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Local News

Items From San Pedro Community

September 4.—The sickness is some better. Ramond Whitaker was sick last week, but is better now.

Carl Gainey went to Palestine last Monday and had his eye operated on and he came home Thursday. Says his eye is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Irwin report the birth of a fine boy at their home, born Saturday morning.

Mr. Sampson Tyer and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Mal Whitaker and family.

Mr. Walter Hazlett of Crockett returned home Saturday after a two week's stay with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kleckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Tyer spent Saturday afternoon in the Jones' School House community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Will Irwin's.

W. R. Brown spent Sunday at W. A. Kleckley's.

Mr. Jake Cutler's sister returned home Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Cutler going with her.

Everybody is trying to get their cotton picked and sold while times are good. I hope to see everybody get a good price for their cotton.

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MISSES DAVIS ENTERTAIN

Misses Winnie and Eula May Davis delightfully entertained on Thursday evening with a picnic luncheon and slumber party.

Supper was spread in the yard under the trees for the following guests: Misses Sallie May Kent, Annie R. Hollingsworth, Arline Howard, Jake Taylor, Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall, Lura Mae Owens, Carnie Murchison and Messrs. Arthur Walton, Jas. Ryan, Dick Murchison, Aubrey Lively, Chester Owens, Coleman Scarbrough, Chas. Kent and Lee Eaves.

After a very pleasant evening the young men departed, leaving the young ladies to "slumber" with the Misses Davis.

The Grapeland school will begin Monday morning, Sept. 11. Everybody is invited to attend opening exercises at 8:45 a. m. Especially are the patrons requested to be present.

Local News Notes

From The Rock Hill Community

Sept. 4.—Labor Day has passed and we may say, there was no "strike" among our farmers.

The gathering of the various crops is receiving special attention.

There is less illness now than at our last writing, although, some sickness still continues.

Much fishing was done last week. Our most famous fishermen were J. L. Nichols and C. M. Streetman.

Some of our people attended the Christian meeting at Cross Roads last week. This meeting was conducted by Rev. Anders, who has preached some for us in the past, and we were glad to hear him again.

A large number of Rock Hill people were at Antrim for Sunday School and to hear Bro. Florence preach Sunday morning.

Many people were disappointed Sunday afternoon, when Bro. Wm. Durnell failed to preach, but their presence added to our Sunday School attendance.

J. W. Taylor and family and W. F. Taylor visited in our community Sunday.

Herschel North of the Rocky Mound community was in our community several days last week.

The Youth.

Constipation the Father of Many Ills

Of the numerous ills that affect humanity a large share start with constipation. Keep your bowels regular and they may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

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S. E. Howard,
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Ford Newman Gets Record Price For Bale of Cotton

The good price for cotton and seed is putting smiles on the farmers' faces and money in their pockets. It is not unusual for a bale of cotton and the seed to bring around \$110.00. We believe Ford Newman holds the record, however. Last week he sold a bale and the seed for \$129.75, the bale weighing a few pounds over 600. The present price of cotton is mighty good, but we see a great deal in print that if the crop is marketed slowly, by October 1 it will be bringing 20c per pound.

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John Scarbrough, Percilla. ☐

SOME GOOD ROAD WORK

A splendid piece of road work has just been completed out on the Palestine road about five miles from town. What is known as "Steadman Lane," has been widened and graded and raised above the water line. This was a low, saggy place, and wagons and cars had difficulty in getting through the drift sand. A steel bridge will be put in just as soon as it arrives, and later a coat of clay will be put on the road surface, making a first class piece of work. The credit of this piece of work is due to the farmers living along the road, who donated their teams and work and stayed with it until it was completed. Commissioner Murchison supervised the job.

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The AUCTION BLOCK

BY REX BEACH

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 Silsson, 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 locates 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 Liliis 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—Liliis 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—Merkle calls on Lorelei at the theater and tells her of her mother's attempt to extract blackmail from him. Lorelei decides to leave home. Liliis Lynn tells of her past.

CHAPTER XII—Bergman forces Lorelei to dinner and promptly loses control of his conduct. Bob Wharton proves a friend in need, as well as dancing instructor to Bergman.

CHAPTER XIII—Jim Knight and Melcher, with the help of Liliis Lynn, force a proposal of marriage to Bob Wharton to Lorelei. Too dazed to resist the onslaughts of the trio Lorelei passively submits to an immediate marriage to the drunken Wharton.

CHAPTER XIV—Hammon surprises Liliis at her apartments and while enraged she tells him she has meant to ruin him in revenge for her father's death. She also tells him she is responsible for his troubles and that she never intended to marry him. Hammon attacks Liliis; she shoots him as he advances toward her.

CHAPTER XV—Hammon orders Wharton and Merkle to remove him quietly to his home. Merkle discovers Liliis in her room in a stupor from drugs. He tells Jim Knight to send her out of the country. Bob Wharton hires a cab and drives Hammon home, they leave him alone in his library. He then calls his valet and has Merkle and the doctor summoned.

CHAPTER XVI—Wharton and Lorelei have their first home meal together; each invites a guest and bring about a meeting between the bitter enemies, Mlle. Demorest, the dancer, and Campbell Pope, the dramatic critic.

CHAPTER XVII—Jarvis Hammon dies of his wound. Bob Wharton's father visits him and offers to buy Lorelei off the marriage deal. She refuses and Bob renews his father's statements. Mr. Wharton offers Bob the choice of divorce from Lorelei or withdrawal of financial support.

CHAPTER XVIII—Bob and Lorelei decide to continue together. Bob promises a reform in his habits and gets a desire for work. Lorelei's family, unconscious of the true state of affairs, congratulate themselves on Lorelei's catch.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Adoree Demorest, still in her glittering, hybrid costume, but heavy-limbed and dull with fatigue, paused outside her own door early that morning. The time lacked perhaps an hour of dawn, the street outside and the building itself was silent, yet from Adoree's parlor issued the sound of light fingers upon piano keys. Adoree entered, to find Campbell Pope, with collar loosened and hair on end, seated at the instrument. The air within the room was blue and reeking with the odor of stale tobacco smoke, and the ash receiver at his elbow was piled high with burnt offerings.

Pope rose at Adoree's entrance, eying her anxiously. "Is everything all right?" he cried.

"Is what all right?"

"The—er—Lorelei."

"Oh, yes! What are you doing here?" "I suppose I must apologize. You see, I came here to wait—and—and help."

"You decided to—help?" Adoree

eyed the disheveled musician queerly. "You've helped to break my lease—I'll be thrown out of this house sure." Pope stammered, guiltily, "I was practicing for Bob and Lorelei."

With one glove half off, Adoree slowly seated herself, showing in her face an amazement that increased the man's embarrassment. Pope took a deeper breath, then burst out:

"Oh, I have a sixty-horse power imagination, and it seems to me that music is a sort of—prayer; anyhow, it's the only way I know of praying. Good music is divine language. In my own way I was sort of praying for those two children. Foolish, isn't it? I'm sorry I told you. It sounds nutty to me when I stop to consider it." Pope stirred uneasily under Adoree's gravely speculative eyes. "Lorelei's all right?"

Adoree nodded. "It's a boy." There was a moment of silence. "Did you ever see a brand-new baby?"

"Murder, no!"

Miss Demorest's gaze remained bent upon Pope, but it was focused upon great distances; her voice when she spoke was hushed and awe-stricken. "Neither did I until this one. I held it! I held it in my arms. Oh—I was frightened, and yet I seemed to know just what to do and—and everything. It was strange. It hurt me terribly, for,

you see, I didn't know what babies meant until tonight. Now I know."

Pope saw the shining eyes suddenly fill and threaten to overflow; instead of the grotesquely overdressed and artificial stage favorite he beheld only a yearning woman whose face was softened and glorified by a vision.

"I didn't know you cared for children."

Adoree shrugged; the beads at her throat clicked barbarously. "Neither did I, but I suppose every woman does if she only knew it. Tonight I began to understand what this ache inside of me means." Her gaze came back and centered upon his face, but it was frightened and panic-stricken. "I've sacrificed my right to children."

"How can you say—"

"Oh, you know it as well as I do." A flush wavered in the speaker's cheeks, then fled, leaving her white and weary. "You, of all men, must understand. I'm notorious. I'm a painted woman, a wicked woman—the wickedest woman in the land—and that reputation will live in spite of anything I can do." She began to cry now in a way strange to Pope's experience.

Pope's habitual restraint all at once gave way. "Nonsense!" he exploded. "The thing that counts is what you are, not what you seem to be. I know the truth."

Now there was nothing sufficiently significant about these words to bring a light of wonderment and gladness to the girl's face, but her tears ceased as abruptly as they had commenced, and noting the slowly growing radiance of her expression, Campbell was stricken dumb with fright at the possible consequences of temerity. The knowledge of his shortcomings robbed him of confidence and helped to confuse him.

Adoree rose. For a moment she stood looking at him with a peculiar, tender smile, then took him by the lapels of his shapeless coat and drew his thin face down to hers.

"I'm not going to let you back out," she declared, firmly. "You asked me, didn't you?"

"Adoree! No, no! Think what you are doing," he cried, sharply.

But she continued to smile up into his eyes with a gladness that intoxicated him.

She snuggled closer to him, murmuring, cozily: "I don't want to think—we'll have plenty of time to think when we're too old to talk. Now, I just want to love you as hard as you have been loving me for the last six months."

To all young fathers there comes a certain readjustment of values. To Bob, who had always led a selfish, thoughtless existence, it was at first bewildering to discover that his place at the head of his household had been usurped by another. Heretofore he had always been of supreme domestic importance, but now the order of things was completely reversed, if not hopelessly jumbled. First in consequence came this new person, tiny and vastly tyrannical because of its helplessness, then the nurse, an awesome person—a sort of oracle and regent combined—who ruled in the name and stead of the new heir. Lorelei herself occupied no mean station in the new scheme, for at

least she shared the confidence of the nurse and the doctor, and ranked above the cook and the housemaid, but not so Bob. Somewhere at the foot of the list he found his own true place.

Now, strange to say, this novel arrangement was extremely agreeable to the deposed ruler. Bob took a shameless delight in doing menial service; to fetch and to carry for all hands filled him with joy. But once outside of the premises he reasserted himself, and his importance grew as gas expands. Before long his intimate friends began to avoid him like a plague. It was his partner, Kurtz, who finally dubbed him "The pestilence that talketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth our noondays."

One day, after Bob had acquired sufficient confidence in himself and in the baby to handle it without anxiety to the nurse, he begged permission to show it to the hailman downstairs. He returned greatly elated, explaining that the attendant, who had some impossible number of babies of his own and might therefore be considered an authority, declared this one to be the finest he had ever beheld. Oddly enough, this praise delighted Bob out of all reason. He remained in a state of suppressed excitement all that day, and on the following afternoon he again kidnaped the child for a second exhibition. It seemed that the infant's fame spread rapidly, for soon the tenants of neighboring apartments began to clamor for a sight of it, and Bob was only too eager to gratify them. Every afternoon he took his son downstairs with him, until finally Lorelei checked him as he was going out.

"Bob, dear," she said, with the faintest shadow of a smile. "I don't think it's good for him to go out so often. Why don't you ask your father and mother to come up?"

Wharton flushed, then he stammered, "I—what makes you—er—think—"

"Why, I guessed it the very first day," Lorelei's smile saddened. "They needn't see me, you know."

Bob laid the child back in its bed. "But that's just what they want. They want to see you, only I wouldn't let you be bothered. They're perfectly foolish over the kid; mother cries, and father—but just wait." He rushed out of the room, and in a few moments returned with his parents.

Hannibal Wharton was deeply embarrassed, but his wife went straight to Lorelei and, bending over her chair, placed a kiss upon her lips. "There," said she. "When you are stronger I'm going to apologize for the way we've treated you. We're old people. We're selfish and suspicious and unreasonable, but we're not entirely inhuman. You won't be too hard on us, will you?"

The old lady's eyes were shining, the palms which were clasped over Lorelei's hand were hot and tremulous. The look of hungry yearning that greeted the elder woman's words was ample answer, and with a little choking cry she gathered the weak figure into her arms and thrilled as she felt the amber head upon her breast.

Hannibal trumpeted into his handkerchief, then cleared his throat premonitorily, but Bob forestalled him with a happy laugh. "Don't hold any post-mortems, dad. Lorelei knows everything you intend to say."

"I'm blamed if she does," rumbled the old man, "because I don't know myself. I'm not much on apologies; I

to go through another night like that."

Bob's mother turned to her son, saying: "She is beautiful, and she is good, too. Anybody can see that. We could love her for what she has done for you, if for nothing else."

"Well, I should say so," proudly vaunted the son. "She took a chance when she didn't care for me, and she made me into a regular fellow. Why, she reformed me from the ground up. I've sworn off every blessed thing I used to do."

"Including drinking?" gruffly queried the father.

"Yes."

Lorelei smiled her slow, reluctant smile at the visitors, and her voice was gentle as she said: "He thinks he has, but it's hard to stop entirely, and you mustn't blame him if he forgets himself occasionally. You see, drinking is mostly a matter of temperament, after all. But he is doing splendidly, and some day perhaps—"

They nodded understandingly. "You'll try to like us, won't you, for Bob's sake?" pleaded the old lady, timidly.

"I intend to love you both very dearly," shyly returned the girl, and, noting the light in Lorelei's face, Bob Wharton was satisfied.

Restraint vanished swiftly under the old couple's evident determination to make amends, but after they had gone Lorelei became so pensive that Bob said, anxiously, "I hope you weren't polite to them merely for my sake."

Lorelei shook her head. "No. I was only thinking—Do you realize that none of my own people have been to see me? That I haven't had a single word from any of them?"

Bob stirred uncomfortably; he started to speak, then checked himself as she went on, not without some effort: "I'm going to say something unpleasant, but I think you ought to know it. When they learn that your parents have taken me in and made up with us they're going to ask me for money. It's a terrible thing to say, but it's true."

"Do you want to see them? Do you want them to see the baby?"

"No!" Lorelei was pale as she made answer. "Not after all that has passed."

Bob heaved a grateful sigh. "I'm glad. They won't trouble you any more."

"Why? What—"

"I've been waiting until you were strong to tell you. I've noticed how their silence hurt you, but—it's my fault that they haven't been here. I sent them away."

"You sent them away?"

"Yes. I fixed them with money and—they're happy at last. There's considerable to tell. Jim got into trouble with the police and finally sent for me. He told me everything and—it wasn't pretty; I'd rather not repeat all he said, but it opened my eyes and showed me why they brought you here, how they put you on the auction block, and how they cried for bids. He told me things you know nothing about and could never guess. When he had finished I thanked God that they had flung you into my arms instead of—some other man's. It's a miracle that you weren't sacrificed utterly."

"Where is Jim now?"

"Somewhere in the boundless West. He gave me his promise to reform."

"He never will."

"Of course not, and I don't expect it of him. You see, I know how hard it is to reform."

"But mother and father?"

"I'm coming to them. My dad came around the day after our baby was born and shook hands. He wanted to stamp right in here and tell you what a fool he had made of himself, but I wouldn't stand for it. Finally, when he saw the kid, he blew up entirely, and right away proposed breaking ground for a Jasper palace for the youngster. He wanted to build it in Pittsburgh where he could run in, going to and from business. Mother was just as foolish, too. Well, when I had had my little understanding with Jim and learned the whole truth about your people I realized that no matter where we went they would be a constant menace to our happiness unless they were provided for. It struck me that you had made a game fight for happiness, and I couldn't stand for anything to spoil it at the last minute. I went to mother and told her the facts, and she seemed to understand as well as I how you must feel in spite of all they had done, so we shook down the governor for an endowment."

"Bob! What do you mean?" Lorelei faltered in bewilderment.

"We asked him for a hundred thousand dollars and got it."

Lorelei gasped.

"He bellowed like a bull, he spat poison like a cobra, he writhed like a bucket of eels, but we put it over."

"A hundred thousand dollars!" whispered the wife.

"To a penny. And it's in the bank to your credit. But I didn't stop there." Bob's voice hardened. "I went to your mother and in your name I promised her the income from it so long, and only so long, as she and Peter stayed away from you. She accepted—rather greedily, I thought—and they have gone back to Yale. They have your old house, and I have their promise

never to see you except upon your invitation. Of course you can go to them whenever you wish, but—they're happy, and I think we will be happier with them in Yale than in New York. I hope you don't object to my arrangement."

There was a long silence, then Lorelei sighed. "You are a very good man, Bob. It was my dream to do something of this sort, but I could never have done it so well."

Her husband bent and kissed her tenderly. "It wasn't all my doings; I had help. And you mustn't feel sad, for something tells me you're going to learn finally the meaning of a real mother's love."

"Yes—yes!" The answer came dreamily, then as a fretful complaint issued from the crib at her side Lorelei leaned forward and swiftly gathered the baby into her arms.

"Is he sick?" Bob questioned, in alarm.

"No, silly. He's only hungry."

There in the gathering dusk Bob Wharton looked on at a sight that never failed to thrill him strangely. In his wife's face was a beautiful content, and it seemed to him fitting indeed that this country girl who had come to the city in quest of life should end her search thus, with a baby at her breast.

(THE END.)

Curious Bombardment.

The Island of St. Thomas, in the West Indies, has near its shores the Ship Rock, which appears, when seen from a short distance, like a full-rigged ship under canvas. If the sky is clouded and atmosphere hazy the illusion is remarkable.

There is told the story of a mortifying mistake made by a French corvette while cruising in these latitudes years ago. It was at a time when the buccaneers were making great havoc with legitimate commerce in the West Indies. The coast was partially hidden by a fog when the corvette made out this rock, and, supposing it to be a ship under full sail, fired a gun to leeward to bid her leave to. Of course, there was no response to the shot, and the Frenchman brought his ship closer and cleared the decks for action.

Satisfied that he had to do with a powerful adversary, he discharged the whole of his starboard armament into the supposed ship looming through the mist. The corvette went about and prepared to deliver her port guns in a similar manner. Then the fog slowly dispersed, and the rock smiled grimly on its assailants.

New Note on Preparedness.

A well-known newspaper man in Indianapolis loves his early morning sleep.

Recently his wife upbraided him for not paying enough attention to furnace in the morning.

The sleeping "journalist" was aroused before dawn with a rough shake.

"What's that noise in the cellar?" the frightened voice of his wife inquired.

"That's me fixin' the furnace," he replied, and returned to pleasant snores.—Indianapolis News.

No Sale.

"Hello! Is this the grocer?" asked a voice at the other end of the wire. "Please send me up half a pound of butter at once, and have the boy bring change for a fifty-dollar bill, as I haven't anything smaller in the house."

"Excuse me, lady," said the grocer, "but if I had that much money in the store I'd be down in Wall street speculating in war brides."

KEEPING DOWN DISEASE.

In a little room at the Massachusetts statehouse, surrounded by countless millions of germs of all kinds, Miss Edith A. Beckler, state bacteriologist, is playing an important part in the preventive measures in detecting and checking disease epidemics in the Bay state. She does not consider her work dangerous, although she makes many thousands of tests for the state authorities.

NOTHING BUT A NAME.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is an ultimatum?"

"An ultimatum, my son, is a communication that is supposed to be the finish. But in reality its importance lies in the fact that it is liable to start something."

INSIDIOUS EFFECT.

"The worst thing about alcohol," said Uncle Bill Bettletop, "is the way it ruins the memory."

"Has it impaired yours?" "Somethin' terrible. I know perfectly that I oughtn't to take a drink, but I can't remember not to."



"You Won't Be Too Hard on Us, Will You?"

can take 'em, but I can't make 'em." His voice rose sternly: "Young lady, the night that baby was born I stood outside this house for hours because I was afraid to come in. And my feet hurt like the devil, too. I wouldn't lose that much sleep for the whole steel trust; but I didn't dare go back to the hotel, for mother was waiting, and I was afraid of her, too. I don't intend



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The following is the directory of the churches and Sunday Schools of Grapeland:

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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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HUNTING FOR HEALTH

In Its Pursuit Peter Perkins Found His World Changed.

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS.
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Peter Perkins came into temporary possession of the old Stanwood property through mutual friends of his own and the last remaining member of the Stanwood family. He did not know Madge Stanwood, nor was he in any way interested in making the girl's acquaintance so long as he had obtained a three year's lease on her property.

Peter was run down, physically, while the Miss Stanwood was financially embarrassed. The transfer of property was a step in the right direction for both parties concerned. It left Madge free to go into the city and pursue congenial labor, while Peter Perkins could seek the robust health he had lost in his effort to find that vague pedestal called fame. His channel had been through art, and Peter had succeeded to a flattering degree before his health—or the lack of it—had sent him to the country.

The Stanwood property was sadly dilapidated. The gardens, both vegetable and floral, were all but wrecks; the lone cow was a pitiful sight to a lover of animals, while the few hens and rabbit were forlorn creatures. The orchard, once bearing choice and rare fruit, required pruning, lopping and care to an alarming extent, but with it all Peter felt sanguine as to the results he would obtain from healthy labor on the property.

Peter had worked with feverish inspiration on his art, and by so doing had arrived on the precipice of a nervous breakdown. The Stanwood place came as a blessing to him. Since he might not make further use of his brain during its process of rebuilding he rejoiced in the physical activity that would be demanded of him during his three years in the country.

It was difficult at first to fling off the inertia that gripped him after leaving the steam-heated studio and his paints and models; but the trimming of shrubs that was necessary, since it was late autumn, sent Peter out with hedge scissors and an augmenting sense of zeal. Having come originally from the West, Peter was at heart adapted for outdoor life. Farming and the artist's temperament went strangely hand in hand in Peter's mentality. It was not difficult then, during the lull of the artist's brain, for the farmer to come readily into activity.

When the shrubbery had been trimmed the trees in the orchard came next. Peter Perkins was accompanied and served only by old Gregory, who was both an intelligent gardener and a handy man about the house.

"No social intercourse and no pottering with paints. Remember that!" had been the doctor's parting words to Peter. "For one year at least."

And so Peter had forgotten the pleasure of seeing even Doris Brown, the girl whom he had almost definitely fallen in love with, and he had locked up his paints and brushes in the attic room and had bravely given the key to old Gregory.

"Don't give it to me—even if I fire you for not doing so," he had commanded Gregory, and the old man kept the key.

Before the cold weather came the cowshed was mended, the chicken coops whitewashed and a cockerel and some fine hens added to the meager flock, and all other preparations for an excellent springtime were made. The poor little rabbit was given a mate and, that being the last of the domestic arrangements among the barnyard life, Peter and Gregory turned their attention to their own habitation.

During the winter months they painted every inch of the interior of the Stanwood house and mended roofs and drafty doors and windows. Creeping vines were trimmed so that with the springtime rosebuds would seek admission to the old living room with its great stone fireplace and lofty ceilings.

It was not until the arrival of spring, when the verdure was brilliant and the fruit blossoms in full and odorous bloom, that Peter really threatened Gregory with dismissal.

"It's a chance in an artist's life," he stormed at the imperturbable servant. "Those blossoms are perfect—there never was an orchard so beautiful. I could win a thousand dollar prize with just a small sketch." His tone had become somewhat wheedling.

"The blossoms'll be out again next year," was all Gregory said, and Peter raved in vain for the keys to his paints and brushes. He eyed Peter with a glow of pride. Somehow he felt responsible for the glow of health

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that was slowly progressing in Peter's body.

"Whatever will we do with the fruit, chickens, eggs, milk and vegetables that we will be having before long?" questioned Peter as he realized the prolific tendencies that work at Stanwood farm was beginning to make evident. "We will have a hundred fine little rabbits if we don't watch out," he laughed. The question, however, was a serious one. "Old Nancy is a real beauty now," he added as they watched the sleek, fattened cow chewing her spring cud with bovine contentment. "Think of the fine milk that will be wasted. You and I can't get away with it."

Everything that Peter and Gregory touched multiplied with astonishing rapidity. Each accused the other of possessing a weird charm with growing things. With the development of vegetables and fruits, to say nothing of the barnyard of prolific hens and fancy rich milk, the question of disposal of the produce became an imperative one.

Old Gregory, however, had a scheme on his worn sleeve, but he kept it to himself until he had made a round of all the small cottages that surrounded the farm. They were tiny bits of property owned and inhabited largely by young married couples with small children. It was not easy to provision the homes with fresh vegetables and the grounds did not permit of gardening. The suggestion that Gregory made to those housewives was that he supply them with eggs, chickens, fruit and vegetables at a nominal price. Housewives one and all flew to the rescue of Peter and Gregory, and considered themselves very lucky in obtaining farm products so close to their own doorsteps. The question of milk was difficult, as Nancy might not supply an entire community, and one and all wanted Nancy's rich milk.

"It means," laughed Peter, "that Nancy will have to occupy a smaller portion of the shed. We will have to get a couple more like her." He eyed Gregory for a moment very thoughtfully. "You know, of course, Gregory, that I am not going to take the profit from this business. No, I am not," he added swiftly, seeing the incredulity in Gregory's face. "You are going to take a certain per cent, but all the rest is going into that hole in the old chimney corner against the time Miss Stanwood returns. You see, it is really her farm, and—"

"A pretty farm it was," said the old gardener disgustedly, but with added affection in his eyes for Peter.

"Nevertheless, the cow, the chickens, the orchard and all are really belonging to her. You see it—do you not, Gregory?"

"Yes, I suppose I do," grumbled the old man, and turned away lest Peter Perkins see that which had risen in his eyes.

Suffice to say that Stanwood farm became a paying proposition that quite exceeded the dreams of the temporary owner. The hole in the chimney corner was stuffed with bills and silver, and the day came when another brick had to be dislodged and another bank started.

The brushes and paint had been taken from the attic room, and Peter revealed anew in the blossoming orchard and his loved art. One or two marvelous sketches found their way into the New York shops.

Peter had regained health, both mentally and physically, and it was a most attractive looking artist who looked up suddenly one sunny day in early spring to see a wood nymph standing gazing admiringly at his canvas.

His brushes were suspended in the clear air, so lovely was the girl. Her wide hat seemed made to shelter the beauty of her oval face and her deep blue eyes held a hint of fear in them. She would have fled save that Peter stopped her.

"If I could put you in this picture," he suggested, frankly, "I could most probably make several thousand dollars from the canvas."

The girl blushed shyly and drew a trifle nearer. There was awe in her glance. The orchard, as it appeared

on the canvas, seemed to breathe of spring and to sway with the breeze. Certainly the petals were fluttering down.

"It would be a pity," she said softly, "to hold myself responsible for so great a loss to you. Since I am boarding in the Rose cottage it will give me pleasure to pose for you for a few moments each morning."

"Hours!" breathed Peter eagerly.

It so happened that old Gregory was left with more work on his hands than on the days before the nymph had arrived. One day he peered through the branches of the trees and gave vent to a low whistle when his eyes rested on Peter's model. Madge Stanwood, the last of the old family, was standing beneath a gnarled apple tree while Peter's brushes were rapidly sweeping her image onto the canvas. There was that in the eyes of Peter, and it reflected itself in the eyes of the girl, which made old Gregory laugh softly. Love in its most wonderful form was making the spring a paradise.

At that very moment of old Gregory's musings Peter Perkins had said "Wonderful girl!" in an awed and breathless tone, and Madge had returned softly:

"But you are a wonderful man, Peterkins," and her tone had been more awed, more breathless than Peter's own.

MACHINERY EXHIBITS LARGEST IN STATE FAIR'S HISTORY



J. C. Duke, director of this department, states that there is every reason to believe that there will be more exhibitors in line this year than ever before, and that the exhibits will be more interesting and more valuable than formerly.

Particular attention will be paid this year to tractors, as this is an item of farm machinery in which the farmer of the Southwest is vitally interested. It is stated that practically all of the manufacturers of the popular models have made application to the Fair management for space in which to exhibit their tractors.

A feature of the tractor exhibits which is expected to be of much interest to Fair visitors this year will be the showing of the various belt operations possible on the good modern tractor. Farmers of this section had an opportunity recently at Dallas, to see and compare the draw-bar possibilities of the various machines, but the belt operations have never been jointly shown in this section.

The Implements and Vehicles divisions will be complete with a showing of everything that is latest and best in those lines, and it is quite sure that the farmers of the Southwest can find much of profit in the exhibits in this department of the State Fair of Texas this year.

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The hen-pecked husband who called his wife a bird of paradise before marriage, now swears she is a parrot.

Our idea of a real optimist is a man who can drip sweat all day like a fire hose and then tell you the weather is "just right."

Sporadic advertising doesn't do much good, but if you go at it regularly, you won't have to ask yourself whether advertising pays.

One advantage the girl with a real complexion has over the girl with the detachable type, is that she can play tennis on the hottest day without being afraid of losing it.

A South Carolina man was shot last week while going to church. Some men will now see this as an excuse to stay away, saying it is dangerous to go to church.

The Texas baseball season is now over, and we guess the players on the losing teams are ready to admit that the spring prophecy of their managers was just a bit optimistic.

The old-fashioned man who used to light his pipe by picking up a live coal from the fireplace, now has a son who lights his Turkish cigarette with a patent flameless automatic safety first pocket torch.

Some medical authorities claim that overwork does not kill men and that worry is the real cause of death. If this is true we don't see any reason at all why some men should ever die.

Germany continues to claim an abundance of men. The class of 1917, not yet mustered, is expected to yield 500,000 perfect soldiers, and in addition, the Teutons claim over a million more between the ages of 19 and 45.

Don't forget to bring or send the money for school books.
Smith's Drug Store.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new and give good service.
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YOU! Mrs. Housewife

Will find this page contains many interesting things that will help you get ready for fall. And you, too, Miss Young Lady, will find this store a great convenience in making your fall purchases

Hardly a day passes that we do not receive something new in the way of the season's best sellers for fall. There are a large number of things in our shelves now that we did not have yesterday, and will be a great many more tomorrow that we do not have today. And yet, these goods are meeting with so great approval, that a number of patterns of fall dress goods are already sold out. The thing for you to do is to call daily and inspect our stock in order to keep up with the new things as they come out.

NOTICE

The rising and unsettled condition of the wholesale markets makes it necessary that you make your purchases where you know you can rely upon the quality of the goods. In some instances we have been forced to make a slight raise in our prices in order to maintain the quality. If you want an INFERIOR quality of goods we suggest that you do not come to this store for WE HAVE NOT SACRIFICED QUALITY TO KEEP THE PRICE DOWN—and yet, you can buy standard brands of merchandise at a little more than goods you know nothing about.

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This department is filled with the newest ideas from the leading style centers of America. We are especially featuring at this time, a big lot of the popular felt shapes in the following colors: White, cream, butter, copenhagen and flesh.

Crushers 75c and..... \$1.00
Sailors \$1.50 to..... \$4.00
Stencil brim shapes..... \$3.50

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In a few days your children will start to school. If you would have them arrayed for service and neatness combined, you should not fail to inspect our line of GINGHAMS, CLOTHING, SHOES, etc.

GINGHAMS, BILLIKENS, BUSTER BROWN'S!

Ginghams in a good grade make the most economical school dresses and our line is especially attractive in plain and fancy patterns at 10c and..... 12c

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Shoes for work, shoes for dress, and shoes for play. Whether you buy a pair of our heavy work shoes or a pair of our newest "sport" lasts, you will have the same satisfaction as to wear and service and comfort. The roughest looking shoes we sell are built on scientific lines and there is satisfactory wear in every pair.

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LOCAL NEWS

School books are positively cash. Smith's Drug Store.

Plenty of heavy eight ounce duck at Darsey's.

S. W. Barfield made a business trip to Palestine Sunday.

You can get your cotton sacking at Darsey's.

Be reasonable. Don't ask to have school books charged. Smith's Drug Store.

J. R. Campbell has opened a shoe repairing shop on the east side in the Dr. Black building.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rial spent several days in Dallas this week.

Buy your school tablets from Smith's. Try the Carload Tablet for quantity.

Mrs. Dora Gray of Little Rock, Ark., is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

FOR SALE

Good second hand, open top buggy and harness. Chas. Royall.

A. E. Owens returned Sunday night from Troup, where he has been the last three weeks, working as clerk in the I. & G. N. freight department.

Dr. G. W. Shelfer, who was at D. N. Leaverton's Drug Store Friday and Saturday, is with Bishop Drug Co., Crockett, Texas, this week.

THRESHING NOTICE

Friday, Sept. 8, will be the last day I will thresh peas. Please bring them in on that day. O. Caskey.

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Ed Moore of Crockett spent Sunday here.

Don't forget to bring or send the money for school books. Smith's Drug Store.

New fall samples are now on display. Call and see the many pretty patterns. Clewis.

J. A. Smith and family of Alto passed through Sunday in their car to visit relatives at Crockett.

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Miss Vivian Lansford of Crockett spent several days here this week, the guest of relatives.

A. L. Brown is having his residence remodeled and more rooms and a porch added.

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Willie McRae Totty of Palestine spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Luther Allen, who lives east of town about five miles, is erecting a new home, a five room bungalow.

FOR SALE

Four head of Jersey cows for sale at a bargain. See Geo. Moore, at McLean & Riall's.

Mrs. Howard Anthony and daughter, Miss Alma B., left Sunday morning for their home in Houston, after a pleasant visit here with relatives.

G. R. Murchison and son, Ross, Jr., spent several days over at Ratcliff this week.

Born. to Mr. and Mrs. Will Irwin, of the San Pedro community, a boy, last Saturday morning.

Dr. P. H. Stafford and M. D. Murchison have recently purchased an automobile—both of them Dodge cars of the 5-passenger type.

Rev. J. W. Shockley, pastor of the Christian church here, returned to Ft. Worth Monday, after spending two weeks here in the meeting recently closed.

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G. L. Waddell came in Saturday from Humble and went out to his home in the Antrim community. He was called home on account of a sick child.

NOTICE WOODMEN

All members are urged to attend the lodge Saturday night. Some important business to attend to and one candidate for initiation. C. L. Haltom, C. C.

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In men's shoes you will find the best line of shoes that money can buy being displayed in our shoe department. Prices range from \$2 25 to. 4.00

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List of Premiums Awarded at The Wesley Chapel Second Annual Fair

The following is a list of the premiums and winners at the Wesley Chapel Second Annual Fair, held at Wesley Chapel School House Fair Grounds on August 24, 1916.

Stallion, Hail & McLean, of Crockett.

Mare: W. A. Johnson, 1st; A. D. Bowman, 2nd.

Best all purpose mare under 6 years old: \$2.50 by Dr. L. S. Harris; W. A. Johnson 1st, Geo. S. Kyle 2nd.

Horse colt under 2 yrs. old: Premium: \$5.00 horse collar by Smith Murchison Hdw. Co.; \$5 riding bridle by R. G. Lundy. Horace Hall 1st, A. C. Turner 2.

Mule colt under 2 yrs.: Premium: \$2.50 by J. C. Millar. A. D. Bowman 1st.

*Milch Cow: Premium: \$5.00 in Gold 1st; 5 gal. milk can 2nd. N. G. Reeves 1st, O. C. Goodwin 2nd.

Meat Hog: Premium: W. M. Patton 2 sacks of best flour; Brooke-Morris Lumber Co. a \$15.00 patent self acting farm gate. Grapeland Messenger, 1 year's subscription, 2nd prize. O. C. Goodwin 1st, Geo. Clines 2nd.

Hog under one year old: Premium: Daniel & Burton \$2.50, Houston County Herald, 1 year's subscription; O. C. Goodwin 1st.

Boar: Premium: 2 thousand Red Cypress shingles. G. E. Shivers 1st, O. C. Goodwin 2nd.

Pair pigs under 6 months old: Premium: First National Bank, Crockett, \$5.00 in Gold; Crockett Drug Co. 2.50 flash light; Grapeland Messenger, 1 year's subscription. Tommie Alexander 1st, W. R. Turner 2nd.

Best pig under 6 months old: Premium: Deupree & Waller, \$5 rocker. Tommie Alexander 1st, W. R. Turner 2nd.

Home cured ham: Premium: One Swift's Premium Ham and one sack White Rose flour by H. J. Phillips. Mrs. T. R. Deupree 1st.

Largest display of standard bred chickens: Premium: 5 lb. package Poultry Panacea by Bishop Drug Co., Houston Co. Times, 2 year's subscription, C. P. O'Bannon \$5, W. H. Kent \$1 worth of coffee. O. C. Goodwin 1st, N. G. Reeves 2nd.

Best ten chickens hatched since March 1st. G. E. Shivers 1st, N. G. Reeves 2nd.

Best general farm display: Premium: Crockett State Bank \$10 in Gold, E. Douglass, 1 sack flour, Houston County Times, 2 year's subscription, Houston County Herald, 1 year's subscription. 2nd premium, Houston County Times 1 yr. W. R. Turner 1st, O. C. Goodwin 2nd.

Best ear of corn: W. R. Turner 1st, J. L. Chiles, Grapeland, 2nd.

Best 10 ears of corn: Premium: B. F. Chamberlain \$5 in Gold, Dan McLean \$5 pair shoes, Houston County Herald, 1 yr's subscription. W. R. Turner 1st, J. L. Chiles, 2nd.

Cotton: Daniel & LeMay, one bale of ginning free, B. L. Satterwhite \$5, Houston County Oil Mill, 500 lbs. cotton standard fertilizer. 2nd premium, Houston County Oil Mill 300 lbs. fertilizer, M. Younas, \$1.50 worth of coffee. Geo. Calhoun 1st, J. M. Cannon, 2nd.

Irish Potatoes: Premium: N. L. Asher, 1 pr. \$4.00 shoes. W. R. Turner 1st, Louis Story, 2nd.

Sweet Potatoes: Premium: M. Scarborough, dinner to man and

family, Queen Theatre, Free admission for four Saturdays, Bennett Bros. 1 sk. flour. W. R. Turner 1st, Lee Johnson 2nd.

Spanish peanuts: Premium: Dan J. Kennedy, \$5 Stetson hat, C. O. Glenn for Moore Grocery Co., 1 10 lb. pail Snowdrift. W. A. Johnson, 1st, W. R. Turner, 2nd.

Sugar Cane: Premium: John Horan, \$5.00 pair pants. Arland Gainey, Grapeland, 1st., Lee Johnson, 2nd.

Pumpkin: Premium: Petty's Shoe and Tailor shop, \$2.50, Crockett Screen & Door Factory, 2 screen doors. W. R. Turner. Cashaw: Premium: \$1.50, M. N. Schmidt. W. R. Turner 1st, Louis Story 2nd.

Watermelon: Premium: Billy Lewis, 1 sk. Blue Ribbon flour, Carleton & Berry, shirt, collar and tie, Grapeland Messenger, 1 year's subscription. W. F. Kleckley, 1st, W. R. Turner, 2nd.

Cucumbers: Premium: Moore & Shivers, 1 sk. flour. W. R. Turner 1st, O. C. Goodwin 2nd.

Onions: Premium: Kleckley's restaurant, dinner to man and family. W. R. Turner 1st.

Largest Display of Canned Goods: Premium: Courier, 1 yr. subscription, Edmiston Bros. 1 sk. granulated sugar, T. D. Craddock, \$5, McLean Drug Co., \$5.00 Gold Breast Pin; Channels Variety Store, \$1.00 in mdse. Mrs. M. E. Barlow 1st, Mrs. O. C. Goodwin 2nd.

Honey Display: Premium: 1 sk. flour by Walter Bennett. N. G. Reeves 1st.

Best pound country butter: J. A. Bricker, \$5 set ring, Grapeland Messenger, 1 yr. subscription, Crockett Courier, 1 year's subscription.

ART NEEDLE WORK DEP'T.
Embroidery; Harris' Racket Store, 1 set dishes. Mrs. Earl P. Adams, 1st, Mrs. D. G. Keisling 2nd.

Battensburg: Mrs. Geo. Brailsford, Latexo, 1st.

Drawn Work: Mrs. O. C. Goodwin 1st., Mrs. Geo. Brailsford 2nd.

Crochet: \$5.00 Hat by Vogue Millinery Co. Mrs. Dorman 1st, Mrs. D. O. Keisling 2nd.

Knitting: Mrs. Baughman 1st.

Tatting: Mrs. Geo. Brailsford 1st.

CULINARY ARTS

Yeast bread: 1 sk. hard wheat flour by Crockett Grocery & Baking Co. Mrs. J. W. Madden 1st, Mrs. G. E. Shivers, 2nd.

Caramel Cake: Calloway & Moore, 1 \$5.00 rocker. Mrs. W. R. Turner, 1st, Mrs. T. R. Deupree 2nd.

Cake cooked with Wesson Cooking Oil: 1 sk. flour by J. D. Sims. Mrs. O. C. Goodwin 1st, Mrs. W. R. Turner 2nd.

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All parties winning prizes will take this paper and go to the merchant offering same and collect them. Many of the minor premiums are not in this list on account of taking up so much of the editor's space. The Fair Association will not be able to pay its cash premiums in full on account of coming out in debt. The Fair was a complete success in every other particular, and has done much good in the community. O. C. Goodwin, Secretary.

"Zack" Writes Newsy Letter From Reynard

Sept. 4.—We can hear the gin whistle once more and go to mill out of our own corn crib and should the strike go on we would not starve and since we are getting such a price for what we have to sell, think most all will make the landing right side up, but not many will have bank accounts.

The Payne meeting closed, with two additions to the army of the Lord and we feel the morals, true of all Christians, raised some higher.

Ye scribe attended Sunday School at the tabernacle Sunday and also at Reynard. Had good services and good attendance at both.

Lee Eaves spent Saturday night with his brother, J. S., and attended Sunday School at the tabernacle.

Misses Dawes, Meriwether and Satterwhite of Crockett, were the guests of Mrs. West the latter part of the week, also Elwin Meriwether. Harry Beazley, Nugent Beazley and Pledger Chiles came up from the lock and dam Saturday evening and accompanied them to Crockett Sunday evening, and spent Labor Day with the folks down there. Our folks celebrated some by laboring, as we have lots of work that needs attending to right away, but will soon get through with cotton picking and have some time to spare before Thanksgiving and the holidays.

W. F. West and his crew have done some good road work on the Hall sand bed, but did not quite get through, and aim to finish soon.

The dry weather is fine on cotton as cotton saved is cotton made, but it has also given us a crop of mosquitos to worry us and we cannot sleep much from behind the screens.

Mrs. P. L. Fulgham and small children spent last week in Crockett and Palestine.

We are glad to have Mr. Grady Stevens with us again, but sorry to lose Miss Annie Mae Gilder, who goes to Crockett to make her home with her cousin, Mrs. J. H. Smith.

There appeared in the Messenger some time ago, an article which contained this thought: "While making the farm we ought not to lose sight of making the man on the farm."

Zack.

How to Give Good Advice

The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

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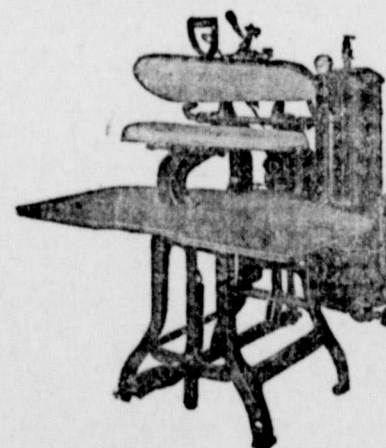
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CLEANING AND PRESSING

CLEWIS The Tailor

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. S. Cullinan
ON CITIZENSHIP.



The Texas Economic League invites the people of Texas into a discussion of citizenship, but before we can intelligently study so important a subject we must first define it. What is citizenship? Who is the best American citizen? Search the statute books for a definition of citizenship and unless one is a member of the legal profession we immediately become entangled in a labyrinth of confusing and oftentimes contradictory laws seeking to promote or restrain most every form of human activity, much of them good, some of them bad and others indifferent. But laws come and go; the Constitution is permanent. The preamble of our Federal Constitution states that our government is organized to give its citizens liberty and happiness. Read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States and one cannot escape the conclusion that the best American citizen is he who is most free, patriotic, just, happy and active and who hands down to posterity a civilization more capable than he found it. The spirit of our country is freedom and no man can become a true American citizen unless he is free.

Turning a moment from documents of State perhaps the best authority on citizenship, and one universally accepted by the public, is Webster's International Dictionary, which defines a citizen as 'A member of a State; a person, native or naturalized, of either sex who owes allegiance to government and is entitled to reciprocal protection from it.' Further, 'A citizen as such is entitled to the protection of life, liberty and property at home and abroad.'

We now have before us the authoritative definition of citizenship by both government and society and in order that the most humble citizen may feel perfectly free to enter into a study and discussion of this subject, I will briefly outline my conception of what citizenship involves, for the work of the Texas Economic League will be in vain if the most lowly citizen does not feel free to give serious thought and expression to his obligation to government and his responsibility to his fellow men.

Applied to able-bodied adult males, with which I take it we will have chiefly to do, a citizen's duty, in return for the rights, privilege and protection outlined above, would seem to be: First, to expend sufficient labor in production, or auxiliary occupations, viz., manufacture, transportation and distribution, to support himself and his family in comfort. Second, conform to all laws framed in the interest of society under the Constitution. Third, contribute his just proportion to the maintenance of government in personal time, payment of taxes or, if need be, bearing arms in the defense of the nation.

In reaching the above conclusions I have assumed that under our system of government citizens are owners in common and are entitled to the rights and benefits of government during the term of their natural lives and for such period only.

Clipped From Our Exchanges

Other's Views on Current Items

ROAD DRAGGING

"Buffalo Bill" blew in Wednesday and when our reportorial auger was produced he succumbed and said: "Well, there is nothing special stirring. However, you may quote me as saying that it is better for one man to keep up the road than for it not to be worked at all." Bill lives east of Cumby, and he drags the road regularly for quite a distance on either side of the home, making it look somewhat like a boulevard. If every man along the road would do likewise they would not only find it profitable to them, but would prove themselves public benefactors.—Cumby Rustler.

If every farmer would take the time now and then to fill up the holes in the road adjacent to his farm, and to drag that part of the road regularly, there would be fewer bond issues necessary. What makes road building so expensive is not so much the initial cost as the neglect of the roads after they are once built.—State Press.

About a million children in Texas are now on the eve of entering school. Perhaps one out of a hundred of these children realize the seriousness of the business of going to school. With many it is a kind of thing to pass away the time. Many are going to school simply because of parental authority and coercion. But that one serious boy or girl out of a hundred is deeply in earnest. The love of knowledge and the ambition to go forward are the motives which stir the soul in this case. It is the duty of the teacher to arouse an interest in the task of getting an education in every student possible. It is going to take several generations yet to create a race of people with whom learning will be universal. The teachers' duty is an arduous one. The profession is hard on account of the fact that education is yet not as popular as its importance demands. But the per-

cent of the enemies of knowledge is rapidly growing less, and the desire for learning will some day permeate the entire body-politic as naturally as the habit of wearing clothes has become among the civilized races of the earth.—R. T. Milner, in Rusk County News.

The Apostle Paul stated a general principle when he said, "No man liveth unto himself." The community spirit makes civilized nations and the lack of it makes wandering bands of savages. It is often said that the farmer is the most independent of men, and this is true, but no man can farm to himself; he cannot win and keep the rewards of farming unless he co-operates with his fellow farmers, sharing with them the knowledge that he possesses and gaining from them ideas that they have found helpful. A still higher degree of success and prosperity can be attained by joining with them in business affairs that pertain to buying and selling. But the greatest achievement of the community spirit is in maintaining the best schools and churches and providing for social entertainment of the people of the neighborhood of all ages. The best citizen in any community is the one who does most to promote the community spirit.—East Texas Register.

Oh well, running a country newspaper is just one thing after another, as someone said about "Life." For a full year we have been worried and pestered because the price of paper has been, along with everything else, advancing rapidly. Now, not even the high price of paper is the main thing. The main thing is whether publishers are going to be able to get paper at any price.—Troup Banner.

General Funston says his army has rations enough to last two months, and that is just a little more grub than most of the civilians are able to concentrate.—Houston Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Whitley of Elkhart were GrapeLand visitors Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:
J S Prince (Re-election)
of Henderson county
- For State Senator:
J J Strickland
of Anderson County
- For District Attorney, 3rd Judicial District:
J J. Bishop
of Henderson county
- For County Treasurer:
Ney Sheridan (Re-election)
- For County Attorney:
J F Mangum
- For County Clerk:
Arthur Owens
- For Tax Collector:
C W Butler Jr
- For District Clerk:
Jno D. Morgan, re-election
- For Representative:
J D (Joe) Sallas
- For County Judge:
E Winfree (Re-election)
- For Sheriff:
R J (Bob) Spence
(Re-election)
- For Tax Assessor:
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)
- For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2:
R T (Riley) Murchison
- For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 5:
Jno A Davis (Re-election)
- For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 2:
Clyde Story, (re-election)
- For Constable Prec't. No. 5:
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ALLIED OFFENSIVE WINS MORE POSITIONS

THE DRIVE AGAINST THE GERMANS NORTH AND SOUTH OF SOMME CONTINUES.

ULTIMATUM TO GREECE

Russian and Roumanian Armies Push Forward—Zeppelin Fleet Bombs England—Italians Make Progress—Ships Destroyed, Etc.

Latest From War Fronts.

Keeping up their strong offensive against the Germans north and south of the Somme river in France, the Anglo-French forces have again driven their lines forward and captured important German positions.

South of the Somme the village of Soyecourt and part of the village of Vermandovillers have been captured, while seemingly more important still, the French have made fresh progress east of the village of Forest, which lies one and one-half miles southeast of the railroad town of Combles—a gain which, taken with the capture of Guillemont on Sunday, seemingly outflanks Combles and apparently renders it untenable. More than five thousand Germans have been made prisoner north and south of the Somme during the last two days.

On the British right wing progress is reported north of Falfemont farm, while a German counter-attack northwest of Mouquet farm was repulsed. In the Verdun sector Paris records a gain near Fleury.

Berlin, in admitting the claims of British and French successes in the fighting of Sunday in the Somme region, says the battling over the eighteen-mile front from Beaumont to the Somme was of the greatest ferocity. The Germans held their ground at Thiéval, north of Pozieres and near Ginchy, but Guillemont village and wood were lost, as likewise was Ginchy, but a counter-attack of the Germans won back a portion of the latter town.

Again there is heavy fighting on the front in Russia, west and southwest of Lutsk and north of Zborow and near Brezany in Galicia, with the Russians generally the aggressors. Petrograd controverts the assertion of Berlin that the Russians obtained only local successes near Brezany by the declaration that the Russians won a victory over the Teutons here and took 2,641 prisoners. In the Carpathian region, according to Petrograd, the Russians have captured an entire series of heights and are advanced to the Hungarian frontier.

All along the Transylvania front the Roumanians continue to press their advantage against the Austro-Hungarians. Here they have captured additional towns, and now are said to be bombarding the town of Hermanstadt, which is second in importance only to Kronstadt. The German and Bulgarian forces are attacking along the entire front between Dobrudja and Bulgaria. Near Koemar, Berlin reports, the Roumanians were driven back with the loss of 700 men taken prisoner.

In Albania the Italians east of Avlone have taken the villages of Kutai and Brizar and Monte Gradist.

The Germans have surrendered to the British Dar-es-Salaam, Germany's chief seaport in East Africa.

Considerable fighting is in progress in the Austro-Italian theater, but without any important changes in terrain having occurred.

Berlin admits the loss of an airship the night of September 2. It is probable that this was the Zeppelin which London reported was brought down during the raid on the east coast of England Saturday night by thirteen Zeppelins.

The Norwegian steamships Gotthard and Setedat have been sunk, Lloyds announced.

The British steamship Swiftwing and the French barkentine General Archinard, both small vessels, have been sunk.

Representatives at Athens of Great Britain and France Sunday presented to the Greek government a note demanding control over the Greek posts and telegraphs, and insisting on the deportation from Greece of agents of the central powers.

The Greek government at Athens, has accepted the demands of the entente powers in their entirety and agents of the French and British governments are taking over the control of postal and telegraphic communication.

Texas Printers End Meeting.

Corpus Christi, Tex.—Going upon record as favoring an enactment by the legislature to have all state printing and the printing of Texas free

school books done in a state printing plant and by union labor, selecting Austin as the place for the next meeting place, the Texas State Printers' Council ended its fourth annual meeting Wednesday.

Welsh Wins on Points.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Freddie Welsh retained his title of champion lightweight pugilist of the world Monday after going the full scheduled twenty rounds with Challenger Charley White of Chicago. Referee Roche of New York awarded Welsh the decision on points.

Egypt Cotton Average Is High.

Cairo, Egypt.—The ministry of agriculture reports the average condition of spot cotton at 96 per cent.

TEXAS NEWS

The Texas railroad commission has ordered all rate increases withdrawn.

Agriculture is the leading industry of Texas, and it is now developing and making headway by leaps and bounds.

J. D. Moore, an attorney of Austin, has been appointed receiver for the Farmers and Merchants State bank of Teague.

The attorney general's department in a recent opinion held that a sheriff can appoint but three deputies in a county.

Plans have been accepted for the new \$50,000 high school building at Marlin, and construction will begin at an early date.

J. I. Hedrick, for some time district clerk of Polk county and nominee for that office, died suddenly at his home in Livingston.

The Beaumont chamber of commerce passed resolutions indorsing Houston as the site for one of the new farm loan banks.

The cotton crop in the vicinity of Shiner shows indications of being the best in the past four years, and the farmers are jubilant.

The attorney general's department has approved two issues of Brown county common school district bonds, one for \$6,000 and the other for \$4,500.

The severe drought over the State during July and August caused much damage to crops generally, according to the report issued in Dallas this week.

The state banking board has granted a certificate of authority to do business in Texas to the First State Bank of Hallettsville, capital stock \$50,000.

It is September, the "R" month, when the bivalve comes into his own in Texas and when the fishermen commence to live up and report good catches again.

Major J. Mayrant Smith, who commanded the Confederate troops in the last battle of the war between the states at Casa Blanca, died at his home in Dallas.

Two large oil rigs are being installed at the Big Hill field near Matagorda to find fuel oil for the sulphur development which is to be inaugurated there in the near future.

The Watson case growing out of the killing of Bank Commissioner Patterson in Teague was transferred to McLennan county. The three defendants were taken to the Waco jail.

Peanuts are proving to be a very valuable crop for Washington county farmers, and many of them in this way are utilizing poor sandy land that was not fit to produce other crops.

Ponderosa lemons as big as grapefruit have been raised this season by A. Kelling on his farm near Phillipsburg. Ripe and green lemons and blossoms are on the trees at the same time.

Protests against the killing of doves in September have been made by the Central Texas Audubon Society, which points out that the nesting season is not over until the end of the month in Texas. The open season for doves begins on September 1.

The value of rice as a food to take the place of pork and beans is being demonstrated this week to the United States army troops on the border by the Rice Association and rice millers of Texas. A corps of fifteen chefs are giving the demonstration.

A total of 528 vessels flying the flag of a foreign country arrived at the

THREATENED RAILWAY STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

SENATE PASSES EIGHT-HOUR ACT BY VOTE OF 43 FOR TO 28 AGAINST.

PRESIDENT SIGNS THE BILL

The Adamson Bill Passed the House By a Vote of 239 to 56, Thus the Country Is Relieved of a Great Calamity.

Washington.—The Adamson eight hour day bill, exacted from congress last week by the railroad brotherhoods as the price of calling off the nationwide strike, was signed by President Wilson Sunday in his private car at the Union station, where he stopped on his way from Shadow Lane, N. J., to Hodgenville, Ky., to accept the Lincoln homestead memorial. That there might be no question as to the legality of the measure as a result of it having been signed on Sunday, the president affixed his signature again upon his return to Washington Tuesday.

Washington.—The threatened great railway strike was averted Saturday when the senate passed without amendment the Adamson eight-hour day bill passed by the house Friday and the heads of the four great railroad employees' brotherhoods telegraphed 600 odd code messages to their general chairmen in all parts of the country, canceling calling the strike order issued a week ago to take effect Monday morning at 7 o'clock.

The legislative expedient to avert the strike was passed in the senate by a vote of 43 to 28—almost a strict party vote—amid stirring scenes.

Some senators, thoroughly aroused, declared congress was being coerced into enactment of legislation that it did not desire and that it knew would return to plague it in the future.

The bill that stopped the strike provides that after January 1, 1917, eight hours shall be regarded as a basis of reckoning for a day's pay of men engaged in the operation of railroad trains in interstate commerce (excepting roads less than one hundred miles long and electric lines); that they shall receive pro rata pay for work in excess of eight hours, and that their rate of compensation shall not be changed pending an investigation for six to nine months of the effect of the eight-hour day upon railroads by a commission to be appointed by the president.

Efforts to amend the bill in the senate were futile, the supreme effort to alter it having been led by Senator Underwood, who sought to provide that the interstate commerce commission should have power to fix railroad wages and hours of service in the future. This amendment was defeated by a vote of 57 to 14.

Only two democrats—Senators Hardwick of Georgia and Clarke of Arkansas—voted against the bill, and one republican—La Follette of Wis-

consin—voted for it. The roll call follows: For the Bill—Democrats: Ashurst, Bankhead, Beckham, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Culberson, Fletcher, Hitchcock, Hughes, Hustling, Johnson (South Dakota), Kern, Lane, Lea (Tennessee), Lee (Maryland), Lewis, Martin, Myers, Newlands, Overman, Phelan, Pittman, Pomerene, Ransdell, Reed, Robinson, Saulsbury, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons, Smith (Arizona), Smith (Maryland), Smith (South Carolina), Swanson, Taggart, Thomas, Thompson, Underwood, Vardaman, Walsh and Williams—42. Republicans: La Follette—1. Total 43.

Against the Bill—Republicans: Borah, Brady, Brandegee, Clapp, Colt, Cummins, Curtis, Dillingham, Dupont, Gallinger, Gronna, Jones, Kenyon, McCumber, McLean, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Penrose, Sherman, Smith (Michigan), Smoot, Sterling, Wadsworth, Warren and Weeks—26. Democrats: Clarke (Arkansas) and Hardwick—2. Total 28.

The house by an overwhelming vote Friday passed the Adamson eight-hour day law. The Adamson bill as passed in the house by a vote of 239 to 56 with minor amendments is the same measure the brotherhood leaders officially

Are You Loyal TO YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Every church member should support his Sunday School with his attendance and co-operation. Every member of the Methodist Church is respectfully urged to lend their assistance toward the upbuilding of our Sunday School.

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What The War Is Doing For The Farmer

The European war is not an unmitigated evil; nor yet is it an unmitigated blessing for this country. We shall not attempt to go into the ethical side of the question at all, nor shall we discuss "war brides", munition plants or other similar phases of the situation. We shall look at the war purely from the standpoint of prices for raw products, either produced here in this country or imported from foreign countries. And



GATHERING SUGAR CANE



HOW SUGAR CANE GROWS.

of course when we consider raw products we must carry the subject further on into the matter of the prices we get and the prices we must pay for finished products. We shall confine our consideration, too, to those products which have their origin on the farm either in the raw state or finished and manufactured into edible or wearable articles.

Let us take wheat, for example. We all know that the war has put the price of wheat way up. Very well—this means that the whole country, city, town and rural population as well as paying more for their flour—therefore the wheat raiser should theoretically be getting rich on a product which it costs him no more to raise than formerly and for which he gets more money.

But wait a minute—there are other things to consider in this matter of growing rich off of the war. Cotton and wool and meats and farm machinery and sugar have gone up too. This means that while the wheat raiser is getting more for his product, he is also paying some other agriculturist more for his product. This cuts down somewhat on the profits the war is bringing to the farmer. Then it would seem that the best way to keep ahead of the game is for the farmer to pay the farmer who raises his necessities the increased prices that the war has brought about and when buying his luxuries or those things that are not bare necessities of life to pick and choose from

amongst them those that have not gone up in price in spite of the war.

For example, here is a peculiar situation in regard to a beverage which is so universally liked that it has become almost a staple. The name of that beverage is Coca-Cola.

Now Coca-Cola, as you know, is really an agricultural product—a product of the soil. Cane sugar—the very purest and finest—constitutes a large part of Coca-Cola syrup. As you know, sugar has gone way up—so every glass of Coca-Cola you drink makes some farmer's heart gladder.

So it is with the pure fruit juices that, combined, produce the inimitable flavor of Coca-Cola. Not so much in quantity seemingly when you consider—a single glass of this delicious beverage, but enormous when the entire Coca-Cola output is considered.

Yet this product of nature—of the farm—increased in cost though it has been to the makers, has not been raised one penny in price to dealer—or to you. The price at the soda fountain and in the bottle has not risen one iota.

Now inasmuch as the rural population alone of America consumes millions of bottles and glasses of Coca-Cola every year, you and the other agriculturists of this country will not only be able to continue to please your palates and get delicious refreshment with this beverage at no increased cost, but you will be sending back to the farm bigger profits and more money at no greater expense to yourself.



declared would constitute a "satisfactory settlement" and prevent the strike.

It was after a day of hot debate that the house passed the bill under a special rule brought in when Republican Leader Mann objected to its consideration.

Less than half of the republicans followed their floor leader in the opposition and when the final vote came seventy-five of them lined up with the majority while only fifty-six voted against the measure.

Just two democrats—Representative Steele of Pennsylvania and Black of Texas—stood out against the bill and Representative London of New York, the only socialist, voted for it.

"A Big America," Re-Election Slogan.

Long Branch, N. J.—President Wilson Saturday formally opened his campaign for re-election with a speech accepting the democratic nomination in which he characterized the republican party as a moral failure; defended his Mexican and European policies, recited the legislative achievements of his administration and declared for a "big America."