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FROM REYNARD.

A Good Potato Yield With A Good Price For the Crop Marketed. A Funny Turkey.

May 26.—Our potato men were in the Swim this time—big crop and good price—and but little trouble to prepare for market.

We have had some very peculiar freaks of weather the past night or so, and last night we hope the turning point was reached as it was quite stormy, but not much rain. No serious damage was done by the wind as far as we can learn.

T. S. Kent, Jr., came in Tuesday from Jacksonville, where he has been attending school; we are expecting Miss Anna Chiles in a few days, and then all the neighborhood children will be home once more and then we will have a picnic and give them all a real good airing.

Mrs. Zack's old gobbler got on his "annual tafe" the other day and lay drunk all day on mulberry wine. I wanted to take him to Grapeland and put him in the calaboose but Mrs. Zack has a great deal of patience with him and said he was not as bad as some men as his sprees were only once a year. He roused up a while before sundown and said; "putt," and went to roost like a man.

The turkey may have said that at we have heard somewhat different expressions made by men this condition.]

J. L. Chiles says he is ahead of the average methodist in these parts as he has seen and heard one of the new Bishops elect—Bishop Ward—all Texas ought to feel proud of him.

Lots of work to do, and it seems like the burrs will take us in spite of us. Zack.

Voices Of The Dead.

Under the above caption, John Cummings once wrote the following beautiful lines:

"We die but leave an influence behind us that survives. The echoes of our words are evermore repeated, and reflected along the ages. It is what a man was that lives and acts after him. What he said sounds along the years like voices amid the mountain gorges; and what he did is repeated after him in ever multiplying and never ceasing reverberations. Every man has left behind him influences for good or for evil that will never exhaust themselves. The sphere in which acts may be small or it may be great. It may be his fireside, or may be a kingdom, a village or a great nation; but act he does, peacefully and forever. The sun sets behind the west-hills, but the trail of light he leaves behind him guides the pilgrim to his distant home. The falls in the forest, but in the e of ages it is turned into and our fireside burns now brighter because it grew and grew. The coral insect dies, but reef it raised breaks the surges on the shores of great continents, or has formed an isle in the bosom of the ocean, the waves harvest for the good of man. We live and we die; but the good we do lives after us, and is not buried with our bones. Change.

FROM ORIOLE.

Hail Storm Does Slight Damage to Crops in This Section. A Pleasant Fishing Trip.

May 26.—Have just been reading over the Messenger of May 24th. and find it full of interesting items from various places in the county.

We have been visited lately by several of the candidates: Mr. Morris of Percilla, Mr. Wall of Augusta, Mr. Collier of Kennard, and Mr. Goodwin of Lovelady.

We had a severe hail storm several days ago between here and Crockett which, I hear, injured the crops on the farms of Messrs. Henry and Joe Rice. We had no hail in this immediate vicinity.

Several of the residents here have just returned from a fishing excursion, among them Dr. Puntah and family, and S. T. and Robt. Hester. They report a pleasant time and plenty of fish. We are having pretty weather now and all the farmers are about up with their crops.

Mrs. M. A. Marsh is still very low, Drs. Puntah and Merriwether attending her. They have but slight hopes of her recovery.

A. K.

The Country Press.

It occurred to us this week as we ran over our fifty or sixty exchanges to note the moral tone in them.

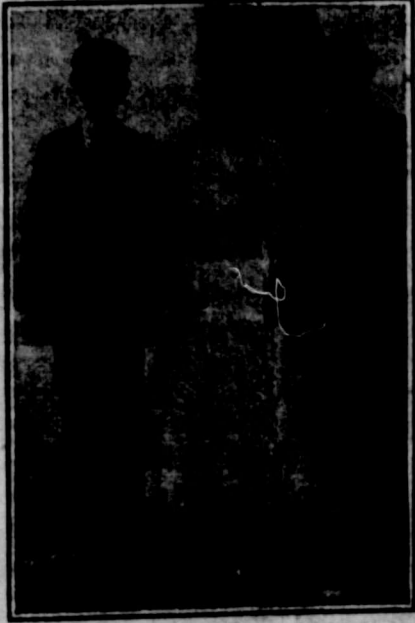
These papers are all sizes and grades, from every variety of town, and are edited by practical men who are pretty well acquainted with the world, the flesh and the devil.

In not one of them, did we find a defence of immorality. In not one of them did we find a semblance of defence for whiskey. In none of them was there a trace of vulgarity, and none taught or justified dishonesty. Neither could we find a sneer at purity, at religion, at the better things of life. In many of them were bits of excellent advice, little homely sermons on temperance, frugality and industry.

All of them were loyal to the home town and advocated honest principles in government and individuals. Wherever there was mention of the public schools it was in terms of praise. To be sure, here and there was some fun poked shams, some scorn at pretense. But we note that every one of these exchanges was for decency, progress, enlightenment, morality. Most of them are well read, most of them good judges of people and events. A pretty decent lot they are; in fact, we doubt if any other profession can offer a higher showing or even as high a showing.

Besides all this the country editor is proverbially liberal, free-hearted in every way. No stray printer ever goes away hungry if he has a quarter. No public subscription list ever passes him without his mite. He gives freely of time and space to the public welfare. This is not a bouquet at our contemporaries, but with Paul we believe every man should magnify his calling, and we are proud of ours.—Lindale Reporter.

The Messenger-Merchants contest. Get in the game.



The above group represents the three students of Grapeland High School who won such distinction at the recent teachers' examination at Crockett. Miss Annie Scarborough is only sixteen. She made a first grade six year certificate with a general average of 87. To Miss Scarborough's right is Harold Leaverton. He is only sixteen, while Arthur Owens, the "baby," to Miss Scarborough's left, has just reached fourteen. Each of the boys made first grade with a fine surplus over the required average.

The whole town, and especially the school, is proud of the young in years and in stature in mind.

Holds The World's Record.

Mrs. W. G. Taylor holds the world's record as the fastest writer of shorthand in a given time. Mrs. Taylor without any previous knowledge of shorthand, after four weeks study, wrote 150 words of new and difficult matter to the minute. This is by far the greatest record ever made in so short a time.

The Byrne Simplified Shorthand is the only system published that possesses such wonderful speed possibilities together with legibility. The average student will make a proficient stenographer with this system in three months. Those who are apt will learn it in much less time. For example, C. H. Hallmark, wrote 164 words of new matter, court reporting, after 31 days' study; Angus Wynn 130 words in 30 days; Miss Ida Johnson 225 words in eight weeks. Examples too numerous to mention might be added.

The Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, will gladly send you free its large illustrated catalogue explaining the advantages of this wonderful system of shorthand, also their practical method of teaching bookkeeping and business training, typewriting and telegraphy.

NOTICE.

The undersigned has been appointed by the County Judge of Houston County, Texas, Administrator of the Estate of David Gordon, deceased, and notice is hereby given all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to him at Daly's, Texas, which is his Post Office Address.

G. W. Mobley, Administrator of the Estate of David Gordon, deceased.

FROM NEW PROSPECT.

Storm Friday Night But No Damage To Crops. Local News Of The Week.

May 29.—Health of community is not very good, the chills have gotten among us again.

Mr. John Collins is on the puny list this week.

We learn that Mrs. Jackson Baker is on the mend.

Edgar McQueen pulled in from Coleman county a few weeks ago. He says he couldn't stand the rattle snakes and thought he had better hunt a better place. He has reached the wise decision that Houston county is the best place in the world, and thinks he will stay awhile now. We are sorry that he has been on the sick list since his return.

Mr. John Collins says the fleas are taking his cotton by rows; he says the fleas are worse than the boll weevil.

New Prospect was visited by a storm Friday night, but not much damage done.

The crops of the community are on the boom this week and we are having some pretty weather to clean the grass out of them and the farmers are putting in full time with hope of a good crop.

With success to the Messenger and readers, I am

Whistle Trigger.

Lone Star Cullings.

Editor Messenger:—Health of our community is very good with the exception of a few chills and fevers, though nothing serious as yet.

We have a right good prayer-meeting once a week with a very good attendance. We had singing at the school house Sunday and we are going to an all-day singing on the second Sunday in June. Grand pa Guice is coming down and wants to meet all the singing school teachers and class teachers.

G. B. Cutler and wife, who have just moved from the big mill, are visiting T. J. Cutler.

The rains have caused some of us to get a little behind with our work, but if the sun continues to shine we will soon catch up.

Success to the Messenger and its many readers.

G. W. Weisinger.

G. R. Sewell was in to see us last week and brought along a fine specimen of his oats. They measure 60 inches in length. Several days ago Mr. Zachery brought in some measuring 40 inches. Is there a farmer in Houston county that can beat this?

A large crowd of young folks went up to Elkhart last Sunday afternoon and spent the afternoon very pleasantly at the lake. Elkhart young folks turned out en masse and accompanied them. Grapeland's crowd was as follows: Claude Leaverton and Miss Anabel Davis; Olan Davis and Miss Lura Yarbrough; Albert Luker and Miss Loye Darcy; A. M. Woodell and Miss Callie Spence; Nat Davis and Miss Ida Coleman Lively; Bullie Taylor and Miss Addie Davis; Jack Spence and Miss Julia Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Darcy and little Joe Vauda Davis; Messrs. Hoses Anthony and Bob Spence.

ELKHART ITEMS.

People of this Community Happy over Good Potato Crop and Nice Price for Same.

May 30.—Health of community is fairly good with the exception of a few chills and fevers, but no serious sickness reported.

Crops are as fine as can be expected at this season of the year. Most of the farmers are through laying by their corn, while cotton chopping is fast becoming the order of the day.

Potatoes are pretty well all dug and shipped. There has been 20 cars shipped from this place, prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.00 per bushel f.o.b. this station, bringing about \$9000.00 to this little town, which makes business a little more lively.

Elkhart played a ball game with Palestine Saturday scoring them 5 to 1.

Dr. Paxton was called to his fathers bedside in Arkansas Monday; his father is not expected to live, but we hope he may be better ere this.

Mr. George Whitley of Grapeland visited friends in Salmon Sunday.

Best wishes to Messenger.

T. W. T.

Danger was there and yet they saw it not, but seemed to feel that nature was unbridled. The fearful promised to do better in the future. The brave looked, wondered and admired. Some wept in the bitterness of fear. Some braved in silence. Why all this fear? Is it because men fear death? Not necessarily so. It is because men dread and fear the powerful. The child runs from the approaching locomotive for the same reason that the grown up man runs from the approaching storm. After all, life is made up of storms and calms, and it is well. Were it not for this the world would grow independent and forget its preserver. But clouds will not always lower. The night will not be forever. The day will come and the sun will shine again. The clouds will drift away and all will be well. But in its passing, the storm may take many with it. It may break many hearts and separate many homes, but it is passed, the day dawns, the birds sing and peace reigns supreme.—Bonham Favorite.

The county convicts have been transferred to Commissioner Sewell's precinct and are located on the Percilla and Grapeland road at Red Hill. Mr. Walter Stubblefield has resigned as guard and Mr. Sexton has the position.

Capt. S. S. Elliot of Percilla was in town one day last week and in conversation with editor said that crop prospects in his community were flattering. To sum it up in his language, Percilla farmers "will make a crop, crop and a half, or two crops."

Mr. E. H. Darcy was around to see us last week and showed us what he said was a fair sample of his oats—and it was the finest we have seen this year. It was raised on land that has been in cultivation for 55 years. But Mr. Darcy is a Georgian and knows how to till the soil to get best results.

WASTED TO A SHADOW.

But Found a Cure After Fifteen Years of Suffering.

A. H. Stotts, messenger at the State Capitol, Columbus, O., says:



"For fifteen years I had kidney troubles, and though I doctored faithfully, could not find a cure. I had heavy backaches, dizzy headaches and terrible urinary disorders. One day I collapsed, fell insensible on the sidewalk, and then wasted away in bed for ten weeks. After being given up, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. In a couple of months I regained my old health, and now weigh 155 pounds. Twelve boxes did it, and I have been well two years."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Two-Thirds English.

Of all the letters which pass through the post offices of the world, two-thirds are written by and sent to people who speak English.

Thought Wrinkle.

Wonderful, come to think of it, the wide difference between thinking and thinking you're thinking—now, isn't it?—Pertopolis Post.

BABY'S AWFUL HUMOR.

Thin Skin Formed Over Body and Under It Was Watery Blood—Cured in One Week by Cuticura Remedies.

"When my little girl baby was one week old she had a skin disease. A thin skin formed over her body and under it was watery blood, and when she was washed it would burst and break. She was in that condition for weeks, and I tried everything I could think of, but nothing did her any good. When she was three months old I took her to San Antonio to see a doctor, but the doctor we wanted to see was not at home, so my sister gave me a cake of Cuticura Soap and half a box of Cuticura Ointment, and told me to use them, which I did in time. I used them three times, and the humor began to fade, and in one week she was sound and well, and it has never returned since. I think every mother should keep the Cuticura Remedies in the house. Mrs. H. Aaron, Benton, Texas, July 2, 1905."

Worse Yet.

Tom—How's our old friend Dick?
Harry—Don't speak of him—poor fellow!

"What—is he dead?"

"Worse than that."

"Heavens! What has happened to him?"

"He's run off with my wife!"—Translated from Tales from La Vida Galante.

Perfect Diet.

Bread and butter is the food for muscular work, according to an English physician. The perfect diet for those who are neither faddists nor teetotalers is announced as eight ounces of cooked meat, 24 ounces of bread, eight ounces of potatoes, two ounces of cheese, two ounces of bacon, one ounce of butter, half a pint of milk and one pint of beer a day. Green fruits are desirable additions to any diet.

Epitaph in Shorthand.

A tombstone has been erected in the West Hampstead cemetery over the grave of Mrs. Louisa Day, the inscription on which, including a verse of poetry, is in shorthand.

Choosing a Wife.

It is possible, says a London paper, to choose a wife with as much care and deliberation as a new coat, and with as keen an eye to appearance, suitability, and chances of wear.

TRANSFORMATIONS.

Curious Results When Coffee Drinking Is Abandoned.

It is almost as hard for an old coffee toper to quit the use of coffee as it is for a whisky or tobacco fiend to break off, except that the coffee user can quit coffee and take up Postum Food Coffee without any feeling of a loss of the morning beverage, for when Postum is well boiled and served with cream, it is really better in point of flavor than most of the coffee served nowadays, and to the taste of the connoisseur it is like the flavor of fine Java.

A great transformation takes place in the body within ten days or two weeks after coffee is left off and Postum Food Coffee used, for the reason that the poison to the nerves has been discontinued and in its place is taken a liquid that contains the most powerful elements of nourishment.

It is easy to make this test and prove these statements by changing from coffee to Postum Food Coffee.

"There's a reason."

WANTS IMMIGRANTS

GALVESTON SEEKS TO BECOME SECOND CASTLE GARDEN.

Through Efforts of Government, Railroads and Steamship Company Gulf Port Becomes New Gateway to Europe's Hordes.

Galveston is a rival of Castle Garden, New York. The gulf port of Texas is a new gateway for the army of immigrants constantly flocking to this country. Through the efforts of the government, of the railroads and the steamship companies the new empire of the great southwest is to be made more accessible to these home-seekers from the old country, and Galveston has been selected as the most available landing point.

It is estimated that during the present year between 15,000 and 20,000 from Europe will come through this gateway to their new homes in a new country in the far West and Southwest. It is difficult to estimate what the establishment of Galveston as an active port of immigration means to the future of the country beyond the Missouri river, but that it means much is certain.

This fact becomes more apparent when it is known that the railroads of the Southwest and the steamship line are endeavoring to direct immigration with intelligence and with a keen un-



IMMIGRANTS AT GALVESTON. (Busy Scene After Arrival of European Steamer.)

derstanding of the country's needs. Immigration through the port of Galveston, if present plans are carried out, means not so much an immigration for the dollars and cents there may be in it for the transportation companies as it does the rapid development of the fertile and unoccupied lands tributary to the gulf ports. To the home colonization is now to be added the foreign colonization.

In this undertaking the government is lending a willing hand, and the three agencies combined should result in accomplishment worthy of a good cause.

It was the government, in fact, that first directed the attention of the railroads and of the steamship company to the possibilities that lie in the port of Galveston in the way of home building in the Southwest. Yearly the hordes which seek entry to the United States through the port of New York are increasing, so that the problem of hauling them becomes continually more difficult of solution. Furthermore thousands of those who come in by the way of New York never get beyond the confines of that and other large cities, congesting these populations with a class which is undesirable.

More than a year ago the government hinted to the railroads and to the steamship people that it would be a good idea to try to divert a large portion of the immigration through one of the southwestern ports. Galveston, as being nearest the source of land supply, was selected, and the railroads and the steamship line joined hands in the undertaking.

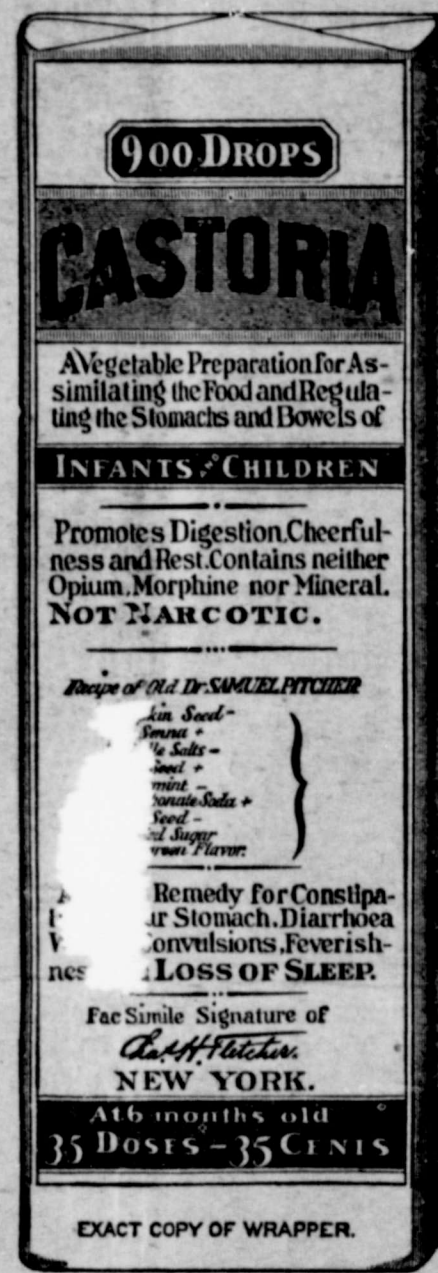
The first movement of immigrants through Galveston really began in 1904, when but 800 were brought in. Prior to that the North German Lloyd, although having a line between Europe and Galveston, had not made any effort in the immigration line. By the beginning of 1905 the bureau had got to work in earnest and the result was 3,400 immigrants.

Immigrants coming through this port are distributed all over the West, but statistics show that fully 50 per cent of them remain in Texas and presumably make that state their permanent home. Many of them go to Colorado and California, and not a few into Missouri, some seeking the big cities like St. Louis. Upon an average, 33.13 per cent are anticketed when they reached these shores and between 30 and 40 per cent are what are termed homeseekers. That is to say, they have come over here without a definite destination, but with the express purpose of finding permanent homes in the agricultural districts.

Present facilities for landing immigrants through Galveston are totally inadequate and fully \$50,000 will have to be spent in this direction. Although F. S. Sargent, chief of the Immigration department, has recommended and is trying to direct immigration through Galveston, the government is not ready to spend all the money necessary to provide adequate facilities. The steamship company is unwilling to make the appropriation, and the railroads do not feel that they should be called upon to do it all.

Don't Poison Baby.

FORTY YEARS AGO almost every mother thought her child must have PAREGORIC or laudanum to make it sleep. These drugs will produce sleep, and **A FEW DROPS TOO MANY** will produce the **SLEEP FROM WHICH THERE IS NO WAKING.** Many are the children who have been killed or whose health has been ruined for life by paregoric, laudanum and morphine, each of which is a narcotic product of opium. Druggists are prohibited from selling either of the narcotics named to children at all, or to anybody without labelling them "poison." The definition of "narcotic" is: "A medicine which relieves pain and produces sleep, but which in poisonous doses produces stupor, coma, convulsions and death." The taste and smell of medicines containing opium are disguised, and sold under the names of "Drops," "Cordials," "Soothing Syrups," etc. You should not permit any medicine to be given to your children without you or your physician know of what it is composed. **CASTORIA DOES NOT CONTAIN NARCOTICS,** if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.



Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. J. W. Dinsdale, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I use your Castoria and advise its use in all families where there are children."

Dr. Alexander E. Mintie, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "I have frequently prescribed your Castoria and have found it a reliable and pleasant remedy for children."

Dr. J. S. Alexander, of Omaha, Neb., says: "A medicine so valuable and beneficial for children as your Castoria is, deserves the highest praise. I had it in use everywhere."

Dr. J. A. McClellan, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I have frequently prescribed your Castoria for children and always got good results. In fact I use Castoria for my own children."

Dr. J. W. Allen, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I heartily endorse your Castoria. I have frequently prescribed it in my medical practice, and have always found it to do all that is claimed for it."

Dr. C. H. Glidden, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "My experience as a practitioner with your Castoria has been highly satisfactory, and I consider it an excellent remedy for the young."

Dr. H. D. Benner, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria as a purgative in the cases of children for years past with the most happy effect, and fully endorse it as a safe remedy."

Dr. J. A. Boardman, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria is a splendid remedy for children, known the world over. I use it in my practice and have no hesitancy in recommending it for the complaints of infants and children."

Dr. J. J. Mackey, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I consider your Castoria an excellent preparation for children, being composed of reliable medicines and pleasant to the taste. A good remedy for all disturbances of the digestive organs."

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"No; to see who won't get it."—Detroit Free Press.

Speaking of Women.

"One peculiarity about the feminine sex seems to be the impossibility of discussing it with moderation; critics are either violently antagonistic or falsely complimentary," says Lady Violet Greville, in the London Graphic.

Ambulance for Dogs.

The Bristol (Eng.) home for lost and starving dogs has provided an ambulance on cycle wheels for the conveyance of injured dogs to the institution.

Turkish Postage Stamps.

The Turkish government offers a bargain to stamp collectors through its minister at Vienna. Rather more than a million Thessalian stamps are to be withdrawn from circulation. They are of all categories and colors—red, blue, green, etc.—and an open offer is made to sell the lot for \$8,000.

Jack Has Arrived.

Jack Walters, of South Georgia, has made his arrival and didn't bring but seven dogs; said he didn't have room for his family, but that they would come later. You bet Jack will make one more industrious and good neighbor.—Lavonia (Ga.) Times.

Townsmen and Countrymen.

That the townsman is shorter lived than the countryman is incontrovertible. Dr. Tatham calculated that in the rural districts of England the average expectation of life at birth is 51.48 years for males and 54.04 for females, whereas in Manchester it is only 28.78 for males and 32.67 for females, which means that each male has to sacrifice 10.48 years, or 39 per cent of his life, and each female 9.82 years, or 34 per cent of her life for the privilege of being born in an urban area.—Popular Science Monthly.

Snails for Mary.

This quaint prescription was printed in "An Old Lady Pharmacopoeia," published by Mrs. Delamy in 1758: "Does Mary cough at night? Two or three snails boiled in her barley water or tea water or whatever she drinks might be of great service to her. Taken in time, they have done wonderful cures. But Mary must know nothing of it!"

Not That Kind of Suits.

A dilapidated person rang a West Philadelphia door bell and asked the lady of the house, a lawyer's wife, whether she had any old suits. "Go to see my husband at his office," she answered. "His are mostly old. He's had one of them I know for more than 20 years." The tramp looked discouraged.—Philadelphia Record.

Census Never Taken.

The population of Morocco can only be guessed. No census has ever been taken. The best authorities estimate the inhabitants to number about 7,500,000.

Tell the Bachelor.

Dr. Reich comforted the ladies in one of his famous lectures by telling them that "the man who has not loved a woman in his life is no man."

Mecca's Sacred Stone.

The caaba, or sacred stone of Mecca, is recovered every year with damask sent by the sultan or khedive. A single covering has, on occasion, cost \$75,000.

Houseboat Travel in China.

Travel in the interior of China by means of houseboats costs about \$5 a day. It is popular with European tourists.

When New York Had Slaves.

In Washington's time there were 21,324 negro slaves in New York state.

Antiquity of Birthdays.

Birthdays were celebrated as long ago as the time of the Pharaohs.

Education in Germany.

Opposition is growing in Germany to the present system of education which gives so much time to the learning of dead languages. It is argued that the game is not worth the candle except for those who intend to teach languages.

Dangerous British Coast.

The most dangerous part of the British coast is between Flamborough Head and the North Foreland. Next comes that between Anelsey and the Mull of Kintyre.

Real Regret.

A man has to lose a good deal of money on the races, says the New York Press, to feel as bad about it as he does when he gets stung for a small subscription to a charity.

Russia's Area.

Russia in Europe has an area of 2,000,000 square miles. This is 23 times the size of Great Britain. Siberia has an area of 5,000,000 square miles.

Ancient Royal Headgear.

A queen of ancient Egypt wore of the light blue head covering fastened for her sex an elaborate dress in place of a crown. This made in the form of some symbol animal, or less it bore a symbol bird, the heads of serpents, or horns of oxen.

Divine Right of Kings.

An unbeliever in the "divine right of kings" is said to have challenged Italian monarch: "If thou art bid Vesuvius be still." The card doubler forgot that "divine right" limited to holding the royal job.

Valuable Law Practice.

Few lawyers in Great Britain make more than \$50,000 a year, but Moulton, who has just succeeded Justice Mathews, is believed to have given up a practice worth at least as much.

The great objection some men have to the sun is that it shines on all.

New York's Drink Bill.

In a sermon on "Why the Masses in New York are Poor," the Rev. Dr. Madison C. Peters said: "It is estimated that New York spends \$1,000,000 a day for liquor, most of it bad, which amounts to more than half as much as the amount required to run the entire government of the United States. The annual liquor bill of New York is more than the entire amount received for tariff. The interest on the city's annual drink bill at four per cent. is nearly equal to the income of all the universities and colleges in the United States."

World's Largest Room.

The largest room in the world under one roof and unbroken by pillars is in St. Petersburg. It is 620 feet long by 150 feet in breadth. By daylight it is used for military displays, and a whole battalion can completely maneuver in it. By night 20,000 wax tapers give it a beautiful appearance. The roof is a single arch of iron.

Where Others Failed.

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema, which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by, but the trouble has not returned."

Mrs. Kate Howard,
Little Rock, Ark.

Honk! Honk!

There is a man in Bangkok who keeps a goose as a watch dog. He has trained the bird to imitate a motor car hooter whenever a stranger approaches. So realistically does the feathered hystion enter into its part that it has been arrested on several occasions for exceeding the speed limit.

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Darwin's Sons.

The four sons of Charles Darwin, author of the "Origin of Species," are all scientists. Sir George is the Plumian professor of astronomy at Cambridge; Horace Darwin has been associated with him in his work; Francis Darwin is a botanist; and Maj. Leonard Darwin is a geographer.

If life is a voyage the cargo and the port are of much more importance than the fish that may be caught on the way.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY, Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South. They render written reports in cases not handled by them. Reasonable rates.

Two Points of View.

Optimist—Every cloud has a silver lining.
Pessimist—Every silver lining has a cloud.—N. Y. Sun.

Garfield Tea overcomes constipation, sick headache, liver and kidney diseases.

When the cracked choir sings, "O, for the wings of a dove," they can be sure of the congregation being with them on that.—Ram's Horn.

He is least persuasive who most seeks applause.

The living vote is that which sways the soul.—Pliny and Younger.

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The steepest railway in the world is up Vesuvius.

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There's no virtue in homeopathic religion when it takes the form of giving two cents for the salvation of the heathen.—Ram's Horn.

Education and Opportunity.

Don't encourage that boy in his idea that he has had enough schooling before he has finished a common high school course. Keep him going even at the expense of some rather stringent urging, advises the Louisville (Kan.) Lyre. The successful man of the future must be an educated man. Things have changed since you were a boy and are changing more rapidly now than ever before. The chances for the plug man are disappearing, so give your boy enough education to raise him out of that class.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

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The best education in the world is that got by struggling to make a living.—Wendell Phillips.

Canada's Cheese.

About 20 to 25 years ago the United States was the principal foreign contributor to the cheese supply of Great Britain, but Canada has since outstripped the United States as an exporter of cheese.

To Explore Buddha's Caves.

The "Thousand Caves of Buddha" are to be explored by a French expedition to East Turkestan and Central Asia, to be headed by Prof. Pelliot, of the Ecole Francaise d'Extreme-Orient.

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TIME TO HALT.

Time and again the Messenger has called attention to the bad condition of things that some times exists here on Saturday afternoons. The time has arrived when these evils must cease. Now, let's get down to facts in the case and speak of a few evils as they exist. We have as fair a little city and as good people as can be found, yet with mayor and his marshal, justice of the peace and his constable, high sheriff and his deputy all in town, our town was turned over to riot and drunkenness. Men cursed and hallowed, fought and made threats, yet we boast of our school and churches and our high civilization when such conduct is a burning shame to decency. The very idea of an old drunken reprobate staggering down the street turning the atmosphere blue with vile oaths emanating from his booze begrimed mind wanting to know "where in the h— the calaboose was, that he wanted to get in it." This actually occurred last Saturday afternoon.

Who is responsible for this state of things? Our peace officers we first look to for protection. The officer who, from fear or favoritism fails to do his duty after taking oath, becomes not only a failure in the sight of all good men and his God, but he becomes a perjured man. All good citizens stand for the enforcement of law and order, but the voters, through personal favor, are also largely responsible, not only for the lack of proper sentiment in condemning lawlessness and crime, but from sympathy or other cause will actually interfere with enforcement of law and turn loose a criminal on the community to repeat the crime or a worse one. Our officers are largely responsible, and if they haven't backbone enough to do their duty they should step down and out. Our voters should put the best men in office and demand of them an enforcement of law.

A few toughs should not be allowed to take in the town and run riot over the whole people. The dignity of the law should be upheld at all hazards, and officers should stand pat on the enforcement of the law.

COLLOSSAL fortunes are not built by a man in three score years upon the "golden rule" foundation, yet the resources of the earth are sufficient for the maintenance of every one, if all men would be governed by that rule.

THE HOUSTON POST has declared in favor of O. B. Colquitt for governor. The Post consumed nearly two columns defending the candidacy of this gentleman, and discussing issues of the campaign. According to the Post taxation and education are the issues and between the lines we read it supports Colquitt because he favors the maintenance of the Houston-Galveston cotton differential. The voters of Texas have a say coming, and, we believe, Colquitt will turn his pink toes to the sky.

DIVERSIFICATION OF CROPS.

Why will the farmer continue from year to year in the same old rut—cotton and corn—when there is so much better promise in diversification? We know it has been proven beyond the possibility of a doubt that there is more profit to the farmer in a variety of crops than in raising cotton and corn.

The time has passed when a farmer must depend entirely upon these two crops for his money. The salvation of the farmer—as well as the merchant who is wholly dependent upon him for his business and therefore his living—is in diversifying. Plant a small acreage in berries, fruit, cantaloupes, watermelons, peanuts and many other like crops that will bring in money at a time when it is most needed. We do not advocate the total abandonment of cotton and corn, but we do believe that the farmer can make a much better living by reducing the cotton acreage, and directing his attention more earnestly along the lines of diversified farming.

We hail this change with hearty approval and hope to be permitted to live to see the day when the "man with the hoe" will not have to drive into town, unload his cotton in some merchant's yard, with no other remuneration than the mortgage paper which has been hanging over his good farm all the year, causing him to barely eat enough for fear that his dear little home may have to go. God grant that we may soon see the day when farmers will not have to tie up their homes for things on which to live, and even more than this do we wish, that the day may speedily arrive when they will owe no man anything, and be able to pay cash for what they buy.

We believe the solution to the problem is in raising a variety of crops, especially in East Texas, and more especially in this immediate section of East Texas where truck of all kinds seem to flourish; where the market facilities are as good, or better than many other East Texas towns enjoy. If you have not already made some progress along this line, give it a trial and we are sure you will see things as we do before many years have passed.

MR. C. L. VICKERS of Ash authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the democratic party. Mr. Vickers comes highly recommended as a man of ability, well worthy of the position to which he aspires. If elected, he will no doubt make a faithful and efficient officer, and we commend his cause to your consideration.

IS LIFE worth living without love? Well, we think not. Even the most obstinate person in the wide world can hardly exist without loving and being loved. Would life to the tired father, who toils day after day, looking forward to the evening with his family, contain even a small degree of happiness without love? Would the anxious mother, in the quiet pursuits of her home life and the care of her children, enjoy life without love? Nay, and everyone with a heart knows and realizes that love is the tie that binds human souls, and the connecting link which joins the human family together as one great family.

SCHOOL HOUSE TALK.

Some mouths ago the Messenger discussed the necessity of a new school building. We hoped that we would have the endorsement and encouragement of every good citizen, but the matter was dropped and silence has reigned supreme.

A very deep interest is manifested in educational affairs in Grapeland and our school has been raised to a very high standard; in fact our school stands at the head in Houston county. It is, indeed, sad that interest can't be aroused on this question. We are all agreed in our own minds that a new building is greatly needed. The knocker raises the howl that "times are too hard" to vote a special tax upon the people for the issuance of bonds for this purpose. Such tommyrot is only calculated to produce nausea below the progressive citizens belt, who secretly hopes within his heart that someone will take the initiative, but is afraid the indomitable knocker will make a foot ball out of his desires if he makes them known, so there you are.

Whether such a school building as is needed will be built or not, the fact remains prominently that it is badly needed and the present building is a reproach to our town and community.

GOOD EQUIPMENT, and true merit are recognized, and sought after now as perhaps never before in the world's history.

HONEST conviction followed by earnest effort may beget for a man the reputation of "crank," yet in the end something will turn.

DID you ever notice that the fellow who is always going to turn the world upside down never does anything?

THE POSSIBLE attainment of a man is measured by his opportunities, and he succeeds or fails in proportion to their improvement.

THERE is no use to become discouraged over the unpleasant things of life. The gloomiest mountain never casts a shadow on both sides at once.

IT WOULD be nice if everybody would attend to their own business for just a little while, but gee, wouldn't the time hang heavy on some people's hands!

WHO ARE you running in the Contest? Its time you was doing something if you have eyes for the prize! Others are getting out to hustling. You are next!

LIFE is a reality, and the guiding of life into right channels is the most important of all else and should provoke the most earnest effort of every intelligent being.

WATER NEVER rises above the fountain-head, neither do men rise above their ideals. Hence the importance of high ideals, and noble aspirations for the attainment of great things.

THE HOUSTON COUNTY TIMES came out last week in favor of the double primary system and put forth some convincing argument in its favor. In nine cases out of ten, where a candidate is elected to office in the single primary, he goes in on a minority vote. It is impossible to select the choice of the people where there are as many as three and four aspirants to the same office.

If it is the Best Goods for the Least Money You Want

And that's human nature, we can certainly satisfy you. We never sacrifice quality for price. We are making special prices these days. Our stock is kept replenished all the time with bright, new, stylish goods. Nothing old or carried over.

Our grocery department is always full with the freshest goods. My prices can't be beat.

I want your chickens and eggs.

You'll make a big hit if you get a good fit in a Giesecke Key Brand Shoe. I sell them and they've got the quality in them, sure.

Respectfully,

F. A. Faris.

GOVERNOR'S RACE IN RHYME.

Could I but stand where Moses stood and view the prospects o'er I might be governor instead of just plain Monta Moore.—San Antonio Express.

If Campbell, Colquitt and Monta Moore would yield the floor to Bell, the governor's chair would go to—tut, tut!—Ozona Enterprise.

If Bell and Campbell should draw out, and Brooks should do the same, to Colquitt Monta Moore could shout: "Now, I have got the game!"—Reisel Rustler.

But Monta will never shout that way, the scheme will never do, for since Judge Wells is out of it, his friends will pull Bell through.—Houston Chronicle.

Merry rhymesters, you write well—far better than's found in poetic books—but the signs of the time, they plainly tell, that our next governor will be Brooks.—Bonham News.

Go ring your Bells, and shout some Moore, and wear a Campbell smile; but we wouldn't toss a nickel up, to win the whole blamed pile.—Delta County Courier.

Both Brooks and Bell are doing well, but Campbell wants the floor; we can't love Colquitt any less, but might love Monta Moore.—Ozona Kicker.

We've got seventy-five to thirty cents to gamble, that the next governor will be Thomas M. Campbell.—West Texas Monitor.

We don't like to gamble with a minister, for his luck is greater than that of the sinister; but if he will let, we will take bet, and say that July will tell a big majority for C. K. Bell.—Sterling City Record.

The field is mine as it looks, and on the green I'll gambol, no body in the way except Judge Brooks, so say the friends of Campbell.—Colorado Record.

The candidates are good men, and nice gentlemen as far as looks, but when it comes to running, they can never beat Judge Brooks.—Merkel Mail.

Some one will be governor, if Moore we cannot tell; Col may Quitt, and give it to Camp—Bell. The Post sings of Colquitt, the Chronicle sighs for Bell, Tom Campbell will be governor, and the rest will go to—(Brooks)

KIND words and good deeds flow from a good life as naturally as pure water flows from a pure fountain. Have a kind word and a smile for everyone for this is what makes the world brighter and life worth the living.

EXPERIENCE IS the school wherein facts, good and bad, are indelibly impressed upon the mind that can not be gathered from any other source. Quite often our experience is dearly bought, yet we gain the fact that knowledge is power.

CHAS. PARKER comes before the people this week as a candidate for constable of precinct No. 5, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. If elected, Mr. Parker promises to discharge his duties fearlessly and without favor. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

WE ARE authorized to announce Mr. G. R. (Ross) Murchison as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of precinct No. 2, subject to the democratic primaries. Mr. Murchison has served well his constituents the past two years and if re-elected promises to continue to discharge his duties to the best of his ability. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

Ice Cream Time

This is a reminder to those who want

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MESSENGER-MERCHANTS' CONTEST.

Interest in the Messenger-Merchants Contest grows with each succeeding day. The new ones entering this week are proving their popularity by the high vote they received.

Miss Yarbrough leads in the Ladies' Contest this week, and while to some her nice showing as a beginner may be slightly discouraging, yet we believe it will only tend to stimulate those receiving a minority vote—it conclusively proves that faithful effort is the key to success in the game. We would say by way of encouragement to those who at first glance may think "there's no shot for me," but despair not. Faint heart never won, and never will. Get to work and put your friends to work for you.

A large part of the votes cast up to date have been coupons clipped from the paper. This is one way but you will observe that the leaders have acted upon the suggestion of last week, and many new subscribers is the result. It is not difficult to secure them as new or renewals to the Messenger as every progressive citizen is going to have his county paper, and only a glance will

convince that the Messenger is a first class paper, giving all the county news of interest.

Mr. Taylor of Reynard again holds first place in the Gentlemen's Contest, and to Messrs. McQueen and Richards be it said "the race is not to the strong," but to him who hustles most and longest.

The farmers are coming to the front this week in their respective department. Mr. Weisinger leading with a nice vote.

The farmers are becoming interested and we hear much talk as to who is the best farmer of the county—the only way to determine this fact is by entering your man in the Contest.

Many coupons have reached this office in rather bad order—ragged, untrimmed edges—this works a hardship on the Contest Editor, and in future votes received in this condition will find the waste basket in short order. Another matter to which your attention is respectfully directed: Write name of contestant plainly, otherwise your vote may fail to be shown as pencil writing is so easily effaced and a little time will make it illegible.

List of Contestants:

—LADIES—	
Miss Dora Yarbrough, Grapeland,	915
Miss Allie Lively, Waneta,	445
Miss Lillie Johnston, Grapeland,	395
Miss Adelle Davis, Grapeland,	
Miss Ethel Braly, Percilla,	
Miss Lizzie Pritchard, Crockett,	
Miss Lucile McCarty, Grapeland,	
—GENTLEMEN—	
Mr. Frank Taylor, Reynard	
Mr. Taylor McQueen, Grapeland, R. F. D. No. 3	
Mr. Hugh Richards, Grapeland,	
—FARMER'S CONTEST.—	
Mr. Jim Weisinger, Grapeland, Route 1,	240
Mr. J. S. Ferril, Percilla,	75
Mr. J. H. Beazley, Reynard,	45

Rules and Plans of Contest.

In each issue of the Grapeland Messenger there is published a coupon good for ten votes for either the most popular young lady, the most popular young man or the best farmer in Houston county, which, after being properly filled out, can be clipped and mailed to the Messenger and credit will be given to the contestant in whose favor it is issued. These coupons are good for one week only and positively cannot be polled after the expiration of the date printed on each one.

A more rapid way to secure votes in this contest is by getting new subscribers and renewals. Votes are issued according to the schedule elsewhere in this column. Coupons are issued with each subscription when cash accompanies the order, and they may reserved and polled at any time during the contest.

No subscription will be accepted for less than six months and two six months subscriptions will not count as one year's subscription.

The contest will be conducted in a fair and impartial manner and no one connected with the Messenger will be allowed to take part otherwise than to supervise the voting.

Should any one after having entered the contest wish to withdraw they will be allowed to do so, but they will not be allowed to transfer their votes previously received to another contestant.

Votes must reach this office not later than 8 o'clock Wednesday morning to be published that week. Votes received later than 8 a. m. Wednesday will be published the following week.

An accurate account of all votes received will be filed and published each week, making it plainly seen that the contest is fairly conducted.



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Pair of Giesecke's \$2.50 Key Brand shoes, "always the best," by F. A. Faris.
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Bottle of Perfume—by B. R. Guice & Son.
Box of nice Candy—by Bon-Ton Cream Parlor.
Pair Ladies Hose—by Tims & Sheridan.

GENTLEMEN'S PRIZES.

\$20.00 Suit of Tailor made clothes—by the Grapeland Messenger.
Shumate \$1.00 Razor—by S. E. Howard.
Pair of walk Over Shoes—by J. G. Shipper & Son.

Pair of Gent's hose—by Tims & Sheridan.

Winner has choice of comb and brush, box of 5c. cigars, or 30 soda water checks—by Carleton & Porter.

FARMER'S PRIZES.

Paid up life time subscription to the Grapeland Messenger and one year's subscription to the Galveston Semi-weekly News.
One Diverse Cultivator.

The young lady receiving the highest number of votes in the entire contest will be awarded the Gold Watch. The young lady receiving the next highest number of votes will have first choice of the remaining prizes, and so on until all the prizes have been awarded. This rule applies in the gentlemen's contest, the first prize being a suit of clothes.

Following is the Schedule of Votes allowed on Subscription. Cash must always accompany order for Subscription.

	New	Old	
6 Months' Subscription	45 votes	35 votes	25c
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2 " " "	225 "	175 "	\$1.00
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May 23.—I will write a few lines from this part of the country. I am not going to run down old Houston county, but just merely give you a description of this town and surrounding country. Dustin is located on the Ft. Smith & Western R. R., and is at present the southern terminus of the Mission, Oklahoma & Gulf, both trunk lines. It is midway between Ft. Smith, Ark., on the east and Guthrie, Okla., on the west being 109 miles from each city, and is the railroad division point. It is 57 miles south of Muskogee and 45 miles from South McAllister. So its location with reference to other towns is admirable. There is nothing to interfere with its growth and development; if this country comes in as a state which it no doubt will do soon. Dustin is situated in the heart of a magnificent farming country. To the south and east is high, rolling prairie, and to the north we have the beautiful North Canadian river noted for its abundance of fish and also, fine timber, and I must say there is the finest land on this stream that I have ever seen. We have a fine creek in one-half mile of town and there is hardly a day but one can see some one with a nice string of fish. There is as fine building stone here in the mountains as there is any where. We have several buildings here made of this stone. The contracts are let for a stone church building, also for one business house and I like to have forgotten, we are to have a wagon factory right away with a capacity of 1500 wagons per year, employing regularly 30 to 40 men; so altogether we have an ideal little town. The health is good and I wish you could see the grass here now; for miles and miles it is a solid green, green,

green. Cattle are fat and crop prospects are good, although the cotton will be late.

Well, I will say to my old time friends I am well satisfied and am not trying to persuade any one to leave there, but for myself, I will stay in the Indian country for a while. So I'll ring off for the present, with best wishes for your success, I am, yours truly,
T. C. Lively.

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If you suffer from Rheumatism or pains, for Ballard's Snow Liniment will bring quick relief. It is a sure cure for Sprains, Rheumatism, Contracted Muscles and all pains—and within the reach of all. Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00. C. R. Smith, Teneha, Tex., writes: I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for years and have found it a fine remedy for all pains and aches. I recommend it for pains in the chest.
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The Plain Plucker.

Miss Moselle Martin, Iva Saddle and Callie Hill and Henry Dailey returned Wednesday from Huntsville where they have been attending the Sam Houston Normal Institute. Three of Houston county's girls graduated this year: Misses Martin and Saddle of this place and Miss Miller of Belott.

If a burn or a bruise afflicts you, rub it on, rub it on. Then before you scarcely know it all the trouble will be gone. For an aching joint or muscle do the same. It extracts all pain and poisons, plucks the stings and heals lame. Hunt's Lightning Oil does it.

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WE have just received a nice assortment of cards for private and official use. Some of the up-to-date candidates have already had their work of this kind done and we feel sure others will do so in the near future. In the mean time let us print yours.

A torpid, inactive liver can produce more bodily ills than almost anything else. It is good to clean the system out occasionally. Stir the liver up, and get into shape generally. The best results are derived from the use of DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Reliable, effective, pleasant pills with a reputation. Never gripe. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Candidates, the Messenger wants to print you some cards. New lot just received. Prices right.

Mrs. J. N. Sory left Wednesday for Temple, Okla., where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. S. Joyce, 180 Sullivan St., Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It cured me of a severe case of Kidney trouble of several years' standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Carleton & Porter.

Mrs. T. H. Leavell attended commencement exercises at Huntsville Tuesday night.

It is possible to obtain relief from chronic indigestion and dyspepsia by the use of Kodol for dyspepsia. Some of the most hopeless cases of long standing have yielded to it. It enables you to digest the food you eat and exercises a corrective influence, building up the efficiency of the digestive organs. The stomach is the boiler wherein the steam is made that keeps up your vitality, health and strength. Kodol digests what you eat. Makes the stomach sweet—puts the boiler in condition to do the work nature demands of it—gives you relief from digestive disorders, and puts you in shape to do your best and feel your best. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Geo. Calhoun left Wednesday for Dallas on business.

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Earle Adams, Jr.

For County Judge

John Spence

J W Madden

E Winfree

For Tax Assessor

John H Ellis

For Tax Collector

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Oscar C Goodwin

J W Brightman

For County Clerk

Nat E Allbright

C G Lansford

J J Collier

For Sheriff

A W Phillips

C E Lively

John C. Lacy

For District Clerk

Joe Brown Stanton

Nat Patton

For County Treasurer

D J Cater

For Commissioner Prec't No 1

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Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar. Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds.

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Isn't it a Fact,

Just at this season of the year you will find many stocks of goods run down and many people have trouble in buying just what they want?

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Mrs. J. H. Leaverton attended the closing exercises of the Crockett High School last Friday night.

Why take a dozen things to cure that cough? Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar allays the congestion, stops that tickling drives the cold out through your bowels. Carleton & Porter.

It is Dangerous to Neglect a Cold.

How often do we hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and has gained its great popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Dr. Phillips was in town Saturday, having in charge three negroes whom he carried to the county farm to work out their fines.

Disturbed the Congregation.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Carleton & Porter

Sciatica Cured after Twenty Years of Torture.

For more than twenty years Mr. J. B. Massey, of 3322 Clinton St., Minneapolis, Minn., was tortured by sciatica. The pain and suffering which he endured during this time is beyond comprehension. Nothing gave him any permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application of that liniment relieved the pain and made sleep and rest possible, and less than one bottle effected a permanent cure. Troubled with sciatica or rheumatism why not try a 25 cent bottle of Pain Balm and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Gus Porter was transacting business in Crockett Monday.

G. R. Whitley and family and Miss Dora Yarbrough visited at Salmon Sunday.

Stomach Troubles.

Mrs. Sue Martin, an old and highly respected resident of Faison, Miss., was sick with stomach trouble for more than six months. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured her. She says: "I can now eat anything I want and am the proudest woman in the world to find such a good medicine." For sale by B. R. Guice & Son. Samples free.

Mrs. H. E. Hughes of Hearne, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Caldwell, returned home last Sunday. Mrs. Caldwell accompanied her.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste makes it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Get the booklet and a sample of Orino at Carleton & Porter

More News from the New England States.

If any one has any doubt as to the virtue of Foley's Kidney Cure, they need only to refer to Mr. Alvin H. Stimpson, of Willimantic, Conn., who, after almost losing hope of recovery, on account of the failure of so many remedies, finally tried Foley's Kidney Cure, which he says was "just the thing" for him, as four bottles cured him completely. He is now entirely well and free from all the suffering incident to acute kidney trouble. Carleton & Porter.

Miss Stella Sheridan of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Kidney complaints kills more people than any other disease. This is due to the disease being so insidious that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time.

The Messenger.

ALBERT H. LUKER, Editor.

GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

No Permanently Rich.

It is quite unnecessary in this country, says Dr. Charles W. Elliot, of Harvard, in World's Work, to feel alarm about the rise of a permanent class of very rich people. To transmit great estates is hard. They get divided or dispersed. The heirs are often unable to keep their inherited treasures, or if, by the help of lawyers and other hired agents, they manage to keep them, they cease to accumulate, and only spend. This is one of the natural effects on his children of the very rich man's mode of life. With rarest exception the very rich men of to-day are not the sons of the very rich men of 30 years ago, but are new men. It will be the same 30 years hence. The wise rich father will try to put his sons into those beneficent professions and occupations which have strong intellectual and moral interest, and in which pecuniary independence is a distinct advantage. Such are the public service in elective or appointive offices, the ministry, scientific research, social service, and the management of charities and of serviceable endowed institutions. Inherited wealth enables young men to devote themselves early to these fine employments, which are not peculiarly remunerative, but yet possess the highest sort of interest and offer all the rewards of beneficent influence among men.

Health of School Children.

Proper attention to the health of children is an excellent civic investment. A great part of the diseases which develop as chronic in after life could be obviated by closer medical supervision of children's health. Especially defects in hearing, eyesight or teeth can be checked in early life, while in later years they become too confirmed to yield to treatment. The investigation of the board of education have shown that a majority of the school children have either defective eyesight or a tendency to bad vision. It is now proposed to examine the school children's teeth also. This experiment has been tried in Germany, where attention to the teeth has improved the eyesight and the hearing by improving the digestion of the children treated. It is as necessary for a child to have sound senses and good bodily health as mental development. In the majority of the occupations at which the present school children of the present will in future years earn their livelihood, sound health and a good physique will be of more value than education fills.

There are signs, says a Washington report, that Alice Longworth is bringing up her husband properly. In fact, the idea is afloat in Washington that he is fairly well tamed already. He has gone shopping with his wife more than once. "To be sure," says an official in one of the departments, "he went shopping with her before she was his wife, but that doesn't count. It's the shopping he has done since then that makes or breaks the record. The antenuptial shopping was expected. The postnuptial—well, until it is done the taming has not been accomplished. The Washington rule for judging whether the husband has been tamed is to invite him to go shopping in one of the department stores before lunch. If he does, he has been broken to double harness."

We are spending at a fearful rate, and much of the expenditure has, for the nonce, no offset except paper profits. The land is full of nouveaux riches who, as the slang goes, think they have "money to burn" and their wifemates are bettering the instruction. The cost of building and living has thus been raised to a level on which it cannot rest for very long. As the old adage hath it: "Put a beggar on horseback, and he will ride to the devil." From the present outlook the record will be broken by the jockeys who are now in the saddle. After awhile the season of repose, repentance and economy will come.

It is related that Col. Charles W. Larned, professor of drawing at West Point, stood in the sunshine under an elm. "The spring is rather backward, sir," said a cadet. "Oh, no," said Col. Larned. "The daffodils, the crocuses and violets are backward, sir," the cadet insisted, respectfully. "Nevertheless," said Col. Larned, "there is no doubt that spring is really here at last." "Why, sir, do you think so?" the cadet asked. "Because all the comic artists," said Col. Larned, "have now begun to put vegetation in their backgrounds."

THE AMERICAN HOME

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EDITOR

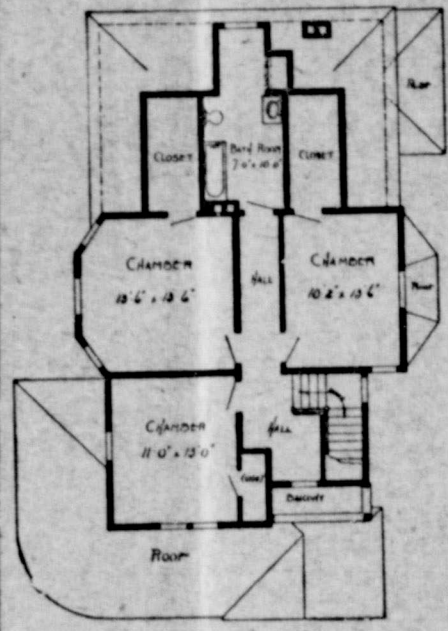
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Generally speaking, I prefer a hall in the front part of the house. It seems to be the right place to go upstairs, and I like to put a little extra work and expense on an open stairway. Some builders like to close in the stairway as much as possible, but I think most of us like an open stair, nicely designed, made of good wood, and showing good workmanship. There must be some woodwork inside of a house, besides the floors and doors and window casings? We can buy loose furniture and place it to advantage, but nothing looks so well as cabinet work designed and built to fit the house. A well designed stair with treads and risers properly proportioned and a railing to match supported by a handsome newel post and neat spindles made from good wood that finishes up nicely, certainly is a work of art.

Stair work is not so expensive since especial machinery has been pressed into service for its manufacture. Hand work has been eliminated in stair building to such an extent that an elaborate piece of work may be supplied at a very reasonable cost.

The entrance to the house with a hallway like this is pleasant. It is a sort of key to the character of the house. A coat closet is built under the stair at the farther end of the hall. This is neater and much more convenient than to hang clothing in the open hall. Then the extra coats that hang there sometimes for a week without being worn are kept free from dust. In new buildings in cities these

good share of the length is taken up in the one-story kitchen, although the roof of the kitchen is utilized for the bathroom and two good sized closets. There are six rooms in the main part of the house and two rooms in the extension. One of these rooms is a downstairs sleeping apartment that is found useful in a good many houses. In this house, with a small family, it probably would be used as a sewing-room, and this is something that every woman needs. Very few houses pro-

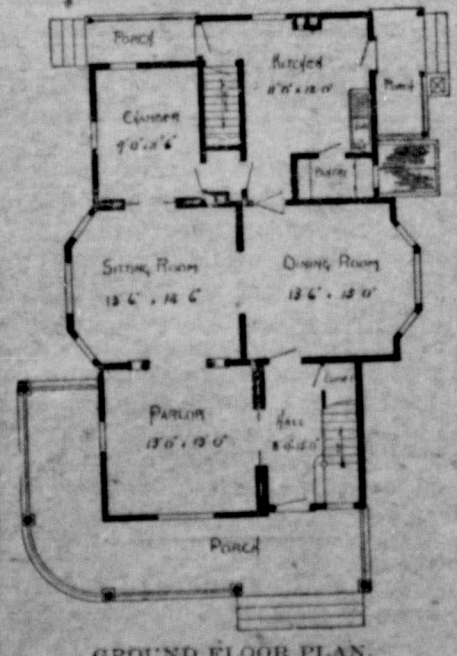


SECOND FLOOR PLAN.

vide such conveniences, on the ground floor, near to the sitting-room and near to the kitchen. The sitting-room and dining-room in this plan are two splendid rooms, while the archway between it is like one big room reaching from one side of the house to the other with a bay window in each end of it. There is plenty of light and plenty of air in a room of this size and shape, and



hall closets are becoming very common. We often see large mirrors in the hallway, but not a peg to hang a coat or hat on. The halls are too nice to be decorated in this manner, and the idea is right. Clothing looks well only when it is in its proper place. I don't expect everyone who has an expensive hat-rack or hall-tree to send it at once to the junk dealer or wood pile, but I do hope to see less of this kind of furniture manufactured in the future. It is a wonder



GROUND FLOOR PLAN.

to me that they were not discarded long ago. They are as unnecessary as they are unsightly.

The size of this house is 29 feet wide by 44 feet 6 inches long, without measuring the porch. The architect estimates that it may be built for \$2,000 or \$2,300, according to the locality in which it is built. Forty-four feet sounds like a good long house, but a

placed as it is in the center of the house.

This house should have a good hot-air furnace arranged to take the cold fresh air from outside and distribute it after being warmed to every room in the house.

There are two back porches in this plan, and they offer a splendid place for thick-leaved climbers. I prefer lighter vines for the front porch, because I like to see out to the street, then it is not good policy to cover up the front of the house closely. It is better to have good circulation of air and the house looks better when the view from outside is not entirely shut off. A thick shade is not needed in front, because no one has time to sit out there in the morning or during the day when the sun is hot, but the good wife likes to take her work out onto the side or back porch when she has something to do that she can sit down to.

If there is a good healthy trumpet vine, Virginia creeper or Dutchman's pipe climbing over a wire trellis suspended from the eaves of these back porches, she will take a great deal of comfort working there hot summer days. I would rather see an ivy, a climbing rose or maderia vine climbing up each column of the front porch, with a few hanging baskets and a bird cage between. It is just as important to dress up the porch as any other part of the house, and it requires about as much study to do it right.

He Loved Her Not.

A little six-year-old girl friend of mine came running to me and threw herself into my arms, sobbing as if her heart would break.

"God doesn't love me any more," she wailed. "God doesn't love me."

"God doesn't love you! Why, dear, God loves everyone," I assured her.

"Oh, no, he doesn't love me. I know he doesn't. I tried Him with a daisy."

—Harper's Bazar.

In the World of Fashion



SOME SMART STYLES.

If you, or any member of your family, can do fine handwork, you are most fortunate this year, for this is the day when the pushing, boastful sewing-machine must take a back seat. Hand-sewing has "come in" with a vengeance, retiring machine-made work into the background with the folk that set the pace in dress. And so the modest little woman with skill in her fingers may make for her own women folk the fashionable frocks and blouses of the day that will compare with the \$30 and \$20 lingerie waist purchased at the shops. A good pattern secures the right cut, the hand-work is then the whole thing.

Even the seams nowadays are made by hand, and the sewing of yards of frilling and insertion and lace. Yesterday we saw a lovely white mull trimmed with cream-colored lace and insertion, very simply trimmed, but the work so exquisite, the design so becoming, we voted it the prettiest blouse noticed thus far. The wearer's whole costume was worth mentioning; a white mohair skirt, a long black silk cloak, a beautiful white ostrich feather boa, a black chip hat with one white plume, shiny black shoes and gloves.

Black and white looks chic again, is particularly effective for a woman with black eyes, seems to intensify their darkness. A neat little black and white costume, easily reproduced, consisted of a plaited cloth skirt, white mull blouse, and a most attractive little wrap. The deep girle was almost a coat in itself, and really became one by the addition of an upper-

shoulder part which was more than shoulder straps and yet not a bolero. The dainty wrap was adorned with rows of frills of narrow black ribbon, and looked quite dressy. For the ordinary summer day such a dress would be just right for comfort, the upper part being adjustable, easily slipped on or off.

Black silk gloves, of course, have gone up in price now that the heavy kid ones are getting a bit warm. Time was when one could get a nice pair in elbow length for one dollar, but a few days ago we found the price had been trebled. Let us hope the mits will not follow suit; we want to keep the elbow sleeves, but do not care to spend all our substance on "hand-shuhe."

With the flared street dress there is nothing in better style than a simple sailor hat trimmed with pompadour ribbon. The high crowned sailors are preferred, although many smart low-crowned ones are seen. The peacock feather craze has been carried pretty far, but of late better taste has had its way, and in place of the yard-long, assertive tail, we see shorter feathers used. On a gray sailor three green peacock eyes that stood out just a little from the bow at the side, really made a decorative effect that was very pleasing.

Many checked materials are employed with good results. The new suspender frocks are very pretty in these check suitings, the blouse always on the lingerie order. Later we shall have something to say about a checked silk frock and mull gumpie.

Fashions for the Little Ones

Spring days and consideration of folk at the springtime of life. How the mother loves to plan the clothes for the wee lads and lassies—at least it should be a pleasure rather than a burden, even if the pocketbook is an over-slim one. Such dear little things can be made for a song, remnants be picked here and there and turned into gumpie and blouse and even whole frocks.

Children's millinery this year is very picturesque, the granny bonnets as quaint and becoming as can be. For girls entering their teens there are half-bonnet affairs like the one shown in the accompanying illustration. The whole costume is designed for a girl of 12, the dress a dark blue serge. Style is given by the smart collar and tie, and daintiness in the lawn frills, which may be either of pale blue or of eury lawn. The hat is trimmed only with ribbon, which is drawn through a cut in the rim in front and fashioned into a large rosette, ribbon falls over the hair at the back. Elbow sleeves are used for little girls' frocks even more than for the mammas—if possible everybody now appearing in cut-off sleeves.

Mammas affect short coats, also do small girls affect the jaunty jacket. The reefer, so popular for some time back, hold their own still. A reefer is easy to get into, has warmth where needed, is not burdensome. Those made of cloth and trimmed with white collars and cuffs are in excellent style. Everything should be tubbable until the child is old enough to keep clean without constant reminding. There are heaps of ready-made collars at all prices, offered at the stores, and they help out a home-made garment wonderfully.

Women fond of needlework will make lingerie hats for their little girls, and embroidered lawn caps for the baby. Designs for these are easily procured, and though they take considerable time to complete, they are the prettiest thing shown in children's millinery.

Long-waisted linen dresses look so



A NEAT OUTFIT.

cool and comfortable, and many of them will be seen this summer. They may be bought ready-made, or easily fashioned at home. The loose coat of fancy mixture is a satisfactory garment for slipping on over a wash-dress of an evening, and the modish ones have a certain smart mannishness that no doubt approves highly.

Lingerie hats match the frock in color with a pink chambray, a pink embroidered hat, etc. Of course the white wash-hat will look pretty with any summer costume, colored hats are merely a bit newer.

EILEEN OSMONDE

A COLD WATER CURE

By J. J. BELL
(Author of "Wee Macgregor," etc.)

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"I wish you would speak to Ethel, Richard, and persuade her to give up this new scheme of hers. You know she isn't very strong, and even now she hasn't recovered from the effects of the bazar in aid of the Armenian atrocities—horrid creatures!"

"I quite agree with you, Mrs. Flower. Ethel worries too much about other people. But what is the new scheme?" I inquired. "She has not yet mentioned it to me."

"Has she not? Then I expect she will be trying to enlist your sympathies to-day. She wants to get up a drawing room concert—amateur, of course—for the Patagonian fund—a worthy object, no doubt. But I can't have Ethel killing herself for any charity."

"Neither can I," I said, firmly.

"I'm sure of that, my dear boy. So you will do your best to dissuade her."

"Depend upon me, Mrs. Flower," I murmured, as Ethel entered the room. "What have you been doing, dear?" inquired her mother; "you have kept Richard waiting an age."

"I'm sorry, Dick," she said, smiling a little wearily, I thought, "but I've had so many letters to write. The vicar wants to have a jumble-sale to get some old tombstones renovated."

"I hope you will have nothing to do with that, Ethel," said her mother, rising. "Leave the graves to their owners."

When Ethel and I were alone, I suggested that we should go out to the garden, which looked very alluring through the open French window. Accordingly we went forth and made ourselves comfortable in a remote and secluded corner. We talked of many things having no connection with bazars or jumble-sales, or concerts, but at last Ethel came to the point.

"Dick, dear, I want your advice and assistance."

"I threw away my cigarette and assumed an attentive attitude."

"The first you may count upon," I said.

"And the second, too, Dick?" she questioned, pleadingly.

"We'll see," I hardened my heart.

"Well, Dick, I would like to get up a concert."

"An excellent notion!"

"Oh, I'm so glad you think so!" she cried.

"Why, yes, I'm awfully fond of Haydn, Coffin and Grossmith, and—"

"But I don't mean that kind of concert, dear. It is to be an amateur one."

"Oh!"

I hoped she would be discouraged, but she continued:

"You see, Dick, I wish to make some money for the poor Patagonians. It's terrible to think of them."

"Too dreadful!" I assented, with much feeling.

"And I think," she said, "that a concert held one afternoon in the drawing room—it's a good size, you know—would help the fund."

"No doubt," said I shortly.

"Well, then, Dick, let us begin to arrange at once. Whof do you think we should ask to perform?"

"Our worst enemies," I suggested.

"Don't be stupid, dear. You see, I don't know many musical people."

"How nice for you," I observed.

"But you are acquainted with lots."

She fidgeted with her pocket and produced a little fat notebook and pencil.

She turned the pages till she came to one headed "Patagonian Fund."

"Now!" she said, looking ever so sweetly at me.

"Now!" I repeated, kissing her.

"Oh, Dick, do be serious."

"I am," said I, thinking for the thousandth time how beautiful were her eyes.

"Yes—but about the concert. I thought of asking Capt. Bilgewater. The boys tell me he sings a good rollicking song."

"Not in the afternoon, dear."

"I don't quite understand, Dick. But, never mind; I'll leave him out just here's Tommy Sampson."

She asked, holding her pen in her hand:

"Is he melancholy, isn't he?"

"No! He sings comic songs."

"Put him down."

"No," said Ethel, with satisfaction.

"I don't like him."

"I don't like him," said I.

"You ask May Belmont. She is a singer."

"But there's no getting of May. It's unkind of her to be a general favorite. How the concert isn't to be for a general favorite, we might venture to ask her."

"I'm sure she'll come to help the Patagonians," remarked Ethel.

"Be so," I said, doubtfully.

(You see, if May obliged, the scheme would promise to be a success.)

"This is splendid!" cried Ethel joyfully. "Aren't we getting on? Why, we've nearly fixed on two performers."

"Yes; you only want 15 or 16 more to make a fair programme," I observed cheerfully.

Ethel became absorbed and ate some of her pencil during the next few minutes.

"You might suggest somebody," she said at length.

"Well—let me see—I've a cousin who is an exquisite tenor—"

"Oh, do let us have him, Dick," she interrupted.

"But he's in Ceylon at present."

"You are provoking."

"How about Ruth Darling?" I queried, with some hesitation.

"Of course, if you would like to have her," said Ethel.

"I assure you—" I began.

"Yes; I'll ask her. That makes three."

"But I don't really want her, dear," I protested.

"You used to want her dreadfully," said Ethel.

"Nonsense." I was somewhat ruffled, with some hesitation.

"I wish Ethel wouldn't remember everything."

"Come, now, Dick; you are dull to-day. Mention some of your friends. There's Mr. Andrews, whom you used to talk about so much. Would he sing for us?"

I shook my head solemnly and murmured "dead."

There was a slight pause.

"It must have been very sudden," she observed.

"Terribly sudden, dearest."

"Yes, indeed; for you see, I met him at the Clarks' last night."

"He has a twin brother," I said, feebly.

"He may have half a dozen twin



brothers, but none of them were at the Clarks."

The afternoon had become oppressively close. I felt too hot for speech.

I heard Ethel snap the elastic band on her notebook, and knew that she was searching for her pocket.

"I say, Ethel," I began, at last, "it was only a joke."

"Of course it was," she returned, calmly; "you surely don't expect me to take you seriously at any time?"

I felt small enough to have fallen between the bars of the garden seat.

"I'm very sorry, dear," I sighed, after a while.

"So am I. But it's better to know the worst."

"You mean?"

"I mean that I am glad to have discovered in time how deceitful you can be."

"Oh, rot, Ethel! You know perfectly I would never deceive you."

"I used to think so."

There was a lengthy silence; then I spoke:

"Look here, dear."

"Please do not call me that."

"I beg your pardon, dearest, but you are a lot to blame."

"How dare you?" she cried, indignantly.

"Indeed, it's all your fault, darling!"

She tilted her chin—"you get so interested in Armenians, and tombstones and Patagonians, and things, that you neglect me, and my character suffers. What can you expect?" I went on, holding out my hands in vague appeal.

"It's a wonder I am not altogether abandoned by this time."

She said nothing, and I proceeded:

"Your mother feels it, too. She is worried about your health. So am I."

"But that's silly of you," said Ethel, softening a little.

"Of course it is," I admitted; "I am too fond of you; I am foolish about you; I deceived you to-day—I admit I deceived you—because I loved you."

"And do you think I don't—" she began.

"No; you don't really care for me, Ethel," I said, tragically.

It was a long time ere she spoke; then, I heard her murmuring as if to herself:

"Poor Patagonians!"

"Eh?" said I, starting. "Why so?"

"Because they can't have any concert, now," she whispered, sadly.

"Do you mean it, Ethel?"

"Well, if you won't help me—"

"No; I won't help you," I said, determinedly.

"You are horrid, Dick, and yet—"

"What, darling?"

"Perhaps you are a trifle better than a Patagonian."

"You sweet wee soul," I said, shakily. "But I wish I had asked you nicely at the beginning to give up the idea of a concert."

"I wouldn't have listened to you, then—I was so enthusiastic until you threw cold water on my plans, Dick."

She sighed ever so softly.

"I got chilled myself," said I.

"And you deserved it," she said, laughing and pushing me away.

SHIPLINE IN NORWAY

Stringent Regulations Enforced for the Preservation of Life and Property.

Norway has decided to follow the example of England and adopt a load line for her shipping. Subject to an arrangement with the Norske Veritas, says a recent report, a law will come into force by which stringent rules will be applied to Norwegian shipping. Attention in Norway has been directed to the subject of shipping losses, which are very heavy, and as no inconsiderable proportion of Norwegian shipping sails about the world uninsured because uninsured these losses have been keenly felt of late years.

Apart from the stringent regulations with respect to overloading and the proper provision for life on board ship, the new merchant shipping act stipulates that "when a foreign ship is bought by a Norwegian subject no certificate of nationality shall be issued for the ship if built of wood, or of wood and iron (composite), and more than 20 years old, or of iron (steel), and more than 30 years old, unless classed A1 of iron and A1 if of iron in the Norske Veritas or other surveying institutions recognized by the king." Even if allowed to registry under these conditions she will have to pass a thorough survey before being allowed to proceed to sea. British shipowners have long contended that the same regulations which are enforced on British ships should be equally enforced on foreign ships, and in fairness the contention is irrefutable.

ALFALFA FOR WILD ANIMALS

Raised in Yellowstone Park to Serve as Winter Food for Deer and Sheep.

Raising alfalfa to furnish winter feed for wild animals is proving a great success in the Yellowstone national park, according to Superintendent Pitcher in a report just issued. One hundred tons of fine hay were raised in the government field near the Gardiner arch and stacked near the soldiers' quarters.

Superintendent Pitcher says that three years ago a deer was seldom seen in the vicinity of Mammoth hot springs and as an experiment a few bales of alfalfa hay were scattered around near the parade ground. The next day a dozen blacktail deer made their appearance, the number steadily increased and now comprises over 100. The animals quickly lost all fear of human beings, and are not even startled by the firing of the evening gun within 100 yards of them, but show much more interest in the lowering of the flag from the staff in the center of their feeding ground.

Mountain sheep, considered the wildest of western animals, also became more friendly, and now number about 100 within the confines of the park. These animals are rapidly disappearing in the west, and this fact makes it the more important to preserve those in the park. Antelope, also, are becoming rare. About 1,500 of these little animals make their home in the park and seem to be increasing rapidly.

KNEW WHAT SHE WANTED.

And Resented Presumption on the Part of the Obliging Salesman.

A tall woman, dressed in black, and with a very businesslike manner, walked into a well-known London establishment and, declining the service of the shopwalker, made directly for the crepe counter. She had rather a thoughtful air as she examined the stock, and the obliging young shopman remarked affably:

"We have a large stock of crepes, madam. Just allow me to show you some new French goods, very popular just now for every kind of mourning. Now, these light crepes are all the rage for half-mourning for consins. May I ask, madam," he added, hesitatingly, "for whom you are in mourning?"

"Husband," said the customer, briefly.

"Ah, yes; then I have just the material you require, the best style is—"

"Young man," interposed the woman, "I am much obliged for your explanation, but you may know a lot about fashion, but as I buried my fourth husband yesterday, you may be sure I've got a grip on the subject."

FARMER AND PLANTER

ARE FARMERS ALL HONEST?

In the Farmer Who Robs His Soil, Leaving It to His Children Impoverished, Honest?

The term "honest farmer" has been applied to agriculturists for so many years that some of us have really come to think of ourselves as almost models for people engaged in other trades and professions to follow. We try to make ourselves believe that we would not steal if we had all the opportunity in the world; while the fact is, that as a class we are, in a way, the "biggest" set of thieves allowed to run at large to-day.

A bank robber is looked upon as an enemy to society—or used to be at any rate before such business became the style. And, even now, there is probably not one banker in a hundred who appropriates for his own use the funds of the institution over which he has control.

Every farmer is a banker in a sense. His farm is his bank; the fertility of his soil, his deposits. The use he makes of his deposits determines whether he is, or is not, an honest banker.

To get at this matter in the true light, we must determine what the farmer's true interest is in the farm he controls. Is he the owner of this soil, or rather is he not simply a steward having charge of a certain portion of the Creator's vast domain, holding it in trust for the use of his children and children's children?

This looks to the writer to be the true situation. Man created nothing, never can create anything; was given power to change the form but not to create. Now, if man created nothing, what right has he to rob his soil of the plant food that has been deposited therein? And is he not a robber to the extent that he allows himself to deplete the store of plant food entrusted to his charge and appropriates the proceeds of such depletion to his own private use?

This is exactly what is happening in nine cases out of ten, all over our great land, on farms whose owners are selling raw products in one form or another. A great many farmers fail to grasp the fact that to the extent that they reduce the fertility of their soils just to that extent have they reduced their capital.

Let's look at the matter further, and see if this be not the truth. A non-productive acre of land is worth nothing to the agriculturist. An acre that will produce 10 bushels of corn, we will say is worth \$5; while an acre that will (with the same labor) produce 50 bushels, is worth at \$60. If we have a 100-acre field, say that will produce but 10 bushels per acre, the price would be worth only \$500; while if, by good management, we bring that field to produce 50 bushels per acre it will be worth (actually) worth \$3000.

And the rule will work in the opposite direction as well. Can we not see, on every hand, evidence of this—farms that, 30 years ago, were producing well, depleted by mismanagement?

This subject of soil value is of vital importance to land owners of the south at present, as everything indicates that there will be, in the near future, a great influx of land buyers. And those who have their soils in good condition will reap the benefit of the higher value that will be placed upon these improved farms; and if they be not for sale, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that we are leaving to our children as good a value as we were given to begin with at least. So let us get through being soil robbers and become soil protectors.—A. L. French, in Progressive Farmer.

THE CULTURE OF ALFALFA.

A Valuable Forage Plant That May Be Grown Almost Anywhere in the Country.

Actual experiment has demonstrated the past year that alfalfa may be grown practically anywhere in the United States. There are very many sections in every state where the soil conditions are not suitable for alfalfa, but generally speaking the experiences of farmers in every section of the country proves that the former impression regarding the valuable plant was wrong. Now abundant crops are grown in sections where formerly it was supposed it would not even live, and from year to year the breadth of the zone is widened. Experiments have shown with great exactness just where alfalfa will grow and where it will fail, and the rules and requirements of the planting and cultivation of the crop have been made clear. It may be laid down as an unbending rule that alfalfa will not grow in an acid soil. Doubtless there are many readers who are not able to ascertain whether their soils are acid or not.

To such persons the very simple test of using litmus paper may be recommended. This is not the best method known of testing soil for acid, but for the purposes in hand, it will answer with all reasonable accuracy. Any druggist ought to be able to supply a small bit of blue litmus paper. Place

some of the soil in a saucer, moisten it well, insert one end of a strip of the blue litmus paper in the moistened soil. If at the end of 24 hours the end in the soil has changed to a red color the soil has acid in it, and alfalfa will not thrive without correcting the character of the soil. If the paper remains blue the soil is fit. To correct the soil an application of slacked lime, or some other alkaline should be spread over the land at the rate of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds per acre. This will in all likelihood render the land fit for growing alfalfa.

Young alfalfa plants are among the weakest grown in the United States. They grow slowly, are weak feeders and are easily choked or killed by weeds and by unfavorable conditions of soil, weather or treatment. Mature alfalfa is a most vigorous plant, it grows down deeply in the soil, is a vigorous feeder and lives and yields well under many unfavorable conditions. For this reason it will pay well to observe every requirement in planting the seed which experienced growers have ascertained to be of value. Generally speaking, the conditions demanded by alfalfa are seed or soil inoculation, abundant moisture, perfect seed bed, fertile soil at time of seeding, good drainage, few weeds and the very best seed obtainable. While alfalfa seems to require much moisture the plant has a way of helping itself to the required water in sections not regarded as being well watered. The plants reach down with roots sometimes twenty feet long after the moisture which usually exists far below the surface. This habit of adjusting itself to its surroundings constitutes it the most adaptable plant grown in this country to-day.—C. M. Ginther, in Epitomist.

ROUND WORMS IN SHEEP.

A Matter That Farmers Who Raise Sheep Should Take Cognizance Of.

A correspondent from Nelson county writes that the sheep breeders of that section have a great deal of trouble from the stomach round worm. Prof. J. J. Hooper, assistant professor of animal husbandry of the Kentucky state college, gives the following symptoms and remedy.

"This stomach round worm (strongylus contortus) inhabits the fourth stomach, is from one to three inches long and is of a red-dish color. The symptoms are weakness, paleness of the skin and membranes, some fever, and wasting of the sheep generally. It is hardest on poor sheep, and lambs are affected more seriously than older sheep.

"Probably the most successful treatment is the one suggested by the bureau of animal industry, which consists in the use of coal tar cresote. This medicine is not expensive and is easily obtained and prepared. Insist upon getting coal-tar cresote, and not beach wood cresote, which is higher in price and not as effective. This is given as a one per cent solution; that is, one ounce of the cresote is added to 99 ounces of water. The dose is for four-months-old lambs, two to four ounces; for older sheep from three to five ounces. The sheep should not be allowed any feed for sixteen hours before the medicine is given, so that it will be given on an empty stomach.

"Remember that sheep in good flesh can stand many ailments that a poor, lean sheep would succumb to. Keep the sheep in a vigorous thrifty condition at all times."—Farmers' Home Journal.

HERE AND THERE.

—The easiest way on earth to make farming pay is to sit down and theorize while figuring out a fortune. The surest way is to take one's coat off and get busy.

—Diseased wood on a tree can never be made new again. Cut it off and allow another shoot to grow. Every day that such wood remains on a tree adds to the liability of losing it.

—Every indication points to better times for the farmer. If our young men will engage in farming, and continue in that occupation, it will mean a great deal for their good and for the good of the country.

—While aiming to produce good butter do not forget that one of the most important essentials is the purity of the sale. Butter may be injured by salt, and as no mineral is more difficult to rid of impurities than salt, extra care should be exercised in securing the best that can be obtained.

—A home plot of horseradish is always desirable. Made with pure vinegar and eaten in moderation, this condiment is recommended to promote appetite and aid digestion. A plot of rich, deeply-spaded ground, three or four feet square, will supply enough roots for a large family.

—An experienced Irish potato grower has found that by planting his potatoes in rows only two feet apart he has had better success and larger yields than when planted in rows three feet apart. His argument is that the vines will be so close together that they will shade the land and thus prevent the loss of moisture from the soil.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Fresh Lemons at the Bon Ton.

B. H. Logan spent Sunday afternoon at Crockett.

J. B. Lively wants your beef hides and bee's wax.

Attorney Weeks of Palestine was in the city Saturday.

For prices to suit the times see Tims & Sheridan.

Howard sells the best chops and bran that can be bought.

J. B. Lively will pay you cash for beef hides and bee's wax.

Dan Fulton went to Spring Sunday night returning Monday.

Go to Howard's for your Groceries.

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A full set of Chinaware free with coffee. For particulars see at Darsey's.

See us for anything in shoes. Men's, Ladies' and Children's high or low cut for Every-day, Knock-about or Sunday wear.
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Mr. and Mrs. Will Finch and Miss Laura Masters, who is visiting them from Palestine, were pleasant callers Tuesday afternoon.

John Keen and Will Musick had a little difficulty Saturday afternoon and Mr. Keen struck Mr. Musick several blows on the head with a stick of stove wood, cutting two large gashes, which required nine stitches to sew them up.

WANTED—Young men, we have the contract to furnish operators for the new railroad under construction from McKinney to points in New Mexico. Positions guaranteed. Notes accepted for tuition.
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Buy Columbia Flour from Howard.

Buy Hall's Chill Cure from Shipper.

Car of Landa Flour and Feed stuff just received at Howard's.

Hugh Richards went over to Rusk last Thursday to carry his brother, George.

Prof. A. W. Cain is now in Crockett, being one of the teachers in the Summer Normal.

If the flour you have been using is not as good as you want, try a sack of White Wave at Darsey's.

Shipper wants to buy your produce.

Geo. E. Darsey has just received a car of fruit boxes and crates.

Miss Nannie Howard is attending the Summer Normal at Crockett.

You will always find the newest things in dress goods and trimmings at Shipper's.

Mack Martin came in from Call Tuesday night on a visit to his father, Maj. J. F. Martin.

See our line of Schloss Bros. Tailor-made clothing at \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00. They are beauties.
Geo. E. Darsey.

Col. Tom J. Harris of Palestine, candidate for District Attorney, was in Grapeland Saturday getting acquainted with our people. Mr. Harris is an affable gentleman and made a good impression upon our people.

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Senator Stokes passed through Monday night going to Texarkana.

Miss Annie Pridgen of Daly's left Sunday for Crockett, where she will attend the normal.

THEY HAVE ARRIVED! What? Why, those nice visiting cards for ladies. Orders promptly filled. No long delays.

Clip out the voting coupon in this issue, fill it out, and start one of your friends in the Messenger-Merchants' contest.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock, who has been visiting here for some time, left Monday for her home at Livingston. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Anabel Davis.

Our motto is Printing Perfectly Printed. A trial will convince you.

Mrs. Kennedy and daughter, Miss Blanche, of Augusta spent Sunday in Grapeland.

Wm. H. Long and Prof. Albert Moore of Augusta left last Saturday for Corpus Christi.

Olan Davis was up from Lovelady Sunday. He reports a good trade in the cold drink business.

Miss Alice Sullivan of Enon went to Crockett Monday to attend the normal.

Misses Holcomb and Young of Augusta are attending the normal at Crockett.

Mrs. Hope Cromwell of Elkhart visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Campbell Saturday and Sunday.

Section Foreman O. W. Wilson has moved his family here from Palestine. We extend them a welcome.

Buy your staple drugs and patent medicines from Shipper.

Nat Patton, Candidate for District Clerk, blowed into town Wednesday.

Odell Faris spent Sunday in Houston with his friend, Bill Johnston.

Misses Corine and Zuma Anthony have gone to Huntsville to visit relatives.

Miss Clio Murchison left last Sunday for Henderson where she will attend a summer normal.

Bring us all the produce you have to sell and let us sell you what goods you have to buy.
J. G. Shipper & Son.

Dr. B. S. Elliot came in from Augusta Sunday to meet his wife, who has been visiting in Crockett.

Miss Lora Dunnam, who has been attending school at Huntsville, returned home last Friday night.

Shipper sells Hall's Chill Cure under a guarantee. If the first bottle doesn't cure the chills they will refund your money.

T. H. Stout and his daughters from Huntsville, came Monday night and went out to Augusta on a visit to relatives.

Miss Cora Woodard returned home last Saturday from Belton, where she has been attending Baylor University. Her friends will extend her a warm welcome.

Chas. C. Hill, who has been attending a medical school in Galveston, returned home last Saturday, and went out to his home at Daly's.

Free Suit Case.

From now until July 1st. I will give away free a handsome suit case with every suit of clothes I order. See the sample at my store.
Odell Faris.

Remember.

It's not how you live, but how's your liver. If not in perfect order, make it so by using Simon's Liver Purifier,—in boxes only. Its the surest, safest and most agreeable aid to that organ ever put up.

Prof. R. L. Eaves, who taught a very successful term of school at Swanville left Thursday for Roxton, where he will visit Rev. W. R. McCarter and family and leave in a few days for Austin, where he will attend the State University until September when he will return to teach the Woodland Public School.—Annona News.

Lee writes us that he is in good health and prosperous. He is now in the Academic department of the State University at Austin.

To the Voters of Houston County

In the early part of the spring when I should have been riding to see the people, my wife was taken sick and I was kept by her bedside for nearly two months. Since she has recovered I have been riding almost daily until a few days ago when I was thrown in bed myself with fever, and have not yet recovered.

I kindly ask you to give me consideration before making up your mind as to how you will vote for Tax Collector. I will see you as soon as I can. Respt.
Oscar C. Goodwin,
Candidate for Tax Collector.

To the Voters of Houston County.

In view of the fact that I've been engaged in the school room until Friday, May 25, it will be impossible for me to make a house to house canvass. Assuring you, one and all, that I will appreciate your support in the coming primary, I am,
very respectfully,
Nat Patton.

Sore Nipples.

A cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. Sold by B.R. Guice & Son

The Contest has taken a most interesting turn this week, and we think there will be some surprises in store for you. Have you read the contest page yet? Is your name written there? If not, then why not? You may be more popular than you think. At all events make a try for it.

A good complexion is impossible with the stomach out of order. If pasty sallow people would pay more attention to their stomachs and less to the skin on their faces, they would have better complexions. Kodol for dyspepsia will digest what you eat and put your stomach back in right shape to do its own work. Kodol relieves palpitation of the heart, flatulence, sour stomach, heart burn, etc. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Having the agency for The Creole Marble Co., of Nelson, Ga., I respectfully request that if you contemplate purchasing monuments, marble slabs or any kind of marble work, that you call on me and I will take pleasure in showing you a great variety of designs and quote you prices.
F. M. Owens.

For a painful burn there is nothing like DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. There are a host of imitations of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve on the market—see that you get the genuine. Ask for DeWitt's. Good, too, for sunburns, cuts, bruises, and especially recommended for piles. The name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on every box. Sold by Carleton & Porter.