saturated with cotton. It is for sale even in Europe at any old price, just as it is in this country. Today we are at the crossroads in Dixie. If we go in for the usual cotton acreage, it means that we have taken the road that leads to poverty, squalor and perhaps a permanently lowered standard of living. If we quit cotton to the extent of reducing our planting as much as one-half, it will be our first step toward permanent betterment, prosperity, self-support and self-respect. If the men of the South who own the land and make the agriculture have no more regard for their own interest than to raise another 13,000,000 bale cotton crop they will prove themselves exactly what they are suspected by the cotton speculators of being—something distinctly uncomplimentary.—State Press.

Children who have worms are pale, sickly and peevish. A dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge will clear them out and restore rosy cheeks and cheerful spirits. Price 35c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Helping the Cotton Market

(By J. H. Lowry)

My plan for using the surplus cotton and increasing the price of the staple having been rejected, I cheerfully accept the plan of the Dallas women. I know that if the tails of all shirts had been increased eight inches in length the cotton on hand would have been used up quickly and prices would have advanced until the cotton growers would have reaped rich profits; but the people did not see fit to solve this great economic problem in the way suggested by me, and so I am glad to endorse the next best solution offered. The Dallas women want all the women of the South to wear only cotton clothing, until surplus cotton is consumed and prices advance. My plan is better, because it deals with the unseen. No person can look upon man and guess the length of his shirt tail. On the other hand the plan of the Dallas women will cause the women of the country deep sorrow and some humiliation by taking from them the gloss and glitter and consciousness of finer textures. But the plan of the Dallas women will do the work, and I heartily endorse it. Let our southern women buy only cotton clothing for a year and the cotton surplus will soon disappear. The women won't have to wear all this cotton, either. The makers of silks, satins and linens will see their business dwindle away and inquire as to the cause. When told that the southern women are wearing cotton clothing exclusively in order to get rid of the big surplus of cotton they will go into the market, buy the cotton and burn it. It's a fine suggestion.

A "system regulator" is a medicine that purifies and strengthens the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is one of the best of these. It drives out unhealthy condition, promotes, activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

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GROWING AND CURING SWEET POTATOES

By E. A. Miller
Sweet Potato Specialist, A. & M. College Extension Service

The sweet potato is becoming a very important crop in Texas and other Southern states since the introduction of curing or storage houses. The crop is well adapted to well drained sandy soils, especially in East Texas, and fits in a diversified system of farming.

Before curing houses were used the sweet potato was not profitable except on a small scale because they had to be dumped on the market in the fall or stored in homemade banks, which was unsatisfactory.

In growing sweet potatoes successfully there are some things which should be carefully considered. First in growing slips the potatoes should be carefully selected, discarding all that show any sign of disease or insects, and the healthy ones should then be dipped for ten minutes in a solution containing one ounce of corrosive sublimate to eight gallons of water, in order to kill the disease germs on the outside of the potatoes, which have not yet gone through the skin. This is necessary as some diseases, especially black rot, are doing a great deal of damage. In sections where the sweet potato weevils are present it is very important that the seed potatoes are carefully selected and crops rotated.

The land should be well prepared before the slips are planted, and in most cases the use of some fertilizer pays well and in fact, it is often necessary for good yields. Two good methods of preparing the land are either double bedding or flat breaking and then bedding.

In double bedding four deep furrows are thrown together during the fall or winter the beds being three and a half to four feet apart. If fertilizer is used it should be well distributed in the middle between the beds ten days to two weeks before the slips are transplanted, and then rebed these middles. Just before the slips are transplanted the beds should be dragged off. Except along the coast low beds are preferred. The vines are then more easily worked and soil can be worked to the plant. This method conserves the moisture, which is important during dry weather.

When the land has been flat broken furrows should be opened with a sweep, the fertilizer distributed in the furrow, and then beds thrown up on top of these and dragged off just before planting as with the system of double bedding.

On most of the sandy soils, which are the best adapted for sweet potatoes, it pays well to use fertilizer as the yields are usually greatly increased. A very satisfactory fertilizer is a mixture of three parts of 16 per cent acid phosphate and two parts of cotton seed meal applied at the rate of at least 300 to 500 pounds per acre.

The potatoes should receive frequent shallow cultivation until the middles are covered with vines similar to cultivating corn. By using low beds and cultivating soil to the plants most of the weeds between the plants can be covered up and this method does away with most of the tedious hoeing.

The potatoes should be care-

"What Killed Bill?"

Every man, woman and child in the world has "Liver Trouble" some times. Many of them Die from it and never realize it. No use in this. And folks are learning better. Thousands have found out that Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup will relieve "Liver Troubles". Will keep the Bowels open and the Blood rich and red. You ought to try this old doctor's prescription—before "Liver Trouble" gets in its deadly work on you—like it did on "Bill." Get it from your drug store.

"Some Sort of Liver Trouble!"

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fully handled during harvesting to prevent bruising, as bruised potatoes are harder to keep than smooth ones and even if they keep in the curing houses they are unsightly and hence hard to sell. They should be plowed up deep to prevent cutting them and then carefully gathered in baskets, hampers or crates and conveyed to the curing houses in containers.

The sweet potato storage industry has been growing fast during the last few years and there are now 150 curing houses in Texas ranging in size from 500 to 40,000 bushels and they have a total storage capacity of approximately 1,000,000 bushels. This, however, is entirely inadequate to take care of the crop which is being raised in Texas every year as the federal crop estimates show that this state has raised a crop of about 9,000,000 bushels during the past two years and this year the acreage in sweet potatoes will very likely be considerably increased.

Sweet potatoes can be kept all fall and winter and even into the spring months in good storage houses. This gives a long season for marketing the crop, which in turn prevents glutting of the markets, thereby stabilizing the price and making the sweet potato a good profitable crop.

The curing of sweet potatoes is in reality a rather simple process, and consists of drying the potatoes to a certain extent with a temperature of 75 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit for about two weeks and after that keeping them dry and cool (at as nearly around 55 degrees Fahrenheit as possible) During the curing and storage period the potatoes usually lose from 6 to 10 percent of moisture, depending upon their condition when dry and the skin also becoming somewhat tough and leathery.

A sweet potato curing house should be well built and have ample facilities for ventilation in order to be able to maintain the necessary conditions in the house. They may be built of lumber, hollow tile, brick, etc.

There are number of different types of curing houses in Texas, but the one which the A. and M. extension service prefers and is recommending for the larger houses, is known as the Texas A.

and M. College sweet potato storage house.

This is a type of house which is easily and cheaply operated and all of our data on the subject shows that it has kept potatoes with a smaller average loss than any other of the other types. This data also shows that expensive machinery is entirely unnecessary in a properly constructed curing house.

This type has plenty of natural ventilation and is operated with the modern system of school house heating, consisting of one jacketed stove and a large brick flue with openings at the floor for every 5,000-bushel unit.

In the first place it is necessary to grow healthy potatoes, for some disease, particularly black rot, are doing a great deal of damage. Black rot is the worst trouble in curing houses in Tex., and for that reason all seed potatoes should be carefully selected and treated against diseases as explained in the beginning of this article. Potatoes should be dug before frost, and handled very carefully during harvesting to prevent bruising, and the curing house should be properly operated, according to directions which the extension service at College Station will be glad to furnish.

Renew your subscription.

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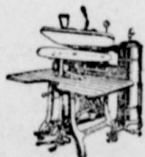
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Wonders of the Law

A Belgian paper tells of a woman living at Mons who is denied a marriage license because she does not know her name, age or birthplace, and therefore "has no legal existence." The case is analogous to that of a man named Mahoney who was hanged some years ago. When the prison physician pronounced him dead the body was cut down and delivered to relatives. Life was not extinct however, and a few hours later the man was quite himself

again. He was shot by a murderer some time afterward, but the assassin could not be brought to justice because, as the court said, "Mahoney was legally dead, and therefore could not be killed subsequently by anybody."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Dr. Gidley, of the Smithsonian Institution, with a party of other scientists recently discovered the skeleton of a mastodon near Benson, Ariz., which was smaller than the average, it is said. The remains of a sea turtle about seven feet long was also uncovered near the bones of the mastodon.

Self-Reliance the Need

Success in life may be nearly always measured by the amount of initiative shown in doing one's work. The conquering and elevating force must come from within.—Thoman A. Edison.

Raise More Hogs

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LIBERTY HILL HAPPENINGS

(Delayed)

Liberty Hill, Mar. 28.—Easter Sunday was a pleasant day for everybody, seemingly. A large number attended Sunday School and enjoyed the excellent lesson as well as the sermon by Bro. Henry Holcomb on the subject of the resurrection. In the afternoon the separate classes had Easter egg hunts at the homes of Byron Moore, Mrs. Mary Cutler, F. B. Ramey and A. H. Holcomb.

Byron Moore had the misfortune to lose a fine horse last week. The cause of its death is not clearly known, but we predict there will be more horses to die if people are not very cautious about feeding, for there is so much rotten corn.

We were very glad to have Henry Holcomb and Jim Holcomb of Alto with us last Friday night and Saturday morning.

D. E. and Marvin Holcomb, together with Mrs. J. B. and Joe Miller Young, visited relatives in Alto Saturday.

Jess Moore and family spent Sunday visiting the home of Tom Breeze at Glover.

Dudley Davis is spending a few days in Conroe where he is attending a meeting of Methodist ministers.

Messrs. Joe Felders and Urban Speers spent Saturday night with friends here.

A number of young people were delightfully entertained Friday afternoon with a sunset supper near the home of Mr. H. T. Davis, after which they attended a party at Mr. J. H. Moore's. Saturday night there was a candy breaking at Mr. J. C. Smith's that was well attended and heartily enjoyed.

Almost Back to Normalcy

It is announced at Washington that Great Britain is now importing as much wheat as before the war, Germany nearly as much, and Holland and Belgium only half.



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"Get Bergdoll" Drive

"The Bergdoll case is a disgrace to the government and an insult to the 5,000,000 men who America in the world war," says the American Legion in requesting the war department to take action for the extradition from Germany of the draft evader and for the release of the two Americans implicated in recent attempts to kidnap him over there.

New Comet Discovered

From Cape Town comes the news that Astronomer Reid has found a comet. It is of the ninth magnitude and is therefore not yet visible except in a very large telescope. It is located in the constellation of Capricornus. This constellation appears in our summer skies, low down toward the south, but it is not visible in this latitude at this time of year.

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Wages Reduced in Packing Plant

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Odd News Items

Mongul, the thorough-bred Airedale belonging to Harry Kiser motor car dealer of New Castle, Pa., is sporting two large molars made of pure gold.

Mogul lost two of his teeth in a fight, and Kiser ordered them replaced by a local dentist, who claims they are the largest he ever made. The dog was given chloroform in order to have the teeth inserted, but is now able to chew a bone as well as ever.

Value of Politeness

Because a prisoner just sentenced to 10 years spoke pleasantly to the elevator man in asking to be taken down and to the turnkey in asking to have the outer door opened he was supposed to be a visitor and permitted to make his escape from the St. Louis city jail—another tribute to the practical value of politeness as an allround asset.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Our Navy and England

Great Britain is just awakening to the fact that in four years the United States will have the greater Navy, if present work continues.

Some English papers express great alarm, so long accustomed has that country been to the idea that it must always "rule the waves."

Others express confidence that the American Navy will never be used aggressively against any country and "least of all against England." But on account of the Irish question they are plainly uneasy.

W. E. Holmes of Palestine spent Sunday afternoon here with his friends.

A doughboy had just got back home from war, and he was lunching in a cafeteria when an old lady in the next chair leaned over and said: "I, too have a soldier son, young man, and a lucky one at that. Would you believe it? My boy went through the war without a scratch?"

"Gee lady," said the doughboy, "spill us the name of his insect powder, will ye?"

OCCUPATION FOR BLIND.

Since an adding-machine operator seldom looks at the keys after he has become familiar with them, it is evident that blindness need be no insuperable bar to the use of such an instrument, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. To remove what obstacles there are, a blind inventor in California has devised an attachment with which he is able to operate an adding machine, and read his totals without trouble. An auxiliary keyboard is mounted on two parallel rods above the regular keys, and the cover glass is removed from the totaling dial.

PILGRIM STAMP ISSUE.

Pilgrim tercentenary commemorative postage stamps were announced recently by the Post Office department. The stamps are issued in three denominations, 1 cent, in green, showing the Mayflower; 2-cent, red, "Landing of the Pilgrims," and 5-cent, blue, "Signing of the Compact."

Annoyed.

"Seems like I simply can't be satisfied," said Plodding Pete. "Quit your job again?" "Yes. It got on my nerves." "What's the trouble?" "The hours got so short that I'd no more than got interested in my work when the whistle blew for quit-time."



ONE WAY TO DO IT

"I don't see how you can afford to run an automobile."
 "Easy enough. We've quit eating meat."

Nothing Like Style.

She'll take a car to ride a block
 If her dress is not in style;
 But let her don the latest frock
 And she'll foot it many a mile.

Going Up.

"Jenkins is getting to be something of a social climber!"
 "Yes, why Jenkins would even try to make his way up an icy stare!"—Cartoons Magazine.

Accounting for It.

"I hear young Flyer is going to reform. They say he is dead broke."
 "I suppose that is the reason he wants to mend."

The Answer.

"He asked a lot of questions about the house. He wanted to know in the first place if it was rat-proof."
 "Did he get a cat-egorical reply?"

Prudent Precaution.

"Did the old man kick when you proposed for his daughter?"
 "I didn't get near enough; I proposed by letter."

Her Order.

"Does your wife ever go through your pockets?"
 "Often, with what you might call a searching glance."



NOT IN THE SAME CLASS

Mugger, the Lead, "at Liberty,"
 You seem to consider me a mere ham.
 Booker, the Agent: More like a sparerib. Hams are worth seventy cents a pound.

Silence Would Be Golden.

Some people deem it policy
 To think before they speak.
 If some other men did likewise
 They'd be silent for a week.

The Reason.

"Why did James pick Henry up so?"
 "Possibly because Henry persisted in dropping a remark."

The Kind.

"Do they pay taxes on titles of nobility in England?"
 "If they do, I suppose a baronet pays a 'Sir' tax."

THIS FAST AGE

In which we live requires that we exercise the utmost care in economy with our financial dealings. The man who is not carefully looking after his finances will some time rue the day. We are ready at all times to assist you in any possible way to better your financial condition. We believe a bank account is a good check on extravagance.



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Less Cotton the Safer Plan

The latest report of the census bureau shows that the south produced last year 13,365,754 bales of cotton. It was approximately 2,000,000 bales more than was produced in 1919, and the sixth largest crop on record.

This crop would not have been more that the world could absorb had conditions been normal, but with Europe's buying power curtailed, it has been necessary to hold a large part of this crop out of consumption channels. The burden of holding the crop has fallen on the producers.

The time has arrived for preparation of land for planting of a new cotton crop. What will the farmers do? Gamble with the future, hoping against hope that something will happen to stimulate demand, or slash the acreage and devote more attention to other crops?

With the census figures before them, it would seem the intelligent farmers would find it not difficult to decide which course to pursue. Conditions in Europe are not growing noticeably better. With a red revolution, involving a general strike, threatened in Germany, the outlook for resumption of normal trade in Germany is considerably dimmed for the present, at least. France and England are making slow headway. World conditions are clearly unfavorable to the prospect of a revival of cotton demand on a large scale this year.

To plant the normal acreage in cotton and run the risk of reaping another bumper crop this year would appear at this time to be the height of unwisdom. It would be only increasing the supply of a commodity which, though needed, the world is not in a position to buy in normal quantities.

Until Europe gets back to work it will be dangerous for the Southern cotton farmer to stake his all on cotton. A little cotton and a lot of the things that enter directly into the living of the farmer will be a surer bet this year than the one-crop plan. The specter of starvation or financial ruin will not then appear next winter, whatever turn the cotton market may take.—Houston Post.

The News From Toad Mountain

At the Aid Society meeting Monday evening Mrs. Peabody informed the members that she heard Mrs. Bradley mention that Mrs. Wilbur's husband had told Len Woodard that Joe Hume's old maid sister imparted the information to Mrs. McInnis that she had it on good authority from Mrs. Hite that Dell Bartley had picked up from the conversation at McNutt's store that Postmaster Norton was of the opinion, from a chance remark made by Lettie Martin in the postoffice Saturday, that Mrs. Wilson made no bones of the fact that Caswell's new hired girl was ready to go on record and swear that she unintentionally got an ear full from two children of Link Ober's next-door neighbors to the effect that the real cause of Abner Faston's attack of locomotor ataxia was an incurable knothole in his wooden leg. Floss McN. Cunningham has been delegated to run the rumor down, and found that it was started by Wesley Woodard, who was out hustling business for Clewis, the tailor.

At The Baptist Church

The ladies of the Baptist church will have charge of the morning service Sunday. The pastor will preach at Letexo. It is hoped that the entire membership will attend. The evening service will be held at the usual time and the pastor will preach. The program for the morning service will be as follows:

Subject, "The Place of the W. M. U. in our Church Program."

Chairman, Mrs. Tyer.
 The purpose of the W. M. U., Mrs. T. S. Kent.

Our local missions, Mrs. Edington.

Our foreign missions, Mrs. Eaves.

Our hopes and plans, Mrs. Tyer.

I will fill my regular appointment at Letexo this week end, preaching Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday evening at 3:30.

Fred Newland, Pastor.

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