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Oriole Warbles

Oriole, Texas, March 9.—Your sprightly paper of March 5th has been read with interest. Your correspondent, A Voter, of Lovelady says: "Our aspirants for the legislature will be asked to declare themselves on the prohibition issue." I think it would be a good idea to require the same thing of all our candidates, and especially those offering for congress. A man who is in favor of the liquor business is not the right kind of a man to put in office and I hope the prohibitionists of our county will look well to this matter.

We are having some pleasant spring weather and farmers are going ahead with their work, and making preparations for another crop.

A good many improvements are going on here. Mr. C. K. Calhoun has remodeled the old Hacker place which he has purchased and moved there, and on the night of the 6th gave a dance to the young people of the neighborhood, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Sorry to learn that the commissioners' court have decided that we are not to have a voting box at Grounds' school house. A good many of our voters are dissatisfied with this arrangement.

J. N. Tyer has a fine pear orchard which is now in full bloom and presents a beautiful appearance. A. K.

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Joe Sappington's Remedies.

Drugs are horrid things, they ought to be thrown to the dogs. It makes me weep crocodile tears to this day when I remember how the old folks at home would grease my throttle with castor oil for every little ailment, in stead of applying some of the simple cures I know today.

A little faith is worth more in a case of sickness than fourteen pounds of blue mass. With what knowledge I now have—knowledge that was conveyed to me by people whose reputation for truth and veracity were never questioned—I can take the hind foot of a graveyard rabbit, and put the entire medical fraternity to shame.

I will never forget a headache remedy given me by an old darkey—not a nigger, but a darkey—and before proceeding I will tell you the difference between the two. Those faithful old slaves who stood guard over the homes of the South while their masters were at the battle's front were darkeys, and the sweet magnolia blossoms of our sunny coastlands are no more fragrant than the memory of them. But those black bucks who cut a wide swath in politics and long to get in with society are cussed niggers. With this explanation I will get back to my subject. The old darkey told me the surest and simplest way to cure a headache was to cut off a lock of hair from over the left ear, saturate it thoroughly in turpentine and burn it under a wash pot, beating on the pot all the time and exclaiming "Abe Lincoln!" He said if this was kept up long enough the pain would leave every time.

An old Confederate soldier who lost an eye at Bull Run and left a leg to the Yanks on the battlefield of Sharpsburg, told me how to cure a ring worm. He said that you could wish for it to leave nine nights in succession and on the tenth morning count every ninth person you meet until nine has been counted, and that if the last one was a red headed widow and there was a white horse in sight, the ring-worm would immediately depart.

Another remedy not generally known is the eye balls of screech owls boiled in vinegar. This will cure consumption and spinal meningitis. I know an old woman who wouldn't go to a funeral without a bottle of it. She says she owes her life to the stuff and besides it an appetizing drink.

The-wish bone of a six-toed rooster has been known to cure the most stubborn case of Asiatic cholera, simply by passing it over the head of the afflicted one at midnight, after rubbing it thoroughly down the back of a black cat.

I know a thousand other remedies I could fill a volume with them, but this is enough to convince the public that I am a scientific man, and one of valuable service to the community.

Prof. Walker King and Dr. M. J. Austin of Palestine came down Saturday and went out to Elcaney lake and spent the afternoon fishing.

Elkhart Searchlight.

LEE PARKS, Editor

Elkhart Texas, March 10, 1908.—Our little town is getting along very well as usual. Business as good as could be expected.

Mrs. Parks and Paxton went to Palestine Monday to attend the Anderson County medical association.

C. R. Quarles and D. S. Lively went to Palestine last week on business.

Mr. Isaac Parker left for Ft. Worth Monday with a car of hogs.

Mrs. Fannie Parker left for Hearne Monday at noon for a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Glenn of that place.

Rev. Conway of Lindale gave us a lecture Monday night on the new order that is being organized here, the Modern Brotherhood of America.

Mr. Harrington of Angleton is here now looking at our little city. He contemplates going into business here. We would be glad to have Mr. Harrington with us.

Miss Louisa Cameron entertained our young people Friday night with plenty of music and good games. The guests were Misses Laura Franks, Dora McCracken, Eula Quarles, Willie Belle Neel, Arrilla Braz, Emma Bennett, Clara Yarbrough, Eula Cobb, Delma Irby, Pearl McCracken and Ouida Parks.

Messrs. Nat Glenn, George Wahles, Lee Parks, Hunter Quarles, Micael Bratz, Albert Weatherford, Robert Johnson, Webb Tyler, Jessye Irby, and Ans McCracken.

Miss May Reagan entertained Saturday night. There were so many present, there were two rooms prepared. Miss May entertained in one room while her mother was equally doing her part in the other room. All reported a fine time.

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The Weather at Lovelady.

Lovelady, Texas, March 9.—During the past week we have had the most lovely kind of weather, neither too hot nor too cold, but the happiest medium. The balmy atmosphere, with the smell of the vernal season pervading it, and just the right amount of moisture to cause all vegetation to smile, a mean temperature that suits all, and that is hard to do, for there are more kickers about the weather than anything else. Our gentlemen of leisure are out with hooks and lines tackling the finny tribe, while those who must work are out with old Beck and the line tickling the soil. The present weather is quite opportune, for the farmers have not had such an opportunity to put a crop in the ground in a long time past.

That they appreciate it is proven by the way they are applying themselves to work. Gardens are being planted and fruit trees are blooming fast, as though the fruit crop were not hurt. The truck farmers are planting some potatoes, but not as many as they would if they could get the seed, which is not possible.

Negro Frightened Woman.

Stanley Weisinger, who lives a few miles north of town, was in to see us Saturday, and related that his wife was badly scared by a negro man last Friday. Stanley left the house after noon to go to work, and his wife was engaged in the kitchen. A black burly negro appeared at the window and said something which the lady did not understand, she was frightened so. She ran to overtake her husband and he returned with her, but the coon had disappeared down the railroad. Stanly tracked him around through the orchard and from the appearance of the tracks he had evidently been slipping around and was up to some devilment.

Liked Broze, Got in Trouble.

Fount Gaston, a negro who is employed at Spence & Murchison's sawmill, let his appetite for booze get the best of him last Saturday and as a result he is in a peck of trouble. Fount went to the express office and represented himself to be the brother of a negro who had a gallon of whiskey there, saying that his brother had sent him after the firey fluid. When the right owner called for the goods, officers were sent after Gaston, who made away with nearly two quarts. He was brought before Squire Davis, and was required to give bond which he did. The remaining two quarts of booze were restored to the owner.

Crockett Has a Lid.

Crockett, Texas, March 8.—For the first time in many years every drug store, daink dispensary and candy store in the city is closed today, and not even a cigar can be bought. During last week the city officers notified the managers of the different drug stores that they would be prosecuted for selling anything except medicines on Sunday thereafter, and all of the drug stores have decided to comply with the order.

Reynard News

Reynard, Texas, March 9.—Farmers were tickled over the nice weather last week and a great many planted corn, and corn that was planted the first of the week is coming up. But this morning it is cold and cloudy and our lips are hung a little.

T. S. Kent says he thinks we will get a fine stand of potatoes.

W. F. West says things on the river look real fishy and picnicky, rather than panicky.

Oscar Beazley plowed his buggy horses last week; they have horns; says he likes to plow them, they do not walk so fast.

Pap Beazley, Herman and Jack visited the hub Friday.

Reynard was well represented in your town Saturday. Among the ladies were Mesdames Bell and Anna Beazley.

Jack and Oscar Beazley treated their mules to a load of fine alfalfa hay Saturday.

Glenn Beazley left Saturday to try Tyler Commercial College another round.

G. B. Kent has his two oldest children with him now and he will not be so lonely.

We are proud of our school teacher and little school.

Quite a number of young people met at T. S. Kent's Sunday afternoon and had some nice songs.

Pledger Chiles, Tommie Kent and Sumnar Rials took dinner at Taylor hall Sunday.

We understand work has been on the lock and dam and it is going to cut some figure in farm labor, but we who receive good things shall we not also receive evil?

Mrs. Hulda Rials killed a hawk flying the other day. How is that for a lady marksman?

J. L. Chiles says he really believes winter is going to break and leave him with a lot of fine wood to carry over.

Some little sickness but nothing serious.

Rev. Howard will preach for us the fourth Sunday. Hope some arrangements may be made to have preaching once a month. Zack.

Accidents at Crockett

Crockett, Texas, March 7.—Jim Moore, a carpenter of this place, while working on a barn on the premises of Colonel D. A. Nunn late yesterday evening, in some way missed his footing and fell from a high scaffold to the ground, severely cutting his head and sustaining injuries to his back. While the wounded man is not in a dangerous condition, his wounds are very painful.

O. Peterson, one of the best known and successful contractors and builders of this city, was seriously, if not fatally, injured here last evening by a wagon-load of lumber falling on him. Mr. Peterson was driving a wagon loaded with lumber, when in some way the wagon was overturned, throwing him out on his head and the lumber falling on him. While at first the only apparent injury received by him was an abrasion on the head, it is now feared that serious complications may result from internal injuries.

WILL COUNTRY SCHOOL CHILDREN GET A SQUARE DEAL?

Texas has the largest permanent public school fund, and almost the poorest public school equipment, taken as a whole, of all the States in the American Union. In the number of years of free tuition given the children of Texas by the public free school of the Texas, this State is below every other State in the Nation, with age limits of seven years at one end and sixteen at the other. The number of children of school age in Texas, according to the report of the school year of 1906-1907, was 793,675. The number of such children that did not enter a public school was 325,694. Forty-seven of each hundred children of school age in that year did not see the inside of a public school in Texas. In the percentage of illiteracy of native-born whites Texas ranks thirty-fifth among the forty-six American States. In the average length of public school term each year Texas ranks thirty-eighth. In the percentage of children of school age actually entering school, Texas ranks fortieth.

The Texas Conference for Education has undertaken the task of arousing a public sentiment that will bring Texas, in respect to public education, up to where she belongs, or near the head of the procession. Mr. F. M. Brallev, the general agent of the conference, called at the Houston Chronicle office one day last week to give me the foregoing facts and to explain the plans of the conference.

First Business Is an Amendment
The immediate object of the conference is to procure the approval by the voters of Texas of a constitutional amendment affecting the levy of taxes for public school purposes. This amendment was submitted to the people by the Thirtieth Legislature, and will be voted on in November, this year.

Under the present laws a country school district can levy up to 20 cents on the hundred dollars value of taxable property for school purposes, but it takes a two-thirds majority of the votes to make this levy. City school districts can levy all they require to meet their needs, and do it, but the children of the country districts too often grow up ill educated, or uneducated, because of the lack of funds to provide school houses and capable teachers.

Sources of Public School Money.

The annual income of the State's public school fund is about \$1,800,000. In addition to this, the State levies a public school tax of 20 cents on the hundred dollars. The poll tax payments collected by the State are added to the school fund, and one-fourth of the collections under the occupation tax laws. The State contributes out of these sources \$6 each year to aid in the education of each child of school age. In the cities the average amount expended per child upon public education, including the State's \$6, is \$13.10; in the country districts, \$7.23. The average for Massachusetts, city and country, runs over \$25 per child each year.

It is evident at a glance that Texas is grossly neglecting her most important duty—the education of her men and women of the future.

Texas gives her boys and girls nine years of free public schooling. Iowa gives her boys and girls seventeen years. These figures explain why Iowa is second in the list of States in the percentage of her citizens that can read and write, and why Texas is thirty-fifth.

A Square Deal for the Country Children.

Two-thirds of the children of school age in Texas live in country school districts. The amendment proposes to give these country children an even chance with the city children for an education. It proposes to allow country school districts to levy as high as 50 cents on the hundred dollars for school purposes. It proposes to give these country

school districts majority rule and to put an end to a system under which a moss-back one-third of the voters can vote down a tax levy that would provide decent schools for the children. It proposes, in a word, to give real democracy a chance in the country school districts of Texas.

If the amendment carries at the polls, as the conference hopes it will, the Legislature will be asked next winter to pass a law authorizing the use of one-fourth of the 50-cent levy as a basis for bonds with which to build school houses. This law, it is hoped, will authorize the State Board of Education to buy these bonds as an investment for the permanent school fund. This would make a steady market for the country districts' bonds, which will, as a rule, be issued in sums too small to commend them to the general bond market, but which will be as good as gold, nevertheless, because they will represent real value in property, and because, moreover, they will represent the determination of the farmers of Texas to educate their children. Men don't back down on an obligation taken for such a purpose, once they vote to assume it.

Boys and Girls Serving as Teachers.

There are 9243 country school districts in Texas. Mighty few of them, Mr. Brallev tells me, have the kind of schools the children are entitled to. Most of them are either crowded or unsanitary or lacking in some other essential. A majority of the teachers are mere boys and girls, insufficiently trained for their work. It's the most important work that falls to the hands of anybody in the world, after the work of the fathers and mothers, who provide food, shelter and home care for the youngsters, and it ought not to be entrusted to anybody that lacks proper training for it.

Older teachers who have had the advantage of normal school training too often speak disparagingly of the boys and girls that take up the burden of teaching in country school districts, and generally do the best they can with it. Nobody has any license to sneer at these young teachers. I know what they have to do and how little they get for it, because I have been through the mill. I know that they average up with the older teachers in earnest labor and good intentions, but I know also that they fall far below the average of the trained teachers in the results they get with the children, because they don't know the science of teaching. And as a rule they're too young to have sound judgment, that comes, if it ever comes, only with years and experience. They do the best they can, and they do a work that there isn't anybody else to do, but as rapidly as possible the State of Texas ought to provide trained teachers to educate the children of Texas. None of the older States, not even Massachusetts, with close to a dozen normal schools, trains anything like enough teachers to supply all its public schools. The work of the conference of education in Texas covers this need, along with many others.

But the first business of the conference is to get the amendment passed—the amendment that promises a square deal for the country boys and girls of Texas. And the leaders of the conference are certain, if they can only get the facts before the people of Texas, that the fathers of those country boys and girls will put the square deal amendment through whooping. What the conference fears is that a good many busy farmers, not having been informed fully about the real meaning of the amendment, may say, as they come across it on election day, "Oh, well, this is just another scheme to tax us, and I guess I'll vote against it."—Houston Chronicle.

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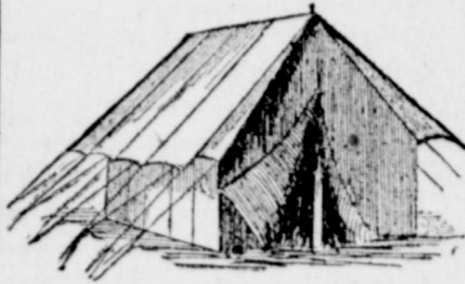
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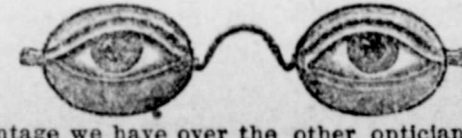
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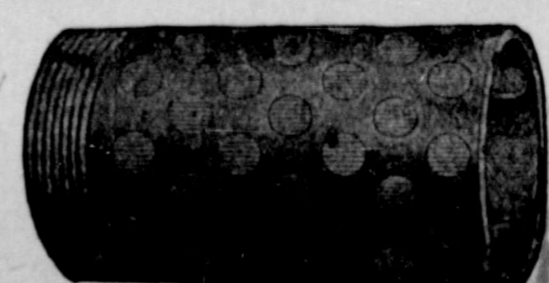
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William Randolph Hearst is said to be organizing a new political party. May be he wants to be the presidential nominee.

New York milliners have received two ship loads of Easter bonnets from Paris and these purse wreckers will be distributed among the fair sex of the land.

It is funny how some men will snort around enlightening the universe with their brilliant knowledge(?) and get mad as Hector if you can't see things like they do. But such is life.

In our announcement columns this week will be found the name of Mr. D. J. Cater, who comes before the people of Houston county as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. Mr. Cater is well known to our people, and needs no introduction at our hands. He has filled this high position of trust for two consecutive terms, and has made a splendid officer. He solicits your vote in the July primary.

The next eight or ten sessions of the legislature should be spent in repealing laws. If such should be the case Texas would be better off for it. We have too many laws already, many of which are unpopular, and many are out of date, the disuse of which have made them void. No laws should be enacted which public opinion will not uphold in enforcement. The ignoring of one law creates contempt for all.

In this week's issue will be found the announcement of Mr. W. G. Creath of Belott as a candidate for the legislature subject to the action of the democratic primaries. Mr. Creath is comparatively a young man, but has been identified with the interests of Houston for twenty five years. He solicits your support, believing that he is fully qualified to discharge the duties of the office satisfactorily. Give his claims consideration at the polls.

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A Letter to M. L. Clewis

Grapeland, Texas

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The average adulteration of paint in this country is about one third; so, you see, the average price the American people are paying for paint is about \$2 62 a gallon.

It is a game of wits. Adulterators are always too sharp for the bulk of consumers. People won't pay \$1.75 a gallon for paint. So they pay \$2 62 a gallon for paint and something that looks like paint mixed with it (They pay the painter, besides, from \$2 to \$4 for painting those useless gallons).

Why do they do it? They don't know Devoe.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOE & CO., New York.
 P. S. Geo. E. Darsey sells our paint.

Unequaled as a Cure for Croup

"Besides being an excellent remedy for colds and throat troubles, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is unequaled as a cure for croup," says Harry Wilson of Waynetown, Ind. When given as soon as the croupy cough appears, this remedy will prevent the attack. It is used successfully in many thousands of homes. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Black Joe will make the season at my livery stable in Grapeland. Services guaranteed for \$8.00.
 J. R. Smith.

This is So

We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as words can express it, that Hunt's Cure will positively cure any form of itching skin disease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. One application affords relief.

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The residence formerly occupied by B. E. Blount, near the Methodist church. Apply to Rent Editor at the Messenger office.

Prof. H. A. Howell, of Havana Cuba Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"As long ago as I can remember my mother was a faithful user and friend of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but never in my life realized its true value until now," writes Prof. H. A. Howell, of Howell's American School Havana, Cuba. "On the night of February 3rd our baby was taken sick with a very severe cold, the next day was worse and the following night his condition was desperate. He could not lie down and it was necessary to have him in the arms every minute. Even then his breath was difficult. I did not think he would live until morning. At last I thought of my mother's remedy, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which we gave, and it afforded prompt relief, and now, three days later, he has fully recovered. Under the circumstances I would not hesitate a moment in saying that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and that only, saved the life of our dear little boy." For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Announcements

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:

J J Faulk, of Henderson County

B H Gardner of Anderson county

For Representative
 W G Creath

For County Treasurer
 D J Cater (Re election)

For District Clerk
 B F Dent
 Joe Brown Stanton
 For re-election

For Tax Collector
 A L Goolsby

For County Clerk
 Nat E Allbright (for re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

S H Lively (re-election)

For Constable, Precinct No. 5
 S C Spence (re-election)

Hays Spring News.

March 8th.—We have just passed through a winter season that will long be remembered on account of so much sickness and so many deaths, but now we are having some nice spring weather and every body in our community is enjoying good health again, except Mrs. White Sims, who has had several back sets since she was first taken two months ago, but she is slowly on the mend and we hope she will soon be enjoying good health.

There has been some corn planted in our community and if next week continues warm and favorable there will be more corn planted in this section. We are going to try to raise more hogs and hominy in this section this year. We believe in diversification out this way and expect to plant more corn, more peas, and more peanuts and plenty of other good things that farmers need at home, and we believe our great ruler will smue on us with bountiful crops this year, and next fall we can say to our souls, eat, drink and be merry. We believe this is the main road to independence — raise everything you can that you need at home, and we will not need to raise so much cotton. These are strictly union principles and we think every farmer should fall in line and get down to business, and in a few years we will reach the mark of independence and live without debt or mortgage.
 Julius.

Test its Value

Simmon's Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for Constipation and Disordered Liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.
 W. M. Tomlinson,
 Oswego, Kansas.

Ten pounds good green coffee for \$1 at W. R. Wherry's.

The Messenger is full of news this week. Tell your friends about it, and hand them your paper when you are through with it.

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The Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Of Grapeland

HOUSTON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

LOCAL NEWS.

A car of chops, flour, bran and meal received at Darsey's.

The Messenger is prepared to print candidate cards.

F. A. Faris sells the improved Guice Harrow.

See those new spring goods at Darsey's.

Have your clothes pressed, the cost is very small. Odell Faris.

Candidate cards neatly printed at the Messenger office.

Tasteful tailoring, cleaning and pressing done by Odell Faris.

Clewis pays cash for all kinds of hides.

See the 5 Million pants at F. A. Faris'.

Mr. B. F. Pridgen went to Crockett Sunday

Let Odell Faris fix up your old clothes.

Five gallons of Eupeon oil for 85c at W. R. Wherry's.

Lee Sory and wife of Palestine have taken charge of the Totty Hotel.

The level best overalls at F. A. Faris', are the best on the market.

Dr. J. B. Smith of Crockett was in the city Saturday shaking hands with his many friends.

American Beauty flour is superior to anything on the market. Try a sack at F. A. Faris'.

The Bon Ton has just received all the best drinks of the season, on ice all the time.

It makes a fellow feel like spring time is here to see all those new spring dress goods at Darsey's.

Miss Jewel Taylor returned Saturday from Oakhurst where she had been visiting the family of her brother, Dr. W. B. Taylor.

A big shipment of Schloss Bros. clothing due to arrive next week at Darsey's. Don't fail to call and see them if you want the newest things in good clothing.

A knife on patent medicines and tobacco and many other things. Come and see. Cut 20 per cent on the dollar at J. N. Parker's.

Salt at F. A. Faris'.

Nice line of cutlery at Howard's.

Furniture and matting at Geo. E. Darsey's.

Dan Harmon and family spent Sunday at Percilla.

Take all your chickens, turkeys and eggs to F. A. Faris'.

Let me clean your old suit and make it look new. Odell Faris.

Glassware, and Queensware, ect. go to Howard's.

The best cotton planters ever sold in Grapeland at Darsey's.

Still have a full line of candies, delicacies and fruits at the Bon Ton.

Plenty of best grade pure corn chops and wheat bran at F. A. Faris'.

About half the male population of Grapeland went to Crockett Tuesday on court business.

B. R. Guice & Son are advertising their stock of drugs and fixtures for sale this week.

We want your chickens, eggs at highest market price at Howard's.

F. A. Faris wants to buy all your peas he will pay you the top price

The laundry basket will be found at the Bon Ton instead of the barber shop.

See us for Georgia stocks, Kelley plows and cotton planters at Geo. E. Darsey's.

Mr. B. F. Hill is very comfortably situated in his new place and the building makes an excellent post-office.

Misses Richards, the milliners, announce the arrival of their new spring hats, which are on display. Please call and see them.

Pure home made ribbon cane syrup for sale at W. R. Wherry's at 45c per gallon. Get yours before it is gone.

Miss Gusta Mae Smith of Crockett spent Saturday afternoon in the city looking after pupils for a music school.

Dr. W. D. McCarty left Tuesday for New Orleans, La., to take medical lectures. He will be absent about three weeks.

Since the postoffice has been moved Carleton & Porter keep stamps for the accommodation of the people.

Spring hats, which are created in the very acme of fashion, are on display at the millinery store. Call. Misses Richards.

Don't fail to see us for your commencement clothing, dress goods and slippers—a big stock on hand and arriving at George E. Darsey's.

Don't allow your trousers to become baggy at the knees and look bum, but let me press them and make them look new. Odell Faris.

Albert Neel and Miss Alice Whittaker were married in Crockett Monday. It was a run-away affair, which seems to be the most popular way around here. Both parties live near Grapeland.

Call at Howard's when in town.

Dr. L. Meriwether of Latexo was in town Tuesday and informed us he was contemplating moving to Crockett in the near future.

While in town Saturday Mr. W. H. Burden renewed his own subscription and had the Messenger sent to his son, John, at Lakeview Texas.

Shumate razors guaranteed at Howard's for \$1.00.

Ladies, don't fail to see our new line of shirt waists that we received this week. If not convenient to call and see them send for our shirt waist catalogue, giving full description and prices of our entire line. Respectfully, George E. Darsey.

Rev. J. E. Howard expects to preach at Reynard the fourth Sunday in this month and the Saturday night before. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend.

Notice.

All parties indebted to J. G. Shipper & Son are requested to call on S. C. Spence, and make settlement of their account, or make arrangements for settlement. All accounts have been turned over to him for collections. J. G. Shipper & Son.

H. M. Brown, F. P. Kennedy, T. P. Perkins, Will Irwin, Josiah Caskey and Dr. P. H. Stafford compose our honor roll this week.

Dr. S. H. Yarbrough will be here next Saturday for a few days to do dental work.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shipper and children left Saturday night for Rogansville where they will reside in the future, Mr. Shipper having identified himself with a business firm of that place. Their many friends here exceedingly regret to lose this good family, but wish them much happiness and prosperity in their new home

Mrs. C. C. Metcalf, who formerly lived near Grapeland, and who has children and many relatives near here, died at her home near Bullard last Wednesday night. Two of her children, Web and Sim Finch, went to Bullard Wednesday night. The Messenger extends sympathy to the sorrowing husband and other relatives.

Here's the way a South Carolina man announces himself for office: "To the good people of Edgewood—The wind bloweth where it listeth, and no man can tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth, but I am not that kind of cat. I am a Ben Tilman cat, and if elected county commissioner, I propose to reform, beautify, adorn, resuscitate, rejuvenate, habilitate Edgewood county from the edge of the water to the top of the rock. I am a laboring man and haul wood, and if not elected I can haul on. Could say more but am a man of few words and full of trouble."

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When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect. Call at Guice & Son's drug store for a free sample.

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MORE COTTON, LESS ACRE-AGE.

The cotton grower should not rest contented until he has taken decided steps toward the improvement of his cotton seed. Why more attention has not been paid to this important part of the cotton growing business is without an intelligent answer. It matters not how the fight may end that is now raging, and has been in progress from the beginning of time between the cotton grower and the gambler, the proposition still holds good, success cannot be achieved unless great care is manifested in breeding up and selecting cotton seed to grow future crops of the fleecy staple from.

It is regrettable to know that the very great percentage of cotton growers depend upon the seed obtained at the cotton gin. This would certainly not be the case if the proper amount of thought and attention was given to this important feature of the industry. When seed is obtained from the cotton gin the farmer is liable to plant several different varieties, different in so much as they may mature at different periods and are quite dissimilar in their growing habits. Strange as it may sound to the casual reader, it is true, nevertheless, that nearly every farm in a neighborhood or county has its own peculiarities. One is particularly adapted for the growing of a specific kind of cotton and will not produce cotton from any other kind of seed as abundantly as some other farm in the same territory, possibly having no greater fertility and no better adapted to the cultivation of cotton, generally speaking.

Therefore, this being true, it becomes of great importance to each and every man growing cotton to experiment with different improved kinds of seed and ascertain to a certainty the kind of cotton which grows best on his individual farm. This is not an arduous task. It is not giving the business of farming more attention than it legitimately demands. Every industry requires a certain amount of close application and study, and the man growing cotton, if he wishes to succeed to as great an extent as he is entitled to succeed, must give his industry close attention, thoughtful consideration and painstaking care.

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Special Notice. Owing to the fact of our success here, we will erect at once the largest and best equipped establishment for the treatment of tuberculosis in the United States in or near San Antonio. When this is completed we want to have two hundred cured cases to point to. We will, therefore, MAKE SPECIAL TERMS TO ALL WHO CALL in the next few days.

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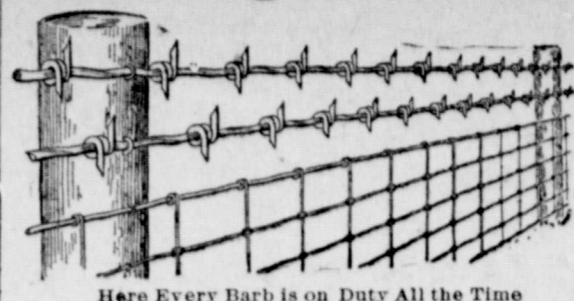
Ducks are said to be very fond of potato bugs. In case your vines become "buggy" invest in a few ducks.

FERTILIZE CO WPEAS.

Cow peas are so commonly recommended for green manuring that the impression prevails that the growing plant itself needs no fertilizer. This is a mistake and often a serious one; the more it is fed the more food it will store up for the crop which follows. It is true the cow pea has power to draw nitrogen from the air, and use it for its own growth, but for every pound of nitrogen thus absorbed more than a pound of potash and considerable phosphoric acid must also be taken up; the latter two ingredients do not exist in the air, so they must be supplied artificially. The nitrogen absorbed by the cow pea plant enters into and forms a part of the entire living plant and dry stubble, but cannot be made from nitrogen alone; not one atom of nitrogen can be assimilated unless there is also present certain amounts of potash and phosphoric acid. The growing cow pea must get its potash and phosphoric acid, just as cotton, just as corn, just as every other growing plant gets them,—from the soil, to which they must be applied in the shape of a fertilizer. No plant growth whatever is possible when potash, phosphoric acid and nitrogen are not present and available, and no oversupply of one plant food element can compensate for the absence or scarcity of another. Each must be present and in the proper proportion, otherwise there cannot be a full growth. While cow peas do have the property of drawing nitrogen from the air, nevertheless, a certain amount of this ingredient is required in the soil where they grow and must be artificially supplied, if not already present. The cow pea plant begins to take up atmospheric nitrogen when its leaves develop, and on poor soils, before this stage is reached the young plants generally suffer from the want of nitrogen. This poverty of nitrogen is indicated by a yellowish leaf, absence of vigor in the plant and a general sickly appearance; an appearance; an application of about 75 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre quickly remedies the trouble.

While an artificial application of nitrogen is regulated by the circumstances described, there are no such conditions affecting potash and phosphoric acid. Experiments at the Louisiana Experiment Station show that one acre of average cow peas contains 65 pounds of nitrogen, 111 pounds of potash and 20 pounds of phosphoric acid; of this the roots and stubble alone contain eight pounds of nitrogen, 18 pounds of potash and five pounds of phosphoric acid. These figures vary, of course, with different yields, but the range of variation is not wide and only serves to bring out clearly and boldly the fact that with every pound of nitrogen, a certain amount of potash and phosphoric acid is also assimilated by cow peas. These weights do not fix absolutely the amount of plant food needed by cow peas, but they do suggest approximately and relatively what the crop draws from the soil and what the least worn fields should have returned to them in the shape of plant food to prevent the soil from gradually losing its fertility. Let it be carefully noted, however, that there is, of necessity, some waste in the application of fertilizers; that not all the plant food given the soil can be gathered up and realized upon in crops. There is a loss in operation in the soil just as there is in a machine or in applying any other chemical or mechanical force, natural or otherwise. With ordinary fertilizers, this loss in potash has been roughly estimated at about one-third; in phosphoric acid, not less than one-half. Therefore, the actual amount of potash and phosphoric acid to be provided, to enable cow peas to take up and assimilate 65 pounds of nitrogen, is about 167 pounds of actual potash and 40 pounds of phosphoric acid. This is not given here as a fertilizer formula for cow peas, but merely to show what an acre of the crop must actually have.

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Respectfully,

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WORDS FROM THOSE COMPETENT TO JUDGE.

What U. S. Congressman Gordon Russell Says.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 1 1907.
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Gordon Russell,
M. C. 3rd Dis., Texas.
Mr. Haynes, Mr. Russell's private secretary, is a writer of the Byrne Simplified Shorthand. Mr. Russell's daughter is also preparing herself as a reporter with the Byrne Simplified.

Let State Supt. R. B. Cousins advise you:

Department of Education.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1907.
—To whom it may concern: It gives me pleasure to say that from personal experience with some of the graduates and ex-students of the Tyler Commercial College, that institution ranks among the best of its kind in the country. Its methods of teaching and controlling its students are modern and improved. To those who wish such an education as is furnished by standard business colleges, I can cordially commend this institution.

R. B. Cousins, State Supt.
Mr. Crawford has served as

chief stenographer for Mr. Cousins for the last two years. We secured him the position immediately after his completing a course with us in the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand.

Ambitious young men and women who entered the Tyler Commercial College last Spring for a course of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, or Telegraphy, are now holding excellent positions at good salaries. What will you be doing a year hence? Nothing that you are not prepared to do. Will you let us prepare you to do something well, and then get you that something to do? Tear out this article, fill in your name and address, send it to us and receive 162 page full of convincing facts

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