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## PROHIBITION ACT MAY BE TESTED

Austin, Tex., July 9.—Motions attacking the prohibition amendment to the Texas constitution which if sustained would nullify the Dean enforcement act on the ground the amendment was not given required publication, have been prepared and will be offered by Attorney Samuel Dickens in liquor cases in which he is counsel, Mr. Dickens announced. The attack is upon the same ground on which the attorney general ruled the proposed highway constitutional amendment to have been voted on July 28 is void.

All convictions under the Dean enforcement law since the prohibition amendment was adopted in 1917, are involved in a test to be made, it was stated. Nearly half the total number of appeals in criminal cases have been made during the past five years on cases in which liquor law violations have figured.

The prohibition law has been sustained by the appellate court when attacked on other grounds. The courts have not passed on the issue of defective methods of submitting the constitutional amendment on prohibition or whether publication as required by the Texas constitution was given to the amendment, failure of which in the case of the proposed highway amendment for July 28 was held by the attorney general to be "fatal to adoption" of the constitutional amendment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Skidmore returned Tuesday morning from Dallas, where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Rose.

Mrs. J. R. Howard returned to Crockett Monday morning, after spending a few days here with her son, J. W. Howard.

## MASONIC OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Grapeland Masonic Lodge held a special meeting Tuesday night and installed officers for the ensuing year.

District Deputy Grand Master, John LeGory of Crockett, was present and acted as installing officer.

A number of visitors were present from Palestine, Crockett and other lodges. Several pep speeches were made and a good time was had by all.

After installation ceremonies, refreshments were served consisting of barbecued meats, pickles, bread, coffee, lemonade, ice cream and cake.

## REVIVAL MEETING

Rev. W. A. Reagan of Groveton is conducting a revival at the Baptist church, which began last Sunday morning. He is being assisted by Mr. McMurray of Waco, who leads the singing and is doing some special work among the young people. A religious census of the town was taken early in the week.

Rev. Mr. Reagan is a very forceful speaker and is delighting the many who hear him.

Two services are held daily, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

## TRANSFERS

Those who desire to transfer from one school district to another for the 1923-24 school session must do so prior to August 1st.

Transfer for high school purposes only, can be made at any time.

If you desire to transfer please attend to this at the proper time.

Mrs. Gertie Sallas,  
County Superintendent.

## COMMITTEES FOR THE FAIR ARE APPOINTED

The executive committee of the Grapeland Fair have selected their committees for the various departments of exhibits. Each one who has been selected to serve on a committee is urged to start at once making preparations to get their department in shape. The premium and detailed descriptions of exhibits will be published later, as will also, the different entertainment features and attractions. It is hoped that everyone interested in the Grapeland country will put forth every effort to make the Fair a success both by making individual exhibits and cooperating with community exhibits. Representatives from each community will later be appointed to assist the general committee with the exhibits. There is plenty of time to have a good Fair if we go to work now. Let's don't spoil it by waiting too long to start.

The committees follows:

Boys' and Girls' Clubs:—R. R. Morrison, A. C. Casey, Miss Ney Barnett.

Poultry Dep't—Emory Long, R. B. Edens, Frank Leaverton.

Swine Dep't—T. S. Kent, E. W. Davis, A. U. Streetman.

Horse and Mule Dep't—Henry Shaw, W. A. Teems, W. F. Murchison.

Goats and Sheep—Ed Edge, J. W. Howard.

Dairy Dep't—Dr. C. C. Hill, C. L. Haltom, Rev. B. C. Anderson.

Culinary Dep't—Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, Mrs. J. W. Howard, Mrs. Geo. Calhoun, Mrs. W. H. Holcomb, Mrs. J. M. Murray, Mrs. S. N. Boykin, Mrs. W. D. Granberry.

Sewing Dep't—Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey Jr., Mrs. Zona Johnston, Mrs. G. A. Walton, Mrs. R. L. Pridgen, Mrs. M. E. Darsey, Mrs. W. A. Riall, Mrs. Henry Dailey.

Farm Products—Geo. E. Darsey Sr., J. S. Yarbrough, J. E. Hollingsworth, J. C. Kennedy, W. A. Riall, George Richards.

Dog Dep't.—W. H. Long, Sam Kennedy, Ed Keene.

Floral Dep't—Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey, Mrs. A. H. Luker, Mrs.

## ELECTION CALLED OFF ON ROAD AMENDMENT

Austin, Texas, July 7.—No election can be held on July 28 to vote upon the proposed constitutional amendment relating to state highways because of lack of time for publication notices required under the constitution, the attorney general ruled today in an opinion to the state highway commission and the secretary of state. The election called for that date will be canceled in view of the ruling, it was stated.

The legal department held also that the election can not be postponed until a later date because the law passed by the recent legislature submitting the amendment sets July 28 as the date for the election.

Under the constitution, the opinion recited, proposed amendments must be published once a week for four weeks beginning three months before the election. It was stated that the amendment was not sent out for publication until June 4.

The amendment sought to authorize the state highway department to supervise construction and maintenance of the state highway system.

J. C. Kennedy, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

Curio Dep't—Mrs. Leon Anderson, Mrs. J. S. Eaves.

Miscellaneous Exhibits—J. H. Rosser, H. Dailey, W. L. Smith, Geo. E. Darsey Jr., Mrs. W. E. Keeland, Mrs. Julian Walling, Mrs. M. D. Murchison.

Community Exhibits—J. H. Rosser, A. C. Casey, Sam Duitch (local community committees will be announced later.)

Finance and Premium Committee—M. E. Darsey, W. E. Keeland, Frank Leaverton, W. G. Darsey, C. W. Kennedy, U. M. Brock.

Fair Ground and Concessions—A. H. Luker, C. L. Haltom, Leon Anderson, J. H. Rosser.

Parade Committee—W. H. Long, W. D. Granberry, Bob Scarborough, D. N. Leaverton.

Publicity Committee—A. H. Luker, F. M. Boone, W. E. Kerr.

## EFFORT TO BE MADE TO RETAIN FEDERAL AID

Waco, Texas, July 7.—Energetic efforts to retain the \$32,000,000 federal aid allotted to Texas for construction and maintenance of designated state highways during the next five years will be made despite the ruling of Attorney General W. A. Keeling that the election on the proposed constitutional amendment to the highway laws has been illegally called.

This was the announcement tonight of President W. V. Crawford of the Texas Highway Association through whose efforts the election was called. Mr. Crawford said no effort would be made to hold the election in the face of the attorney general's ruling, but that steps would be made to keep the aid already allotted the state by the federal government on condition of passage of the proposed amendment putting the construction and maintenance of cardinal highways in the hands of the state highway commission.

Mr. Crawford said that under state laws providing that elections on constitutional amendments must be ordered by a regular session of the state legislature, it will be two years at least before another election can be called to meet the requirements of the federal government.

"I want it understood that the apparent technicality is no fault of the Texas Highway Association or of the state highway department. By legislative enactment the date of the election was fixed for July 28, and if the provisions of the law have not been complied with the fault lies with the machinery of the government whose duty it is to carry out the mandates of the legislature," said Mr. Crawford.

Arwine Skidmore spent several days last week in Dallas visiting relatives.

Miss Topsy Beatty of Palestine was here Monday in the interest of her music class, which will be taught in connection with the school the coming term.

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You have been promising your wife for several summers to buy her an oil stove. Now is the time make good your promise.

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Extra special in staple and fancy dry goods values up to 50c per yard at .....21c

Received this week a car of fresh Carnation flour, "Best on Earth." Plenty of bran, shorts, meal, chops and oats. Salt in any size package.

We have extra special prices on many items and urge you to come to our store and see what is in store for you.

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MERCHANTS

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, July 29.—The past week has been a rather strenuous one, yet we trust a pleasant and profitable one from several angles. We will have to condense, there is so much to report and being of an elaborate temperament it will be hard to do; protracted meeting and the 4th all in the same week. The meeting must have first attention; will say Bro. Anderson preached and exhorted in the old fashion way and came near having an old time revival, yet had only one addition to the church by confession, but might say all rejoined by determination. We had services twice a day, except the 4th, which was called in, so many had engagements for that. Bro. Anderson told all to have a good time and spend the day right and come back to church that night and the break would not cool the ardor of the services to any great extent.

The writer got to eat dinner under the shade of that big walnut tree, the Huff's two-in-one family reunion and celebrated the 4th. The dinner was up to last year and a few cakes besides. R. T. Murchison and family were kept away and was greatly missed as Mrs. Murchison was mistress of the occasion, but Mrs. Richard Spence, a younger sister filled the place. All told 35 were present, 11 grand children. There were only a few present who were not kin by family connection, and they were kin by Statute of limitation. The writer rendered the song, "God be with you till we meet again," on the violin and all departed looking 12 months ahead. The ice course was five gallons of cream and a no. 3 wash tub of tea.

The writer, a crowd from Crockett and one from Grape-land made a run on the West home on short notice, counting the family all told 21, for dinner; a young picnic.

Miss Dorothy Darsey sang us a solo Tuesday evening. She did well.

E. C. Parker and his choir of young ladies assisted by O. M. Rials did their part well and Mrs. West was faithful at the

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, July 9.—We had the long looked for rain yesterday and while the old corn is passed redemption, the young corn will be greatly benefited, so will sweet potatoes and peas.

The revival services at Midway came to a close last night with about 10 additions to the church. Many folk from here attended and joined as members.

Miss Irma Lou Elliott spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Ruth MacDonald.

Miss Mary Lois Tyer of Palestine visited her sister, Mrs. Elmo Keen several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Adams visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wilkins Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman visited Mr. and Mrs. Clem Smith Saturday and Sunday.

P. C. MacDonald has accepted a position in Palestine with a printing firm.

Dan Shipper and children, Irene and Loye, and Mrs. J. F. Fulton motored to Grapeland Saturday on a shopping trip.

organ. In fact, all who started in played their part well from beginning to end. Bro. Anderson's two best sermons were the "awfulness of Sin" and "walking with God." We had visitors all along through the week; had a good meeting but am afraid the trouble with most of us is pay day is so long off until we take every thing as a matter of course.



BE VERY COURAGEOUS:—Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1:7.

Mrs. Howard Anthony and daughter, Miss Alma, of Dallas, came in Monday for an extended visit with relatives.

PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, July 9.—The long day by a good rain. Some of our drouth was broken here yesterday folks think that the recent "deep-water" meeting here was the cause of it. Others claim that Mrs. Bobbitt visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sullivan yesterday, a distance of about three hundred yards, this being the farthest she has been from home in fifteen years, and this is what caused it to rain. Honestly, we don't know, but we certainly enjoyed the rain.

A number of our folks have been attending the Christian meeting at Midway the past week.

Say, while we are on this meeting question it is worthy of mention to state that the indications are that Percilla is going to turn a new leaf in the religious realm this year. The Methodist people here have in prospect two protracted meetings for this summer, and the Christian people have just had one and are going to have another one early in the fall, at which time they contemplate the setting in order of a local church here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellie Hendricks of Freeport are here visiting Mrs. Hendricks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Jones.

Mrs. Arthur Robbins and children, including a married daughter and her husband of Houston, were here visiting kin-folks Saturday and Sunday.

Kirk Denson and family of Grapeland, visited kinfolks here yesterday.

Lem Langham went to Palestine today to have an injured eye treated, the sight of which it is thought may be destroyed.

There has been and is yet some sickness among us. Mrs. Claude Jones is in bed today.

Hearst is said to favor Henry Ford for President. That is a heavy load for Ford to pull, but then the flivver is said to always get there.—San Saba News

Ainsworth Selkirk and family of Goose Creek came in last week to spend a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. J. M. Selkirk.

Now here is a new one. If it is so, and stranger things are so, then the legislature should pass a law forbidding the small boys to kill any more wasps. An authority says the wasps eat the web-worm that preys on the pecan timber. Out on Richland creek when Andy Smth, Major Lane, the Taylor boys, the Wood boys and some others that I recall were in their "shirt-tails" the most fun on Sunday was "fighting wasps." Usually a paddle was used. If the boy was real brave he always fought with a shingle, or board with a hand holt whittled off at one end. When his courage failed him and he didn't want to give the wasps a chance for their lives a brush was used. This latter was much the safest for the boy. With a chunk or a rock the wasp nest was disturbed. The whole swarm would make a bee line for the fellow in sight. It was fight or run. I recall one time when one of the boys failed to get his shirt-tail behind the bush in time and the leader of the wasp brigade got under it, that is under the shirt-tail, not under the bushes. That boy is sitting mighty close to this typewriter right now. There are, or were, several kinds of wasps. There was the little black wasp. It was the gamest. Seemed like it could get off the quickest, could fly the straightest and had the longest stinger. When a boy, or a bunch of game boys, found a wasp nest about the size of an old hat swinging in a thick clustered tree or bush there was something doing. The big red wasp seemed to be a little sluggish. He was game all right, and had a stinger. But these usually fly around a little before getting a course. All of them have leaders, or captains.

The leader starts at you and the others fall in behind in columns of fours. They can fly as straight as an arrow goes. When attacking a bunch of boys they usually fly on a level with the ground and about the average height of the boys' eyes. One strange thing. A wasp seldom ever deals one a body blow. The aim is at the eye. The softest place for the operations of a wasp's stinger is just immediately below the eye. A country boy who has never had one or both eyes swollen shut from the sting of the wasp is not a real boy. There is a little "sissy" streak somewhere. But the thing I started out to say is that the Chamber of Commerce should investigate this proposition and find out for certain if the wasps do really eat the web-worm. If they do then there should be a lot of wasp factories encouraged up and down the rivers and creeks of this country and state. In case a lot of these factories should be established and become successful then some Burbank might come along and breed the stinger off of the things. Then along with the development of the pecan industry would come the stingerless wasp. At present the only known way to grow wasps without stingers is to catch the wasps and pull the stingers off. That's tedious and difficult—San Saba News.

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices begin by enlisting the mothers.—Simmons.

Misses Rena Ross Richards, Mabel Boykin and Ora Gainey let Sunday for Denver, Colo., where they will spend the remainder of July.

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LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

Bllox1, Miss.—"I had, for a year or more, nervous indigestion, or some form of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Alonzo Ford, 1117 Clay Street, this city. "The water I drank at that time seemed to constipate me. I would suffer until I got so nervous I wanted to get down on the floor and roll. I felt like I could tear my clothes.

"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."

Theford's Black-Draught liver medicine is for sale everywhere. J 84



NO. 183  
Official Statement of the  
Financial Condition of  
**Farmers & Merchants  
State Bank**

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1923, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 12th day of July, 1923.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts personal or collateral .....	\$ 81,617.74
Loans, real estate .....	9,547.20
Overdrafts .....	780.41
Liberty Bonds .....	6,356.90
Real Estate (banking house) .....	2,983.03
County Warrants .....	1,560.00
Furniture and fixtures .....	1,500.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers and cash on hand .....	67,640.50
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund .....	2,650.84
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund .....	3,405.64
Other Resources Collection .....	4.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$178,046.26</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in\$ .....	15,000.00
Surplus Fund .....	16,500.00
Undivided Profits, net .....	830.13
Individual Deposits, subject to check .....	108,145.51
Time Certificates of Deposit .....	29,170.62
Bonds Deposited .....	5,400.00
Other liabilities: Reserve .....	3,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$178,046.26</b>

**STATE OF TEXAS**  
County of Houston

We, Geo. E. Darsey, as president, and W. D. Granberry, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Geo. E. Darsey, President.  
W. D. Granberry, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July, A. D. 1923.

J. R. Richards,  
Notary Public  
(SEAL) Houston County, Texas.

**CORRECT—ATTEST:**

M. E. Darsey,  
W. G. Darsey,  
T. S. Kent,  
Directors.

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

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1923, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland State of Texas, on the 12th day of July, 1923.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts personal or collateral .....	\$ 88,563.26
Loans, real estate .....	3,783.74
County Warrants .....	148.43
Bonds and Stocks .....	30,595.08
Real Estate (banking house) .....	3,428.90
Furniture and fixtures .....	2,386.70
Due from other Banks and Bankers and cash on hand .....	37,890.98
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund .....	2,284.83
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund .....	3,458.77
Other Resources Collection .....	337.36
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$172,878.05</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in\$ .....	20,000.00
Surplus Fund .....	11,000.00
Undivided Profits, net .....	1,216.05
Individual Deposits, subject to check .....	108,500.21
Time Certificates of Deposit .....	24,161.79
Bonds Deposited .....	8,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$172,878.05</b>

**STATE OF TEXAS**  
County of Houston

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

C. W. Kennedy, President.  
U. M. Brock, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July, A. D., 1923.

Arwine Skidmore,  
Notary Public  
(SEAL) Houston County, Texas.  
**CORRECT—ATTEST:**  
P. H. Stafford,  
J. C. Kennedy,  
M. P. Herod,  
Directors.

Mrs. Scarborough and her son, Rufus Scarborough and family of Brownwood were here last week visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Laura Goodson.

**WHY AN EAST TEXAS  
"BLOC?"**

The Waco Times-Herald says: "The Houston Post wants the pine tree region to form a bloc. Why knot?"

The Post feels sure that the Jeffersonian Philosopher, one of the finest products of East Texas himself, would be proud to see East Texas thrilling with pulsations of new life. Blacklander that he has become, surely there must come stealing into his dreams at times the sweet murmurings of the Huntsville pines, and we know the memory of Walker county sausage titillates his palate when, in winter, he beholds the frost upon the lawn of his Waco home.

The days back yonder when he used to rob the melon patches and orchards of those beloved red hills, when the Trinity catfish used to call him to the shores of that turbid stream, must be very dear to him at this time of life.

The Post knows it would be a matter of great satisfaction to the Jeffersonian Philosopher if in the eventide of life he could see his native East Texas bustling with a rejuvenated industry; if he could hear the hum of cotton mills in Huntsville; if he could behold the desolate cutover wastes producing abundantly of the fruits and vegetables to which East Texas soil and climate are so adaptable; if he could see the smoke of furnaces in Rusk and Jefferson curling upward to the sky; if he could see in April the bare cutover hill-tops crowned with the beauty of peach blossoms; if when he boarded the Huntsville branch at Phelps, good old Bob Tilley, the conductor, could say to him: "Philosopher, you ought to see the factories making our own hardwoods into furniture for Texas homes."

All these things and more are possible for old East Texas, which so long embraced nearly all there was of Texas civilization.

The Post wants to see a bloc to bring about these things, not to wrest from the legislature what may not be good for the whole commonwealth; a bloc that will make East Texas so prosperous in every way that her future Jeffersonian Philosophers—and she is always producing them—will not be tempted to carry away their inspirations, ambitions and energies to enrich distant lands.—Houston Post.

**PAVING CONTRACT LET**

The contract for paving the public square, two blocks east to the Baptist and Methodist church corners and four blocks west to the railroad station was let on Thursday of last week to Smith Brothers. Only two bids were received and Smith Brothers' was the lowest. Their bid was for \$74,963. The cost of the paving will be paid in street paving warrants. The matter of street paving is an important step for the city and other progressive steps are expected to follow. The county will be asked to pay a third of the cost of paving the court house square.—Crockett Courier.

The world is not much interested in the storms you encountered at sea. The question is: "Did you bring the ship into port?"

**BRIDGING THE GAP  
OF WASTE**

Each day it becomes more evident that capital and labor must gain more enlightened knowledge of the effect of their operations before the mass of the people in this country arrive at a state of industrial peace and reasonable comfort. Certainly the present relationship does not work out and there are abundant evidences of abuses on both sides.

The high wage for the honest day of work is the goal to be sought. The high cost of labor because of inefficiency in management or plain loafing on the job never will accomplish. When the railroads were taken over labor was sharply classified. Piece work was abolished. Each man was fitted exactly into his niche. The result was heavy increase in labor cost for minimum production. To open the door of a locomotive required the services of two men. To remove a blower pipe two others were employed while to remove the tip a machinist and his helper were used.

Superficial thinking labor leaders were quick to grasp this opportunity to fix a still firmer grip on the control of manufacturing operations. Living costs naturally advance with labor costs.

Capital would like to see the means of production further standardized mechanically, but it balks when standardization is applied to labor. Seemingly labor always must remain flexible. An honest day's work must be given, and at the same time an end must come to the theoretical vaporings of men who figure the cost of bare necessities of life a living wage.

We must come to see the difference between living and existing.

**THE EXCEPTION**

Newlywed: "What do you think of the state of matrimony?"

Old-Timer: "Waal, it's been my observation that it is the exception to Lincoln's rule. It continues to endure—half slave and half free."

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Neglecting a little wound, cut or abrasion of the flesh may in nine cases out of ten cause no great suffering or inconvenience, but it is the one case in ten that causes blood poisoning, lockjaw or a chronic festering sore. The cheapest, safest and best course is to disinfect the wound with liquid Borozone and apply the Borozone Powder to complete the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

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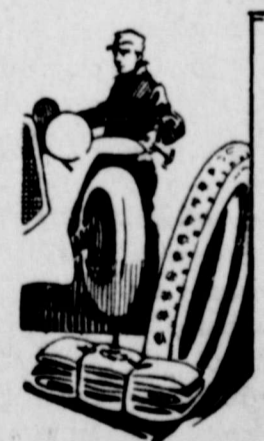
**Let the Farmer Watch His Step**

The announcement of the Federal Farm Loan Board that \$12,000,000 is now available for farm loans under the new agricultural credit law, and at interest which while high is heavenly compared with existing rates, will put heart into many a man who for years has been struggling under the burden of financial oppression; but it is hoped the tempting bait will not be swallowed to the point of saturation.

The new system will have the effect of reducing interest charges in some states from 10 per cent, to 7 per cent, or perhaps less. This sounds as cymbals heralding approach to the promised land, but it should not be forgotten that in many states interest on private loans in excess of six per cent is considered usury, and the lenders are punishable under the statutes. However, there appears to be one law for the commercial business man and another for the farmer.

The law has inferentially acknowledged that commercial money cannot thrive on a seven per cent interest rate, and while the relief of the farmer will be appreciated, it will be found mighty hard scraping for the farmer to get adequate reward for his labor at this lowered rate. Danger lies in the likelihood that the farmer, so long used to extortion, will over-borrow at the new rate, and will be disposed to seek temporary ease in finance, not realizing that the mills of Wall Street, like the mills of the gods, grind slowly but they grind exceeding small and that the day of settlement is as certain as the day of judgment. The farmer may obtain money at 5½ per cent when borrowing through a cooperative marketing association, but here again the overhead steps in and the additional charges foot up to a sum that still must make the tiller of the soil bend to the burden.

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When you need a Tire changed, a Lamp adjusted or anything done to your car, drive in and let us prove to you the advantage and the economy of having us do the work.

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J. C. NORMAN, Proprietor

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THE MESSENGER

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THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1923.

If words were work, we know some folks who would have to go some place for a rest cure.—Mineral Wells Index.

Alaska has produced nearly half a billion dollars' worth of minerals, and 97 per cent of this has come from her deposits of gold, copper and silver.

Dempsey is a business man before he is a fighter. He demanded that all the money he received from the fourth of July bout be placed in the bank prior to the fight.

F. A. Richardson, governor of California, prominent newspaper proprietor and editor for years, was unanimously elected as President of the California Press Association for the twenty-second time. He must be a regular Sam Harben.

Henry Ford continues to be the unknown quantity in the political campaign next year. He has the big politicians of both parties jumping sideways. They do not know whether he is a democrat or republican. They do know that he is leading in the cities and rural communities in the straw vote recently taken by a national magazine. And this is what keeps them guessing.

For the past four years farmers have entered each year an average of 209,000 cows in cow-testing associations organized with the assistance of county agricultural extension agents, to determine whether or not the cows with proper feeding and care could produce sufficient butter fat to pay for the expense of keeping them on the farm. The number of cows entered in 1922 was over 270,000.

Under present conditions the timber supply of this country will be exhausted in between forty and fifty years, according to the chief forester of the Department of Agriculture. Pine timber is being cut eight and one-half times as fast as it is being replaced while hardwood is being cut three and one-half times as fast.

OTHER AMENDMENTS VOID IS CLAIMED

San Antonio, Tex., July 8.—If a statement attributed to Acting Secretary of State C. W. Payne—that no amendment to the constitution of Texas in recent years has been advertised in accordance with the same constitution—proves true, Chairman, R. M. Hubbard of the state highway commission and Representative W. E. Pope of Corpus Christi agreed in San Antonio tonight that it is practically certain all such additions to the state's organic law since 1912 will be declared null and void.

These two Texans, one vitally interested in the highway amendment just ruled out because it was not advertised in accordance with the constitution, and the other more interested in textbooks and legislation affecting them than any other member of the legislature, are convinced that there will be litigation affecting every amendment referred to by Mr. Payne, and that, if what Payne is alleged to have said proves correct, there will be no difficulty in eliminating the textbook controversy from the lawmaker's and from the public mind.

In prescribing the method of amending the constitution, article 17 of that instrument says every proposed amendment shall be advertised for at least one month, "commencing at least three months before the date of said election, etc." They fell down at Austin on the "commencing" part of the constitution, so far as the highway amendment is concerned, and Chairman Hubbard has been told by the state officials who have talked with Payne that this has been the rule throughout ten years or more with all the amendments.

When Hubbard and Pope met in San Antonio they immediately began comparing reports and it developed that Pope had sensed the possibility of what Payne is said to have reported and that he (Pope) had written State Tax Commissioner John G. Willacy to have the record examined. Both men are of the opinion that nothing that has happened in Texas of late was more of "front page" stuff than what Payne is believed to have discovered.

Amendments affected, according to Mr. Pope's belief, include not only that requiring the purchase of all textbooks out of the state treasury, but the state prohibition amendment and many others of consequence. Amendments adopted Nov. 5, 1912, provided for government of the state prison system by a board, for government of the state university by a board of regents and for cities of 5,000 or more to adopt their own charters.—Galveston News.

DENIAL

Austin, Texas, July 9.—Acting Secretary of State C. W. Payne says so far as he knows all constitutional amendments except the highway were published in time. Reports quoting him to the contrary are untrue and unauthorized, he said.

Arnold Clewis has returned from a visit to Cold Springs.



I JUSA gotta idee so I writta you letter aska wot you tink eef ees gooda one. You know one time I say I no lika da congress when he loafta too mooch.

But seence dat time he almosta go to work. After I leaive da capeetol I reada een da paper where he was gonna maka investigash of da high costa for leeving. Eef he do dat I am gonna back dat place and aska heem scuse me please. Eef he can maka da leeving no costa so mooch I no care how moocha he lay round any more.

Everybody gotta trouble now maka da leeving. I getta raise weeth da wage tree, four time. And everything I eat hava raise, too. So I tink was greata stuff when da congress stoppa chew da rag and maka fight weeth da high price.

But eef he maka too moocha investigash and no do somating wot's da use? For longa time da congress try stoppa de League of Nations. But wot we need more as anything ees somebody stoppa da leak of rations.

One man weeth beega family tella me he gotta trouble maka both ends meet every week. I tella heem I gotta trouble maka just one end meet. I spenda everything maka een da wage for beefsteak payaday Saturday night. But mebbe dat guy no care ver mooch for da expense eef he wanta meet both ends every week.

Wot you tink?  
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A Crack Shot.  
 Mandy—Does yo' husban' contribute to yo' support?  
 Hanna—He sure do! Dat man am de best craps shooter in dis town.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones of this city held their annual reunion on July 4th at Tubb's Lake, in Leon county, with a big barbecue. About 100 guests were present, including people from Grapeland, Oakwood, Buffalo, Jewett and Palestine. The day was very pleasantly spent in fishing, swimming, boating and other outdoor sports.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had with them their eight children: C. C. Jones of Palestine; Mrs. Chas. Royall, Homer and Tressie Jones of this city; F. W., Sidney, Manley and Harry of Malvern.  
 A Guest.

LAW PROFESSORS TO TRY TO SAVE ROAD AMENDMENT

Austin, Tex., July 9.—At the suggestion of three university professors of law, Acting Governor Davidson agreed today to postpone until tomorrow the issuance of his proclamation calling off the election for July 28 on the highway amendment to the constitution. The faculty members in the meantime will try to find some way to save the amendment. They are Judge John C. Townes Sr., dean emeritus; Dr. George C. Butte, dean, and C. S. Potts.

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W. M. S. NOTES

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church held their regular meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. W. Howard.

In addition to our regular program and Bible study, a special memorial program honoring Belle H. Bennett was rendered.

Mrs. Frank Faris of Lake Charles, La., and Mrs. W. E. Carlton of this city were visitors at this meeting.

The hostess, assisted by her daughters, Misses Lucile and Rosalie, served refreshing sherrbert and cake.

Reporter.

Mrs. John B. Selkirk and son of Jacksonville are spending the week in Grapeland with relatives.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

Grapeland—W. E. Carlton, H. I. Luce.

Route 2—S. E. Whitaker.

Route 3—J. J. Juice.

Route 4—M. L. Williams.

Elkhart—Mrs. L. C. Smith.

Ratcliff—Mrs. J. M. Frizzell.

Tamina—J. N. Parker.

Crockett—J. E. Towery.

Houston—Miss Madge Bean.

Sumatra, Mont.—Mrs. Nelson DuBois. (By Sam Caskey.)

Breckenridge—Mrs. Mollie Hutchins. (By Mrs. Walter Howard.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pridgen and children left Sunday in their car for Houston, Galveston and San Antonio, where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

America's Marvels  
NATURAL AND OTHERWISE

By T. T. Maxey

THE FIELD MUSEUM

The exhibits at the World's Fair, Chicago, in 1893, offered an exceptional opportunity for the founding of a museum as an everlasting memorial of this great international affair and to preserve its endless antiquities. To start and further this movement, Marshall Field, Chicago's merchant prince, donated \$1,000,000, and the exhibits desired were selected and placed on display in the Art palace on the exposition grounds.

When Mr. Field died in 1906 he left \$4,000,000 additional for a building to be erected on a permanent site, and another \$4,000,000 to provide for its maintenance. The great, imposing, spacious-halled palace of white Georgia marble—covering eleven acres of ground, said to be the largest marble building in the world, which now stands in Grant park on the lake front in Chicago, the Field Museum of Natural History, is the result.

Inside, the world, it might be said, awaits your inspection. One room holds the exhibits which show the advances made by men of ancient times that led up to the present civilization; another displays Egyptian antiquities without end; a third, bronze and ancient glassware from Rome. Another section contains displays representing the early races of North and South America and the Pacific islands. A highly instructive exhibit is that which shows various birds, animals, fish and reptiles artistically grouped in their natural habitats. One hall is packed with exhibits from China. The habit of growth and structural makeup of many flowers and seeds is shown in an extremely interesting fashion. The display of woods from various parts of the world and the products made from wood is extensive. Numerous examples of meteorites and crystals, and models showing the workings of mines of many kinds, are shown. Ethnological and geological collections from Africa, India, Japan and other far-away lands contain many curious objects.

The entire world was searched and everything which the authorities considered as worthy appears to have been brought to this central headquarters for the public to view and study. The carcass of a monstrous herbivorous dinosaur which roamed the earth centuries ago is perhaps the oldest inhabitant; the skeleton of a monster whale is perhaps the largest single exhibit; the smallest probably is the miniature seed of some wee plant; an Indian medicine wheel, found on a mountain top, surrounded with an air of ceremony, perhaps of sacrifice, too, its use conjectural, certainly is a most peculiar exhibit.

At any rate, the generosity and foresight of a wealthy public-spirited man has made it possible for future generations to "see the world" in his home town—Chicago.

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SALMON SAYINGS

Salmon, July 9.—This section of the country was visited with a fine rain yesterday afternoon, which was appreciated by all.

Rob Reed, who has been sick for quite a while, is reported to be better.

The meeting at Guiceland came to a close Sunday, Bro. Parnell did some able preaching.

The singing at this place was well attended Sunday night and some good singing was rendered by the class.

Mr. Cecil Bean was among the visitors at singing last night.

Mrs. North is here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Glenn.

L. N. Lasiter will leave for Jones School House Sunday, where he will begin a 15 days' Normal Singing School. He will be assisted by Miss Estell Shipper, who will give instrumental lessons.

L. N. Lasiter and his quartet went to Montalba in Anderson County Friday night, where they put on a singing concert and stayed over and sang Saturday night also, returning home Sunday morning. They report a delightful time.

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All voiles 36 inches wide regular price 25c a yard, three day specials . . . . . 20c

Percales 36 inches wide regular price 20c a yard the world over, three day specials at . 15c

The largest size towel you can buy for 85c a pair, three day specials a pair . . . . . 50c

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By special order of the chief of chemical warfare at Washington war has been declared on snakes in Texas. Mustard gas, phosgene and chlorine, deadly gases used in warfare, are to be turned on large dens of rattlesnakes in the vicinity of San Marcos, Tex. The use of the gases will be directed by Maj. George M. Halloran, chemical warfare officer at Fort Sam Houston.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. No preaching morning or night on account of the revival at the Baptist church.

We begin our meeting next Sunday morning at New Prospect. Bro. Parnell and his people will join us in this meeting.

We begin a meeting at Percilla the 4th Sunday, and at Hays Springs the 5th Sunday. We desire the prayers and cooperation of all the Christian people of these several communities.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

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is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over Forty Years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Uncle John's Job

DON'T JUDGE A MAN'S BRAVERY BY THE WAY HE SHAVES HIMSELF!



HOMEY PHILOSOPHY for 1923

THE fellow who runs a car oughtn't to cuss it. He ought to study it. Often he does. If it stops because the battery runs down and he finds out what's the matter, he puts a new charge in the battery. And he knows its going to run down again, sooner or later, unless he keeps pouring into it more power than he takes out of it.

Building a place in the world is just the same. We might as well make up our minds that we've got to put into the world a little more than we take out of it if we want to break even, because there's always a little leakage in everything.

Mrs. M. M. Gustine of Alcedo is here visiting her daughters, Mesdames. F. M. Boone and C. H. Sewell.

THE ROAD HOG

The road hog is not a new creation. He has been with us always, but he has come into more prominence since the advent of the automobile. Neither do the road hogs all live in the country. We find them in the city, but because streets are broad, he is not as successful as when driving the country roads. Road hogs apparently secure some satisfaction in forcing an oncoming driver to take to the ditch in order to pass him and oftentimes one could cut off a section of the car, the driver of which refuses to make an even divide.

There is another kind of a road hog equally as obnoxious. He is the man who is driving a team and tenaciously sticks to the middle of the road and ignores the sounding horn of the motorist who desires to pass. Such men are met on every road, but at that, they are exceptions to the rule. There is an unwritten law which most motorists obey, and that is to divide the road or even give up a greater share of it when passing conditions are bad on the other side. Most farmers and drivers of teams quickly heed the horn and drive to one side so that the faster vehicle may conveniently pass. The exceptions, however, are frequent enough to arouse the indignation of the citizen who practices road courtesy and expects others to do the same.—Farm & Ranch.

SCHOOL FUNDS

There has been a large number of inquiries received by the State Department of Education with reference to the probable amount of the per capita apportionment for the support of the public schools for the year 1923-1924. It has been estimated that the amount will be \$13.

In the event the state is held liable for the new textbook contracts, it will be necessary to set aside for the purchase of free textbooks, \$2,000,000 instead of \$500,000 as indicated above, which would reduce the per capita apportionment to \$12.

MOTHERS

Watch for symptoms of worms in your children. These parasites are the great destroyers of child life. If you have reason to think your child has worms, act quickly. Give the little one a dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms cannot exist where this time-tried and successful remedy is used. It drives out the worms and restores the rosy hue of health to baby cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by Wade L. Smith

STATE TO PAY TAXES

Under a bill passed during the last session of the legislature, and approved by the governor, the delinquent taxes due this county by the state penitentiary system will be paid. The amount of the taxes to be paid will be \$4,689.91. Judge Leroy Moore, County Attorney Earle Adams the county commissioners, and other county and state officials have been working to bring about this settlement for several months.—Houston County Times.

ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

Constable Newt Ferguson arrested a young white man at Salmon Sunday afternoon as being suspected of burglarizing the residence of Hugh Morrison at Crockett Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ferguson carried the young man to Crockett and turned him over to Sheriff Hale. He protested his innocence, and said his home was in Douglass, Ariz. He beat his way to Salmon and was put off by the train crew.

One of the largest watermelon crops ever raised in Texas is forecast for this year. Between 5,000 and 5,500 carloads are expected to be sent out of the state and more than that number will be eaten within the state. Already they have begun to come in to market and during July and August they are expected to attain the period of their greatest lusciousness.

DALY'S LOCALS

Daly's July 9.—Crops are looking fine in this community, if we could only get a good rain.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely and our Baptist meeting will begin the 4th Sunday in July. Everybody is invited to come and be with us.

Miss Callie Mae Lasiter spent last week in Reynard visiting friends and relatives.

Another family reunion was held on the 4th of July at the Huff home. There were a number of relatives and several friends present. Everybody enjoyed it very much.

There were lots of relatives and friends who enjoyed a picnic at the syrup mill on the Richard's farm the 4th also.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lively's children are here visiting relatives.

Several from here attended preaching at Hays Spring Sunday.

SOME SMILES

SETTLED

Bobby—"I'm going to buy an all-day sucker with my penny."  
Ruth—"Oh, my, don't do it—it's after four o'clock now."

WELL NAMED

Visitor—"Rastus, why for you-all call that chile, Europe?"  
Rastus—"Unsettled—so all-pow'rful unsettled."

Tommy: "Pa, what is a theorist?"

Tommy's Pa: "A theorist, my son, is a man who thinks he is learning to swim by sitting on the bank and watching a frog."

SARAH, SARAH

Husband (to hired girl)—"Oh, Sarah, can you tell me of my wife's whereabouts?"

Sarah—"No—unless they're in the wash."

TOOTHsome TALE

He said her teeth were like stars, 'Twould make most any girl fight. She thought he meant it was because Her teeth came out every night.

GOODNESS SAKE

Gladys—"Do you and Tom do much canoing these days?"  
Lillian—"No—not much—Dad bought a new davenport, you know."

BLONDE BESS OPINES

"It's been just about long enough now for a lotta June brides to learn that the little circle of gold on the third digit of the left mitt is in reality a Houdini defying handcuff."

GREAT HEAD, DAN

Artist—"I am going to paint a picture of fish—and I don't know whether to do it in water-colors or oil."

Dumb Dan—"Well, if they're sardines—they should be done in oil."

THE EVIDENCE

"Bridget, has Johnnie come home from school yet?"  
"Yeess, sir."  
"Have you seen him?"  
"Noi sir."  
"Then how do you know he's home."  
"Cause the cat's hidden under the stove sir."

BRING IN THE WINNER

"That lobster has only one claw," said Pat, eyeing the "broiled alive" in a cafe.  
"You see, lobsters fight with each other and occasionally one loses a claw," explained the waiter.  
"All right," replied Pat, pushing back the plate, "bring me the winner."

Half of the country's stock of money is in gold, according to the Treasury Department. Gold coin and bullion in the United States amounts to \$4,023,250,000, while all money, including gold, silver, and government and bank notes, amounts to \$8,536,623,000.

A HAPPY FOURTH

The Goodson Hotel was the scene of a gay time on the fourth of July, being in the nature of a family reunion, with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodson as host and hostess. Those present were Mrs. Scarborough and her son, Rufus Scarborough and family of Brownwood, Claude and Lon Jones and their families of Percilla, Mrs. A. S. Porter and baby of Angleton, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sullivan and children of Crockett, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodson and little daughter of this city.

Signs You Can Believe In

If your breath is bad and you have spells of swimming in the head, poor appetite, constipation and a general no-account feeling, it is a sign your liver is torpid. The one really dependable remedy for all disorders in the liver, stomach and bowels is Herbine. It acts powerfully on the liver, strengthens digestion, purifies the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy, vim and cheerfulness. Price 60c. Sold by

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Some people grow under responsibilities, others swell.

PORTER BUYS DRUG STORE

The following item, taken from the Angleton paper, relates the purchase of a drug store by A. S. Porter, a former Grapeland citizen, who was engaged in the drug business in this city for several years:

"Dr. A. S. Porter is now in active control of the Angleton Drug Co. which he recently bought from his former employer, Terry Van Pelt.

Dr. Porter has been pharmacist in the institution for a number of years and is thoroughly familiar with the store and with local conditions. This, coupled with his long experience with the drug business, eminently fit him to sustain the reputation of the store. He has the best wishes of everyone for the greatest possible degree of success."

NOTICE. TRANSFERS

All those who wish to transfer their children into the Grapeland Independent School District for the coming term, should do so before August 1st. See F. M. Boone or Wade L. Smith, who will attend to the matter.

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THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER



IF YOU ARE IN A BIG HURRY WE CAN PRESS YOUR CLOTHES WHILE YOU WAIT SERVICE IS OUR MIDDLE NAME

M. L. Clewis Your Tailor

Poem by UNCLE JOHN

Most everybody's got 'em, though it's powerful hard to say, whether they are due immediate, or, at furdur distant day. Yet a feller ort to figger, as he chaws his daily bread, —how they meet the gall—or PROSPECKS glory—in the prospecks out ahead.

There's nothin' more absorbin' to a feller's heart an' mind, than in tryin' to shape his prospecks to the sort he'd like to find; and, I couldn't think of nothin' that can fill my soul with dread, like a batch of gloomy prospecks which is furdur on, ahead!

I aint ashamed to own it,—that the chief of my delights, is, to dream of happy prospecks, as I lay awake of nights . . . And I wake up in the mornin' with my face toward the sky, and the appetite fer battle—mebbe never knowin' why!

While everybody's hopin' fer a better state of things, when they swap these earthly garments fer a pair of heavenly wings.—Yet, they better be particklar in the pathway that they tread, if they'd dodge the fire an' brimstone in the prospecks out ahead!



## America's Marvels

NATURAL AND OTHERWISE

By T. T. Maxey

### OUR LARGEST CAVE

In 1881 a man passing over a hole in the ground had his hat shot off by a sudden gust of air. History falls to record how far he ran or how fast. When he stopped and recovered his senses he told others of this unexpected and exciting experience. A party accompanied him back to the spot and Wind Cave, one of the wonders of our West, a few miles north of the town of Hot Springs in the southwestern corner of South Dakota, was discovered.

Although not all of this cave has been as yet explored, that portion which has been trod by man comprises a larger area than that occupied by any other known cave in America. The explored portion comprises about one hundred miles of passageways and several hundred rooms or chambers. No outlet has been discovered; therefore, the end is as much a mystery as ever.

Aside from an occasional trickle down some wall, there is an unusual absence of water in this cave. The temperature is a pleasant medium as caves go, neither too warm nor too cold. A peculiar feature which scientists seem unable to solve to their satisfaction is that of the shifting of the movements of air through this cave. At times the trend of the air at the entrance is outward and then again it is inward.

While it is anticipated that ultimately many different routes through this underground cavern will be available to visitors, three only have been opened up to this time. The longest of these routes includes some seventy-five rooms and about six hours are required to make the circuit.

The names bequeathed to the various chambers or rooms are characteristic of the predominating feature of each. There's the Post Office, where most visitors endeavor to find wall space for their cards; the Bride's Chamber, the Garden of Eden, Dante's Inferno, the Opera House, the Cross Roads, the Fair Grounds and so on. These rooms differ widely both as to size and formation. The Fair Grounds is reputed to be the world's largest underground cavern, being upwards of an acre in extent.

These rooms are arranged in parallel tiers and are also stacked in layers. This latter arrangement on so vast a scale as here in evidence is decidedly unusual in cave architecture. The long and short of it is that this cave takes on a resemblance to an eight-story underground office building.

This cave was created a national park in 1903 and is open to tourists throughout the year.

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### SILVER CREEK NEWS

Silver Creek, July 9.—The revival meeting at this place began Sunday. Bro. W. D. Andrews of Slocum is doing the preaching. Everybody invited to attend.

We had a very nice rain Sunday which was badly needed as the crops were suffering.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Franklin spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Ferguson of Liberty Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cook Saturday night and Sunday.

Several of the young people of this community attended the singing at Muse Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Edmondson visited Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Woodard Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Killgo of Slocum spent the week end with Mrs. Bud Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Erma Mills visited Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dickey of Waneta Saturday and Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Johnston of Slocum visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Edmondson Friday.

Mrs. Miriam Franklin visited Mrs. Eunice Mills Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Franklin spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hodges.

Carl Franklin, Roy Franklin, and Erma Mills made a business trip to Grapeland Friday.

### WANETA NEWS

Waneta, July 9.—Quite a number of the New Hope folks attended the singing at Muse Sunday, which was conducted by J. N. Harris. He will begin a fifteen days' school at that place today.

Mrs. N. B. Hendrick has returned home after a week's visit at Grapeland and Palestine.

Mrs. Henry Teems and little son of Fort Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Babe Dickey.

Allie Dickey of Palestine spent the 4th with his parents, Mr. Mrs. Babe Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hogan and little daughter, Doxie, of Houston, are visiting their friends and relatives in this community.

Several went fishing last week, and Jim Moore reported the best luck, as he caught one weighing fifteen and a quarter pounds.

Miss Annie Hale of Palestine has been visiting her friends and relatives of this place.

Grandma Teems of Grapeland is spending a few weeks with her granddaughter, Mrs. E. B. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rich spent the week end below Crockett among their friends.

Mr. and O. H. Harrington and little daughter, Doris, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother and father.

Mrs. Harry Lively visited at the home of Mr. Ed George Saturday afternoon.

Raymond Scarborough made a business trip to Sardas Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Scoggin and Grace Rich spent Saturday with Mrs. Lee Scoggins.

Miss Estell Monk spent Sunday with Mrs. Mollie Miles.

Mrs. Retha Sheffield of Rusk is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monk of this community.

Miss Veda Hogan spent Sunday with Mrs. Venie Miles.

There will be a quarterly meeting at New Hope Saturday. Everybody be sure and come and bring a well packed basket, and also church Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Bro. Parnell will do the preaching.

Miss Alvie Hendrick spent Saturday night with Miss Lillian Lively.

Rub Lively has been real sick but is better at this writing.

### ANTRIM LOCALS

Antrim, July 8.—We got a nice shower this afternoon which was appreciated very much.

Little John A. Martin is very sick at this writing.

Misses Mary and Agnes Anderson and brothers, Brooker and Edward, recently visited their sister, Mrs. Arch McQueen.

Bro. Deckart Anderson came down to fill his appointment Saturday, but as Bro's McDaniel and Gibson were down here, Bro. McDaniel preached for us Saturday night and Bro. Gibson Sunday. Both delivered splendid sermons.

Misses Myrtis and Eunice Waddell of LaPorte are the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

Brooker Anderson is now visiting in this community. He visited Calvin Durnell Sunday.

The Baptist revival meeting will begin here next Wednesday night. Services will be conducted by the pastor, Bro. Deckart Anderson. Everybody come out

### NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, July 9.—We are still needing rain; have been having light showers but not enough to benefit crops very much.

Last week seemed to have been visiting week in this community with picnics thrown in for good measure. A picnic was given on the 3rd which was enjoyed by about a dozen families and there were several picnics on the 4th. Almost everybody had some place to go.

Misses Zelma Finch and Velma Chandler came home from Huntsville to spend a few days last week. Both have returned to their work in school.

W. P. Kyle and wife and Grady Finch and wife visited at Reynard several days last week.

Mrs. N. J. Campbell returned home last Friday after spending 2 weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Collier, near Palestine.

Mrs. E. J. Musick came home Sunday after a two weeks visit at Reynard.

J. F. Bridges and wife and Sam Bridges and family visited at the home of W. W. Finch Sunday.

Miss Audeen Keen of Grapeland visited the Misses Chandler last week.

Mrs. Claude Brooks and Arnold Keen attended church at Oak Grove last Sunday.

On the third, Mrs. Effie Herod was married to Mr. Dock Bunyun of Elkhart. Mr. Bunyun will remain here till crops are gathered but we have heard that he intends moving back to Elkhart.

A. B. Musick, who resides near Enon, is visiting at the home of Jim Musick.

There was an entertainment given at the home of Alton Baker last Tuesday night.

Arch Parker went to San Antonio last week.

Mrs. W. P. Kyle and son, J. R. visited Sumnar Rials and family Saturday and Sunday.

Myrtis Newman of Grapeland spent last week with relatives here.

Protracted meeting season is about here so we will soon be rustling peas, chickens and watermelons to feed the preachers. Come along everybody.

and help make this an old fashion revival meeting.

Floyd Smith was a visitor in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wright spent the latter part of last week in this community visiting friends and relatives.

Bob Brinson and family recently spent a few days here with his father, A. W. Brinson and family.

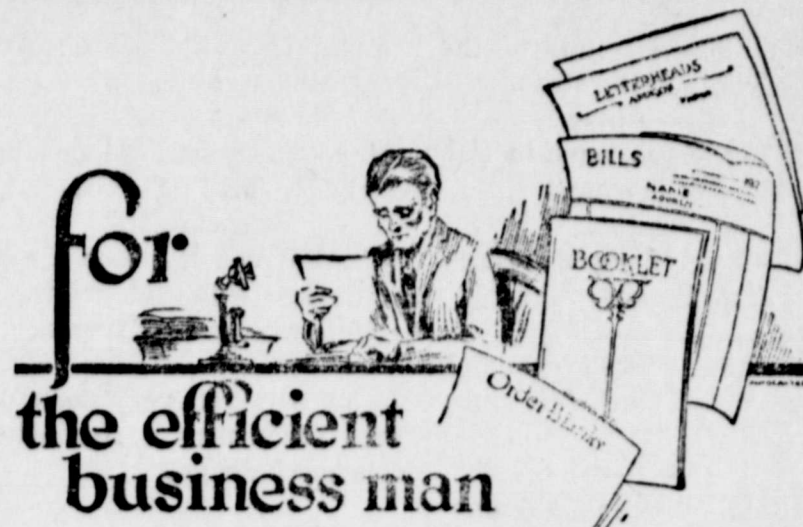
Miss Myrtis Waddell was the guest of Miss Mamie Durnell Sunday.

J. L. Nichols and W. M. Durnell visited Arch McQueen Sunday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Stafford left Sunday for San Antonio, where they will spend the week visiting relatives. They will be joined there by their daughter, Miss Frances, who has been visiting friends in Del Rio.

Miss Lucile Gustine, who is attending school at Huntsville, was here for the week end visiting her mother, Mrs. M. B. Gustine, and her sisters, Mesdames. F. M. Boone and C. H. Sewell.

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# Local Happenings

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T. H. Leaverton went to Galveston Monday morning.

LOST—Pair of paper trestles. Phone Joihah Caskey.

Mrs. Nathan Guice is spending this week in Troup with relatives.

Miss Melba Brock is in Arlington this week visiting her friend, Miss Edna Sanders.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Campbell of Marshall are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Campbell at Salmon.

Rev. J. L. Willis and his bride of Big Sandy are here for a few days' visit to his mother and other relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Ragsdale of Beaumont was here several days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Howard.

Mrs. Edgar Bean and son of Palestine and her daughter, Miss Madge of Houston, are spending the week in this community with relatives and friends.

Columbus Woodard, a former Grapeland boy, son of the late Dr. F. C. Woodard, is spending the week in Grapeland with friends. He is now located at Bardwell, Texas.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said: "Me and my wife, my son, John, and his wife, we four and all the rest shore are goin' to the Grapeland fair this year."

In a big fire which recently swept the orange field, the drug store of Mr. Roy Harvey was completely destroyed. Mr. Harvey is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weisinger, who resides just north of town.

Mr. Wells and family of Lamesa are here on a visit to relatives and friends. Mr. Wells reports good feed crops in that section, but states the cotton is late on account of too much rain in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Weisinger and children went to Houston last Saturday in their car to visit their son, Olan Weisinger and family. They found Olan sick, and his mother remained with him, Mr. Weisinger and the children returning home.

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Collin Lochfield of Crockett spent Sunday here.

Have your hats cleaned and reblocked. M. L. Clewis.

Charlie Wall is off on his vacation, and will visit points in north Texas and Oklahoma.

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W. E. Carlton, local Ford dealer, was in Houston the first of the week on business.

Mrs. Dora Adams of Palestine was here Sunday visiting her sister, Mrs. Owen Johnston.

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### FOR SERVICE

My registered Jersey bull at my place. Fee \$2.50. Ed Keen.

Why Hunt the old Garden of Eden? A little hard work with the spade and hoe will make an Eden of almost any bit of fertile soil.—Toledo Blade.

### TAKEN UP

Black Poland China gilt about 1 year old. Owner can have same by calling at my place and paying for this notice. C. A. Mills.

Mrs. J. M. Owens was called to Tamina Tuesday morning by the illness of her son, Mulkey, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Parker home Sunday.

Claude Johnson of Hunt county, who has been visiting in the Tyres School House neighborhood returned home Wednesday morning accompanied by his father, Mr. Guss Johnson.

### WORDS OF THE WISE

John D. Rockefeller says the reason he never attends dinners or banquets is because that most all of the speakers remind him of automobile wheels—the longer the "spoke" the bigger the "tire."

### MICKIE SAYS—

IF ADVERTISING AINT NO GOOD, WHY ARE ALL TH' BIG CITY PAPERS CHUCK FULL O' ADS? THEM BIG BUSINESS MEN AINT A LOT OF DUMB BELLS, ARE THEY?



Rain-making is a futile undertaking, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. It is true that in the laboratory a small amount of moisture can be precipitated by the use of special equipment. However, to produce one inch of rain over one acre, approximately 113 tons of moisture would have to be drawn up into the air and then precipitated. The cloud that spreads over the housetops represents billions of horsepower; and even if some artificial means were found to cause rain, only a small amount of precipitation could result. The various schemes to make rain and control atmospheric conditions are useless, according to the Weather Bureau.

To make the first part of life take care of the last part, is the real job we humans are up against.—The Silent Partner.

### Need of Home Ownership.

Robert E. Simon told the convention of the Real Estate association of the state of New York held at Rochester, that every effort should be made to encourage home ownership, whether in the single or two-family house, or by co-operative ownership in the multi-family house. "The large percentage of tenantry is one of the dangers in our country today," said Mr. Simon. "While France has 80 per cent of home owners, the United States census of 1890 showed 48 per cent, and 1910 only 38 per cent; in 1920 it probably will be still less. This tide must be stopped and turned in the opposite direction."

### All Forms of Public Wealth.

The shade trees and ornamental plantings of parks and streets, grounds of health and pleasure resorts, public institutions and of city, suburban, country and farm homes, represent a form of wealth which the people realize in health, recreation, enjoyment of the home, and the increased value of property.

### The Man Behind the Carburetor

Sydney Anderson, of Minnesota, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Agricultural Enquiry, which recently made an investigation of the various factors entering into the marketing of farm products, makes it clear that the fads of the city folk and their demand for constant change and variety play quite a part in the seemingly low prices paid to farmers for original products.

In the case of a package of rolled oats retailing for 20 cents which the original producer sold for 32 cents a bushel, the following proportions appear: The retailer got 4.2 cents, of which 3.2 cents represented expenses of doing business and 1 cent his profit. The wholesaler received 1.8 cents of which .3 was profit. The manufacturer got 9.6 cents of which 2 cents were profit, 1.2 cents taxes, 1.6 cents transportation, 1.7 cents advertising, 1.3 cents selling cost, and 1.8 cents cost of manufacture. The elevator which handled the oats got .4 cents and the railroad .5 and the farmer 3.5.

Fair-minded men will see injustice in this price to the farmer, yet no one seems to have made extortionate profit at his expense.

It is well, too, to consider the effect on prices of the great variety of goods of a like kind demanded by the public. There are countless thousands of brands of all kinds of goods multiplied by the consumer to the point of absurdity. This means large stocks must be carried by retailers, and capital tied up, all of which the consumer has to pay.

The farmer may be exploited by the trader, but the people plainly are exploiting themselves.

### People Are Exploiting Themselves

Conservative estimates place the number of motor vehicles on the farms as 3,500,000, not counting motor driven farm machinery. There are at least 300,000 trucks and not less than 3,200,000 automobiles, used by the farmers.

Considered in the light of general production, these figures present a startling picture. In the background we can see in addition to the farmers' use of the car the millions of automobiles absorbed by the residents of the small towns where practically every one owns a car. Obviously, the market for the motor lies in the country, and, obviously, too, the astounding growth of motor car absorption is a lasting tribute to the usefulness of the home town newspaper which has been the only means of contact—except the sporadic scattering of a few magazines—between the motor car manufacturers and the great American population living in country America.

No industry in history has shown the rapid and enormous growth shown by the motor car industry, all of which has been largely due to the vision of the industrial geniuses who have brought about this transformation of our travel system. They were all born in the country. They know what contact with country folk meant, and they have made persistent and consistent use of the home town newspaper to carry their message to the buyers.

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