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LOCAL NEWS FROM PERCILLA

July 3.—With the gentle showers and sunshine, the crops are looking fine.

There is some sickness in our community now. Little Jessie Mae Dickey has been sick but is improving. Mrs. McKinzie's little girl, Zula, is sick. Mrs. Minzie Buckalew has been very sick, but is much better. John Thomas Sewell is very sick. Mrs. Lee Wright is sick.

Miss Norine Coleman of Alto is visiting in Percilla.

Miss Gladys Wright of Palestine visited in Percilla a few days last week and was accompanied home by Misses Izola and Coleman Daniels.

Mr. W. K. Shoemaker is visiting relatives in Percilla.

Dickey Brothers will begin to put in new gin machinery in a few days.

We are to have our picnic the 8th and we extend to everyone a cordial invitation.

The protracted meeting begins here the 9th of this month. We would be glad for everyone to come and help to make it a success.

We're all interested in politics to some extent, but let's not lose sight of the road building, which should begin in the near future. Who'll be the first to start the ball to rolling?

James R.

LOCAL NEWS FROM EPHEBUS

July 3.—The health of the community is very good at present and most of the farmers are busy.

Several good rains have fallen here recently, insuring a good corn crop. We like to see good prospects for a feed crop, even if we do drive a Missouri mule to a Georgia stock.

Miss Corine Turner visited Mrs. Lizzie Allen Sunday.

Mrs. Will Robbins visited Mrs. Charlie Graham last week.

We had a nice singing at Ephesus Sunday evening and would be glad to welcome anyone from surrounding communities who will come and help us, as our singers need help, also a lot of practice.

Mrs. Myrtle Parker visited Mrs. Jim Turner last week.

Misses Jewel and Annie Lee Hamb visited their sister, Mrs. Dan Williams Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Graham visited Mrs. S. H. Graham Sunday.

Mr. Jessie Christian and family visited Mr. Dud Allen Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Graham visited Mrs. S. H. Graham Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Graham, a fine baby boy.

Mrs. Andy Kelley is on the sick list this week.

Darsey's line of 50c ties match with any at a dollar. There are other values at 25c and 35c.

BASKET PICNIC FOR CANDIDATES

The candidates will fill their speaking engagement in Grapeland tomorrow, (Friday, July 7.) A meeting of the citizens was held Monday afternoon to provide for their entertainment while in our city. It was unanimously decided to have a basket picnic, and in order to have sufficient food to feed the crowd that will be here it will be necessary for everyone in Grapeland and the surrounding community to bring a well filled basket. The picnic will be held on the school campus, which is a very delightful and shady grove. The proper committees have been appointed to arrange seats, tables, ice water, etc. Mr. J. E. Hollingsworth was chosen as master of ceremonies. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come to Grapeland that day.

LETTER FROM ALBERT TYER

Gardner, Ill., July 1.—Editor Messenger: A copy of the last issue of the Messenger came and as usual, we, wife and I, both read it from "kiver to kiver" before it was put away.

The farmers here are now busy tending corn, some of which is 3 inches, some 6 inches and some knee high. They say if corn is knee high by the 4th of July it is alright, everything else being favorable.

I notice all the business houses in Grapeland will be closed the 4th of July, which is right. I think all work should be suspended, or as nearly all as possible on July 4th.

We are having plenty of rain here, in fact too much, but as we cannot help it I suppose we will have to take it as it comes and let it go at that.

I notice the candidates are getting more and more numerous. Let us hope they are all elected, for I for one, do not like to see anyone disappointed and if anyone should fail to get the office for which they are running, then that one would be disappointed, so let us hope one and all are elected.

I read the piece Prof. Campbell wrote with reference to the singing school. I am glad he is going to teach the schools he mentions and I hope the young people will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend and try to learn to sing. As he says: "Show me a church, be it country, village or city, that has a good choir, I will show you a well attended church." I would say to the young men especially, attend the singing school, learn to sing, for as you go out in the world, if you are a good singer, and take part in singing at church, prayer meetings, Sunday school etc., you will be accorded a hearty welcome by the best people in any community, provided you are otherwise entitled to their respect.

Let a person go into a strange community, be that person man, woman, boy or girl; if he or she is a good singer, or musician it will be no time until he or she

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will have invitations to the best homes in the community. Then again, young people, let me admonish you to go to singing schools.

If there are two or three who would like to attend Prof. Campbell's class, and the finances for the books and tuition is all that is in the way, I will say to these two or three, drop me a line, giving me your name and I will instruct Prof. Campbell to admit you to his class, furnish you the necessary books and present the bill to me and I will assure you he will admit you to the

class, furnish the books and look to me for the pay.

Long live the Messenger and its many readers. H. A. Tyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crawford, Reson Shelton, wife and son, Steve Kennedy, wife and son of Elkhart and M. A. Brooks of Palestine, Henry Standley, Leekin, Dick Standley and daughter of Helmick, and Wyatt Driskell of Holly attended the Primitive Baptist meeting held at Shiloh last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The AUCTION BLOCK

BY
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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the family fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei.

CHAPTER II—A well-known critic interviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beauty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Stinson, the press agent, later adds his information.

CHAPTER III—Lorelei attends Millionaire Hammon's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

CHAPTER IV—Bob Wharton breaks in to the ball in a novel way and wins a thousand dollars from his father. Merkle asks Lorelei to be his detective in an affair which he fears. The intoxicated Bob Wharton insults Lorelei and then jumps in the fountain.

CHAPTER V—Jim Knight's doings disgust Lorelei and arouse her suspicion. Her dressing room partner looms as a central figure in the blackmail scheme against Hammon. Mrs. Croft, the dresser, tells what she heard.

CHAPTER VI—Lorelei meets Merkle to warn him of the proposed trap for Hammon. They go for a long auto ride in the night.

CHAPTER VII—The auto is wrecked; Merkle and Lorelei are forced to walk to the Chateau. Arriving, they meet Jim Knight and suspicious companions who leave suddenly. Hammon appears from within and tells of being tricked in company with Lillas Lynn.

CHAPTER VIII—Lorelei goes shopping and meets Mlle. Demorest, notorious dancer, who takes her home to tea. Lorelei learns that the dancer is not what is said of her.

CHAPTER IX—Lillas Lynn confesses to Lorelei her intentions as to Hammon. Jim Knight and his mother prepare to force money from Merkle, using Lorelei's ride with him as a weapon.

CHAPTER X—Jim takes Lorelei to supper to avoid Bob Wharton, who, however, unexpectedly appears at their table. He pours out his apologies to Lorelei and tells her that her brother arranged the meeting for money. Lorelei saves the drunken Wharton from Jim and his gang.

CHAPTER XI.

During the last act of the matinee on the day following Lorelei was surprised to receive a call from John Merkle. "The Judge" led him to her dressing room, then shuffled away, leaving him alone with her and Mrs. Croft.

"I hope I haven't broken any rules by dropping in during your office hours," he began.

"Theatrical rules are made to be broken; but I do think that you are indiscreet. Don't you?"

The banker had been using his eyes with an interest that betrayed his unfamiliarity with these surroundings. "I was on my way uptown and preferred not to telephone." He looked meaningfully at Croft; and Lorelei, interpreting his glance, sent the dresser from the room on some errand. "Well, the game worked," said Merkle. "Mrs. Hammon has left home and commenced suit for divorce. If our friend Miss Lynn had set out to ruin Jarvis socially—and perhaps financially—she couldn't have played her cards better."

"Is that what you came to tell me?"

Merkle hesitated. "No," he admitted. "It isn't; but I'm a bit embarrassed now that I'm here. I suppose your mother told about seeing me?"

"My mother?" Lorelei's amazement was convincing, and his keen eyes softened. "When did you see mother? Where?"

"Yesterday, at my office. Didn't you know that she and your brother had called?"

Lorelei shook her head; she felt sick with dread of his next words.

"It was very—unpleasant, I fear, for all of us."

"What did they—want?" The girl was still smiling, but her lips beneath the paint were dry.

"They felt that I had—er—involved you in a great deal of notoriety. From what they said I judged that you shared their feelings." He paused awkwardly once more, and she motioned him to continue. "We didn't get on very well, especially your brother and I; for he presumed to—criticize my relations with you and—er—my motive in taking you to ride the other night. I believe I was quite rude to him; in fact, I had the watchman eject him, not daring to trust myself."

"They asked for—money?" Lorelei averted her face, for she could not bear to meet his frank eyes.

"Yes—what I considered a great deal of money. I understood they represented you. They didn't insist, however; they offered me a choice."

"Choice! Of what?"

"Well—I inferred that marriage

would undo the wrong I had—"

"Oh-h!" Lorelei rose with a gasp. Bravely she stilled the tremor of her lips. "Tell me—the rest."

"There isn't much more. Your mother was quite hysterical and—noisy. Today a lawyer came to see me. He offers to settle the whole matter, but I prefer dealing directly with you."

"Do you think I knew anything about it?" she cried, indignantly.

"No, I do not think so now. Yesterday I was too much surprised and too angry to know just what I did think. It's perfectly true, however, that I was to blame for the unfortunate outcome of the ride, and I want to make amends for any injury—"

"Weren't you injured, too, by the publicity?"

Merkle showed his teeth in a mirthless smile.

"That's neither here nor there."

"Please—leave me, and—let me think this over. I must do something quickly, or—I'll smother."

"I'm glad I came," said he, rising. "I'm glad I made sure."

"So am I. What you have told me has made a great difference in—everything. Don't allow them to—" She hesitated and her voice broke. "I can't say it. You must think I'm—unspeakable."

He shook his head gravely. "No, I merely think you are very unfortunate. I think you need help more than any girl I ever knew."

"I do. I do."

"But I am not the one to give it—at least not the kind of help you need."

"I'll need help more than ever—after tonight."

"Yes? Why?"

"Because I'm going to leave home."

Lorelei's head was up, and she spoke with a note of defiance.

"Then perhaps I can do something."

He seated himself again. "You will need money."

"Oh, no. I have my salary and the other revenues you know about. I have kept my family for two years."

"Work won't hurt you, but why force yourself to go on with those other things? They're not to your liking, I'm sure."

"My mother and father must live. There isn't enough—don't you see? There just isn't enough for all of us unless I—graft like the other girls."

Merkle broke out impatiently: "Make an end of it. I'll finance you." She laughed a little harshly. "Don't think for an instant that I'd venture to expect anything in return. I won't trouble you; I won't even see you. Nobody will ever know. I wouldn't

miss the money, and I'd really love to do it. You tried to do me a favor—"

"There's no use arguing."

"Well, don't be stubborn or hasty. You could use—say, ten thousand dollars. It would keep you going very nicely, and really it's only the price of a new auto."

"Why do you offer me so much?" she asked, curiously.

"Because I like you— Oh, I mean 'like,' not 'love.' Because I think you're good and will need money to remain good. You're not an ordinary woman, Miss Knight; you can't live as

ordinary women live, now that you're famous. New York won't let you."

"You're very kind and generous after all that has occurred and after knowing my reason for being here."

"My dear child, you didn't choose your family, and as for the other, the women of my set marry for money, just as you plan to do. So do women everywhere, for that matter, and many of them make excellent wives—yes, far better than if they had married poor men. Few girls as beautiful as you in any walk of life are allowed to marry for love. Trust me, a woman like you, if she lives up to the obligations of wifehood, deserves better than one who takes a man for love and then perhaps goes back on her bargain. Will you accept my offer?"

"No. But I thank you."

"Think it over; there is no hurry, and remember I want to help." With one of his infrequent, wan smiles, he extended his hand, and Lorelei grasped it warmly, though her face was set and strained.

She was far too well balanced for hasty resolutions, but her mind, once made up, was seldom changed. It distressed her grievously to leave her people, but at the thought of remaining longer with them every instinct rebelled. Her own kin, urged by greed, had not hesitated to cheapen and degrade her; their last offense, coupled with all that had gone before, was more than could be borne. Yet she was less resentful than sad, for it seemed to her that this was the beginning of the end. First the father had been crippled, then the moral fiber of the whole family had disintegrated until the mother had become a harpy, the brother a scamp, and she, Lorelei, a shameless hunter of men. Now the home tie, that last bond of respectability, was to be broken.

Her first impulse was to take up her abode with Adoree Demorest, but a little thought showed the inadvisability of that. In her doubt she appealed to Lillas, broaching the subject as the two girls were dressing after the performance.

When Lorelei had made known her decision, the other girl nodded her approval.

"I don't blame you a bit; a girl needs liberty. I have five rooms, and a Jap to take care of them; they're lovely."

"I can't afford an expensive place."

"Well, there are some three-room flats in the rear, and—I have it! Gertrude Moore kept one, but she's gone on the road. It's all furnished, too. If it hasn't been subtlet you can get it at your own terms. The building is respectable, too; it's as proper as the Ritz. I'm dining alone tonight. Come to dinner with me and we'll find out all about it."

Lorelei would have preferred a different location, not particularly desiring to be near Lillas; but there was no time in which to look about, and the necessity that faced her made any assistance welcome. Without more discussions she agreed, and the two girls rode uptown together.

The Elegancia, where Lillas lived, was a painfully new, overelaborate building, with a Gothic front and a Gotham rear—half its windows pasted with rental signs. Six potted palms, a Turkish rug and a jaundiced Jamaican elevator boy gave an air of welcome to the ornate marble entrance hall.

Lillas fitted a key to the first door on the right as they went in, explaining, "I'm on the ground floor, and find it very convenient."

"This place is too grand for me," Lorelei objected.

"Oh, offer your own price for Gertrude's flat if you like it. They're crazy for tenants. It's cheaper than hotels—If you want to save money."

Lorelei was surprised to find her friend's quarters not only richly but lavishly furnished. The decorations were harmonious and bespoke a reckless disregard of cost. A fluffy Japanese spaniel with protruding eyes and distorted visage capered deliriously at its mistress' feet.

But the objects that intrigued the visitor most strongly were several paintings. They were of a kind she had seldom seen, and in the afternoon light one stood out with particularly startling effect. It was a dusky landscape; there was a stream, a meadow edge, trees just growing black against a dying sunset, a herd of cattle coming out of the west. Before this picture Lorelei paused, staring with wide eyes of wonder.

Lillas flung her hat carelessly into a chair, lit a cigarette from a Tiffany humidor, then turned with the spaniel in her arms and, beholding her guest with rapt, upturned face, remarked, with a laugh:

"Looks like the real thing, doesn't it?"

"Oh—it's wonderful—so clean and cool and quiet! I've seen cattle in Vale that looked just like those, when I went barefoot in the grass."

"Some Dutchman painted it—his name's on the corner. He's dead now, I believe. It used to hang in some museum—I forget where. I like pictures of women best, but—" She shrugged and left the sentence unfinished. "There's a dandy in my bedroom, although it didn't cost half as much as that barnyard thing. The frame's a foot wide and covered with

solid gold."

"I had no idea you lived like this," Lorelei peered through a pair of French doors and into a perfectly appointed library, with a massive mahogany table, deep lounging chairs, a writing desk, and a dome-crowned reading lamp.

"My study," Lillas laughed, shortly. "That's where I improve my mind—not. The books are deadly. Now come; Hitchy Koo must have dinner ready. His name isn't Hitchy Koo, but it sounds like it, and he's 'the cutest little thing; got the cutest little swing.'" She moved down the hall, humming the chorus of the senseless popular song from which she had quoted.

Everywhere was the same evidence of good taste in decoration and luxury of equipment, but a suspicion had entered Lorelei's mind, and she avoided comment. Hitchy Koo was cook, butler and house-boy, and in view of Miss Lynn's disorderly habits it was evident that he had all he could do to keep the place presentable. His mistress ate without appetite and in a hypercritical mood that took no account of the wasteful attempts to please her. Quite regardless of the patient little Jap, she found fault with him savagely, so that Lorelei was often painfully embarrassed.

"So you like my home, do you?" she queried, after a time.

"I've never seen one so beautiful."

Lillas nodded. "Hitchy sleeps out, and that leaves me the whole place. Jarvis furnished it, even to the books, and I'm studying to be a lady." Again she laughed mockingly. "I make a bluff at reading, but so long as I talk about Napoleon he never thinks to question me. I know that French gink backward."

"I wish I had a hobby—something to interest me, something to live for," said Lorelei, lamely.

"Yes. It gives you something to think about when you're alone. It helps you to—stand things." For the first time Lillas showed a trace of feeling in her voice; she dropped her chin into her palm and, leaning upon the table, stared as if at a vision. Her dark eyes were somber, her brows were lowered and drawn together.

The slipshod informality of the meal, the constant faultfinding of the hostess, made it something of a trial. Lorelei was not sorry when it was over and Lillas took her to look at the vacant flat.

Miss Moore's apartment offered a wide contrast to the one they had just quitted, being very small and very modestly furnished; but it was on the second floor, convenient to both elevator and stairway, it boasted a piano, and the superintendent allowed his prospective tenant to name her own terms. She descended with relief, feeling that she had made not a bad bargain.

She stated, as she sank into Lillas' big library chair, "I feel quite independent at last. The rent is ridiculous, and I can do my own cooking."

"Don't make a fool of yourself. You can do as well as I've done. You have the looks."

"But I'm not engaged to a multimillionaire."

"It seems queer, when I think of it,"

Lillas mused. "Jarvis is one of the dearest men in New York, and he made his money out of the steel business—the business into which I was born. Have you ever been through a mill?"

"No."

"It's wonderful, terrible. I can smell the hot slag, the scorching cinders, the smoke, to this day. Some nights I wake up—screaming, it's so vivid. I see the glare of the furnaces, the belching flames, the showers of sparks from the converters, the streams of white-hot metal, and they seem to pour over me. I have the same dream always; I've had it ever since the night after my father was killed."

"You told me he was killed in a steel mill."

"Yes, before my eyes. I saw it." Lillas shuddered. "I was a little girl then, but I've never forgotten. We were poor, dreadfully poor, like all the Jews— Oh, yes; didn't you know I'm a Jew?"

"Then Lillas Lynn—?"

"Stage name. It's really Lily Levinski. We were Polish. I was dragged up, along with the other workmen's children, in the soot and grime of the Pennsylvania mills. 'Hell must be like those mills—it couldn't be worse.'

Lorelei had never heard her roommate speak with such feeling nor in such a strain. But Lillas seemed quite unconscious of her little burst of eloquence. She was seated, leaning forward now with hands locked between

her knees; her eyes were brilliant in the gathering dusk. Her memories seemed to affect her with a kind of horror, yet to hold her fascinated and to demand expression.

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Federal Inquiry or Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employees, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employees for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railroads be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railroads, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and promptly dispose of the questions involved; or
2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employees are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Government board.

Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the em-

ployees as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employees, the owners of the railroads, and the public.

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employees, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employees, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

National Conference Committee of the Railways

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W. I. SEDDON, Vice-Pres., Seaboard Air Line Railway.

A. J. STONE, Vice-President, Erie Railroad.

G. S. WAID, Vice-Pres. & Gen'l Mgr., Sunset Central Lines.

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

A lady trapshooter says a gun is harmless when you know it. So are men.

It is truly said that "The farmer is the base of civilization, but he does not get the full reward for his labor".

It is true that the average man is after the dollar, but he has been known to not pass up a half.

If you want to show your patriotism and don't desire to go to Mexico, just subscribe for your home paper.

We are confident that if the soldiers on the border were requested to compose a song, the majority of them would entitle it "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

When Hughes, candidate for President, poses for the movies, we fear that his whiskers will cause the camera man to imagine he is in Africa getting a snap shot of a ferocious lion.

A young lady in Pennsylvania who bade her sweetheart goodbye when he left for the Mexican border to serve his country, later discovered that she had two broken ribs, caused from the young man's hug. If many more soldiers leave for the border it might prove profitable to invent a rib protector.

The fact that Carranza bills are worth only a half a cent in American money does not induce us to invest our eighteen cents in bills of this kind.

The way some people embrace "His Satanic Majesty" reminds us of a little "pickaniny" hugging his first watermelon of the season.

Mary had a little hand,
Which was about to freeze;
She met a handsome man,
And allowed him it to squeeze.

Sometimes when a young lady finds that the young man whom she is aiming to marry is dependent on a rich uncle, she marries the uncle to settle the trouble.

Marvin Carr says he wouldn't mind joining the army and fighting for his country, if he had a pretty sweetheart to tell him good-bye in a heart-breaking, tear-shedding manner.

If bullets could be molded from "hot air", there are two or three men in Grapeland who could generate enough to mold a bullet for every greaser in Mexico and send Europe a month's supply.

A New York minister says woman should not adopt a style of dress that will unfit her for man's helper. Lots of the styles she is adopting now prove a great help to paragraphers and editors.

The question is asked "can women compete with men in classing and buying cotton." If their ability in this kind of buying is equal to that shown at the bargain counters, we would pity any fool he-cotton-buyer who imagines he'd have a chance.

Biliousness and Stomach Trouble

"Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness," writes Miss Emma Verbryke, Lima, Ohio. "I could eat very little food that agreed with me and I became so dizzy and sick at my stomach at times that I had to take hold of something to keep from falling. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I decided to try them. I improved rapidly. Obtainable everywhere

Miss Annie Lois Taylor and Prewit DuBose, who are attending the normal at Huntsville, spent several days at home this week, the school suspending for July 4 holidays.

Taking Big Chances

It is a great risk to travel without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as this preparation cannot be obtained on trains or steamships. Attacks of bowel complaint are often sudden and very severe, and everyone should go prepared for them. Obtainable everywhere.

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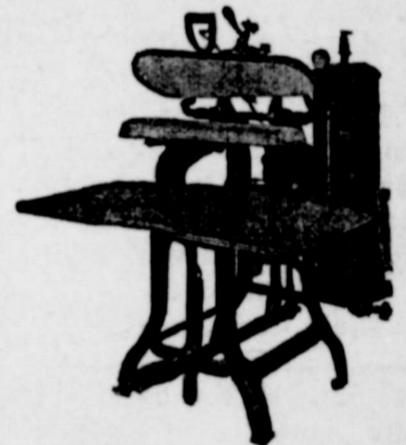
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OBJECT PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the intellectual, industrial and political progress of GrapeLand and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

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OUR NATIONAL HONOR

This is a time when every citizen of the United States, either native or foreign born, should rally to the flag of his country. Whether it be by the bearing of arms or by the expression of loyalty in sentiment and action, our country should have the undivided support of every person. It is not the time for haggling or criticism or for the indulgence of political juggling of the interests of the people.

We want unity of purpose and action of a united people and for a united people, and nothing else.

The Mexican leaders appear determined to force us to a conflict of arms and if it must come it is the duty of every citizen to be a citizen in fact as well as in name. Half hearted loyalty is not to be even considered.

When the national honor and the protection of the lives and property rights of our people are in jeopardy political considerations and party strife should be relegated to the rear, leaving us to wake a nation welded together by the chains of an unquenchable fire of patriotism.

Our national honor is in the balance today. It must be upheld at any cost and under all circumstances and conditions.

Free passage to all who want to go to Mexico and fight. Are you ready?

The war in Europe has been cleared clear of the front page in honor of our own little scrap with the Mexicans.

It is up to every citizen of this community to work for prosperity for it is the universal rule that we receive in proportion to what we do.

The Brazilian navy has a power boat which develops 6,400 horse power. That is equal, we believe, to the power developed by the average Texas politician.

It looks like Tom Campbell is the strongest pro candidate in the senatorial free-for-all. We judge so for the reason that "the other side" lambasts him every opportunity they have.

Rev. William Jones of Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, preached at the Christian church Sunday morning and night to large audiences. Bro. Jones' discourses on his subjects were interesting and entertaining and he made many friends while here.

\$20,000 FIRE AT ELKHART

Our neighboring city, Elkhart, was visited by a very destructive fire about mid-night last Friday night. Six frame buildings were destroyed, the loss being estimated at about \$20,000. The amount of insurance carried was very small and the loss to individuals will be heavy. The origin of the fire is unknown. The buildings destroyed were those on the west side of the railroad. The property owners affected are L. C. Watkins, J. D. Dupuy, Neel Bros., B. F. Parker, M. L. Franks and the Masonic Lodge.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held at Pennington church, July 29, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. W. B. Cochran presiding. Special Music—Lovely. Devotional—Mrs. Wills, Trinity.

Roll call of societies, answering with reports of work done this year.

Solo—Mrs. Linder, Groveton. The Lord's Plan of Giving—Open Discussion, led by Mrs. Florence Arledge, Crockett, Mrs. Fulbright, Lovely.

Report from new societies not yet enrolled.

Should dues be required?—Open discussion, led by Pres. of Kennard's Aid.

Prayer: Mrs. Harris, Lovely. Committee.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

Dr. G. H. Black, Mrs. R. C. Colkin, J. F. Haltom, A. L. Brown, B. R. Guice, Hugh Richards, GrapeLand.

Miss Annie Burden, Route 2. W. J. Clark, Route 4.

George Richards, Wharton. F. A. Lively, Lovely.

NOTICE

The singing school at Salmon begins Monday, July 10. Will teach Rudiments, Sight Singing, Ear training, Voice Culture, Harmony and Composition. In fact, everything that goes to make a complete course in music. Board and tuition reasonable. The school at Enon will begin immediately at close of this one, exact date announced later.

W. R. Campbell.

NO JUSTIFICATION FOR A STRIKE

The conference of railroad managers and representatives of the four brotherhoods of railroad employees over wages and hours has definitely ended in failure.

The next step must be taken by the brotherhoods and this may mean a strike.

A strike which would paralyze railroad transportation over the whole country ought to be unthinkable. It would certainly be unjustifiable under the circumstances.

The brotherhoods started out wrong. Their demands for an eight-hour day as a mere basis on which to reckon overtime, with time and a half for overtime, were extreme, and their representatives were not permitted to modify them.

It was a case for the railroads of accepting all or rejecting all. The rejection of demands calculated to cost the roads \$100,000,000 a year more in wages is not cause to justify a strike.

To force on the roads such a charge, which would be passed on to the public in higher rates and then higher cost of living all around, is not an attempt which can bring the power of public opinion to the support of the brotherhoods, already favored by general wage advances.

Let the brotherhoods make their demands elastic enough to admit of reasonable negotiation. Short of this strike threats and strike votes will find no sympathy with the public, which must pay or suffer either way.—New York World.

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Mrs. Nancy Helm and granddaughter, Miss Ethel Whitley, of Ft. Worth, are visiting relatives here.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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LOCAL NEWS

New hats and latest styles at Howard's.

Trunks and suit cases at Darsey's. Don't borrow—buy.

It's coming out next week. That clothing offer.

Miss Mary Lou Darsey is visiting relatives in Dallas.

Plenty of red stickerei braid at Darsey's.

Miss Eula Riall Hollingsworth visited relatives in Crockett Saturday.

For pure ribbon cane syrup, corn or sorghum, we have it. S. E. Howard.

Walter McCarty of Diboll is here on a visit to the family of his father, Dr. W. D. McCarty.

Pat-a-cake, for most excellent cake—try it. Sold by S. E. Howard.

Hon. A. W. Gregg was in the city Saturday mingling with his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Royall have gone to Dallas to spend quite awhile with their daughter, Mrs. Smiley.

A singing school will begin at Oak Grove the first Monday in August by W. R. Campbell. M. E. Bean.

Would you buy a suit for fall if you could pay for it a little at a time? Read next week's Messenger.

Little Octa Lewis Lively visited relatives in Palestine this week.

Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough visited relatives in Palestine the first of the week.

Miss Edna Hill left last week for Port Arthur to visit her father and brother.

For summer lawns and dress goods, see us. S. E. Howard.

Little Misses Opal Browning and Alma Cecil Lively went to Palestine Saturday to visit relatives.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new and give good service. M. L. Clewis.

Misses Eula Riall Hollingsworth and Bess Boykin left Wednesday for Colorado City to visit relatives and friends.

FOR SALE

Two scholarships in the Tyler Commercial College at a discount. The Messenger.

The fourth was quietly observed in Grapeland, all the stores being closed for the day. Quite a number attended the picnics at Ratcliff and Palestine.

He eats heartily in the hottest weather who uses Prickly Ash Bitters. It keeps his stomach, liver and bowels in perfect order. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Do you want to borrow a suit case? If you do, don't worry your friends but go to Darsey's where you can buy one at from 25c to \$10.00. If you tear it up, it's yours.

BAPTIST REVIVAL

The Baptist revival services begin at 11 a. m., July 23. Rev. D. R. Clapp of the First Baptist Church of Palestine, will do the preaching. The people of Grapeland and surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend the services and take an active part. S. W. Edge, Pastor.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

I am paying 14c per dozen for eggs in cash or 18c in trade; 9c per pound for hens and 14c per pound for fryers in cash. J. J. Brooks.

NOTICE

To those interested in the Hays Spring cemetery. My contract will expire July 15, 1916, so I think it advisable for all parties to meet July 14 for the purpose of making a new contract or other arrangements for the coming year. E. L. Frisby.

NEW ICE HOUSE

I am now ready for your ice business at the new brick ice house south of Allen's store. Let me figure with you on your ice business. Your patronage will be appreciated. Prompt service. J. W. Howard.

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THINGS THAT DON'T HAPPEN

Incident of the Battlefield That Unfortunately Is Nothing but a Fantasy.

Somewhere in France occurred this thing which I shall now unfold, a very wonderful event, incredible, I'm told; and yet it happened that one day, when all the shuddering earth was sobbing like a stricken thing before a devil's mirth, a baby walked between the lines, and whence it came none knew.

Then Hans choked out: "Mein baby, ach! I think it must be you!" and thereupon he dropped his gun and leaped from out the trench.

But not one whit more slow ran Pierre to meet him, from the French.

And after Hans the Germans streamed, each thinking that the child was his own babe. Now while this horde of unkempt men and wild rolled on, the French ran after Pierre and each one called to each:

"Mine, mine, l'enfant iss mine, iss mine. By gar, ze little peach!"

And so from out each ditch and trench the homesick men poured on, till millions met between the lines, and not one bore a gun.

The babe? Ah, it was lost to sight. What matter, though, its end? For, lo! each fighter made among the foe a ready friend.

"We fight no more," these millions cried. "No more at friends we fire."

That ended it; the war was over. Gee, I'm such a liar.—Kansas City Star.

ETIQUETTE OF THE MOTOR

Authorities Differ as to Place of Honor for the Guest Who Rides in the Vehicle.

One of our charming and painstaking women's journals is trying to solve the problem of correct etiquette for the automobile. Is it courteous to give a guest the front seat next to the driver, for instance, or is the place of honor at the back?

We shall be sorry to see the question established on a definite footing. For our part, we would frequently feel more complimented with the front seat. So much depends on who is driving the car—and who is the guest. Of course the back seat has certain advantages of privacy, but privacy can be so superfluous at times. And compulsory privacy can be a real embarrassment, even on a moonlight night, "Safety first" may lack the spirit of adventure, but some of us like to select our adventures.

Not an Expert in Ice. "I'm so sorry the cream is sour!" said young Mrs. Torkins. "Everything in the refrigerator appears to be spoiled," commented her husband. "It's the ice man's fault. He will bring around artificial ice, and I can't tell it from the genuine."

Far Removed. "Do you know that I come from fighting stock?" asked Mr. Pillbeck, in a threatening manner. "Umph!" replied Mr. Wallick, not at all impressed. "I suspect you've been coming a long time and haven't stopped yet."

After the Trial. "Now if you are acquitted," said the lawyer, "you can go on the stage." "But suppose I should happen to be convicted?" "Um. In that case, I suppose you'll have to write a book."

A Strong Opinion. Fritz—You know Limburger cheese improves with age. Fred—I don't believe it. I think it smells just as bad when it's twenty years old as it did the day it was made.

Good Roads. The improvements of good roads and ditches is a matter which concerns every farmer who desires to increase the value of his land or the farm property of the community in which he resides as a whole.

Oil Helps Greatly. Oil, properly applied, helps greatly, but the dust must be removed, and the surface broken up and loosened about two inches deep; otherwise the oil stands in pools or runs into the ditch.

A HOT IRON

will have a wonderful effect upon your personal appearance. We clean and press anything that you wear. We do it promptly, scientifically and cheaply. When it leaves our shop it will have "tone" and "front" to it. It will attract attention in any crowd and so will you. You send it along—we'll do it. CLEWIS—Tailor.

Misses Lura Mae Owens and Velma Lee Hale of this city and Angeline Allee of Crockett are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parker of the Oak Grove community.

Geo. E. Darsey and son, Geo. E. jr., left the early part of the week in their car for Lake Charles, La., to spend the week on a fishing trip with some relatives and friends.

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Other's Views on Current Items

**CONVICTS BUILDING KENTUCKY
ROADS**

Kentucky has a new road law and under its provisions the commonwealth will build interstate roads in every county which will prepare to take advantage of the law's provisions. Men convicted on minor charges and men who have served with good records as much as five years for more serious offenses will be allowed to work the roads.

The State will charge up to the counties the wages of the men employed on the roads at the rate of \$1 per day. Of this from 5 to 15 cents will be paid over to the convicts or to their families. The remainder is expected to cover the cost of upkeep, guards and other expenses.

The new law has the approval of the State Federation of Labor and of the foremost humanitarians of Kentucky. It is expected to result in better health for the men and in better roads for the State.

The national committee on prisons recommends the plan, believing that Kentucky will soon be known as the leading State in the matter of convict employment, and that permanent good will result to the highways of every county taking advantage of the system.—Houston Post

**CROP ROTATION WILL CON-
SERVE SOIL**

One of the most important factors in conservation on the farm is the rotation and diversification of crops. It is a well known fact that the continuous planting of land to one given crop, whatever that crop may be, will, in course of time, deplete if not exhaust the producing capacity of that soil. Each successive year of cultivation will leave the soil in a more run down and unhealthy condition, and each year more subject to the outbreak of diseases. Again, such a kind of cropping concentrates kinds of insect pests that force upon the particular crop down upon the land.

On the other hand, it is equally well known that it is best, on the conservation idea, to have the shallow-rooted plants or crops follow the deep-rooted ones, and vice versa, keeping in mind always to plant some legumes each year on portions of the farm.—Ed R. Kone, Ex-Commissioner of Agriculture.

Carranza's co-operation with the punitive expedition appears to have been limited to the minimum of exertion which would insure a continuance of shipments of arms and ammunition from this country for the use of his troops.—K. Lamity's Harpoon.

The only bad thing about a war with Mexico will be the thousands of mothers and sisters and sweethearts who will mourn for loved ones dead on the sands across the Rio Grande. Sorrow is the accompaniment of war whether it be for conquest or for defense, for humanity's sake or for selfish gain. And when our boys are being slain in Mexico we will realize more ful-

ly the weight of responsibility that has rested upon our President in making a decision for or against the conflict.—Houston Post.

In every town there are some people who are against everything. They are not at heart against their home town, but they are so set on being opposite from other people, that they get real pleasure in refusing to join hands in any movement for the good of their town. They never figure that if there wasn't a town they wouldn't live there and could not make a living there. But it at home.—Temple Telegram.

Just remember this when some one sneeringly refers to Wilson as a "note writer" president: There are but two ways of dealing with a man or a nation that departs from the letter and the interpretation of the law: insist upon compliance with that law in a written communication or send an army or navy. Men in the ordinary affairs of life don't send the sheriff until all other methods of conciliation have failed.—Bryan's Commoner

**NEWS FROM
ROCK HILL**

July 3.—The hearts of our farmers were gladdened with a pleasant shower Saturday night. We feel the assurance of a splendid grain crop this year, and do not expect a failure in the cotton crop, even though the boll weevil is very prevalent at present.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment after Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

Richard Streetman was in the New Prospect community Sunday morning.

Rev. J. L. Willis of our community preached at Antrim Sunday morning.

J. L. Willis and Graton Streetman attended preaching at New Prospect Sunday night.

The candidates' picnic at this place was a pleasant one, several hundred people being present. A splendid dinner was spread, sufficient to have fed twice the crowd and our people are very grateful to the people of neighboring communities who contributed to the dinner.

The candidates were very courteous to each other, and each seemed to enjoy the day and we regret very much that many of our people could not participate in the picnic for various reasons.

The ladies of the Y. L. S. C. extend their sincere thanks for the nice patronage to the cold drink stand amounting to \$50.75.

J. H. B. Kyle has just returned from Joplin, Mo., where he has spent several weeks on business.

J. N. Miller of the Rocky Mound community was in our midst Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ola Willis visited her homefolks and attended the picnic Friday.

Do not forget the revival meeting is to begin at this place next Saturday night under the direction of Revs. G. W. North and H. E. Harris.

Do you want a sound liver, vigorous digestion, strong, healthy kidneys, regularity in the bowels? Take Prickly Ash Bitters. It has the medical properties that will produce this result. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Dr. G. H. Black, wife and children visited several days in Weches last week.

**RIPPLES ON
THE TRINITY**

July 3.—We have a good season in the ground—something out of the ordinary for this time of year. South and southwest of Reynard it rained every evening last week except Monday, hence our river folks have had a hard tussle with the weeds, which grow so large on the black land and they fear they will have to surrender some of their cotton to them. North and northeast of Reynard was open weather until late Saturday when they had a nice rain, but not enough to last long, but long enough to spoil a number of nubbins and start the cotton off that has been dug out of the grass and things look good to us this morning and Reynard will not have much feed stuff to buy next year. Cotton is kind of a game of chance as to a big crop or a little one.

Miss Trudie Fulgham spent Saturday night with homefolks, returning to Palestine Sunday evening. Miss Cora Bell Kent accompanied her as far as Grapeland, where she will visit relatives.

Miss Lucile Jennings of Mineola, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Stevens, left Saturday for her home.

Mesdames Harpool and Hester of Mississippi, who have been visiting their brother, G. B. Kent, returned to Grapeland last week.

No visitors in our midst, but a fine baby boy arrived at T. S. Kent jr's. the first of last week.

Ye scribe attended the picnic at Rock Hill. As it was our first visit, will say, that our expectations were more than met, and the entertainment was fine.

Candidate Estes spent Thursday night with J. H. Beazley on his way to the speaking and brought him a nice fine melon. Now, we do not pretend to say whether he purchased his vote with the melon or not.

The weather seems settled this morning, but we do not guess at the weather in June or July.

Some sickness, but do not look for a siege of malaria, if the temperature does not run too high above 90.

Now, Mr. Editor, I think I am safe in saying every white family in our midst takes the Messenger. Zack.

**Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
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Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purposes for which it is intended. Buy it now. Obtainable everywhere.

If your brain won't work right and you miss the snap, vim and energy that was once yours, you should take Prickly Ash Bitters. It cleanses the system and invigorates both body and brain. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

A large crowd gathered at Guiceland cemetery Sunday afternoon to witness the unveiling of the monument erected by the W. O. W. Lodge to the memory of Sov. Jeff Keen. Hon. J. J. Strickland of Palestine delivered a very appropriate address.

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The Soda Fountain
An American Institution

Did you ever stop to realize that the soda fountain is as much an American institution as the sausage is a German institution, "French Bread" is an institution in France and the Plum pudding an English institution? And the funny part of it all is that though one seldom sees a soda fountain in Europe (and then only for the sake of attracting American tourist trade) just as soon as a foreigner gets to this country he too seems to learn to love the soda fountain.

But, if you are old enough to look back a few years you will remember that only comparatively recently has the soda fountain been either so popular or so beautiful and hygienic.

You may remember what these old soda fountains looked like—what poor provision they made to supply even their scanty trade.

What has wrought this great change—what has made the soda fountain a national institution—a comfort and necessity in the daily lives of men and women—not only during the hot summer time but the whole year 'round.



The answer lies in that delicious beverage Coca-Cola. Soon after its introduction at the fountains people began to ask more and more for this distinctive drink. Along with its demand came the demand for more places that would serve it. Soda fountains sprang up everywhere, improving in beauty, neatness and attractive service. It is a fact that the part the soda fountain and all its allied industries have come to play in the economic life of the nation today is due largely to the stimulus given to it by Coca-Cola.

In the same way has the call for bottled beverages grown. In 1899 Coca-Cola in bottles was first put on the market and the same quick recognition and appreciation was accorded to it in this form as

was so evident in the fountain trade. The same principles of purity, goodness and deliciousness made another astounding record of growth possible. Bottling plants have been established all over the country to take care of this branch. Just think of it—over 90,000,000 glasses and bottles of Coca-Cola are drunk every month. So—just as much as is the soda fountain a national institution so is Coca-Cola the National Beverage.



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Sunday School at 10 a. m.
M. E. Darsey, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN:

Services every First Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Shockley, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
T. H. Leaverton, Superintendent.

BAPTIST:

Services every First and Third Sunday. Prayer Meeting Thursday night.

Rev. S. W. Edge, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
W. D. Granberry, Superintendent.

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ROAD BUILDING

COST OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Federal Roads Bill Shifts Part of Burden From Farmer to City Resident—Interesting Figures.

That federal aid will shift part of the burden of road improvement from the farmer to the city resident, is clearly shown by the report of the joint congressional committee prepared by Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., chairman. Farmers will be particularly interested in the figures presented.

Bourne shows that since national revenues are derived from indirect taxes, contributions to national funds are practically in proportion to population. While census reports show that less than half of the people reside in cities of 2,500 or more, the fact is that most residents of cities of 2,500 and less are in reality city residents. Out of 15,963,965 families, 5,689,838 reside on farms. Of 38,167,336 persons engaged in gainful occupations, 12,659,293 are engaged in agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry.



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bandry. Other statistics also show that only about one-third of the total population is rural.

Therefore, it is clear that under federal aid about two-thirds of the national fund would be contributed by city residents while all of it would be spent for improvement of rural roads.

"It should be remarked in this connection," says the report, "that although the burden of national participation in highway improvement would fall most heavily upon city residents, yet inhabitants of cities have been among the most active advocates of federal participation in highway construction and maintenance. While the merchant, the manufacturer, the professional man, and the wage earner of the city are only indirectly in-

terested, they appreciate the value of good roads to the community and recognize the indirect benefit they will enjoy."

The report, printed as house document 3519, contains the most extensive collection of data on good roads ever gathered in one volume. Any person desiring a copy should write to his senator or congressman.

ADOPT CIVIL SERVICE LAWS

Provision Made for Appointment of Highway Employees in Accordance With Merit System.

Six states, namely, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Wisconsin, now have civil service laws providing for appointing of highway engineers and employees in accordance with the merit system.

A description of the system in effect in each of the six states appears in the Good Roads Year Book just issued by the American Highway association at Washington.

The summary of automobile legislation in all the states is of timely interest in view of the fact that nearly 1,900,000 automobiles were registered in the United States during 1914, for which more than \$12,000,000 in license fees was paid.

365-Day Road Club Maxims.

Waste no time wishing. Work brings quicker results.

Many bad roads are only good road material wrongly arranged.

We must live with the dirt road, so make it as good as possible.

In many localities the big fat dollar that goes into the collector's office in the fall looks like "thirty cents" when met on the road next spring.

Stop Production.

Production must cease when the transportation costs eat up the profits.

No Cause for Alarm.

The pessimist—It is only a matter of time until the land in this country will not produce enough to support the increasing population.

The Optimist—Oh, don't let that worry you. Our population isn't going to stop over so long as our medical colleges continue to turn out more than 7,000 embryo physicians annually.

The True Reason.

"People say this man could have had any office he wanted, but he chose private life."

"Don't you believe that, my son," said the veteran campaigner. "Many a man gets the credit for refusing all political preferment when, as a matter of fact, he merely had sense enough to know that he could not get the one job he'd set his heart on."

Might Be Worse.

"You see before you," said the melancholy man, "a plaything of fate."

"What's the matter with you?" asked his friend.

"I was just about to mortgage my house to buy an automobile, when it burned down."

"Umph! You've lost your house, but the chances are you've saved your neck."

Recommendation Not Necessary.

"So you're going to leave us, Mary?"

"Yes, mum. I've got to."

"And do you want me to give you a letter of recommendation?"

"It ain't necessary, mum. The man I'm going to work for is willing to take chances. I'm leavin' to get married."

Pacific Ambition.

"Caligula wished that Rome had a single neck, so that he might sever it at a blow."

"Times are different. Now I wish that I could build a graphophone big enough to record the voice of the people."

A DAINTY DISH.



"What's that noise?"

"Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie, your majesty."

"Take 'em back to the chef and tell him to bake 'em till they don't feel like singing. I can't eat rare birds."

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FUR TRADE WORKERS SUFFER

Said to Be Poisoned by Mercury Used in the Preparation of Malt.

Shocking conditions of ill health among workers in the fur trades of New York, due to poisoning by mercury used in the preparation of fur for hats were revealed by a report made recently to the health commissioner by the division of industrial hygiene of the bureau of preventable diseases. The report covered a long sanitary and clinical study of conditions surrounding the workers in 133 shops and the physical examination of 3,000 men and woman employees. Eighty were found to be victims of chronic mercury poisoning, while many other troubles directly due to their working conditions were found. Acting on the report, the health department has issued orders to 11 of the factories for the installation of protective devices against dust and for the providing of protective clothing, such as rubber gloves, etc. It was also ordered that cleaning in the factories must be done either after hours or by vacuum cleaners, and that hygienic flooring must be installed.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Wife—I see that Mrs. Ketchum has got a divorce.

Hub—Confound it! That means another wedding present.

WANTED HIM TO SPECIFY.

She (broker's daughter)—Will you always be true?

He—As true as steel!

She—Common or preferred?

TO THE POINT.

"I wish I were as rich as that man," sighed he.

"No, you don't," retorted she, "or you'd work as hard as he does."

DIGNIFIED RETICENCE.

"Did her father kick about your marrying the girl?"

"That is a subject too painful to discuss."

Quite True.

Wife—Mrs. Brooks says society is hollow—that there isn't anything in it.

Husband—Well, there isn't anything in anything nowadays, my dear, if you don't put something in it.—Judge.

Naturally.

Lawson—What did you think when you realized that your automobile was turning turtle the other day?

Dawson—Well, my first thought was: I am in the soup.

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Lewis Fisher, Galveston County.

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:

B H Gardner Anderson County

J S Prince (Re-election) of Henderson county

For State Senator:

J J Strickland of Anderson County

J R Luce of Houston County

For District Attorney, 3rd Judicial District.

B F Dent of Houston County

For County Treasurer:

W M (Willie) Robison Ney Sheridan (Re-election) G R Murchison J. H. Bobbitt C. G. Lansford Leonard Arnold

For County Attorney:

J L Lipscomb Sonley LeMay J F Mangum

For County Clerk:

O C Goodwin A S Moore (Re-election) Arthur Owens D R Baker Ed Cassidy Jeff Kennedy Bennie E Smith

For Tax Collector:

C W Butler Jr W N (Will) Standley T. R. Deupree

For District Clerk:

John F Gilbert Jno D. Morgan, re-election Barker Tunstall

For Representative:

J D (Joe) Sallas W. F. Murchison Dr. J. B. Smith

For County Judge:

E Winfree (Re-election)

For Sheriff:

R J (Bob) Spence (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

Ed Holcomb John H Ellis (Re-election)

For County Superintendent:

J N Snell (re-election)

For Constable Prec't. No. 2:

John Scarbrough (Re-election)

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:

E E Holcomb (Re-election) Oscar Dennis Alvey D Grounds C E Jones

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2:

J C Estes J E Bean S A (Silas) Cook R T (Riley) Murchison Stell Sharp

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 5:

Jno A Davis (Re-election)

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 2:

Clyde Story, (re-election) R R (Riley) Sullivan

For Constable Prec't. No. 5:

C. R. Taylor (re-election)

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HOW HER HUSBAND GOT EVEN

Wife Tidied Up His Desk Beautifully, and to Reciprocate He Straightened Up Her Sewing Room.

A busy housewife came into the sitting room with a determined look in her eyes.

"I really shall have to punish those children," she began. "What have the little beggars been up to now?" asked father, looking up from his newspaper.

"Why, they've made a mess of my sewing room," explained the wife. "Needles, reels of cotton, scissors—everything has been hidden away in the most unexpected places. It is really exasperating."

Her husband laid down his paper and smiled benignly.

"I did that," he said, calmly. Then, in answer to a questioning look, he went on: "You tidied up my desk so beautifully the other day that I thought it only fair to return the compliment. So I tidied up your sewing room."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Took No Chances.

Lady (to maid, who has announced her intentions of leaving to get married)—I hope you realize, Mary, that matrimony is a serious matter?"

Mary (earnestly)—Oh, yes, mum. I've been to two fortune tellers and a clairvoyant, an' looked in a sign book, an' dreamt on a lock of hair, and been to a palmist, and they all say it's all right. I ain't one to marry reckless-like, mum.—Passing Show.

A CARELESS CANINE.



Gentle Willie—Why dost thou weep? The dog but took a piece out of your pantaloons!

Wearie Walker—When he grabbed, pard, he caught hold of more than the pants!

Always Something Doing.

"There hasn't been a change on this bill of fare in twenty years," growled the grizzled patron. "Have you restaurant men no ingenuity?"

"Guess we have as much as the next fellow." "Then why don't you get up-a new dish occasionally? The corner druggist has a new kickshaw at the soda fountain every time you amble up to it."

A Bad Investment.

Mrs. Naggs—John, we'll never be able to save a cent if you don't quit being so extravagant.

Naggs—Why, my dear, I don't think I'm at all extravagant.

Mrs. Naggs—Of course, you are. There's that accident policy you bought nearly a year ago, and you haven't used it once. If that isn't extravagance I don't know what is.

Solace for Poor Luck.

"Even when a man fails to catch any fish, the outing does him good and he comes back in better health," said the optimistic angler.

"Perhaps that is true in some cases," replied his bibulous friend, "but I find that the less inducement there is to pull a cork out of the water, the more there is to pull one out of a bottle."

Conceited.

"How conceited she is."

"What makes you think so?"

"I proposed to her and she said she wouldn't marry the best man on earth."

"Well, what of that?"

"I was the man she was referring to."—Detroit Free Press.

WHAT'S HE AFRAID OF?

"Although Chugson has had a car for almost six months, he still seems to think a pedestrian has some rights."

"How do you account for that attitude?"

"It's very peculiar. It certainly shows a woeful lack of self-confidence."

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THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



When Cy Cawkins Went to Spellin' School He Always Spelled Wrong So's to Get a Chance to Sit Down.

What's in a name? That sure depends Upon whose name it is, my friends. Full oft cognomens do not "pan"—So much depends upon th' man.

Th' fast young man is naturally an adept at runnin' bills.

ROBS METER; DIES OF GAS

Man Smashes Quarter-in-the-Slot Contrivance and Cannot Escape the Fumes.

In order to get money, the police say, to satisfy his craving for liquor, Robert Heskets, thirty years old, smashed the gas meter in the cellar of his home at 2441 North Mutter street and died a victim of the fumes before he could escape. The gas so filled the cellar that when his father, John Heskets, sixty-six years old, later entered it he was rendered unconscious.

The elder Heskets now is in the Episcopal hospital and is threatened with pneumonia. The police say young Heskets had been drinking heavily and had attempted to steal money from his father's trunk.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

ICE FOR ALL

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LEAVERTON'S THE LEADING DRUG STORE

W. A. Cook of Groveton, candidate for congress, was here Saturday, and spoke on the street in the interest of his candidacy.

Dudley Eaves returned home Monday from Austin, where he has been attending the State University. He recently completed the prescribed course and secured the A. B. degree.

NOTICE

Don't overlook the fact that I am still with the Texas Nursery Co., and solicit your orders for fruit trees, flowers and ornamental stock. Our May and June peaches are the best. Our figs and grapes cannot be excelled. I want your order.

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