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Gardner to Faulk.

Judge Gardner Replies to Hon. J. J. Faulk's Card to the Public.

A Review of His Record to Follow Later.

To the Democracy of the Third Judicial District:

In a letter to the public, Hon. J. J. Faulk, one of my opponents from Athens, presents in behalf of himself, as a candidate from Henderson County, the fact that said county has had the District Judgeship for only two years. If there was nothing to it except that of "dividing the honors in the counties", I readily admit that I should "down and out" and let the "Two Gentlemen from Athens" have the fight to themselves; but Mr. Faulk admits the paramount question should be: "Is he honest, and is he qualified?" and to this I cheerfully subscribe

As to his position that the voter should give him preference if he thinks the public service would be administered as well by him as it is by me, I will let the Democratic Executive Committee of Anderson County answer to these words: "It is the custom of the Democratic party to reward faithful and meritorious service in office the first term with a second term".

I give the futher answer that it stands to reason that the experience of one term better qualifies me for a second term, and unless the voter thinks one of the candidates from Athens would make a better judge than I have made, the preference should be given to me. In this connection I call the attention to the fact that Judge Williams of Houston County held the office two terms, and, with the aid of Anderson County, was promoted to the Court of Civil Appeals and is now on the Supreme Court Bench. And the people of Anderson County are delighted to help keep him there, though he has been in office continuously for about twenty four years.

Mr. Faulk says he knows the people of Anderson County and that when they know the facts, "will do justice to a sister county, even at the sacrifice of one of her worthy sons". I too have confidence in the people of my county, and of the whole district, and I verily believe if you show them they ought to do so, they will sacrifice me, but before they do that on a county line sentiment, the voters of Houston and Anderson Counties will want to know on whose altar the sacrifice should be made, Faulk's or Bishop's?

In this connection I suggest that it might be well for them favoring the rotation theory to read the correspondence between Bishop and Faulk, wherein the former proposes and the latter declines to leave it to a preliminary primary in Henderson County to determine between the two who is the choice of that county.

While on this subject of confidence in the people, I take occasion to say that I have great admiration for the independence and intelligence of the people of Henderson County; and this

honors, and the talk of Faulk matter of counties dividing the and Bishop about the "Faulk Road Law", calls to mind the race for senator at the last election between Holsey of Navarro and Watkins of Kauffman, and the part played by Henderson County.

It was conceded on all sides that, according to the rotation theory, Kauffman's time had come, and Dr. Watkins, a good man and brother of Judge Watkins of Athens, was slated for the place and had the support of the lawyers, including both my opponents, the doctors and merchants of Athens, and in fact the politicians of Henderson County. Holsey of Navarro had the temerity to run for senator in the face of this rotation rule, and he was profuse in promises to repeal the "Faulk Road Law". I understand Dr. Watkins was also committed to the repeal or amendment of this now famous law, but he did not lay so much stress on that issue. The primary election resulted in Holsey carrying Henderson County by about one thousand majority, and said law was thereafter repealed, as Mr. Faulk says, "Without protest or objection from anyone", and as Mr. Bishop says, "With an emergency Clause". Whether or not this road law, the child of Hon. J. J. Faulk, was the main issue in the campaign is not so material, but it is apparent that Henderson County did not in this instance, stand by the so called rule of rotation between counties.

I have good reason to believe the good people of Henderson county are not disposed, to any great extent, to insist on the so called rotation rule at the sacrifice of a worthy officer seeking a second term, even though the intended victim hails from Anderson County: and, from the way my Henderson County friends talk, I would not be surprised if the election disclosed that I was far in the lead in that county. Mr. Faulk makes a good many statements and insinuations in his rambling letter, the exact purport of which is not clear, but he says: "A mistake made through ignorance is unpardonable", and I guess he ought to know. In the same letter he makes the mistake of charging Judge Burnett to Houston Co., and, later on, his partisan friends adopt resolutions with the two years of Judge Burnett charged to Anderson County, when he and they ought to know that Burnett should not be charged to the democracy of either county, as he was a Republican and was elected over a democratic nominee. And, right here, it is proper to say, that the nominee then defeated was Judge Watkins of Henderson County, and, had he been elected, there is little doubt that he would have received a second nomination. As it was, no one at the next election cared for the nomination,

because then it was not equivalent to an election, and it was an Anderson County man, in the person of Judge Gill, who came to the rescue and risked defeat as the nominee.

Mr. Faulk doubts his coming up to the high standard of some of the judges who have been on the Bench in this district, but says: "I trust, however, without seeming egotism, that I could promise to hold the standard at least where it is now", and this was said in cold blood!

Now, while Mr. Faulk has been viewing me "with a critic's eye", and with a longing for the place I now occupy, (I did not mean to make it rhyme) I have had full opportunity to size him up, to "take his measure" so to speak, and I feel assured that the people of Henderson County, who know him best and have had a fair opportunity to judge me, will not think it egotism on my part to say that I think the standard held by me is quite as high as that gentleman will ever be able to reach. When I get time, I shall prepare a statement of my official acts, and review at some length the cases in which I have been reversed, and compare my record with that of the able judges who have gone before, and let the people be the Supreme Court and decide if the standard has been lower to Mr. Faulk's level.

In due time I shall reply to, or meet, all issues that seem to need attention, but, in the meantime, I wish those of my friends, throughout the district, who have fully made up their minds to give me their support, would consult together and get in touch with me by letter or otherwise.

I now thank those who have already made known their intention to support me, and take occasion to say to my friends that I feel quite sure of success, but, with cordial assistance, "assurance can be made doubly sure".

B. H. Gardner.

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Old Gray Comes Again

Augusta, Texas, Mar. 15.—By the kind solicitation of the editor and some of his patrons we will give the readers of the Messenger the news of our town and surrounding country as we get it.

Our town is moving along nicely; our merchants are doing fairly well considering the pressure of hard times.

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The weather for several days past has been fine and spring time with all its loveliness gives new life to everything.

The farmers are pushing corn planting to completion and are well advanced with their work generally. Great deal of complaint about black birds destroying the corn that is up; in some places the stand is almost destroyed.

The walnut timber men continue to haul walnut logs from this section. The heavily loaded

wagons have rendered the roads nearly impassible.

The political pot is not boiling much down this way. The people of this community don't seem to care which way the wind blows, politically speaking. We think it is time every voter should be aroused to a full sense of his duty by voting for men worthy of the office to which he aspires. We certainly do need a broad-minded man to represent us in the legislature. We are being overburdened by laws that are not worth the paper they are printed on. Who is to blame in a great measure? We are from the fact that we elect men to represent us because they are "good fellows" and these same fellows amount to filling their seats and drawing their salaries. We have good material in Houston county. Let us cast about and choose one that will be an honor to his constituency and a credit to himself.

Henry Gregg, formerly of our town, has moved to Mitchell county. He was a prosperous farmer and a good citizen. We wish him and his good wife every success in their new homes.

Mrs. Jo Kennedy and Mrs. Fannie Wilson are visiting relatives in Grapeland.

Our village is nature quiet and little news afloat. As ever,
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Mr. Lively Writes Again

Roby, Texas, Mar. 9.—Here I come again but I will not stretch this letter like I did the other one. I have been stretched so much since I have been out here until everything I look at seems to stretch. Will say if I call anybody's name, or have done so in my previous letter, as for my part you are my best friends and I would not dare personate only those who are my friends.

Now, good people, I will try to describe this country. Rotan is our closest railroad town and it has built up faster than any town I have ever seen. They tell me it is only thirteen months old, and my son Tom helped build the third house that was put there. There are two banks, two gins, which have just ginned about 4,000 bales of cotton, and two nice churches have just been completed, an ice plant has recently been built, and there is about 75 business houses, and a good school. Nat Patton told me there were 300 enrolled, and he is one of the teachers. Rotan is situated in a beautiful place, between the two Brazos rivers four miles from the Clear Fork on the west and the Sulphur Fork on the east. The land is of a dark red loam, and the ridges are of a light red loam, and is fine enough for any man to want a home here. Plenty of timber for fuel and posts; the tilable land lies in fine bodies and there is no waste land to amount to anything. The price of land is high, ranging from \$7 to \$25 per

acre, but will produce the stuff; plenty of water but not of the finest quality. All this country is settling up fast and as good a people as you ever met. I wish all you good people were out here. I sure do miss B. R. Eaves. He and I have stood many a time and talked until we would pick a fence post down to the ground with our fingers. Come out here Burl and we will kill prairie dogs. I must rap Dr. McCarty a few licks. He was always asking me what I wanted with so many boys. Come out here, doctor, and I will show you. I am going to sit in the shade and chew tobacco and watch them ride cultivators.

There are some strange things here to me. A man can buy anything he wants and as much as he wants on time without giving a mortgage, and you know the Methodists believe in sprinkling altogether, and it never does anything here in the way of raining but sprinkle and everybody in this country are Baptists and Holiness.

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Corsicana.—H. L. Thompson, while hunting on the Trinity River, near Kearns, killed an otter which measured five feet from tip to tip. This is said to be the first otter killed or trapped in that locality for a number of years.

Austin.—Governor Campbell received a communication from the president of the Bowery Mission of New York that 2000 working men can be supplied immediately if desired. The letter states that New York is thronged with idle men and boys willing to come and work, transportation being furnished.

Hondo.—At a Local Option election held in Precinct No. 6 of Medina County, known as the Prohibition area of the County, the Prohibition vote was materially decreased, one precinct voting solidly against, while another had one vote for to twenty-five votes against Prohibition.

Johnson City.—At the Prohibition election held here the place went wet by a majority of seven votes. It rained immediately after, and the people are happy.

El Paso.—Work has begun on the Engle dam, above El Paso, which is to reclaim 250,000 acres of land in Mexico, New Mexico and Texas. The dam, when completed, will cost \$8,000,000.

Hallettsville.—A negro school teacher who was teaching young America how to shoot straight was fined \$100 for habitually carrying a pistol from his home to school and from the school house.

Austin.—The Comptroller announces that since the decision of the Court of Appeals holding the \$2000 tax on Ino, Uno and Frosty unconstitutional there is no tax on the sale.

Seguin.—D. T. A. Moore will be a candidate against John H. Garner for Congressman from the Fifteenth District of Texas.

Austin.—The State Treasurer's report for the quarter ending February 29 shows that the total receipts of the State Treasury amounted to \$5,811,988.30, while the disbursements amounted to \$3,820,784.93, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$1,991,203.37, and bonds held by the State in the sum of \$15,926,057.03.

Austin.—Texas State University leads all Southern universities in point of registration of pupils, the total being 2273, surpassing Tulane University by 700 pupils.

Alpint.—J. D. Armstrong, representing the company which paid the State \$61,000 for a four-year privilege of gathering the ganyule shrub from State school lands, announces that the erection of a large rubber plant at Alpine will begin within two months.

Gonzales.—Cotton buyers bought 242 bales of cotton, a number of which came from the Farmers' Union warehouse, at 10 1/2 cents.

Waco.—The anti-Bailey convention at Waco was largely attended from every section of the State. An anti-Bailey campaign was inaugurated, and delegates and alternates to the National Convention were nominated.

Navasota.—John Campbell, a negro, charged with carving up County Commissioner J. T. Barry with a knife, was taken from the city lock-up by a crowd of men, hanged to a telegraph pole and riddled with bullets.

Sherman.—Workmen who were excavating the ground where formerly an old mill stood, struck a tin box containing silver coins from 25 cents to \$1, both American and Mexican. The coins are all over fifty years old, and are worth considerable over their face value.

Bay City.—A fire destroyed eight business houses, wiping out an entire block. The damage is heavy, but mostly covered by insurance.

Austin.—The Department of Insurance has issued 30,000 licenses to insurance agents, of which number there are approximately 20,000 fire insurance and 10,000 life insurance agents.

Austin.—Insurance Commissioner Love is advised by the Insurance Commissioner of New York that the Mutual Reserve Insurance Company is "hopelessly insolvent." Policyholders are advised to pay no further premiums and share in the pro rata distribution of its assets.

Austin.—The State will lose approximately \$200,000, due to the withdrawal of twenty-one of the largest insurance companies from the State on account of the Robertson insurance law.

Corpus Christi.—A schooner line between Corpus Christi and Mexican ports has been established for the purpose of carrying tropical fruits, and steps are taken to improve shipping to Galveston.

DOMESTIC.

Washington, D. C.—The Senate ratified six of the thirteen treaties negotiated at the international conferences at The Hague. The treaties adopted are those to which no opposition has been made.

Amite, La.—State Senator-elect D. S. King was shot and killed by C. F.

of the community. The trouble arose over the recent primary election, which was followed by a pistol duel, with the above result.

Caldwell, Idaho.—Harry Orchard withdrew his plea of not guilty of the murder of former Governor Steunenberg and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree. Sentence will be passed on March 18.

Washington, D. C.—In reply to an invitation from the Galveston Chamber of Commerce Secretary Strauss of the Department of Commerce and Labor has signified his intention to visit Galveston to confer on the best practical methods of extending the exports of Texas.

Omaha, Neb.—At a meeting of the State Populist Committee resolutions were passed reaffirming the Omaha platform of 1892 and endorsing William J. Bryan for President.

Washington, D. C.—Bids will be opened April 13 for 4,500,000 pounds of cement for use on the Panama Canal. The cost will be approximately \$10,000,000.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota State Democratic Executive Committee endorses Governor Johnson for the Democratic Presidential nomination, defeating the Bryan contingent by a vote of 68 to 23.

New York, N. Y.—The Republican State Convention of New York endorsed Hughes as New York's candidate for the Presidential nomination.

Pekin, China.—Representatives of ten shipbuilding firms and arms manufacturing concerns of Great Britain, Germany and France are in Pekin, looking for contracts out of a \$50,000,000 naval equipment appropriation.

Washington, D. C.—Minister Wu Ting Fang of China, has returned to Washington as China's diplomatic representative, after an absence of several years.

Elkhart, Ind.—The greatest flood in history is devastating the country. Over 400 homes are in from one to six feet of water, and over 1000 are homeless. The damage is extremely large and suffering intense.

Goldfield, Nev.—The United States troops that had been stationed in Goldfield for the past three months have been withdrawn and the camp turned over to the Nevada State police.

Deer Lodge, Mont.—Three lifetime prisoners, in attempting to make their escape from the State penitentiary, killed the assistant warden and dangerously wounded the warden. Two were killed by the officers and the other two taken prisoners.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Thomas J. Callan, the man whom General Custer sent for reinforcements when entrapped by the Indians on the Little Big Horn River, in Montana, and who led the relief force back to that place, died at his home.

Washington, D. C.—The President signed a proclamation creating the Ozark National Forest, in the northwestern part of Arkansas. The new forest has an area of nearly 920,000 acres.

San Francisco, Cal.—Eugene E. Schmitz, former Mayor of San Francisco, was released from jail, after presenting bonds in the sum of \$150,000.

Paducah, Ky.—One hundred masked night riders rode into the town of Birmingham and shot six negroes, one of them, it is believed, fatally, and whipped five others.

New York, N. Y.—Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw institutes proceedings for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw on the ground of insanity.

FOREIGN.

Quadalajara, Mexico.—A Yaqui Indian pioneer 102 years old completed a 150-mile walk and stood the strain better than a number of young men.

Caracas.—An uprising occurred in the barracks, during which the soldiers killed their commander, General Mesa.

Lopez, Bolivia.—Disquieting news has been received of political unrest in the Argentine province, and trouble is expected.

Valparaiso, Chile.—An Anglo-American syndicate has purchased the Port Coloso Railway and nitrate fields, as well as nitrate fields in Tara, Pamuca and Antafagasta, for \$12,000,000.

Port Au Prince, Hayti.—President Nord Alexis has pardoned all the persons connected with the Firmin-Jimneau revolution who took refuge in the American Consulate at Port Depaix.

Lorta, Fayal, Azores.—The crew of the Norwegian bark Glint were landed here by the British steamer Tredegarhall, after having been rescued at sea from their vessel, which was in a sinking condition.

Paris, France.—M. Pinchon, the foreign minister, gave a brilliant dinner party in honor of the diplomatic corps. Among those who attended was the American Ambassador, Henry White, and Mrs. White and their daughter.

London, England.—The British Parliament is informed by Herbert H. Asquith, acting Premier of Great Britain, that Germany will not be permitted to surpass the British navy; that it is the intention of the Government to maintain Great Britain's unassailable supremacy at sea.

Berne, Switzerland.—Stephen Koch, the champion ski runner of Switzerland, met his death while indulging in his favorite occupation. He was skiing the mountains above Bergen when he was carried over a precipice by an avalanche and killed.

THE WEED PROBLEM.

It is a problem indeed. The weed is the most expensive crop the farmer or gardener can grow, says the Gem State Rural. It takes up space, robs the soil of its fertility and divides with crops, if it does not monopolize them, the essentials of plant growth. It does these things, too, without any return for the mischief made, excepting the worry and trouble caused. But beyond this the general effect of a rank growth of weeds is most depressing. It gives an unthrifty appearance and an untidiness to a place that always reflects on the owner, or occupant, whether justly or not, and is, therefore, on general principles, a condition to be avoided, wherever possible.

One of the most important steps in the battle with the weeds is the co-operation of all having in charge the highways and public rights of way of every kind. It should be just as much the part of the road overseer's duty to keep the road free from troublesome weeds as to keep it passable and free from nuisances in other respects. The same is true of railway rights of way and of irrigation canals. There is no reason why they should be permitted to be a menace to public convenience and comfort.

This is a matter that needs more attention than it is receiving, because no matter how painstaking the farmer may be in his efforts to overcome the weeds, he will be seriously handicapped if the highways, public lands and vacant places are allowed to be taken possession of by noxious growths to spread their seed far and wide. The weed problem is in fact an important one and cannot be solved by any one individual.

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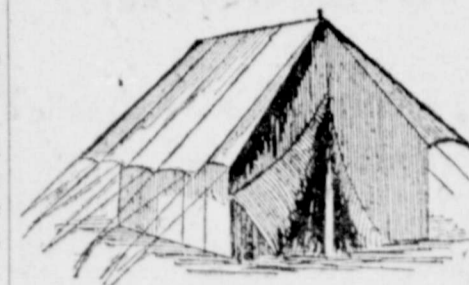
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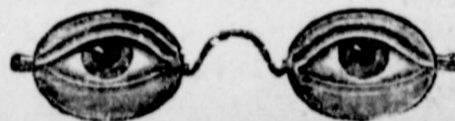
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THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTA.

(By Ruth M. Canty.)

Legendary lore fills an attractive place in the literature of all nations, and even peoples and tribes who possess no books hand down from generation to generation stories teeming with gems of beliefs and flowers of fancy. A veritable kingdom of this mythical realm, where imagination is king, and his sway is supreme, for the "philosophy that clips an angel's wings" is not allowed to enter there and annoy his subjects, who are all asleep in the lap of legends old.

While many of these old narratives are classical and artistic, all of them, from their simplicity and beauty, appeal to the romantic and emotional.

One specially interesting because it combines a story of the infant Christ and the history of a flower, is "The Legend of the Poinsetta."

To better understand the peculiar features of the mystic little story it will be necessary to consider the nature of the plant. The poinsetta is a native of the land of the Montezumas and was long admired and loved by the Mexicans before it was made known to the world.

Joel Roberts Poinsett, a distinguished South Carolinian, sent by the United States to Mexico on a diplomatic mission, "discovered" the plant in 1828, and it was named in honor of him. Its botanical classification is: A genus of the family Euphorbiaceae, now merged in Euphorbia itself. Poinsetta pulcherrima is a highly ornamental plant, with rose like whorls of bracts.

The plant in appearance is a mass of long, slender stems surrounded by large, blood-red blossoms.

The singular part about these apparently gorgeous flowers is that they are not flowers at all, but only the final row of leaves, that without "rhyme or reason" have suddenly taken to themselves a glory that comes why and how no man can say. The legend runneth thus:

Many long years ago, before the poinsetta received the name by which we know it, the Mexicans knew and loved it as their Christmas flower, and attaining its perfection near the great feast of the nativity it is used in quantities to decorate the churches and chapels. Not always did the plant bear on its reed like canes heads of brilliant blossoms, for once it was a common weed, having as a flower only a little bunch of yellow pods that these days form the center of the splendid "Christmas rose."

The special Christmas tide, at which the poinsetta received its crown of glory, was fast approaching, and the faithful in all the land were preparing to pay homage to the nativity of Christ.

Every church had a nook where loving hands had built a crib and placed therein an image of an infant to make as realistic as possible the memory of the birth supernal.

All through the hours of this eve of the blessed day the streets of a Mexican town were filled with eager worshippers to deck the sacred edifices, children followed their elders, carrying their sweet offerings to lay before the crib. They could not give too much devotion to the Christ child, for was it not on his birthday that the good saint, patron of all children, came and brought gifts and joy to those who had been good, or tried to be, in the long hour just gone?

So many bright eyes and flushed, happy faces were there! But at the end of the town, where the street lost itself in the miserable region where dwelt the very poor, one little heart was heavy with sorrow and two soft black eyes were dim with tears that would not be stayed, for very deep was the grief that caused them.

Early in the day a little girl, poorly dressed, timidly entered a church, and while she knelt she watched with eager eyes those who dressed the crib with the offerings of beautiful flowers. The little heart thrilled with love and holy desire, and she longed for just one fine flower that she also might give something to the blessed infant. But she was so poor! Not one penny did she own to buy a bloom, and wild things that she could pluck were not fit to give to him!

At last evening had come and the child still wept, because the beautiful thing she craved could never be hers.

Suddenly her grief was stayed, for an angel stood beside her and asked why she was so unhappy when peace and joy and good will to man should fill the land. Was she dreaming or was the vision real? She did not know, but somehow she felt comforted and straightway told the cause of her sorrow. The angel said: "Pluck the plant that grows by your door and give that to our Lord." "Oh!" said the child, her face again growing sad, "I cannot lay a weed among the sweet flowers at the church." Again the vision spoke, "Fear not to make your offering, poor though it seems to you, 'tis not the beauty of the gift, but the love that prompts it that pleases the Sacred Heart."

The angel disappeared as the last word was uttered, but the child obediently gathered the weeds and wended her way to the church again. It was brilliantly lit now and filled with worshippers, but she looked not to the right nor to the left. Straight ahead she saw the place where the infant Savior lay, and to that spot she made her way and put her humble gift in the midst of that mass of tropical bloom!

She bent her head and whispered her little prayer, then rose from her knees to retire. For a moment her eyes rested on the spot where she had laid her gift. What miracle was this? The weeds indeed were there, but around their small yellow flowers the slender green leaves had become a vivid red, making a gorgeous bloom, that added the crowning glory to the beauty of the holy shrine.

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And I wish that I could lie, dreaming, dreaming still!

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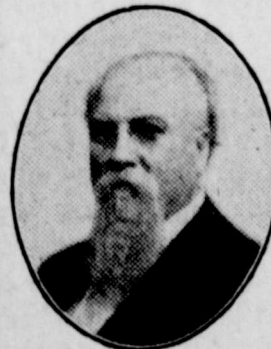
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THE MESSENGER.

Joe Sappington on Cooking.

I have heretofore said a right smart on the line of girls learning to cook, but it is ever a vital question and can not be aired too often. You know I think we should always be prepared to die, we ought at the same time try and live as long as possible. And wholesome food, properly prepared, certainly has in it the elements of longevity. It is not overdrawing the conditions at all to say that more danger lies under the castiron casing of biscuits made by loving American mothers, than in the deadly bomb-shells of all the anarchists of the world.

I tell you it is a shame to neglect the great culinary art: to turn girls out on the world without cooking sense enough to boil water. And it is dangerous to the health and happiness of the world as well. There is no finer accomplishment than to be able to prepare a dainty, inviting meal of victuals. As a matter of course we don't live solely to eat; we are not simply animals with an appetite to satisfy. But that is only a greater reason why we should have our food prepared in the best possible way.

Did you ever take a seat at a table where the beefsteak was fried in half warm grease, requiring about an hour's sogging to get it done, and where the bread was clammy and hot and the very picture of indigestion in its last stage? If so you flirted with the grim monster. Such meat and such bread should be outlawed. The way to cook beef steak is to broil it, and the way to cook bread—well, for Heaven's sake, go learn how.

Sometimes we see great chunks of cheese on a supper table and slices of ham containing about a dozen Clydesdale nightmares to each; and little children are allowed to eat and stuff and drink strong coffee along with it. No wonder the American people are so restless. Such food for little ones, at bedtime, is enough to produce a nation of pirates.

Mothers you should learn your girls how to cook and what to cook. I honestly believe that it is one of the finer arts, more important in life than music, painting or the "spittin'" of Latin and the quoting of heart-sick poetry.—Remarks and Arrow.

A Pleasant Physic.

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.

Reynard News

Reynard, March 16.—We are smiling again and everything is just lovely in the way of farming. Old man grippe has renewed his acquaintance with some of us, but is not quite so friendly as at first.

Mrs. P. L. Fulgum and children and Mrs. T. S. Kent left Saturday for Deer Point to see their sister, Mrs. L. Kent. Mr. Fulgum accompanied them as far as Crockett, so Pat is baching now for the first time in a long while.

Mr. Williams, a business man of Dallas, is in our midst hunting peas. This is a new departure and may mean something in the future, but they are a scarce article at present.

Potatoes are coming fine and if nothing prevents there will be something doing about the middle of May. G. B. Kent says he expects to have them to eat by the first Sunday in April.

Very few attended services at Daly's Sunday from our berg. Conveyance keeps a great many from church. Let's not forget that we will have preaching next Sunday and Saturday night and all go if we have to hoof it.

Jack Beazley is wanted in Crockett Tuesday on court business.

It ought not to be long until we will have a full stand of candidates. Zack.

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.

A. K. Fretz and little son of Pratt, Kan., came in one day last week to spend a while, as Mr. Fretz has considerable business to transact.

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.

George Scarborough was in town Saturday from Denson Springs.

It's A Hustler.

Hunt's Lightning Oil is up and doing all the time. It cures your aches, pains, cuts, burns and bruises while you sleep. Rub a little on your misery and feel it disappear.

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)

Elkhart Searchlight.

LEE PARKS, Editor

Elkhart, Texas, March 17.—Crops around our little city are looking fine.

Potatoes are about all up and looking fine.

On Tuesday night March 10th, Mr. Mart Franks and Miss Lula Parker were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, by our Methodist minister, Rev. Gibson at the Methodist Parsonage. The wedding was a surprise to all of their friends. We extend to them our best congratulations, wishing them many happy days. Mr. Carlton Buck arrived home from Cuba Wednesday night. Carlton came by the way of Houston and was married there Wednesday evening.

Mr. E. E. Hardgree was in Palestine Tuesday.

Rev. Tyler gave a fine lecture at the Methodist church Monday night.

The Methodists will begin their protracted meeting here on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in this month.

"The Armless Man."

Said, "It wasn't money he wanted, but somebody to scratch his back." There are many with strong arms and willing hands that have that same yearning. Hunt's Cure will make back scratching, or any other old scratching totally unnecessary. It knocks out any itching sensation that ever happened, and it does it right now. One application relieves.

Miss Adelle Davis spent a part of last week at Augusta visiting relatives.

For Diseases of the Skin.

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by Guice & Son.

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Oriole News

Oriole, March 16.—We are having some delightful spring weather. Farmers are all busy with their work; planting corn, setting out fruit trees and doing other necessary work.

Glad to notice that the candidates are making their announcements in the Messenger; also glad to learn that you are getting a good list of cash subscriptions.

Mr. Thad Marsh finished planting corn on the 14th, and in the evening hitched up his horses and with his family and the writer's family made their way to the Hammons, near the Chapel Hill school house, and spent several hours very pleasantly fishing, and returned home by moonlight.

Glad to report that our Sunday school has been started again and hope that all of our people here will take an interest in it.

We had a right serious accident happen here sometime back. John Punch and Hardin Robinson were driving a wagon. The boys were standing up reading a note, when the wagon struck a stump and threw the boys out next to the mules. The mules took a scare and run. John Punch got his arm and face

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bruised up considerably and Dr. Punch was sent for and came up and took John home. I learn that he is doing tolerably well.

A. K.

Prof. T. P. Perkins and Sam Kennedy went to Crockett Saturday afternoon to transact some business relative to the normal.

The Depositors in This Bank.

Are the merchants, the professional and successful men and women of the city; the farmers of the surrounding territory.

We accommodate all classes. Our customers represent the men and women who have built and are still building successful enterprises.

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HOUSTON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

LOCAL NEWS.

Go to Howard's for seed.

F. A. Faris sells the improved Guice Harrow.

Mr. Geo. E. Darsey went to Austin Monday night.

M. L. Clewis has a full line of fishing tackle.

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

Joe Bob Oliphint was up from Creek Sunday.

Clewis pays cash for all kinds of hides.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry of Crockett spent Sunday here.

Dunham's home made syrup at at Howard's.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris visited at Crockett Sunday.

Let Odell Faris fix up your old clothes.

For the best flour, buy Ruth's at Howard's

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

Walter Conaway of Palestine was in the city Sunday afternoon

Finest line of Tea and grated nutmegs in town at the Bon Ton.

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

Hermie Howard of Crockett was in town a few days this week.

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

Mrs. Geo. Mobley of Daly's visited her sister, Mrs. Joe Darsey, a few days this week.

Rev. J. C. Cameron attended the Missionary Institute at Conroe last week and reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

Bob Wheeler was in town Monday. Mr. Wheeler formerly conducted a business at LaTexo, but is traveling now.

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'.

Eggs are legal tender at Howard's.

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

Get there on time, buy a good watch from Howard.

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

Corn and feed stuff and flour expected daily at Howard's

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

Mr. S. T. Anthony returned to Crockett Monday to resume his duties in the grand jury room.

These hot days will remind you that the Bon Ton has the coldest and best drinks in town.

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

Spring underwear and shirts for gentlemen, new ties, ect., just received at Clewis'.

Mrs. L. Q. Browning visited relatives at Salmon a few days this week.

Mrs. A. N. Edens and children visited at Elkhart Saturday and Sunday.

The Bon Ton Cream Parlor is especially prepared for ladies. Call, you are welcome.

Mrs. Ward Bruton of near Crockett is visiting Mrs. Rand Wherry this week.

A message from Houston announces the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Marx.

Misses Ruby Robertson and Essye Kennedy of Crockett were the guests of the Misses Caldwell a few days this week.

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

P. H. Burke, representing the Galveston News, was in town Monday in the interest of his paper.

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

Mrs. M. Smith was brought down from Palestine Monday at noon, at which place she had been confined in the hospital.

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

Spring and winter haye about quit their hide and seek game and we believe spring is with us to stay now.

Mrs. John Kenedy and Mrs. Hall Wilson of Augusta were the guests of Mrs. P. H. Stafford Saturday and Sunday.

It is a waste of time to ask the price of goods at Wherry's, just call for what you want, the price will be lower than the lowest. Come early and avoid the rush.

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.

There will be a meeting of the democrats of Houston county at the court house in Crockett, Saturday, March 28th, to organize a Bailey Club. A call will be published next week.

Letter to J. J. Brooks.

Grapeland, Texas

Dear Sir: No man is in a position to influence men with regard to their property more than you in that little room where they tell you their troubles. Pity if you don't know how to keep a house dry and sound, any sort of structure house, store, factory, warehouse, shop, barn, fence—any sort of fence, except rail; with paint.

What paint? The paint that takes least gallons; for paint costs money, and putting it on costs twice as much as the paint.

That is short; but that's all; it includes the rest. One paint wears long, another wears short, but the one that wears long is the least-gallons paint; least-gallons means pure and strong, and most-gallons means adulterated and weak, besides small gallons.

Paint is one of the biggest interests in the United States: not the business of making it; no, the business of paint, taking care of property. Paint is worth a great deal more than it costs, and the best costs least: Devoe.

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

Crockett News

Crockett, Texas, March 16.—The grand jury, which has been in session here for the past week, adjourned Saturday until Tuesday morning. They returned into court fourteen bills of indictments, one for assault on murder, seven for burglary, five for unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor and one for hog theft.

The residence occupied by Ed Moore in South West Crockett caught fire last night about 9 o'clock and the house, with its contents, were destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$1,250; insurance, \$700.

Dinner Next Saturday

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve dinner next Saturday under the shed at the rear of the furniture store. A good dinner will be served for 25c and you will help a worthy cause. Eat dinner with the ladies.

Work Horses for Sale

I will be in Grapeland Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, with a bunch of good work horses. It will pay those wanting a good team for farming purposes to see me at Smith's livery stable. Dan Laroe.

Hats Hats Hats

Just received a nice line of ladies up-to-date hats. Prices right at S. T. Anthony's.

If your neighbor does not take the Messenger, hand him this copy when you have read it, and request him to send in his subscription. Every man ought to take his home paper.

News reached Grapeland Monday of the death of Mrs. Mariotte of Oakland, Cal. It will be remembered that Mrs. Mariotte was stricken with paralysis last summer while here visiting her sister, Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

The county superintendent will be at Hays Springs on the night of March 25th, to address the people concerning a school district at this place. Will be glad if all the patrons of school and voters of community will come out.

Sam Herod.

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Peas, Peas, Peas!

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If you bring them in before Saturday take them to J. J. Brooks and he will receive and pay for them for me. I will receive them at the car Saturday.

D. P. WILLIAMS,

COTTON SEED MEAL FOR HOGS.

Make a mixture in bulk about one-third cotton seed meal and two-thirds corn chops, whole corn, wheat bran, or shorts; mix with water to a thin mash in two vessels (an old barrel sawed in two is good) and leave to sour or ferment, which will take from 12 to 48 hours, according to the weather and other conditions; then feed from these alternately, using the contents of one while that of the other is left to sour.

A good growing ration may be based on one pound of the dry mixture per hundred pounds of live weight. For quick fattening this may be doubled, quadrupled or even more largely increased. Indeed the Texas Experiment Station fed as much as seven and a half pounds per day to 150 pound hogs, though this is extremely uneconomical, if not dangerous.

When ready to feed add fresh water to the feeding ration sufficient to bring to a thin slop, about the consistency of sweet milk and give the hogs all they will clean up.

All hogs eat it greedily and all thrive on it from the lordly head of the herd to the tiniest gruntlet. But for "piggy" or suckling sows it is especially valuable, giving to the pigs both before and after farrowing a growth and vigor attainable with no other feed on earth.

In an experience of over 25 years I have never seen a hog refuse to eat it, or injured by it. Indeed it is not only the best and cheapest feed on earth, but it is an efficient prophylactic and hogs fed on it seem entirely immune to any of the common ills that hogs are heir to.

As to the feeding value of cotton seed meal compared with corn, chemical analysis, confirmed by years of practical tests answer this. A hundred pounds of corn contains from six to ten pounds of protein, of carbohydrates.

The agricultural experiment stations and the agricultural text books, all teach us these things: First. To feed a balanced ration.

Second. That a balanced ration is one in which the three important feed elements, protein, fat and carbohydrates, are combined in such proportions as to meet the needs of the body in the best way at the lowest cost.

Third. That protein is the most valuable food constituent, supplying growth, muscle, bone and lean meat, and by it the value of all feed is measured.

Fourth. That fat in feeds supplies heat and energy and builds up fat in the body, but makes no muscle or flesh.

Fifth. That under the general term carbohydrates are classed the starch and sugars present in all feeds, forming the cheapest and most abundant feeding material, and like fat, giving heat and energy but making no flesh, bone or muscle.

Sixth. That a balanced ration for hogs should contain about one pound of protein to every five pounds of fat and carbohydrates.

Now, keeping these truisms in mind it is easy to see from the figures already given, that corn is seriously deficient in protein, is not properly balanced and is an expensive and insufficient ration when fed alone; that cotton seed meal in protein and fat combined is about five times, and in protein alone about six times as valuable as corn, and while too rich in protein to be fed by itself, when combined with corn and one part cotton seed meal, gives a ration which with ordinary grazing almost exactly fulfills the scientific requirements for a balanced hog feed, and of which the committee of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association to report upon the feeding of cotton seed meal, after a thorough investigation say in their formal report, "it is the most economical ration of which we have any record."

When it is remembered that this

is the solemn and deliberate verdict of a committee of expert and scientific swine breeders and feeders these words ring with importance to the whole south. For they mean that in cotton seed meal, supplemented by her unquestionable climatic advantages and cheaper lands, the South can produce cheaper pork than the great corn belt of the Northwest, and this can but mean the ultimate transfer of the hog producing center of the country from the Northwest to the South, and an added wealth and prosperity to our whole country.

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Hardly a day passes but what we read or hear of some new use to which Electricity has been put to. The discovery of the X-rays by William Conrad Roentgen, and the Crook's Tubes by Sir William Crook, and their subsequent use for the curing of the human ills and maladies, which in centuries past baffled the skill of the greatest and most learned physicians, have placed these renowned scientists on the pages of history.

The great mechanical achievements of today have made it possible to perfect these great discoveries; and many more wonderful secrets of this great force have since been laid bare; their uses to combat human ills perfected and numberless fatal diseases of mankind, before which the Medical Profession heretofore stood helpless are now conquered and eradicated.

Our correspondent, to acquaint him self more fully with the uses of Electricity in modern medical practice, recently visited the local offices of Dr. J. H. Terrill, of the famous Terrill Medical Institute. Dr. Terrill, upon being apprised of the purpose of his visit, busy as he was at the time, laid aside the voluminous correspondence from the many sufferers and afflicted people throughout the Southwest who appeal to this great institution for their relief that they failed to get from their home doctors, and very graciously offered his time and knowledge regarding the many Electrical machines to be found in this, the largest Medical Institute in the Southwest.

The Doctor explained that the Terrill Medical Institute, of which he is the President, had spared no expense in equipping their institution with every known Electrical appliance; in fact, every mechanism that would be an aid to the skill and knowledge of their large staff of physicians.

In one of the magnificently appointed offices of this Institute was shown the latest Electro-Therapy X-Ray machine, which produces powerful rays of light. These rays enable a person to see into and through the human body. Countless diseases which have been treated by guess work heretofore, are now cured and sure and unerringly.

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Our correspondent's attention was then called to the Helio-Therapeutic Arc Lamp, a wonderful apparatus of Photo-Therapy, used in the treatment of rheumatism, chronic, acute and inflammatory diseases, and is a wonderful aid in curing sexual disorders and diseases of men. This great Helio-Photo Lamp has affected more permanent cures of diseases of the lungs than any other known modern method. Numerous other Electrical apparatus, and their uses, were explained.

Then, last but not least, Dr. Terrill explained the use of Galvanic, Faradic, Sinusoidal electric currents, which are installed in this Institute. The Galvanic or constant current, is used with great success in Muscular and Nervous Troubles; the Faradic, or induced interrupted current, and the Sinusoidal, or high alternating current, are used for these same ailments, and as each has its field, the proper current is used to suit the nature of the disease being treated. These three forms of Electricity have been found highly efficacious for all forms of Chronic Female Troubles.

After having been shown all these wonderful appliances that combat human suffering, the doctor, upon being asked, stated that owing to the great and increasing demand for treatment made upon the Terrill Medical Institute by the afflicted people of the great Southwest and Mexico, it has become necessary not only to main-

tain an institution in Dallas and El Paso, but he has also found it necessary as well as convenient to the sick in and about San Antonio to establish himself, personally, right here in their midst. He invites all those who are afflicted and suffering to call on him at his offices in the Conroy building, Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas, and receive the benefit of his superior treatment for their ills. His X-Ray examinations and consultations are always free. Dr. Terrill also stated that his latest book, No. 9, on Diseases of Men, a book every man should read, whether afflicted or not, would be sent absolutely free to any address in a plain, sealed envelope, upon request, if six cents were enclosed to pay postage.

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"I can bear it all until it comes to that," he said. "When they attack my home and my wife that is the end of public life for me. When the sacredness of my family life is trailed in the dust, that is too much—I am going home, never to return here." "Tears glistened in his eyes as he pushed back the hair from his forehead and said: 'Now I am going home to earn money in my profession and pay the debts that have accumulated while I have been trying to help friends.'

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The following notice from a New York paper referring to Mme. Marcella Sembrich, who comes here March 20, under the direction of Loudon Charleton, will be read with interest by local music lovers who are looking forward to a treat of an unusual sort:

"Filling all the available space in Carnegie Hall, an audience as enthusiastic as it was spent two hours with Marcella Sembrich, greatest artist among coloratura sopranos. Matinee audiences are usually undemonstrative, if not cold blooded. But Marcella Sembrich's concerts are an exception. After every contribution yesterday the noise was deafening and at such times the sea of beplumed hats in the parquet would be stirred into a foaming mass of millinery."

That Sembrich's coming will be an event which will make the present season a memorabel one is a fact that requires no emphasis. No singer in American has won such a following as that possessed by the great Polish soprano.

THE FAHER WHO OWNS HIS FARM.

Editor Green's Fruit Grower: I fear that the American people do not realize how great are their privileges. I have occasion for fear when I consider that in India and other countries men will work all day long for four cents, while in this country the highest wages of all the world are paid and yet there are numerous strikes for higher wages and great discontent.

The great privilege of the American people is the fact that they, the people, are the owners of the land. Remember that in most other countries the farms are not owned by the farmers. In Japan the government owns all of the land, which is simply leased to those who till the soil. They reat trouble with the Russian peasants is that they are almost entirely farmers, but do not own the land which they work. Consider for a moment the great wisdom of American statesmen in permitting the people to own the land. This fact gives to America a citizenship higher than that of any other nation in the world. The fact that a man owns his farm gives him dignity and leads him on to be temperate, frugal, just and honorable; leads him to greater intelligence, greater virtue, greater loyalty than would otherwise exist. Other nations look with wonder upon the American people and their marvelous achievements and ask themselves why Americans are accomplishing such wonderful things, without realizing that the ownership of the land by the tillers of the land has much to do with the marvelous achievements of the American people.

Compare for a moment Jones, who leases his farm, and Brown, who owns his farm, these two men being neighbors. Jones being assured that he will never own his farm, and that he may not remain upon it more than a year or two, has no interest in keeping up the fertility of the land, no interest in caring for the buildings, beautifying the grounds or in planting fruit or shade trees, therefore his leased farm is continually losing ferti-

ty, and the man who leases it is liable ever to be a poor farmer, retrograding rather than progressing.

On the other hand we have neighbor Brown, who owns his land and feels assured that he will remain upon the farm as long as he lives and that at his death it will be owned by his children. This man feels an interest in keeping up the fertility of his acres, of painting his buildings and protecting them with water tight roofs and stable foundations. He is also interested in making his own grounds attractive by planting shade trees. He also plants orchards, vineyards and berry fields. He is usually a member of the nearby church, very likely is a trustee of the school and is a man interested in good roads and other enterprises that add to the value of his farm house.

Can you not see that the man who leases his farm can never have the same amount of opportunities for advancement as the man who owns his farm?—G. B.

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Don Marino Torlonia, of the ducal family of Torlonia of Rome, said at a dinner party in New York that a certain American millionaire reminded him of the famous Roman miser, Arpagnio.

"Let me," said the tall young man smiling, "show you what a tremendous miser Arpagnio was. As he lay dying in his cold, dark, bare palace of stone on the Corso his one thought was that, since he was too ill to eat, a ful lire a day was being saved on the food bill. The doctor was announced. The doctor, after feeling Arpagnio's pulse, looked grave.

"Well," said the miser, "how much longer have I to live?"

"Only half an hour," was the reply.

"Arpagnio's eyes flashed fire.

"You scoundrel!" he cried.

"Why do you let things run on to the last minute like this? Do you want to ruin me? Send for the barber at once."

"The barber arrived post haste.

"You charge," said Arpagnio, "20 centessimi for shaving?"

"Yes, signor."

"And for shaving a corpse fire lire?"

"Yes."

"Arpagnio glanced at the clock. Seven of the 30 minutes left him still remained.

"Then shave me quickly," he gasped.

"As the operation finished Arpagnio died. But with his last breath, smiling happily, he murmured, while the barber dried his cold pale cheeks:

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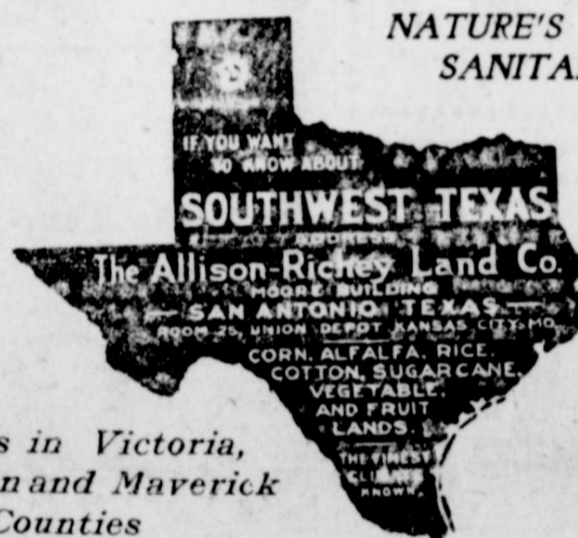
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