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just grand on your feet and remember that marketed approximately 8,000,our shoes insure real 000,000 tons of produce. It cost foot comfort, as well as an average of 43 cents per ton fashionable appearan- as and the average distance haulce, durability and econ- ed was five miles. The governomy. When you go to ment average for the United owners, etc., out of which all buy your spring shoes By improving the Texas public we ask that you be highways to the government good to your feet this average there would be saved in time.

Happy Feet means Happy People Miserable Feet means grouchy, nerveous people

Our line of shoes, above all else, means comfortable feet. THEY FIT ANY SHAPE OR SIZE FOOT: broad, slim, long, short, high arch or low arch. The manufacturers who make our line have developed a science of fitting feet and THEY DO LOOK FINE. This is why we know you will BE GOOD TO YOUR FEET if you will buy our shoes.

Won't you

Spare the time to look at them soon? We will be glad to show you anytime.

Kennedy Brothers

TEXAS NEEDS GOOD ROADS.

It is doubtful if there is a subject of more vital importance to the general welfare of the farmer than that of good roads.

and the more costly the distribution of the products of the soil, the more pressing upon all provides felony punishments for of living.

transportation question were ad- bill finally passed the Senate and justed so that all people were is now in the hands of the Govenabled to participate equitably ernor. It will become a law unin the benefits which these great less the chief executive exercises aids of commerce were intended the veto power. An effort on to confer, the problem of better the part of opponents of the bill and cheaper living for all of the is being made to bring about people would be only half solved. this result. Good roads must be built from the farm to the nearest leading point.

Not only so with respect to the distribution of products needed for man and beast, but the increase of human happiness is more largely involved in good roads than is generally imagined THEY would look by those who do not take time to reflect on the matter.

> The Texas farmer last year mile to reach the market in Tex-States is 23 cents per ton mile. Texas \$8,000,000 per annum to the farmers.

The road taxes last year amounted to approximately \$3,-250,000 independently of bond Among those signed was the issues, which were spent on high anti-club bill making it a felony OUR LETTER ways, while the \$8,000,000 lost to to sell liquors outside of certain the farmer was collected by the prescribed limits. mud hole in bad roads.

The fire loss in Texas last year was approximately \$4,000,000 while bad road loss was just twice this amount The loss against fire was practically covered by insurance, while the loss due to bad roads was total. The only insurance the farmer has against bad roads is to build good ones and the whole state is engaged in a campaign for good roads building that promises to be on a greater scale than during the year 1912.

Christian Endeavor Progrom

Leader-Clyde Cagle. Assistant Leader-Campbell Lively.

Opening Song.

Song. Reading of lesson.

Song.

Reading of lesson notes-Miss Blanche Kennedy.

Discussion of subject by Mr Hollingsworth.

Report of Secretary. Song. Dismissal.

Goats Wanted.

I want to buy a bunch of goats What have you to offer? W. F. Pridgen.

County Clerk Goodwin and W. The Store for Everybody little town a visit last Thursday. from a box car.

LEGISLATIVE HAPPININGS

The House Committee has reported favorably on bill by Humphrey and Fuller to supplement the Webb liquor bill. The Texas To the soil the whole human bill forfeits the charter of any race must look for sustenance common carrier transporting interstate shipments of liquor into Texas local option territory and consumers becomes the problem all employees participating in such shipment.

Even if the rail and water The woman's property rights

The Wagstaff bill, providing that vendor's lein notes shall lapse four years after becoming due and cease to be a cloud on land titles, was passed by the House to engrossment.

The Collins Senate bill providing for an employer's liability and workmen's compensation has been reported favorably by the House Committee. It provides for a commission of three, the elimination of the contributory negligence feature, the administration of the law and provides for a general fund supported by manufacturers, factory claims shall be p.id. Railroads are the only class of industries exempted under the bill.

During the present session of the Legislature the Governor has signed sixty-four bills and vetoed one-the Katy mergerwhich was aftrwards repassed.

The House bill authorizing counties to issue bonds for hospital purposes was finally passed by the Senate.

Col. Sterett and Jeff Cox of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, are working in the Senate to defeat the House irrigation bill, saying that it would mean a waterless Texas and without wa ter fish cannot thrive.

To My Friends

In the recent fire, as you already know, I lost practically all of my stock of drugs and fixtures. In order to complete my plans to resume business, it will be necessary for me to collect outstanding accounts, so if you owe me I will certainly appreciate it if you will come for. ward with the amount. A. S. PORTER.

Dr. C. L. Cromwell received a message Sunday announcing the not he needed no cover. When death of his brother, Fred, who was killed on the I. & G. N. near care for water-works; when the Ft. Worth. The doctor and his fire came it was too late to cry family left immediately for Ft. remains Worth. The brought to Elkhart for inter- view of the matter and make ment, Mr. Cromwell's old home, Grapeland a better town than and were laid to rest by the she has been in the past. Re-Order of Railroad Trainmen. build with not less than three Mr. Cromwell was a brakeman, story structures. They will be

MOVING!

We are now moving into our new corrugated iron building next door to the Post Office, and within the next few days, will be ready to offer you the biggest and best line of General Merchandise ever shown in this section of the country. We will be in a position to take care of your trade Saturday and will thank you to call on us.

Remember, we have a full line of John Deere

Cultivators and Plows, and it will pay you to see us if you need anything in this line

When you are in Grapeland make our store your headquarters, whether you care to buy or not. A call from you will be appreciated.

Darsey George Dealer in Everything. Grapeland, Texas

FROM OLD GRAY

Jones' Mill, March 16 .- The fire at Grapeland is one of the it be. most deplorable disasters that has happened in this part of the state in many years, not alone to those directly concerned, but to the country at large. The great volume of business being done in Grapeland will be somewhat confused and probably some of it will go to other points, but we hope not enough to cripple the business to any great extent. In other letters to the Messenger we have time and again called attention to the necessity of a thorough water works system and a well equipped fire company, but of course it was passed idly by, as it came from a farmer. Probably they were not cover his house; when it did my office. there was no fire they did not stop thief. We hope all conwere cerned will take a philosophical are in business in the front row Adv.

will need the space to care for their wares. Many of us may not live to see this come true. but the younger set will. Grapeland is destined to be a greater town than she is today. So may

On the night of February 26th this section was visited by one of the most severe wind and hail storms that we have had for years; no lives lost, but a great deal of damage was donn.

Too much rain and cold for the agriculturist, not much corn planted; people are pushing their plowing.

OLD GRAY. A- ver,

Notice

My office in the rear of Kennedy Bros. store is the place where the prospector expects to find a description of your real estate if it is for sale, so list it and be ready for the summer and fall trade, and when you acting on the plan of the Ark. want to buy remember that you fellow. When it rained he could can get some choice bargains at C. W. FITCHETT.

> Dave Warren has resigned as pumper for the I. & G. N. at this place and in the future will devote his entire time as saleman for Kennedy Bros. He has been succeeded by Mr. Morrison, who has been connected with the road for a number of years.

A paint that has stood the test running out of Ft. Worth. It is a great advertisement for Grape. for 75 years, "Masury's"-none not known how he lost his life, land; furthermore, the time is better, let us talk with you about A. Norris of Crockett paid our but it is presumed that he fell not far distant when those who it. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

By JNO. R. OWENS

About the only thing you creature that wears pants. can't blame the first man, Adam, with is the high cost of living.

We predict the next revolution in Mexico will be when the women of that country "ask for the ballot."

If the cool spell of weather we have just had was not the Easter spell, we hope there will be none, as we are getting anxious to put on thin ones.

The less some women know about their husbands' conduct, in some instances is better for both, and in all instances is better for "hubby."

Some people don't exactly praise themselves, but they work every plan they know trying to get someone else to praise them, while they "hide behind the curtain" and eavesdrop.

We make a motion that the militant suffragettes of London, and those confounded Mexicans who are causing so much trouble be tied together and sent to Houston. If someone will sec ond it we'll put it before the "house."

The state of Massachusettes has passed a law making it a heavy fine to show the point of a hat pin in public. We don't suppsse the other part of the pin is bothering them so long as they can't "see the point."

Say Zack, the "boss" has informed us that he has decided to give up the idea of going on the stage. He says this decision was made of his own free will, but we have a hunch that his wife had something to do with

The suffragists who pulled off their grand parade in Washing- them were of any lasting ben ton a few days ago are making efit." all kinds of complaints to the ers. national officers about the "horrid" way they were treated by the onlooking men while they disordered stomach or constiwere marching, and claimed pated bowels are permanently that the police failed to keep cured by HERBINE. It puriorder. Washington should em- fies the system and regulates the ploy women police for the next bowels. Price, 50 cents. Sold occasion like this and give them by A. S. Porter.

Postmaster General Burleson hat pins instead of the regular will do a good deed when he police club, and we'll bet they divorces politics from post offices. will either keep order or stick the eyes out of every two-legged

> The affairs pertaining to the governorship of the state of Arkansas seem to be in a condition something like the government affairs of Mexico-in a muddle. Two men are claiming the gubernatorial chair, and the supreme court will settle the dispute.

> President Wilson seems to be by his many commonplace ways. night and ate cold supper. It is easily seen by these actions of the nation's leader that his desire is to be just like other men and not to "exalteth him

> The "Devil" omitted his paragraphs last week on account of lack of space. The Messenger was only half the regular size, as the fire caused a decrease in advertisements. However, we are back in old form, even tho' we did get "scorched" from the intense heat of the fire. If we had not been used to "hot fires" we expect it would have gone rather hard with us. But we realized that the heat was al most equal to that of our "den.'

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cure d.

There is nothing more discour aging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. Is it not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelee, Michigan, "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different kinds of medicine, but none of For sale by all deal-

Headaches that come from a

Election.

A hogtion, to cover the been ordered for April 5. In the ers who wish to be continued on event the election carries the this list will please send me whole of Houston county will be their names at once. other hand, the election fails to a limited supply of "A" bulletins, effect in the ferent districts avail themselves of the opportun-Where the hog law now prevails, and Cotton and how to do it.' over the whole of Houston county time. after the April election. The move seems to be in the interest demand for these bulletins is of the general progress that is evidenced by the number of now oversweeping the county .-Crockett Courier.

Program of the Fifth Sunday Meeting

To be held with the Baptist Church at Grapeland Texas, begining on Thursday night before the Fifth Sunday in March, 1913.

Thursday

by Bro. J. L. Fields.

Friday

9:00 A. M. Devotional by C. A. Campbell.

9:30 A. M. The object of the Fifth Sunday Meeting by E. H. Garner and others.

10:00 A. M. The place of prayer in our church work by E. M. Frances.

11:00 A. M., mon by W. A.

2:00 P. M. Devotional by H. E. Crawford.

2:30 P. M. The problem of our country churches,; J. L. Kee, J. N. Barnes and L. C. Higginbot-

3:30 P. M. How may we best pre. Local Druggist Who Sells Dodson's pare our churches for the Home and Foreign Mission campaign by F. J. Berry, W. H. Satterwhite and W. H. Caldwell.

7:30 P. M. Sermon by J. L. Kee. Saturday

9:00 a. m. Devotional by L. C. Higginbottom.

9:30 a. m. Does Regeneration preceed or follow Repentance by L. F. Jeffus and W. H. Kolb. 10:30 a. m. Layman's duty to his

pastor by W. J. Hiser, J. A. Bricker and T. S. Kent. 11:00 a. m. Sermon by E. H. Gar-

2:00 p. m. Financing the Kingdom and W. L. Atkinson.

3:00 p. m. Are Baptist Close Com- family relief from attacks of conmunionists or no, J. L. Fields, stipation, biliousness, lazy liver H. E. Crawford and J. D. Kee. 4:00 p. m. Is Baptism Essential

to Salvation by E. H. Garner. 7:30 p. m. Sermon by E. M. Fran-

Sunday

9:30 a. m. Devotional by W. R. Campbell.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School Rally. 11:00 a. m. Missionary Sermon by W. A. Reagan.

2:00 p. m. Board Meeting. 3:00 p. m. Temperance by Hayne. Nelms, Geo. Crook and others. 7:30 p. m. Sermon by J. L. Fields.

arrange for a meeting on Satur-

H. E. Harris J. Y. Renfro Committee

Notice to Farmers

By April 1st we want our 1913 whole of Houston county, has mailing list made up. All farm-

under the hog law. If, on the We have for free distribution carry, the county will remain as and wish to make this known it now is with the hog law in that all interested farmers may where it has Previously carried. ity to get one of these, which Those who far the hog law, but give plain and practical lessons who are afraid they will lose on good agriculture. From the what they now have, need have "A" bulletin referred to we get no such fears any further. It is the following subjects discussed a local option law and works on in an intelligent way. "Soils the same principle as does pre- and the Management of Soils." cinct and county prohibition. "Seed Selection of both Corn the vote alone of that special dis- "Farm tools and how to Manage creating quite a little sensation trict would be necessary to Same" "Forage Crops, the change the law in that district. Different Legumes and Farm He shaved himself last Sunday The Courier finds very little Fertilizers." Also various other opposition to the law and is of bulletins on timely topics that the opinion that it will prevail will be sent you from time to

There is a great and growing requests I receive for them.

In order to create a greater interest and to-make a more general distribution of literature I make this announcement.

I also receive occasional complaints from farmers not getting the bulletins regular. This I am sure is in fault of proper routing. To avoid this trouble I want to ask that in sending in 7:30 P. M. Introductory Sermon your name please make it plain and give route number.

Realizing it is a poor business in which there is never anything new, and for the sake of an increased earning capacity for the farmer by the adoption of better methods in agriculture, we hope to send these bulletins to every farm home in Houston county. Send me your name and I'll see that you get the bulletins.

H. W. BEESON, Special Agent, Houston County. Lovelady, Texas.

CALOMEL IS UNSAFE

Liver Tone Guarantee It to Take the Place of Calomel

If your liver is not working just right, you do not need to take a chance on getting knocked all out by a dose of calomel. Go to A. S. Porter who sells Dodson's Liver Tone, and pay 50 cents for a large bottle. You will get a harmless vegetable remedy that will start your liver without violence, and if it does not give complete satisfaction the druggist will refund your money with a smile.

If you buy a bottle of Dodson's by W. A. Reagan, J. D. Allen Liver Tone for yourself or your children, you have insured your and headache. It is as benefical and safe for children as for adults. A bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone is something every man or woman should keep in the house. Your money is safe because you can return the bottle if it fails to satisfy.

A tight feeling in the chest, ac companied by a short, dry cough, indicates an inflamed condition in the lungs. To relieve it, buy the dollar size BALLARD'S HORE. HOUND SYRUP. You get with each bottle a free HERRICK'S The ladies will prepare a pro-grame for the B. W. M. W. and for the chest. The syrup relaxes the inflamation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by A. S. Porter.

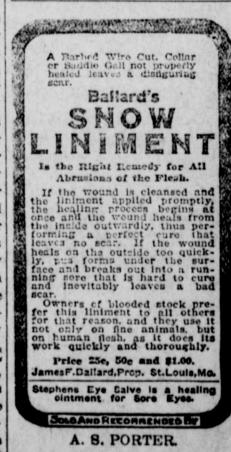
More **Economical Both in Use** and Cost CALUMET **BAKING POWDER**

- And it does better work. Simply follow your customary method of preparation - add a little less of Calumet than when using ordinary baking powder. Then watch the result. Light, fluffy, and evenly raised — the baking comes from the oven more tempting, tastier, more wholesome.

Calumet insures the baking of an expert. Ask your grocer to-day.



You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. 1.'s more omical - more wholesome - gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.



Dr. Sam Kennedy

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON Office: Walling Building, over Kennedy Bros.

Blood Was Wrong

All women, who suffer from the aches and pains, due to female ailments, are urged to try Cardui, the reliable, scientific, tonic remedy, for women. Cardui acts promptly, yet gently, and without bad effects, on the womanly system, relieving pain, building up strength, regulating the system, and toning up the nerves. During the past half century, thousands of ladies have written to tell of the quick curative results they obtained, from the use of this well-known medicine.

ARDUI

Mrs. Jane Callehan suffered from womanly trouble for nearly ten years. In a letter from Whiteville, N. C., she says: "I was not able to do my own housework. My stomach was weak, and my blood was wrong. I had backache, and was very weak. I tried several doctors, but they did me no good. I used Cardui for 3 or 4 months, and now I am in the best health I have ever been. I can never praise Cardul enough." It is the best tonic, for women.

Whether seriously sick, or simply weak, try Cardul.



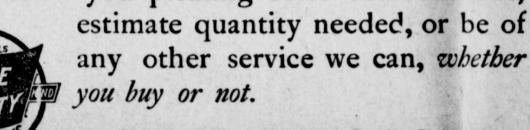
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does not mean buying the paint sold at the lowest price per gallon. It means getting the paint that covers the most surface per gallon and gives the greatest number of years of service -in other words, the best value for your dollar.

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Come in and get an Acme Quality Painting Guide Book and some color suggestions.

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\$10,000 in Gold Prizes ABSOLUTELY FREE TO FARMERS For best crop yields produced in Texas this year. Boys and girls are especially invited to join the TEXAS CORN AND COTTON CLUBS. Cut out and mail this coupon today to the TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS, DALLAS, TEXAS, for full particulars. Name _____ R. F. D. P. O.....

Write name of this paper on above line.

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CROCKETT TEXAS.

PILOTS OF THE KATY BILL





Austin, Texas, Mar. 17 .- Hon. N. B. Williams, representing the Sixty-first District in the Lower House, and Hon. H. B. Terrell, representing the Eighth District in the Senate, piloted the Katy Consolidation Bill through the Legislature over the veto of the Governor.

The contest was as free from partisan politics as it is possible to rid public questions of such influences, and the bill rested squarely on its merits. Petitions poured into the Legislature from all over Texas favoring the consolidation and none were received opposing it.

The record of this measure in the Legislature proves that the trouble all along has been that those in power have misinterpreted the thought-life of the people. The action of the Legislature now clears the atmosphere of all misunderstanding and those of our public servants, who care to respect the will of the people, can have no further excuse for continuing a warfare on the railroad interests of the State.

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING

The 3,030 local weekly papers of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma Arkansas and Louisiana have a combined circulation of 2,617,920 copies. Allowing a conservative estimate of five readers for each copy each week, these papers reach and are read by 13,500,000

The country paper, for the most part, goes to a class of people whose reading is largely limited-the farmer folk-people big dailies and the hundreds of ple of what he has for them magazines. Its weekly visit is a heralded event in the family life, and there is a scramble each time for a turn at reading its interest ing pages. It is loaned to a neighbor with the strict injunction to "be sure and take good care of it." It is read and reread from headline to the last patent medicine reader at the bottom of the last column on the

upon merely as a convenience for everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. the publishing of local gossip, Populi" or "A Subscriber." Advertising patronage was given it as a matter of charity or from a public spirit impulse, and not as a matter of business.

and its editor-manager is a near future. recognized business man in the ous communications are still pubmore of them because it is good of seating the auditorium. business, and the local merchants put their advertisements in the country newspaper shop nowafield as is the most modern plant of the big city daily.

local merchant who is enjoying the biggest business is the one argument that the man who gets men Circle of this city.

the people's patronage is the man who carries what the people want and lets them know he has it. And what more efficient way is there for the merchants of the South-west, the country merchants, to reach the people of their community than through the local papers with their thirteen and a half million of readers?

The country merchant will do well to study the wants of the people whose business he would have. He will do well to carry in stock the lines and brands of goods they demand-the famed, widely-advertised lines. He will do equally as well to tell the peothrough carefully prepared advertisements in the local newspaper.-O. C. Payne, in Farm &

A VERY GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

Last Friday night Mr. Barker Tunstall, assisted by Mrs. L. Meriwether gave a musical enter-There was a time when the tainmentatthe school auditorium. country newspaper was looked The renditions were good and

Mr. Tunstall's little girls obituaries; resolutions and the proved themselves to be firstopinions of "Junius," "Vox class violinists, and also Mrs. Meriwether's little son, Yancy showed much art in handling the

There is nothing more elevating to anyone than a good musi-But that time is past. The cal by musicians like these, and country newspaper is now a we hope that it will be our pleasrecognized business institution ure to hear them again in the

The sum of thirty-eight dollars community. The news and vari- was taken in, of which a good per cent went to the Grapeland lished and the effort is to get school building for the purpose

A. N. Inman and family of Dalhome paper because it pays. The las, and his son-in-law, have moved here and are living in the days is as well equipped for its New Prospect community. Mr. Inman is a carpenter and con. tractor, and we understand will Almost without exception the follow his trade in Grapeland.

We failed to mention last week who uses most persistently and that Mrs. Chas. Lively attended consistently the space of the local the big Woodmen meeting at newspaper. It stands without Dallas, representing the Wood.

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect and Obituaries means a better day for Texas. are inserted for half price-(21/c per line). Other matter "not news" charged at the regular rate.

THURSDAY, MAR. 20, 1913

The Oakwood Oracle, discuss ing the Mexican situation, says that it is a war of self-destruction or possibly extermination. Humanity would be better off with those heathens out of the way.

Anderson county has organized a club known as the "Wide Tire Club," the purpose of which is to promote the use of broad tire wagons, believing them to benefit the roads, while narrow tires damage them. We are of the same opinion, and believe when one purchases a wagon the broad tire should be given the preference.

Representative Ross of Commanche county has adopted a unique method to enforce the rule against smoking in the house. He wears his hat during the session, and he says: "It is embarrassing to me to do anything so unusual and sensational, but the smoky condition of this chamber was intolerable to me. Some of the smokers have been shamed out of their infraction of the rule."

A news item of considerable importance that we have over looked transpired several days ago. In order to properly celebrate the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson, and to do a thing he never did before in all his life, our friend, G. R. Murchison took himself to the barber shop and had his mustache cut off. Of course he is the same genial Ross, but he does not look like himself; he favors Mr. Jones of Arkansas.

Works, Calumet Baking Powder Co., Coco-Cola Co., and other houses of national reputation recognize the Messenger as a paying advertising proposition, it does look like to us that some of our local merchants, who carry general lines and have every advantage of the foreign advertiser, could see that advertising is essential to the success of any business. Any business that is susceptible to growth will stand advertising. A business that does not grow, well, it's not business, that's all.

Less than thirty days remain in which the farmers of the state may enter the \$10,000 crop contest of the Texas Industrial Congress. Boys and girls between the ages of ten and twenty years may join the Texas Corn and Cotton Clubs, by cultivating one acre of corn or one acre of cotton while those who are twenty years T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co's. of age or more may compete for Adv,

Grapeland Messenger the prizes offered for four-acre model demonstration farms and for forage crops both irrigated and unirrigated.

By writing at once to the Texas Industrial Congress at Dallas full particulars and blanks for entering the contest may be secured. Do it today as after April 1st it will be too late.

And what will "My Dear Pierce" do for an influential friend in Texas now?-K. Lami ty's Harpoon.

Search us. Every one of the old regime have passed into oblivion, and new political life is taking hold of the state. But it

The praise of men always sounds sweet to the human ear, whether deserved or not. But don't be deceived. If you want to know how your character looks, take a peep into your own heart. If you want to have a true picture of your physical appearance, look into a mirrow. Neither of them will lie or flatter -K. Lamity's Harpoon.

"Which is correct—to say hen is setting or sitting?" asked a fellow the other day. Well, that isn't worrying us, but we'd like to know, when a hen cackles has she layed or lied?-Grapeland Messenger.

When one takes into considera tion the fact that the Texas hen laid approximately one hundred and fifty thousand dozen eggs during the past year, her reputation for veracity has been established to the satisfaction of the skeptical.—Commercial Secretaries.

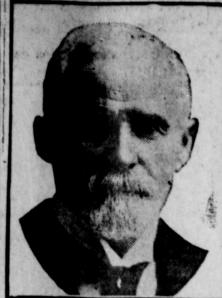
Livestock Values Increase.

Washington, D. C. March 17-The Crop Reporting Board of Last Friday night we had the has decreased 121,000 head, while give us another call in the futhe value has increased \$53,526,- ture. 000 or 17 per cent. Compared with other States in the Union, with visitors Sunday, some of Texas ranks first in number of them being J. L. Nichols and cattle, dairy cows not included; family, Mrs. J. W. Taylor and first in total number of mules; children, Frank Taylor and famthird in number of horses; fifth ily, George Wright and family, in uumber of dairy cows; ninth Willis Hudnell and others whom in number of sheep; and in num- we failed to learn. Just for conber of hogs, tenth. Increased venience we will call it a reunion values, this year over last, are and we are sure a grand old shown in all classes of Texas livestock, while horses, mules and sheep are the only classes that show an increased number. When such concerns as the The number of cattle and hogs Studebaker people, Acme Paint on January 1st, this year, is less than last, while the number of dairy cows is the same.

Fifteen Cent Cotton

Contrary to any previous opinion you may have formed, that cotton cannot be put on a legitimate basis of profit, the fact remains that it is being done. The plans of the Southern States Cotton Corporation has already afforded relief to thousands of farmers throughout the South. and is in operation in more than 250 cotton-growing counties. This plan is growing by leaps and bounds, and a mighty convention will be held in Dallas April 28 to May 1, and the principle will be prominently before the world. Arrange to attendand see Texas. Low rates on railroads.

and screen wire and paints and ticle which appeared in the Farm varnishes and paint brushes at



TO AID FRUIT AND TRUCK MEN

Austin, Texas, Mar. 17-Hon. W. J. Greer, representing the Seventh District in the Senate. has introduced a bill in the Legislature calculated to assist the fruit and truck growers of east Texas in marketing their crops.

East Texas shipped last year \$20,000,000 worth of fruit and vegetables, and a vast amount of ure of consequence is being products perished for the want done to death, either directly or of adequate marketing facilities.

The trend of legislation at the present session is to assist the producer in marketing his crops.

LETTER FROM ANTRIMITE

March 16 .- As our paper was somewhat short last week, and holds good that "every little bit helps," we will contribute the following without further ex-

the United States Department of pleasure of having Rev. J. W. Agriculture has just issued its Caldwell and wife of Percilla estimate of the number of live- with us; and while here he stock in the United States, by preached for us and we are sure States, and Texas still takes the no one went away disappointed. lead in this industry. During Bro. Caldwell is a good sound the past year the total number preacher and we hope he will

> J. F. Martin was beseiged time was had by all.

R. R. Skeen visited at the no better way can be found to opportunity presents itself. spend the spare hours of Sunter sunshise along their way. We can never tell just how much good a pleasant word or a smile may bring forth and it costs us nothing to give them.

J. F. Durnell and family spent the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell Sun-

Rev. J. F. Fulgham and J. W. Taylor attended preaching at Myrtle Springs Sunday.

That is our budget for this week, but we are going to digress a bit on our own hook.

How many of the readers of A good line of screen doors the Messenger noticed an ar-News of March 11th., entitled operation in making this a good, 'Legislature Killing Time and up-to-date telephone system. Good Bills?" We wish to say (Adv) Farmers Union Tel. Co.

that such law making or rather "law-not-making" if it is as reported, and we have no reason for doubt as it is by the News correspondent, who is on the job with them. Then we say it is enough to disgust an honest, justice loving people who listen to the fair promises and flattering speeches which the wouldbe representatives make, and as soon as they are given a chance to legislate for them, do practically nothing for a whole session but wrangle and kill time and good bills; pass and create bills whereby mergers can be made for railroads and private corporations.

We wish to give a few extracts from the articles referred

"There is an element of "consistency" in the rule of this majority, however. It has well nigh put to sleep every bill intended for the protection of laboring people to limit the hours these must work or to protect them in their health.

As a matter of fact, little that is useful is being accomplished and there is no prospect that a change for the better will occur. Nearly every meritorious measthrough the questionable practice of amending it out of origi nal form and purpose. And most of this form of ghoulish form is being done by men who style themselves progressives. For example the workman's compensation act is fatally to you. wounded by amendments put on in the Senate; so, too, is the woman's property rights bill and the bill for the protection of female laborers. The House compulsory education bill and been annihilated by amendments: the rural high school bill has been killed; the anti free-pass law has been amended to the extent that it permits passes to be issued to practically every body except day laborers and common farmers.

that would be beneficial to the working people should their passage have been accomplished, but we see that they are prac tically all killed in one way or another and only bills that will benefit others have been passed.

"Thus that body sustains its traditions by again going on record to the effect that representatives of the people may at the same time be representatives of the interests which the people are endeavoring to control through their representa-

Now we do not say that all of home of G. L. Waddell Sunday, our legislators are traitors to Mrs. G. L. Waddell spent the people who sent them to Sunday evening with aunt represent them but we do know Amanda Weisinger, who is not that something needs to be done enjoying the best of health at to make men who are interested present, and we think that with the wishes of the people where there are very old and be more considerate in their feeble people or sick ones, that dealings toward them when the

Yours for better legislation day than to visit them and scat- and a square deal to the working ANTRIMITE.

Notice

I now have charge of the horse shoeing and gun repairing work at Driskell's black smith snop. Give me a trial, satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. WILLIAMS. adv.

Notice to Public

We have about completed our telephone system, and all lines desiring to connect with us can now do so. We have received another shipment of phones and now have a supply for all. We solicit your patronage and co-

the Opportunity

OF BUYING YOUR SPRING BILL AT GREATLY RE-DUCED PRICES

We have our entire stock listed on our Spring Opening Sale at prices that will be a big saving

In our millinery department. We feeling that the old adage still the bill for city home rule have are showing some of the prettiest hats that we have ever had and would like We could name many others for all to see them they before buy their Spring Hats.

> Our dress goods Again we quote from the are exceptionally strong this season and we have them listed at Spring Opening prices.

> > Don't fail to get you a pair of Drew quarters at low greatly reduced prices. They are noted for their comfort, beauty wearing qualities.

Traylor Bros.

Keep the Price Down. Successors to Mistrot Bros. & Company

OCAL NEWS

Black amber cane seed at Kennedy Bros.

Fancy parasols at Traylor Bros. Adv

Seed corn at Kennedy Brothers.

See A. B. Guice for your plows, harrows and buggies and save money ...

We have a few more "Texas Maid" cultivators. Kennedy Bros.

Buy your clothes while our sale is in progress. Traylor Bros.

If you want a good hoe buy a "John Riley."

Kennedy Bros. adv Screen doors and screen wire at T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co's

Money Lost!

Adv.

if you don't buy your plows from A. B. Guice.

Attend our big spring opening Traylor Bros. (Adv)

We have a few more 50 and 60 tooth section harrows. adv Kennedy Bros.

Let us show you our line of screen doors; also wall paper

before you buy. T. H. Leaver. ton Lumber Co. LADIES, if you want a pure

fruit extract call for "Fla-Vo Extract"--free from alcohol. Kennedy Bros.

Check a bilious half-sick feeling before it gets serious. It restores energy, appetite and cheerful spirits. Price, 50 cents. Sold by A. S. Porter.

I have just unloaded the largest car of buggies that ever you can get it at the office. came to Grapeland. See them- also handle gas engine oil. at A. B. Guice's shop. adv

Bring us your chickens and eggs. Kennedy Bros.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Jones, a boy, Tuesday night.

We want your peas. Kennedy Bros.

D. N. Leaverton went to Crock ett Tuesday.

Nice fruits of all kinds at Kennedy Bros.

Our millinery is open for your Traylor Bros.

Bring your cleaning and press-

ing. East side of railroad. M. L. Clewis. Get you a "Sam Houston

cultivator, then ride or walk. Kennedy Bros.

Dr. L. Meriwether and daughter, Willie Adelaide, of Crockett spent Sunday here.

Plenty of tablets, penciis, pens, ink etc. at

Adv PORTER'S DRUG STORE.

Mrs. H. S. Robertson of Oakhurst is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. F. Hill.

Masury's Pure Paint-guaranteed. The best paint in the world, T. H. Leaverton Lumber

See our embrodery and laces. Best we ever had at prices that can't be touched.

Traylor Bros.

If you needs buggy come and Co. see mine. I have all the latest styles and can please you. A. B. Guice.

S. C. White Leghorn eggs, 60c for a setting of 15. Rt. 2. MRS WILSON WHITAKER

Notice

To Gasoline Users.

For the convenience of those who use gasoline, and while our dealers cannot yet handle it, we will carry a supply on hand and the drug line. The Messenger.

Cold drinks now being served at Traylor Bros. store.

For fruits and candies call at Howard's. adv

Come to Traylor Bros. store for your cold drinks.

For groceries, go to Howard's.

Cold drinks at Traylor Bros.

For easy wear and durability, try a pair of our shoes. S. E. Howard.

I have my mules home again. They are for sale. J. J. Cook. (Adv.)

Walter Branch of Percilla went to Crockett Monday morning to serve on the jury.

Don't fail to see our pretty line of low quarter shoes. Traylor Bros.

Mrs. Joe Colkin and baby returned to their home in Cleburne

Monday. Our dress goods are strong. They are going at reduced prices. Traylor Bros.

Dr. Frank J. Lock of Crockett was in the city a few days this

Soda fountain installed in Traylor Bros. store this week. (Advertisement)

Turpentine and pure Linseed oil at T. H. Leaverton Lumber Adv.

Eggs For Hatching

Barred Plymouthrocks \$1.00 per setting. Mrs. W. D. Granberry

A. M. Farrar of Percilla came

in Monday morning and went down to Crockett on court busi-

We are now ready for business. Call on us for what you need in

We Adv PORTER'S DRUG STORE.

Although I haven't got as large a stock of groceries as I had before the burn, I have a big vari-W. R. WHERRY. (Adv)

Rev. R. L. Brooks requests us to announce that he will preach at Rock Hill next Sunday morning, and he extends a general invitation to all to hear him.

I am located in the Shaver building, and have purchased a nice line of fresh groceries for you to buy from. Call and see W. R. WHERRY. (Adv)

Dr. McCarty reports the following births: A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neel; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy.

After Thursday I will be prepared to serve cold drinks. You will find me located upstairs in the Walling building. Adv

D. N. LEAVERTON.

Dental Notice

Dr. C. L. Cromwell will be located at his residence until further notice, and will be prepared to do dental work just the same. C. L. CROMWELL. Adv

I have a big line of magazines and periodicals on hand, and will continue to handle literature in the future as in the past. Regular customers who failed to get the latest numbers of their favorite magazines will now find them at my drug store. D. N. LEAVERTON.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS







The cause of want in old age is due to an improvident youth. Not that all don't make enough money, but that all don't save enough. The state of independence or dependency is merely the result of a provident or an improvident youth.

Make our Bank your Bank

F. & M. STATE BANK

Can Save You Money

ON FLOUR

A car of the famous brands "Bob White" and "White Oak" just received. Am well supplied with feed stuff-oats, bran, chops, hay and prices are right.

I have the nicest line of suits in town for men and youths. Also a line of men's pants that are dandy, both as to "quality" and price and it will give us pleasure to show them to you. Our line of Easter and spring dress goods is complete, also laces, embroideries, bandings and dainty neckwear.

Our hats for Ladies, Misses and Children are on display. We can certainly save you money on these. Our line of SHOES is up-to-date. I have the celebrated

WALK-OVER SHOES

for men and ladies in the latest styles

T. S. KENT.

"Quality is the Thing."

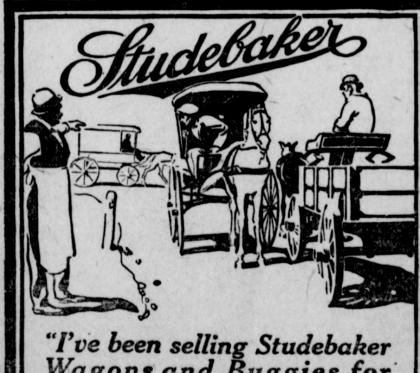
To Our Depositors and Friends:

We are now located on the same old stand in front of the vault in our newly erected "summer home," where we expect to give our customers the same courteous treatment that we have always tried to give, but will of course be handicapped to some extent on account of not having the conveniences and room for handling their business as promptly as before.

The first day we opened after the fire, March 6th, our deposits were \$62,063.97. Of this amount we had cash in our vault and in banks \$43,127.52, and upon this showing we ask a continuance of your business.

Thanking you all for the business and encouragement you have given us since our organization in your midst, We are yours for more business,

THE GUARANTY STATE BANK



Wagons and Buggies for over 30 years."

"I've sold them because my reputation as a dealer was at stake and from experience I have found that Studebaker means the best."

That tells the Story. Farmers bought Studebaker wagons before the Civil war

and they have been buying them ever since.

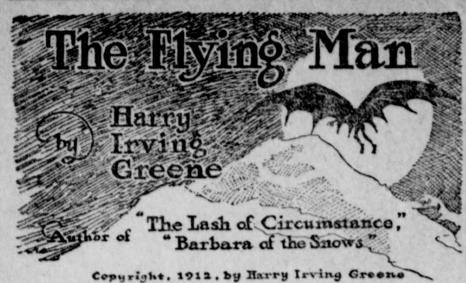
Because they had confidence in the name Studebaker and in the sturdy, dependable wagons and buggies they build.

And that confidence has been upheld. Studebaker wagons are built on honor and the Studebaker guarantee goes with every one.

There's a Studebaker for your needs—whether you live in site town or country. city, town or country.

-And Studebaker harness also-as well and carefully made See our Dealer or Write us.

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CHAPTER I.

The Prophecy.

Professor Desmond, astronomer in charge of the Peak Observatory, glanced into the reflectoscope—that wonderful new instrument for scanming the heavens-then withdrew his eye from it and stroked the polished glass gently with a piece of chamois Then he peered again. Just above the eastern horizon he saw a speck so minute that a layman would not have noticed it at all, yet which caused the scientist to blink and grimace, for he knew that in all reason the speck should not be there, and its presence on the glass irritated his professional eye as though it had been a particle of foreign matter on his own iris instead. For a moment he watched it with a face that second by second grew tenser and more drawn, then springing to his feet he swung the secondary telescope upon it. On either side of him and rising to within a few hundred feet of the observatory were the crests of other peaks, towering, ragged, swimming in the thin air more than a dozen thousand feet above the level of the sea, while below was a dizzy sweep of canyou and gorge that at last smoothed themselves out to the plain upon which stood the city in the very shadow of the mountains. Tense as a man stretched upon a rack he peered through the telescope across the million miles of space that intervened between his eye and the speck, and as he did so the sweat began to burst from his temples in tiny beads. For several minutes he looked, turned from the glass to the reflectoscope again and then began a series of rapid computations, finished them, swung to the long distance telephone and jammed his thumb upon the button labeled "Washington." A moment later he was talking to the head department direct, his voice calm and incisive.

"Hello, Washington! This you. Headmann? This is Desmond of the Peak. There is something coming directly for us from due east and just above my mountain horizon. I have been observing it for some moments both in the reflectoscope and glass have made my computations. Its speed is tremendous, its size small-I would say perhaps a quarter of the moon's. It is not a fragment, but rather a complete body, and to all appearances is a small satellite with a circumference of say a thousand miles. How is your eastern weather? Thick! Then you probably will not be able to get a look at it. It is about a million miles away at present and is coming at the rate of perhaps two hundred thousand miles an hour. Unless I am greatly in error it will strike the earth somewhere in this region in about five hours-say about mine o'clock tonight. Of course you understand what that may mean. I have nothing more to say at present." He hung up the receiver without awaiting a reply, sat thought engrossed for a moment, then put his finger upon another button.

"Hello, Associated Press! This is Desmond of the Peak Observatory. A short while ago I happened to notice a foreign body in the reflectoscope that seemed to be approaching us from a comparatively near distance as space distances go. I immediately put the telescope upon it. At that time, which was but a few minutes ago, it was perhaps a million miles away and appeared to be a small sat-Its speed is tremendouscomet-like-its size perhaps three handred miles in diameter and a thousand miles around. I am not prepared at this moment to hazard an opinion as to its density other than it is undoubtedly a solid. Furthermore, in all probability it is going to hit us somewhere in this region within a few hours. I leave the information up to you to use or not as you see fit." From the other end of the wire came the incredulous voice of Kelly, the man of the press.

"Come now, Professor, that's good. It would make a fine scare head, but you don't want us to put you on record as saying that, do you?" The listener's brow corrugated.

"Have I been in the habit of sending out false reports?" he demanded sharply, and at the tone of his voice Kelly ceased his silent chuckle.

"No, you never gave us anything fore that was not-pardon me-entirely plausible. And of course we all know and appreciate your high pro- at the beloved instruments so infi-

fessional standing. But this thing is really so remarkable, you know-so of the squared ring challenged each very extraordinary! Is it not just other to pigmy mortal battle. Despossible that you are mistaken as others have been in this direction time that they would have stood dauntand again?"

"I have never prophesied or believed happening before. But my eyes are good, my mind normal, my instrucannot doubt such evidence. thought you might wish to know about it, that's all. Use it or not as you see fit." The voice of the other came quickly back, the newspaper man's instinct now dominant.

"Certainly I will use it with all the pleasure in the world-well, not exactly with pleasure either. But you know what will happen to you if I scatter that story world wide and it turns out to be a false alarm. I am looking out for you and ourselves at the same time. It will mean that if things don't materialize as you say you will be the laughing stock of the world and thoroughly discredited in your profession. We have had astronomical scares before and you know how they have all turned out-pure bugaboos. And I'd hate to see you ridiculed. You understand my position."

"Perfectly, and I will assume all responsibility for the report. It is good of you to be so interested in my welfare."

"Not at all. I'll have them yelling. extras on the streets from Maine to California within an hour. What shall I say it is-a baby planet, moon, satellite-quick now, for I want to get into action."

"Just call it a small body, appar-

ently dense and of great velocity." "Any idea where it hails from?" 'Not the slightest. It is something

heretofore unknown." "Has it an orbit of its own or is it

flying off on a tangent?" "I cannot tell you. But it is coming straight for us, straight as a stone falls. It will hit the western hemisphere of North America at nine

or ten o'clock tonight." "Will it destroy us?"

"In the absence of precedent it is impossible to state. But the earth beneath his own. "Come along, now, will probably know that it has been and tell me all about it. Might as

"Will it be visible to us at any time?'

"From certain points if the atmosphere is favorable. But it will arrive by dark.'

'What can be done? Anything!"

"Nothing at all except wait, and if you are religious pray." The crash of the newspaper man's

receiver at the far end of the wire

and the blank silence which followed

told Desmond that the other had darted away for the telegraph key, and hanging up his own instrument he wiped his forehead and for a moment sat lost in thought over what he had done. He had staked his jealously guarded professional reputation upon one of the wildest improbabilities known to science, and come what might, it was now too late to recall his actions. Nor would he have done so if he could, for unless he was the victim of some unaccountable hallucination he knew that he was not mistaken, and useless though he had believed it to be to warn the world against a calamity wherein mankind would be as helpless as ants, he had yet considered it to be his duty to possess them with such facts as he had learned. Yet now in the reaction the colossal magnitude and unbelievable wonder of it all dazed him, and he leaned back weakly in his chair with his eyes fixed upon the floor as he pondered over his own position. One of three consequences must happen to him. If he was suffering from a delusion he was, as the press man had said, a ruined man, disgraced, discredited; and the jeers of the world would ever ring in his ears, while if he was correct and the impact took place he would either be crushed like a fly beneath a mountain, or surviving by some miracle, find himself among the most famous of men. Verily he was in the hands of a destiny so colossal that all the armies and navies of the world and all its teeming billions of humanity to back them were as impotent as a swarm of gnats to alter it, and arising with a face the color of wet ashes he placed his things in order with unusual care, as one might who was about to take a long vacation, and with a last look

altely more delicate than the human senses locked the door and departed, taking his seat upon the little car that ran down the steep cog road to the city below.

He entered the bustling place just as the sun dropping behind the western peaks left the first shadows of evening to steal swiftly across the plain. Scarcely three-quarters of an hour had passed since Kelly of the Associated Press had clashed the receiver into its hook and darted for the telegraph key, but already the howling newsboys were scampering about with the agility of young apes as they gathered their horde of nickels from the shrieked prophecy of the dire death that was hurtling down upon them, fighting for dropped coins as coyotes snap and wrangle over bones, as little mindful of the promised clash of celestial bodies as had two knights mond, watching them, doubted not lessly screeching their wares before the onslaught of a Jupiter, scrambling in the probability of such a thing for the coins in the very shadow of With a the approaching monster. cynical curiosity new to him he ments and mathematics accurate and scanned the faces of those who purchased the news which he had sent forth to the world, watching them as they read the huge headlines bearing his name, reading in their faces their varied emotions their open derision, their incredulity, their doubt and in a few cases their fear. On all sides he heard the comments of those who had purchased the scare head extras.

"Another high brow says a moon or something is going to drop on us this evening. Guess I'll have to put up my umbrella."

Bet you twenty to one she misses

"Fine bet that. If I won what good would it do me-buried a hundred miles deep?" "You can't always tell. Those wise

boys hit things right once in a million times." "And just think, Julia. If it hits us

it will break up the dance." "A scheme to sell more yellow news

papers." 'Absurd, impossible, unscientific-"

"He says it is as big as this state." 'Glad the state ain't Texas, then." From a nearby corner a band of Adventists began to chant to the beating of a drum, seeming to glory in the direful prospect. "He who mepenteth in the last hour may yet enter the holy Kingdom. Come ye while yet ye may and be saved, for the end of all earthly things us at hand, woe, woe.", Angry, disgusted, amused, Desmond turned upon his heel and started for a nearby hotel that he was accustomed to frequent, but had scarcely taken half a dozen steps when a hand fell upon his arm and he looked up to see the half-serious, half-smiling face of his friend Alan March before him. He paused, saluting.

March slipped the professor's arm well know the worst first as last," he announced as he scanned his friend's face as closely as a physician might scan the features of a patient of whose sanity he was slightly in doubt. "What was your idea in starting all this excitement anyway-or is the report a canard conjured up by some enemy or practical joking alleged friend of yours?" Desmond shook his head.

"No, it is my own message, and as you will readily appreciate, I have staked my reputation upon its accuracy. If I am wrong I will be the butt of the world, a clown, a buffoon, a lunatic." Despite himself he drew a sigh. It did not seem possible that such a grotesque calamity as he had prophesied could occur in a universe of such perfection, God-made, where each stupendous body of unthinkable space lay balanced to a hair against its countless neighbors of hundreds of millions, yes, hundreds of billions of miles away; where a perfection inconceivable to man seemed to rule through both infinity of time and space. And now that he had had time to ponder over it, it seemed to him that it must all have been a dream, a dream so vivid that he had upon awakening mistaken it for reality. Yet if he had been asleep then he was as apt to be asleep now, and with his die cast he would stick to it to the last and either go down to disgrace as a false prophet, or in case he survived the cataclysm stand erect and vindicated in the eyes of all man-

kind. Allan spoke again. "In common with all who know you I have a huge respect for your scientific attainments, your level headedness and your thorough integrity. Therefore I am convinced that you fully Velieve that this awful catastrophe will occur to us as you have prognosticated. The only element of doubt in my mind is the possibility of any man, no matter how careful or learned, to err-especially when dealing with infinite distance and the mysterious laws of space. But of course all we can do is wait and see how it turns out. And that makes me think of another matter. Miss Fulton is going to give a little lawn party tonight at their home, Japanese lanterns and all that, and I had intended to be one

to me that one might as well be out in the open as cooped up somewhere in case your mysterious wanderer arrives, therefore I shall go as I had originally planned."

"By all means. In case there was a collision anywhere hereabouts it would probably make little or no difference where one happened to be Even if the world withstood the shock, an area as large as several states would be buried miles deep in the debris, and how far beyond that area life would be destroyed no one can say.'

"Then I would suggest this. In the face of such an event we might as well be as resigned as people can who half expect to be hit on the head by a world at any moment-especially for the women's and children's benefit. We don't want any panics, at least before we are hurt. Personally speaking, I believe I can make my peace as well when I am mingling with my friends as I could alone in a garret and upon my knees, and I imagine you can do the same. Therefore I wish you to come also. Doris will welcome you, and I have no doubt but that the timid ones will regard you something in the light of a protector and be more at ease. Will you come?"

They paused in front of the hotel for which Desmond had been bound and he ran his eyes over the face and figure of his friend as he debated as to accepting the invitation, mentally commenting for a moment on the vigorous strength and strong, handsome face of this young civil engineer who was so rapidly winning fame and fortune by his skillfulness and level headed judgment. And as for Miss Doris-he had often thought her to be the prettiest girl he had ever met, Doris of the hazel eyes and wavy chestnut hair, and he really did want to see her again. And while at any other time he would have accepted with alacrity, now with his threat hanging so heavily over them he was uncertain as to whether he could with propriety place himself in their midst. Also, there would be those who-in a friendly manner to be sure -yet who as rank skeptics would be certain to poke ridicule at him, at ances which must to a certainty usher in so momentous an event began. Yet on the other hand to sit alone in some obscure room with four blank walls surrounding him, retreating like an which he believed would he the most eventful of any since the dawn of to what he should say.

where between eight and nine. In in beating him up. any event, convey my best wishes to the company—especially to Miss Fulton-and tell them all that I sincerely hope that I have suddenly become entirely irresponsible for my sayings. As for you personally, I hope to see you in the near future, whenever and wherever that future may be." He grasped Alan's hand, pressed it for a moment and then walked quickly away, leaving the other gazing after him with meditative eyes. Then with a shrug of his shoulders which might have indicated either doubt or resignation to the inevitable March went his way.

Scarcely had Desmond taken his seat in the dining room of the hotel than he became uncomfortably aware that he was the center of interest of all eyes. A hush fell, several waiters crowded about him and stood staring with open mouths until with a motion of disgust he motioned all save one away. From nearby tables ladies and gentlemen laid down their table implements and gazed at him with little better manners and full as much insolence as had the menials who served them. From several quarters little ripples of laughter arose, half tolerant, half taunting, and he felt the blood rush to his cheeks in full tide as he lowered his eyes to the menu. Anger began to arise within him, not at the servants but at these ignorant though well dressed vulgarians who stared at him so insolently or mocked him to his very teeth, and for the first time in his life he knew how it felt to be one man against a world. And well he knew how unforgiving, how merciless, how cruel they would be forever afterwards should his dire warning go the way of all similar ones in the past. And in that moment he felt a resentfulness arise within him such as he had never felt before-a resentful hope that the prophecy would come true regardless of consequences; that these giants of space should meet like two battering rams in a crash which would echo to the stars the accuracy of his judgment, the fulfillment of his prophecy, the verification of his sanity. True, thousands and perhaps millions of lives would be destroyed in the colossal lia what it is today.

of the also present. It suggests itself grind, but what of it? They must soon die anyway in the natural order of things, and if the master of space had sent this special thunderbolt against them, that in itself was proof good enough that it was time for them to perish, else the bolt would not have been sent. Then quickly following this came a great flush of shame that colored his cheeks to even a deeper scarlet, and he felt like flaying himself with a lash of scorpions as a penance for his flash of savagery. He grasped the menu card, and scarcely looking at it began to order almost at random. Half way through it a messenger boy burst upon him with a score of telegrams, and forgetful of his dinner he tore them open and began to read. They were from all parts of the city, the country, the state-even the United States. They were from friends and acquaintances. They were from men and women of whose very existence he had never heard. They were from plebeians and millionaires, from ministers and statesmen, from lawyers, doctors, scientists, priests. They derided and they threatened, they upbraided, begged, prayed and implored. In the midst of them he came upon this one sent by the chief at Washington:

"Desmond, care Peak Observatory:

"Make no more statements to the press regarding threatened collision until you have heard from me further. If your prediction is fulfilled this bureau will be destroyed by an act of the Almighty, if it is not fulfilled the bureau will die of shame. In either case you seem to have settled us.

"HEADMANN, Chief."

His face gone white now, he crushed the mass of sheets into a ball, and, arising, left the room with his dinner a forgotten thing. Walking as though in a trance and seeing the curiosity filled faces about him but mistily he seized a wrong hat and plunged uncertainly into the street, thoughtless of where he should go.

(To be continued.)

PROFANITY TO QUIET PANICS

last until the premonitory disturb | Colonel Bright Used It Effectively to Restore Order at Theater and Conventions.

Col. Dick Bright, who has attended every Democratic national convention animal to his cave, upon this night within the memory of man, was once caught in a theater panic. Being desperately in love with his own life, the the earth's history, or to wander at colonel desired to prevent anybody random amongst strangers and be else in the theater knocking him down pointed out on every side by vulgar and using his handsome face as one fingers and be compelled to run the of the milestones on the road to the gauntlet of their derision and abuse exits. Inspired by the emergency, he seemed still more undesirable. He stood up in his seat and heaped on cleared his throat, still uncertain as that crowd of terrorized and struggling men and women the most hor-"While I thank you, I cannot prom- rible stream of profanity that he ise now as I am uncertain as to just could enunciate-which, it may be rewhat my movements will be during marked, was profanity of an emphatthe next few hours. But I still bear ic and marvelous variety. But it did it in mind and if I decide to come the work, because it made the audiwill make my appearance some- ence so mad that they all took a hand

> In 1884 at the Democratic convention in Chicago the colonel was in charge of preserving order in the hall. At that time his face had not recovered from the ordeal of darting hither and thither, under the impact of what had happened to him in the theater, and he had a great respect for profanity as a pacifier. Consequently, he went to the chief of the fire department and requested the loan of twelve men to preserve order in the convention hall.

> "I don't want any members of the church," he explained, "and I want

> men who have strong bass voices." His request having been granted, he visited the various fire engine houses and picked up the twelve classiest profanity venders he could find.

> "Now," he told his swell brigade, "if there is any sign of a panic in this hall, leap on a chair and cut loose with that line of talk you gave me behind the fire house this morning. The delegates will forget all about their fright and put in their time beating you up. You will find me leading the

chorus from the speakers' platform." There was no sign of a panic in that convention, but the colonel still maintains that his system is the best ever invented for keeping people from rushing to the exits .- Popular Maga-

Dickens in Australia.

It is said that when a Scotsman leaves old Scotia to make his home in some other land he solaces his exile with the book of Robert Burns' poems, and that the Scot abroad comes to be even better versed in the rhymes of the peasant poet than the Scot who has remained at home. It has been remarked that the same is true as regards the Englishman and Charles Dickens. W. M. Hughes, acting prime minister of Australia, goes further than this and asserts that Dickens had an important influence on Australian democracy, and through men who read him and loved him, men imbibed his hatred of shams and humbugs, who wanted freer and better conditions, to have some other place to look to than the workhouse, had made Austre-

Horses and Mules

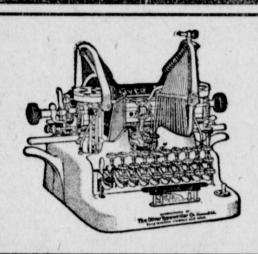


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Mr. Calvin was a former presi-

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Program For Memorial Services

The annual Memorial services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery April 24, 1913.

The following named persons will deliver addresses.

Services opened by G. R. Sewell.

Address, 1-W. F. Murchison, C. P.

2-J. W. Caldwell, Bapt.

3-Rev Bowman, M. P. 4-W. A. Craven, M. E.

Johnie Foster, W. R. Campbell and M. H. Hogan will conduct the song service. All are invited to attend.

J. H. Dickey. G. E. Bishop, Floyd Ferguson, Committee.

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MAY GO INTO MINING BUSINESS

Austin, Texas, Mar. 17.-The E. A. Calvin, representative from State of Texas is to go into the Harris County and one of the mining business if a bill introleaders in progressive legislation duced by Representative Eugene in the Lower House, piloted the Harris and others of El Paso beresolution through the Legisla- comes a law. The bill provides ture calling for a constitutional for a leasing system through amendment permitting counties which all the mineral lands ownto issue bonds for building ware ed by the state may be develophouses for storing and market- ed by the mining operators paying cotton according to plans of ing a royalty of five per cent of the Farmers' Union. Mr. Calvin the gross receipts from the sale was also instrumental in defeat- of the output of each mine into

The bill takes in every kind of million dollars per annum, and product known in the mineral he has been actively identified kingdom. It will especially rewith all measures promoting and lieve the metal-bearing territory portunities for expansion.

The State owns 1,750,000 acres dent of the Farmers' Union and of land and at least 90 per cent of is one of the best known agri- it contains minerals in unknown culturists in the State. There quantities, but the present law are many farmers in the present gives the mineral prospector no Legislature and they never play rights and there is no incentive politics but on roll call stand for development. The lands in squarely for the best interest of question have little or no value for agricultural purposes.

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A Regular Twister At Augusta.

Will Sheridan of Augusta was in town Friday and reports that a considerable storm passed through his place at Augusta at an early hour Thursday morning. He brought a wagon in to have repaired, which the storm damaged. One of the wheels was completely destroyed, all the spokes and hub being blown out. The shed under which it stood was blown down, also the roof off the barn. The cyclone was small in area, but very damaging where it struck the earth.

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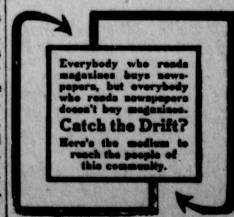
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JUST A WORD OF MEMORY

As time has drifted by, nature brings spring-time with its tle farm work done last week. beauty, what do we find? A vabut just a vacancy that cannot any. It seems we are going to

and two girls, and we children been killed. Corn planting will people. have a love for each other as our surely be pushed to a finish dear father taught us to have, this week. We had the biggest has stopped farm work to some which will never be exased.

christian graces, and she must near being damaging. be given her rightful crown. Hope, faith, mind, patience and are serving as jurors this week, as there has been for the last enthusiasm may waive her gold- one as a petit, the other as en wand and keep her eyes fixed grand juryman. on the gates of paradise, but I miss his petting when I go last Friday night home and no one knows the cord that runs from each of our give both as much as possible. hearts and a tie that binds which est thought is when the tie that united and breaking of ties will spring opens real good. be no more.

I feel we must live for our mother as well as other loved ones, and try to be a joy and "channel of blessing" to her.

The length of life is its onreach to some noble calling or pursuit and the breadth of life is its out-reach toward our fellowman in helpful sympathy. The heighth of life is its up-reach to ward God.

I do all I can to carry sunshine instead of a cloud. My, how hard and how heart-breaking it is to look on the bright side, when my sweet father, who was one of the greatest pleasures of my life, had to be called away! I have often prayed for my father's and mother's last days to be their happiest, and I sincerely believe a few days before my dear father was taken so severely sick he felt better and seemed to be happy-he seemed so much better, we were all delighted. But alas! The sad hour came.

My mother and all the children want to extend thanks to our relatives, friends and physicians for their faithfulness during our sad hours. We feel a star will be added to their

We are trying to bear our grief and sorrow in silent dignity for the sake of mother as well as ourselves.

There were tears on our cheeks as he closed his wide open eye-lids; over look of heavenly loveliness that rested on his handsome features quiet in the death and peace of God.

We feel one more has been added to the throne of God and that this morning there is joy among the angels.

His daughter, FLORA ALICE. (Flora Alice Sullivan Conaway.) (Advertisement)

Mrs. J. O. Edington and child. ren have returned from Tyler. where they have been visiting relatives a few days.

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, March 17 .- Very lit-

Some are through planting cancy-not only a "vacant chair" | corn, others have not planted prevailed in our home ever since real good before this cold spell. there is worse to come. my father and mother's first There was plenty of ice and the real love existed for each other. ground was frozen, but as the sorry for the business men of They lived many happy years, vegetation was not killed we are our town in their loss, but such raising we children, nine boys hopeful that the fruit has not things will happen to the best of I find that love is queen among since last March; it came very

love is supreme. No one in this Merriwether attended the mus. the onions will get in the potaworld knows how we miss him. ical entertainment at Grapeland toes' eyes and that will put a sea-

heartaches that prevail through- your town, guess they have had all know how to overcome the out the entire family. Though a sympathy enough to rebuild, but dry spells that we are so accusfew of us are separated a short what they need most is encour- tomed to in the crop season. distance, but there's a tender agement and patronage, so let's

Miss Ruby Cook visited the has been broken, but the sweet- homefolk Friday and Saturday. We are thinking of re-organizbinds on this earth will be reling our Sunday school as soon as

> No sickness and everybody is working, well and hopeful.

We have two real nice Bible agents in our midst, and they seem to be our style of men. ZACK. As ever,

HAPPENINGS AT DALY'S

March 17 .- We thought old King Winter had bidden us good. bye till next fall, but Saturday we had a large frost, which nipped vegetation to some extent.

Bro. Williams filled his regular appointment here yesterday.

Miss Elma Warner of Hays Springs attended preaching here Sunday.

Edgar Laseter has been on the sick list for the past week, but at this writing is able to be up.

Chas. Story and daughter of Hays Spring visited Mr. Huff and family Sunday.

Mrs. Chas, Hill, who has been confined to her bed several days with fever, is improving.

Some of the farmers have planted corn, but they say they will have to plant over.

Bro. J. E Bean will preach for us the first Sunday in April.

Mr. William Spence and daugh. ter, Miss Ethel, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin visited Mr. Kyle and family last Saturday and Sunday.

CHARLOTTA

Mr. Joe Tims, who formerly lived at Waneta, but who for the past several years has made his home at Buffalo Gap, came in Monday night and will spend several days here with his old friends. Mr. Tims is engaged in the mer cantile business at Buffalo Gap with his brother, but informs us that he is going to leave that place, and it is quite probable that if he can find something here that suits him, he will move here. We hope so, anyway.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis of Route 3, announce the arrival of criptions filled day or night. a young lady at their home.

OAK GROVE **NEWS ITEMS**

March 16, _I think the "ground hog" went in the other day, as we had the heaviest rain of the year and nearly as cold weather as in the dead of winter, although be filled, as it comes to our be a little late planting corn; the timber is putting forth its have some doubts about getting buds and spring time is coming My father was very much de a good stand from that which on just the same. Plum, peach voted to his family, and likewise, has been planted. Moles are and pear trees are in full bloom we were very, very much devot- working worse this year than and if the weather tonight don't ed to him. The word love has usual. Gardens were looking get them they are safe, unless

I want to say that I am very

The two big rains last week rain last Thursday we have had extent. Not much corn has been planted in this community yet.

S. T. Parker says if there J. L. Chiles and G. B. Kent should be a drouth this summer. three, he thinks he will plant onions and potatoes in his corn, Ye scribe and Miss Jessie cotton and other crops. He says son in the ground. If his plan Now, as to the unfortunate of proves to be a success we will

There is not much news. Health very good.

OLD TIMER

League Programs

For Sunday, March 23, 1913. Leader-Miss Ima Davis. Subject-Slothfulness. Matt.

5, 24-30. Opening Song. Scripture Reading by leader.

Prayer. Song by League.

Sincerety-Miss Willie Brown-

Recitation-Miss Carnie Mur-Duet-Miss Lura Mae Owens

and Mr. Marvin Gilbert. Why Easter Sunday should be Sacred to all-Murdoch Dar-

Slothfulness (Paper) -Miss una Frank Hollingsworth.

Song: "Holy! Holy! Holy! By the League.

League Benediction.

JUNIORS

Subject; What Jesus taught of true happiness; John 13, 17, 1-11 Leader-Bess Howard.

Opening Song by League. Prayer. Reading-Owena Johnston.

Recitation-Elizabeth Leaver-Song-Melba Brock, Mary

White, Balis Edens and Paul Kent. Reading-Arthur Guice.

Recitation-Adabel Leaverton. Song-Carrie Spence, Linnie Dee Haltom, Harry Lively and Ross Brock.

Roll Call. Business session. Reading by Superintendent. Closing Song.

Benediction.

Charlie Butler, who has been teaching near Percilla, was in to see us Monday morning. Mr. Butler's school has closed and he was on his way to Jacksonville to attend school the next three months.

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stable.

Have you been to Darsey's millinery opening at the F. & M. Bank?

Mrs. Ed Musick and Mrs. Perry Herod of the New Prospect been able to plant its roots deepcommunity were pleasant callers ly into the rich soil of trade and at the Messenger office last friendly companionship of the

Don't forget that I still have my motto: "Quick sales, small profits and the golden rule applied to basiness."

W. R. WHERRY.

George E. Darsey will open his new store in a few days with a big stock of new merchandise. (Advertisement)

Since the fire I am a little disfigured, but am still in the grocery business. Call on me for fresh groceries. I have them. and they are strictly for sale. W. R. WHERRY.

A Snap Bargain!

Two 50-saw Winship stands, suction, 25 hp. Ames-Vim engine, 35 hp boiler, good house, necessary conveniences, good location. (adv) C. W. FITCHETT.

Last week Dr. W. B. Taylor and family removed to Latexo, where they will reside in the fu. ture, as the doctor has been appointed mill physician at the big mill of that place.

To My Friends:

The Galveston News Contest will close Saturday, March 29, and I will greatly appreciate sending in your subscription or renewal. If you care to subscribe see Murdoch Darsey and erlook the fact that I have relet him send in your subscripopened upstairs in the Walling tion. Any favors and votes ap-

Thanking you for past favors, Your friend, Iam. adv Mary Lou Darsey.

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We have a bull-frog, alligator, armadillo, ostrich and many other animal farms, but the latest addition is a polecat farm opened up near Gainsville and the skunk is said to give promise of making a profitable farmer. We will soon be able to dispose of our prairie dogs, go to market with our boll weevils and sell the Texas fever.

In domesticating nature's delinquents and capitalizing our pests, we are turning waste into profit and that is what makes a country prosperous as well as powerful in commerce. We are likewise illustrating to the world that Texas is the birthplace of the mighty economic forces of 20th century civilization.

J. L. Chiles of Reynard was in to see us a little while Monday morning before train time. Chiles was on his way to Crockett to serve on the jury this

I have just arrived in Grape. land from Wharton county and can give good reference. I am a sweet potato and tomato grower. Can make money out of these crops and I wish to make a share crop with some man who can furnish good land, team and a house to live in Will H. Dooley.