

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## Will You Believe Your Own Eyes?



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Don't take our word for it. Come in and see the new Fall Curlee pants. Judge their quality, their master tailoring, their attractiveness--then ask yourself if you've ever had such pants offered you at Curlee prices.

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### LETTER FROM ANTRIMITE

(Delayed)

Aug. 30.—Our subject may be a dry one, but who could take any other kind and be agreeable with the surroundings? I believe if the editor pulls through this year with a whole skin he need not suffer any uneasiness about the financial part of his business so far as short crops can affect him. As to us "hay-seeds" we can't bankrupt—there is no exemption law for us. We can't move and our notes are always due, so we will have to back our ears and wade into it the best we can, and always bear in mind that necessity may sometimes prove to be a hard master, but we cannot know any other until the good Lord sees proper to send the rains and seasons upon us and thereby help us to place ourselves on sure footing. I sometimes think we are inclined to forget our station in this world and rely too much upon 'old self' and it takes just such as we are passing through to teach us that it all belongs to Him.

Now as to the query Old Gray gave me, "What are we going to do with a short crop and low prices staring us in the face?" I want to say first that a fool can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer (with no insinuation toward Old Gray) but I firmly believe that had the government spent the money they gave to the Farm Commission that toured Europe, in bringing together the spinner and producer, in other words, helping the farmer to establish a system of marketing his cotton direct we would be nearer a proper solution of the problem than we are and Uncle Sam would have spent that much in a way that would have brought him good returns by helping the men who are the "salt of the earth and backbone of the South." But we can't dwell too long on this subject.

Picking the little cotton is the business of the people around here right now, and we will make quick work of it this year.

Some sickness reported about, but nothing serious.

W. M. Durnell has begun repairing his residence and we are sure he selected a good time to take the roof off.

R. R. Skeen returned home Saturday from a visit to Marlin. He reports crops very short out that way.

Aunt Amanda Weisinger was visiting at the home of J. F. Martin Friday.

J. L. Nichols and family spent Sunday at the home of J. W. Taylor.

Mrs. Mary Wynne, who spent last week visiting at the home of Clyde Wynne in the Myrtle Springs community, returned home Sunday.

Here's one for President Wilson!

ANTRIMITE.

Plant rye for fall and winter pasture. For sale by Kennedy Bros. Adv.

W. R. Wherry left Friday night for New Orleans, La., to purchase a line of fall goods for his new store. He was accompanied by Dr. W. D. McCarty.

### HAPPENINGS AT OAK GROVE

(Delayed)

Aug. 31.—The health of this community is very good, and cotton picking is the order of the day, which will be a short job, as the crop is the shortest since the boll weevil first made their appearance.

Our school is completed except the windows and paint. We will have a good schoolhouse and if we succeed in getting a good teacher we will have a good school. All the work was done by the people of the community—not one cent was paid for work, which was under the supervision of Mr. Louis Smith.

Our good roads meeting last night was very well attended, and after the object of the meeting was stated by J. E. Bean and R. B. Edens, we organized as follows: R. D. Parker, Chairman; S. T. Parker, Secretary, and all present had their names recorded as members. After a discussion of a good many things pertaining to good roads, the secretary was instructed to ask the Messenger to give space for the urgent necessity of all the communities in this district to organize at once and send representatives to our next meeting, which will be Saturday night, Sept. 13, that some feasible plan may be formulated to build good roads at as little cost as possible and also do away with some things that exist.

Dock Tyer and Bolen Wood went to Palestine today.

Jim Tyer lost a fine Jersey cow that cost him \$50. We can sympathize with Jim, for good cows are hard to get and \$50 comes hard such years as this.

I am looking for rain at the end of the drought.

S. T. PARKER.  
Sec'y G. R. Club.

#### The Election

The result of the pool hall election held in Houston county Saturday is not yet fully known, as complete returns from all boxes have not come in. Fifteen boxes have reported, showing the following result: To abolish pool halls 427; against abolishment 369. This small majority may be overcome when other boxes report. Both boxes at Crockett gave majorities to retain the pool halls. The vote in Grapeland was 12 for pool halls and 95 against. At Daly's the vote stood 9 against and 3 for. Very little interest was manifested in the election, quite a number of people here forgetting it was election day.

#### Diarrhoea Quickly Cured

"I was taken with diarrhoea and Mr. Yorks, the merchant here, persuaded me to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After taking one dose of it I was cured. It also cured others that I gave it to," writes M. E. Gebhart, Oriole, Pa. That is not at all unusual. An ordinary attack of diarrhoea can almost invariably be cured by one or two doses of this remedy. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Fresh car of Belle of Waco flour and meal at Kennedy Bros. (Advertisement.)

### ALL THE NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Sept. 7.—We are all very much refreshed after the nice showers of today and yesterday.

This means that we have yet a chance to have a nice sweet potato patch.

The farmers are now busy harvesting their crops.

If all we boys could pick cotton like Mr. Sharp McLeod, I am sure we would need a larger farm than the whole of Houston County to keep us busy through the season.

Our little village is very quiet and lonesome after the visitors and teachers have gone.

The Misses Stout, Newman and Holcomb have gone to their respective schools.

Misses Henrietta and Mahalia Hall of Crockett visited relatives in Augusta last week.

Mrs. Daisy McConnel and children of Crockett visited Mrs. James McLean this week.

The young men of Augusta report a fine time at the Airdome Saturday night.

Last Monday evening Mrs. James McLean entertained the girls and boys in honor of Misses Lenora and Eliza McConnel of Crockett. We chatted until all of the guests arrived, then the new game—"snap," was played, after which tables were arranged for progressive "42." Everybody enjoyed themselves. When refreshments of cake and cream were served at a late hour, the guests departed, declaring it was the best time they ever had.

Mrs. C. H. Long also entertained the young people Thursday evening.

The Union Sunday School is progressing nicely after reorganization. BLUE JAY.

#### Grand Jurors

To appear Monday, October 6, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1913:

T S Kent	Geo E Darsey
J O Kelley	W P Conner
John Breazeal	Dan E Holcomb
J R Monk	H N Bradley
J O Monday	W D James
John LeGory	Jeff Kennedy
W A Norris	R D Thompson
N F Iden	S A Cook

#### Petit Jurors

To appear Monday, October 13 at 10 o'clock a. m., to serve as petit jurors at the fall term of District Court:

J B James	Ed Holcomb
Arthur Thomas	O W Goolsby
J B West	F M Iden
John L Dean	Jas Owens
J R Mainer	R C Stokes
Alvin Waller	R A Parker
R L Turner	S L Murchison
W J Clark	Edgar Douglass
M M Moore	A I Leediker
D F Brown	C B Hallmark
J W Helton	S W Hallmark
C L Edmiston	S Z Huntsman
L R Rich	G R Wooley
W H Dickey	James King
J E Dominy	R M Brooks
C P Daniels	J J Guice
J I Satterwhite	CH Click
J L Rush	W H Collins
Ben Hatchell	DD Montgomery
J H Kolb	M Bitner

We want your produce—cash or trade. Highest prices always. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

Take Herbine for heartburn, sour belching or constipation, it cleanses and strengthens the liver, stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

### DARSEY'S BIG NEW STORE

George E. Darsey's big new store has been completed with the exception of a few "odds and ends," and Monday morning they commenced to move in and straighten out the stock.

Without fear of contradiction, the Messenger can say that this is the most complete and handsomest general merchandise store in East Texas. After the fire, the rubbish was cleared away and the house was built from the ground up, with the exception of part of the north wall. The foundation is reinforced with concrete and steel and the walls are eighteen inches thick. The best material of every kind was used in construction, thus insuring its durability. The inside walls are seventeen feet in the clear, which gives plenty of light.

The fixtures are all new, and in the dry goods department several large wall cases have been installed, in which to carry ready-made clothing, and all counters and show cases are of the latest designs. For the shelf hardware a display cabinet has been installed. The cash registers have been discarded and a cash carrying system installed, all money being handled by a cashier in the large office, which is situated in the rear part of the house.

There is a place for everything and it is the policy of this firm to "keep everything in its place." The people of the Grapeland community have a right to feel proud of such a magnificent store in their midst, and we congratulate Mr. Darsey upon his enterprise and thrift in the erection and furnishing of this building.

#### New Business Firm

The Cash Grocery Co., Messrs. Claud Sadler and Dave Warren, Proprietors, is the name of a new firm now doing business in our city. Thursday they closed a deal with E. P. Lynch for his grocery business on the corner at the Lively old stand. Both men are experienced in the grocery business and good hustlers, and we predict a successful career for them. Mr. Lynch is still with us, and has not as yet fully made up his mind what line of business he will pursue.

If you eat without appetite you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It promptly removes impurities that clog and impede the action of the digestive organs, creates good appetite and digestion, strength of body and activity of brain. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co., sell the best paint on the market, "Masury's." Adv.

To prevent pneumonia, a cold settled in the lungs should be attended to at once. Put a Herck's Red Pepper Porous Plaster on the chest and take Ballard's Horehound Syrup internally. It's a winning combination. Buy the dollar size Horehound Syrup; you get a porous plaster free with each bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

## "THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS"

BY JNO. R. OWENS

There's not many more old maids and bachelors than there are grass-widows and widowers.

A very perplexing problem will confront the ladies when they obtain the ballot—"what to wear to the polls."

Some people have a constant "running off" at the mouth, but never once think that people are sometimes bored by it.

Some people live in a hurry, eat in a hurry, sleep in a hurry and die in a hurry. But so long as we have our way we are going to take our own good time and get all we can out of this world.

Lindale is to have electric lights. They will receive the power from Tyler, and the service is expected to be as good as that in the city of Tyler. Good for Lindale! Other towns without electric lights, that are located near towns with light plants should follow suit. It would not be a bad step for Grapeland.

When a young man marries he should know what he's doing, because he is liable to be married a pretty long time.

The man who plays to work is like the man who eats to live; while the man who works to play is like the man who lives to eat.

If we were as envious as some people, we would quit trying to do anything for ourselves and go around for the sole purpose of keeping others from prospering.

A woman in New York is suing her husband for a divorce. She scorns to accept alimony, but asks for her child. This is different from most N. Y. divorce suits—the wife generally wants the alimony and not the child.

Did you ever see a small town where half the citizens wanted to use the "grafting knife" on every piece of "pie" that they could get their hands on, and the other half of the citizens too honest to use it if they had a chance? We never did.

## OLD GRAY TAKES A TRIP

Jones' Mill.—Since our last we have taken a little spin around the circle. Probably a few dots of the brief journey will be of some interest to the Messenger's readers. Our line of travel was from Percilla to Grapeland, thence to Crockett by the way of Latexo. Nothing of any particular note occurred along this line. The drought had visited that country and played havoc with the crops. Judging from the amount of lumber stacked around the big mill at Latexo the pine forests are fast being converted into all kinds of lumber. At Crockett we once more had the pleasure of shaking the hands of many of our old time friends. We were somewhat surprised at finding Crockett so much improved and

on a building boom, and that of a substantial nature. The merchants appeared cheerful and have their stores well filled with up-to-date merchandise. Commissioners' court was in session while we were in Crockett for the purpose of raising land values. There was a great deal of dissatisfaction expressed, both by the town and country people. They think it is an outrage to be taxed to build a \$16,000 jail under present conditions. The court must have a surplus of money. If such is the case it would be well for them to use it in educating the people how to vote to the end that the country might have better legislation. After this little digression we return to the story of our trip. From Crockett to Lovelady we found the drought had done its work well. In the face of all this, Lovelady appeared to be doing a good business. On leaving this place we traveled south several miles, but found no change in crops. On Trinity river crops are fine. At this point we changed our course and passed into Trinity county. Our travel here for several miles was through poor pine timbered country. There was no song of whip-o-will—no sight of the beautiful butterfly—not a bird to be seen. The sight of such a country would give a fellow a night-mare in the day time. We came in by the way of Holly, Houston county, around which place the crops were a little better, but it was only a small area. From Holly to Crockett there is absolutely no crops of any consequence. To sum the whole thing up in a nut shell: Houston county has the poorest outlook for corn and cotton we have seen for many years.

As was given out we had our protracted meeting. Although the two divines labored hard, there was no perceptible good done. The gates leading to the straight and narrow path were thrown wide open, the warning of the coming day was given, but it availed nothing. Some are inclined to make fun of the religious attempts. Such acts of mockery, such hypocrisy, would give an iron-clad infidel a chill in the hottest hell. Some day, in large letters, it will be

shown to them that they will be dealt with according to the deeds done in the body.

Most of the farmers are gathering cotton in a rush. It will only take a short time to reap the crop.

We met our friend, Walter Newman a few days ago. He tells us he is making good in his new undertaking, writing life insurance. He is deserving and we wish him all success.

As ever, OLD GRAY.

### Mother of Eighteen Children

"I am the mother of eighteen children and have the praise of doing more work than any young woman in my town," writes Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va. "I suffered for five years with stomach trouble and could not eat as much as a biscuit without suffering. I have taken three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and am now a well woman and weigh 168 pounds. I can eat anything I want to, and as much as I want and feel better than I have at any time in ten years. I refer to anyone in Boone Mill or vicinity and they will vouch for what I say." Chamberlain's Tablets are for sale by all dealers. Adv.

Lenard Sullivan, Tom Whitaker, John Brown, Grapeland, Henry Newman, Augusta, F. C. Easley and C. A. Campbell of Salmon have remembered the Messenger since last issue, for which they have our thanks.

Hot days followed by cool nights will breed malaria in the body that is bilious or costive. Prickly Ash Bitters is very valuable at this time for keeping the stomach, liver and bowels well regulated. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Dickey of Palestine visited relatives in Grapeland Sunday and Monday, returning at noon.

Herbina is the medicine that cures biliousness, malaria and constipation. The first dose makes you feel better, a few additional doses cures completely. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.



## Attention!

I respectfully call your attention to the fact that I am now located in my new brick building at the old location on the west side of the railroad. As most of my stock of goods was destroyed in the fire, my present stock is entirely new throughout, and I can supply your wants in good fresh groceries and dry goods.

I call your especial attention to my line of shoes and can give you some good values. Come to see me when in town:

**MY MOTTO: "QUICK SALES, SMALL PROFITS AND THE GOLDEN**

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By HOLLAND.

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The traveler who would disregard guideposts, who would not examine them at every opportunity, would be called foolish. He would get little sympathy when he complained of time lost going the wrong direction.

The man who neglects to read the advertisements is disregarding guideposts and is taking unnecessary chances and is delaying his own progress.

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OFFER WAYS TO  
SAVE DOLLARS.

If you fail to read and profit by the advertisements you are giving your neighbor who does read them an advantage.

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Fine Vigorous Condition.

It is a liver medicine first of all. Its effect upon a Torpid Liver is truly remarkable. Old chronic cases, of long standing, involving the kidneys and blood, yield promptly to its powerful cleansing and restorative effect. It is a strengthening tonic for the disordered stomach, stimulates digestion and helps the assimilation of food. In the bowels it exercises a helpful influence that is far reaching and effective. Every particle of fermented matter or impurity is expelled, leaving the bowels cool, clean and regulated. If the chills have already commenced, Herbina is the only thing needed; it is a positive anti-periodic medicine that destroys the disease germs and drives them out of the blood. Try it this year.

Price 50c per Bottle.

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### Citation By Publication

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Bird F. Kerr, deceased, the unknown heirs of I. G. Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of S. T. Colbert, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Benjamin Davis, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in September, A. D. 1913, the same being the 6th day of October, A. D. 1913, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1913 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5464, wherein Neal H. Montgomery is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Bird F. Kerr, Dec'd., the unknown heirs of I. G. Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of S. T. Colbert, deceased, the unknown heirs of Benjamin Davis, deceased, A. J. Crenshaw, L. B. McQueen, J. M. McQueen, Buena Neal, Leslie Neal, C. O. Edge, T. E. Edge, Belle Lively, F. A. Lively, Tullie Sims, E. H. Sims, T. H. Dailey, Mrs. E. C. Hill, Geo. W. Mobley, Henry Dailey, Thos. F. Dailey, Bais E. Dailey and Robert S. Dailey, are defendants, and said petition alleging that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described tract or parcel of land, same being a part of the Bird F. Kerr 640 acre survey and a part of the Benjamin Davis 372 acre survey, situated in Houston County, Texas, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the North West corner of the Benjamin Davis H. R. of 372 acres, a stake from which a Hickory mkd. X brs. N 40 E 6 vrs. Thence South with the West Boundary line of said Davis survey 50 vrs. to a rock in the North Eastern corner of the M. P. Mead survey. Thence South 38 1-2 vrs. to a crooked forked Sweet Gum standing on

the bank of Lively and Harman Branch from which another Sweet Gum 12 in brs. N 2 E 1 2-10 vrs. Thence down with the meanders of said Branch to a stake in the North bank of same and East Boundary line of said Davis survey, from which a chinquapin 8 in brs. S. 74 E. 5 1-2 vrs. Do 9 in brs. N. 17 W 11 vrs. Thence North with said line 315 vrs to the North East corner of the original survey, stake from which a Post Oak mkd. D. D., another mkd X brs N 35 E 5 vrs. Thence West with the North Boundary line of said survey about 21 vrs to the South East corner of a 54 1-2 acre survey described in deed from Geo. E. Calhoun to E. H. Darsey. Thence North 297 1-10 vrs to a rock for corner. Thence West 213 6-10 vrs to a rock for corner, same being the South East corner of the Geo. E. Calhoun 133 acre tract. Thence North with the East Boundary line of said 133 acre tract 1450 7-10 vrs. Thence East with the South line of a 25 acre tract 240 vrs to a stake in the East Boundary line of the Bird F. Kerr survey. Thence North with the E. B. line of said Kerr survey 559 2-10 vrs to the North East corner of said Kerr survey. Thence West with the North Boundary line of said survey 690 vrs to a stake, same being the North West corner of the said 133 acre tract, a Sweet Gum mkd X for witness tree. Thence South with the West Boundary line of said 133 acre tract, continuing same course to a stake at the North West corner of the Benjamin Davis survey, 2,009 vrs to the place of beginning, including 199 acres on the Bird F. Kerr survey and 43 acres on the Benjamin Davis survey.

Plaintiff sets out in his original petition all of the deeds and other written instruments under and by virtue of which he claims title to said land. Plaintiff alleges that he and those under whom he claims title to said land have had and held the continuous, peaceable and adverse possession thereof, cultivating and using the same under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon for periods of five and ten years respectively, and plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years' statutes of limitation in bar of any claim of title held by the defendants adverse to plaintiff's title. Plaintiff alleges that there are no deeds out of Bird F. Kerr and Benjamin Davis, the original

grantees of said tracts, conveying said land, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title. That said land was once claimed by I. G. Collins, and there is no deed from him conveying same, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title. That a part of said land was at one time owned jointly by W. H. and Henry Crenshaw, but that Henry Crenshaw having made no conveyance of his interest in said land casts a cloud on plaintiff's title. That at one time Thos. R. Dailey asserted some title to a part of said land, but there is no legal conveyance out of said Thos. R. Dailey conveying said land, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title. That a part of said property was at one time conveyed to S. T. Colbert and there being no conveyance out of the said S. T. Colbert to same, a cloud is cast on plaintiff's title, and plaintiff further alleges that any other and further claims of defendants in and to said land are unknown. Plaintiff prays judgement for said land, removing all clouds therefrom, substituting all missing instruments and quieting his title to same.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 2nd day of August, A. D., 1913.

John D. Morgan, Clerk,  
District Court of Houston  
adv. [SEAL] County.

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### Despondency

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## HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging  
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave  
Up in Despair. Husband  
Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

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Phones—Farmers Union System

Office.....27  
Residence.....67

THURSDAY, SEP. 11, 1913

Wonder just what the Houston Post and the Fort Worth Record will find wrong with Morris Sheppard's eulogy to Secretary Bryan.

Grapeland is growing so fast that a wandering son stepping off the train the other day didn't recognize the place, and thought he had gotten off at the wrong station.

Old General Sam Houston used to put it all over his contemporaries just as Houston county is today putting it over the surrounding counties. There is really something in a name sure enough.—Houston County Times.

Very true, indeed. But you failed to give Grapeland credit for taking the lead in all that has made Houston County great.

Jerome, the evil spirit of the Thaw family, is reported to have said that the name of Thaw made him sick. We don't doubt it for an instant. Even Jerome's name makes us sick. And when you get his cognomen mixed with that of Evelyn and Harry and O'Mara, sick is hardly any name for it!

Charley Whitman, New York City's district attorney, has accepted Tammany's nomination for re-election. Whitman's official record is said to be good, but for the life of us we can't find a

connecting link between faithful service and hobnobbing with Tammany Hall. Nor can we understand why Tammany would nominate a man for any office, especially as important an office as district attorney, who had the stamina to do his duty. Mystery! Indeed, 'tis surprising.

Grapeland had a little blaze along last March that destroyed the small sum of two or three hundred thousand dollars worth of property. This was followed by the shortest crop for perhaps twenty-five years. In spite of all this, Grapeland is building faster, is moving faster, than any town in the State of Texas to its size.

Isn't it about time somebody else announced for governor? We've gone at least a few days without hearing of a new announcement. There must be a hitch somewhere. We have been thinking of getting them all to come to Grapeland early next year and speak in the new school Auditorium, giving each candidate three minutes time. But then they wouldn't get through in time for the primary.

**To Patrons and School Children:**

School opens Monday Sept. 22. Parents are urged to have their children enrolled at the beginning as any delay is discouraging to both pupils and teachers. A year's school work with the first days missed is like a house built upon an unlevelled foundation.

Pupils who do not positively know to what grades they will be assigned should not purchase books until classified. Those who are not classified, those who are deficient, and those who wish to consult me in any way about their school work are requested to report to the school building at 3 p. m. Friday, August 12.

There is some unnecessary fear that there will be a shortage of books. A sufficient number of these books has been published to supply the demand for a period of six years, so if there is a shortage it will be because of a delay in shipment only.

There is a golden opportunity this session for excellent results. So let patrons, teachers, and children all work together patiently and faithfully and make this year's work the very best in the history of Grapeland—WE MUST.

Very truly yours,  
WADE L. SMITH.

**THE MEXICAN SITUATION**

I have no patience with those persons who argue that the United States should recognize Huerta because of commercial reasons. It may not be that they really contend that such a step should be taken just to protect American property in Mexico, but they can not deny that such is really the cause of their contention—at least, with most of those persons that it is. However, to recognize Huerta would no more protect American property and American lives than would the recognition of Carranza, or any other Mexican. Huerta is really not president of Mexico, or any considerable portion of that country; he is only at the head of his clan of revolutionists, for a study of Mexican affairs is bound to reveal the fact that they are all revolutionists, as there is really no stable government in that troubled land.

Victoriano Huerta was undoubtedly concerned in the conspiracy that resulted in former President Madero's assassination. He is guilty of turning traitor to his chieftan, a crime that is always punishable by death. Besides he is guilty of conspiring to overthrow the then existing government of Mexico. To recognize him would be a slap in the face of civilization, of Christianity, and of common decency. It is something that I cannot believe any person who has the welfare and the good name of the United States at heart, who has any conscience, would do or would stand to see his government do. It is inconceivable that any contingency should arise that would make the perpetuation of such a crime as the recognition of Huerta the least advisable.

Now, as regards American property in Mexico, this property was acquired under treaty rights, but the fact remains that property acquired under a foreign flag is subject to the rule and jurisdiction of that government. Property acquired in the United States by a foreign resident is just as subject to the American government as though it were owned by an American citizen. If an alien is naturalized, then he becomes a citizen in fact, and, like other Americans, the course of our government is bound to affect his interests. So no matter whether an American citizen owns property in Mexico, or whether a former American citizen, now a Mexican citizen, owns property, it was under the Mexican flag this property was acquired, and it was to that government alliance was sworn.

The non-existence of a government where a government was supposed to exist, gives every nation a perfect right to protect its interests. That such a condition obtains in Mexico and has obtained for some time, is a self-evident fact. The Munroe doctrine of the United States has kept any other nation from interfering, even if they had been so disposed, and much surprise has seemed evident that the United States itself did not intervene. But there are many facts that should be considered before censure is laid at the door of the present administration at Washington.

In the first place, sixteen years of republican rule, during which time particular attention was paid to increasing the gigantic

fortunes of the rich, and to making gigantic fortunes for a few others, but little attention was paid to making this nation prepared for war. This is how the Wilson administration found things. If intervention in Mexico should lead to a war between the United States and some first-class power, the former would not be prepared.

Again, if the United States should be dragged into a costly war with some formidable power on account of Mexico the question is whether any benefits would accrue to repay our government. What good could such a war accomplish?

Besides, if some world power did not interfere, in case of intervention, the United States would have Mexico on its hands, and it would require untold millions of money and thousands of American lives to keep things in any semblance of order south of the Rio Grande. Unless we annexed the country, would this pay? And if we annexed, would that pay? Yes, if we annexed Mexico, then what? There's the proposition, and many say that the only solution lies in such a course. Indeed, if we have to settle Mexico's quarrel, it seems to me annexation is inevitable.

Unless annexation is advisable, the only thing to do is let Mexico fight it out. If American lives are lost down there and American property destroyed on Mexico soil, the people knew what Mexico was before they went there, and they knew the proverbial stability of a Latin-American government.

It seems to me that our government should at least permit Carranza to get all the arms he might want, for I believe he represents the hope of the better element of Mexicans. I believe he would conquer the Huerta faction and establish a stable government, if any Mexican could.

I was talking with a gentleman recently about this Mexican tangle, and he said that he believed the United States would ultimately acquire Mexico, and not only that, but Guatemala and all those Central American countries, and then our boundary line would extend on down to the Panama Canal. From Canada to the Canal! Then with the annexation of Canada—a utopian dream with many—we would reach from the frozen climes of the north to the tropical glories of the south. Then would not the United States be a giant? We would need to fear but one enemy, the internal enemy, the enemy that brought about Rome's downfall.

MORRIS CLEWS BILFEL.

Sunday evening at 4:30 o'clock the colored church of this place held baptismal services at the pool on the pranch a mile west of town, administering the ordinance of baptism to three subjects. A large crowd of white people witnessed the ceremonies. The colored choir of Coperas Creek sang for the occasion.

Crockett's new steam laundry opened for business Wednesday, August 27. We have an up-to-date plant in every respect, and are in a position to give the very best work obtainable anywhere. We shall establish an agency in Grapeland, who will call for your work. All work guaranteed. adv



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## LOCAL NEWS

Dr. G. H. Black, The Dentist, adv

Go to Howard's for groceries. New store and new stock. adv

Bermuda Onion sets at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

3 big specials for Saturday at the Variety Store. Adv.

Fruits and candies at adv Howard's.

See those nobby fall samples at Clewis' tailor shop. adv.

Fresh mackerel at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Buy your bacon, lard, etc., at Howard's' adv

The Messenger received a pleasant call from W. L. Douglass of Jones' Mill Saturday.

We will deliver meat every morning. Phone us your orders. Adv. Caskey & Lively.

Call on J. P. Royall for repairs in shoes, harness and saddles, at Clewis' shop. Adv.

Misses Maude McCarty and Dolly Parks visited relatives in Crockett this week.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVE- LY CASH—NO CREDIT. Don't ask it. J. W. Howard. adv

Just arrived, car of cypress shingles. See us. Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

Free delivery anywhere in town. Phone us. We deliver right now. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

Visit the Variety Store when in town, and be sure to go there Saturday. Some special bargains will be offered. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Tyer of the Oak Grove community are the happy parents of a fine boy baby.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

See T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co., and get a glass for that window that bothered you all last winter. Adv.

Remember our grocery department is complete. Anything you want, we have it. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

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I want from three to five shares of Guaranty State Bank Stock. Adv. W. E. KERR.

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Miss Darsey Royall has accepted a position with Traylor Bros.

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3000 fall and winter samples arrived at Clewis' tailor shop. Place your order early. adv.

Miss Jennie McMasters of Houston is the guest of her friend, Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

We buy chickens, eggs, bee's wax and beef hides. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis. adv

LOST—One plain gold tie clasp. Finder please leave at the Messenger office.

Some exceptional bargains for Saturday at the Variety Store. Trade there and save money. (Advertisement.)

A full line of staple and fancy groceries. Your business will be appreciated. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

Doors, windows, paints, glass, stains, columns, moulding—everything in the building line. Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

There are so many things you can buy at the Variety Store, it will pay you to do your buying there. Adv.

Mrs. John King and baby of Palestine visited relatives here last week. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Willie Browning.

While working on the new residence of T. S. Kent a day last week, Dan Hill fell from a scaffold to the ground, and sustained a bad injury on the face.

### Wedded

and parted, because her husband failed to buy her Belle of Waco flour. Kennedy Bros., handle this great flour. Adv.

Miss Nell Newman of Augusta, one of Houston county's accomplished young lady teachers, has gone to San Saba to teach in the public school.

China Special at the Variety Store for Saturday. The biggest bargains you ever saw for 15c. See our window display. Adv.

Mrs. Cora Maize of Palestine, who has been quite sick, has sufficiently recovered to be able to come here to her father's, Maj. Martin.

The subject for Sunday morning will be "Universal Desire of Man." Everybody please come out. W. A. CRAVEN, Pastor.

Dr. C. L. Moore, D. D. S., will be in Grapeland on the 11th, inst., to do dental work for 10 days only. Office at the Smallwood Hotel. Call early to see him. Teeth extracted without pain. (Advertisement)

All members of the Woodmen Circle are requested to be present at next regular meeting, Friday evening, Sept. 12th, at 8 o'clock. We have some important business to transact. MYRTA GRANBERRY, Guardian.

Tom Parker of the New Prospect Community called on us Wednesday and renewed his own subscription and his sisters', Mrs. White at Cunningham, and Mrs. Musick at Kelty's; also sent the paper three months each to Mrs. Flora Beauchamp at Slocum and Miss Lydia Leatherwood at Salmon. We appreciate this very much.

## Junior Endeavor Program

Opening Song No. 55. Subject—Missions in India. Scripture Reading, Jer. 16, 19, 21. Reading—Carrie Spence. Recitation—Lorene Edington. Song No. 22. Reading—Mable Boykin. Recitation—Elizabeth Leaverton. Song No. 3. Reading—Mary Lou Darsey. Business Session. Roll Call. Closing Song No. 49. Benediction.

### Notice

My farm for sale, 370 acres four miles from Grapeland. 200 acres in cultivation. All under good fences and cross fences. One new 7 room house, one 5 room house and two tenant houses. Plenty of good water, clayed roads, good school and church 1 mile. I will sell this place on easy terms. Come today or tomorrow or you may be too late. FORD NEWMAN. (Advertisement.)

### Caught A Bad Cold

"Last winter my son caught a very bad cold and the way he coughed was something dreadful," writes Mrs. Sarah E. Duncan, of Tipton, Iowa. "We thought sure he was going into consumption. We bought just one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that one bottle stopped his cough and cured his cold completely." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

### Delivery Service at Market

The City Meat Market now has with them Mr. Will Musick, an experienced meat cutter, and have put on a delivery service, and will deliver meat every morning. Telephone us your orders. Both phones. Adv. Caskey & Lively.

### Notice

I have a fine Jersey bull now ready for service at my lot. Service fee \$2.50 cash with a guarantee. J. W. HOWARD. (Advertisement)

### Notice

Leave your laundry where the laundry boy can get it on Tuesday evening as school will start and compel us to gather it Tuesday evening. J. W. Caskey. Adv.

S. Adams and Alfred Caskey have our thanks for their renewals Wednesday.

Miss Cecil Ballew has returned to her home in Troup, after a week's visit to her friends, Misses Edna and Fanny Driskell.

Arnold Clewis has returned home from Houston where he has been visiting his grand parents.

W. J. McGill and family have recently moved here from Pearsall, Frio County, and for the present are living at the old Leaverton place a mile west of town, that being the only vacant house in or near town. Mr. McGill hopes to remain permanently with us, if he can find some suitable business. We are glad to have this family move among us.

Millions in the air. Think of it:—Every time you open your mouth, in goes a whole menagerie of microbes, germs and bacteria. When the liver, stomach and bowels are active, these germs are harmless. If they are torpid, it is just the condition needed to set up disease; which at this season is generally of a malarial nature. The moral is—use Herbine to keep the liver, stomach and bowels in a state of health and activity. It cures indigestion and constipation. Price 50c. Sold by A. E. Porter. Adv.

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## SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Fran arrives at Hamilton Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent conducting the choir at a camp meeting.

CHAPTER II—She repairs thither in search of him, laughs during the service and is asked to leave.

CHAPTER III—Abbott Ashton, superintendent of schools, escorts Fran from the tent. He tells her Gregory is a wealthy man, deeply interested in charity work, and is a pillar of the church. Ashton becomes greatly interested in Fran and, while taking leave of her, holds her hand and is seen by Sapphira Clinton, sister of Robert Clinton, chairman of the school board.

CHAPTER IV—Fran tells Gregory she wants a home with him. Grace Noir, Gregory's private secretary, takes a violent dislike to Fran and advises her to go away at once. Fran hints at a twenty-year-old secret, and Gregory, in agitation, asks Grace to leave the room.

CHAPTER V—Fran relates a story of how Gregory married a young girl at Springfield while attending college and then deserted her. Fran is the child of that marriage. Gregory had married his present wife three years before the death of Fran's mother.

CHAPTER VI—Fran finds Mrs. Gregory a sweet, sincere woman and takes a liking to her.

CHAPTER VII—Gregory explains that Fran is the daughter of a very dear friend now dead. Fran agrees to the story. Mrs. Gregory insists on her making her home with them and takes her to her arms. The breach between Fran and Grace widens.

CHAPTER VIII—It is decided that Fran must go to school. Grace shows persistent interest in Gregory's story of his dead friend and hints that Fran may be an impostor. She threatens to marry Bob Clinton and leave Gregory's service, much to the latter's dismay. Fran declares that the secretary must go.

CHAPTER IX—Grace begins nagging tactics in an effort to drive Fran from the Gregory home, but Mrs. Gregory remains staunch in her friendship.

CHAPTER X—Fran is ordered before Superintendent Ashton to be punished for insubordination in school. Chairman Clinton is present. The affair ends in Fran leaving the school in company of the two men, to the amazement of the scandalmongers of the town.

CHAPTER XI—Abbott, while taking a walk alone at midnight, finds Fran on a bridge telling her fortune by cards. She tells Abbott that she is the famous lion tamer, Fran Nonpareil. She is tired of circus life and wanted a home.

CHAPTER XII—Grace tells of seeing Fran come home after midnight with a man. She guesses part of the story and surprises the rest from Abbott. She decides to ask Bob Clinton to go to Springfield to investigate Fran's story.

CHAPTER XIII—Fran enlists Abbott in her battle against Grace. Egged on by Grace, Gregory insists on his wife going to church, something she has not done since Grace became one of the household.

CHAPTER XIV—Fran offers her services to Gregory as secretary during the temporary absence of Grace. The latter, hearing of Fran's purpose, returns and interrupts a teaching scene between father and daughter.

CHAPTER XV—Fran goes fishing with Mrs. Gregory's brother, Abbott, whose retention as superintendent is to be decided that day. She finds her sitting alone in a buggy. He joins her and is discovered by Clinton and his sister.

CHAPTER XVI—Grace tells Gregory she intends to marry Clinton and quit his service. He declares that he cannot continue his work without her. Carried away by passion, he takes her in his arms. Fran walks in on them, and declares that Grace must leave the house at once. To Gregory's consternation he learns of Clinton's mission to Springfield.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### Shall the Secret Be Told?

Fran had expected Robert Clinton's return in four or five days, as had Grace Noir, but secrets that have been buried for many years are not picked up in a day. However, had the chairman of the school-board returned the day after his departure, Abbott Ashton would have met him at the station. Twice, in the opinion of Fran, the young man had failed her by allowing Grace's mind to flash to important discoveries along the path of his insulated remarks about the weather. This third test was more equal, since he was to deal with no Grace Noir—merely with a man.

As Littleburg had only one railroad, and it a "branch," it was not difficult to meet every train; moreover, Miss Sapphira's hasty notes from her brother kept Abbott advised. At first, Miss Sapphira said, "It will be a week," later—"Then days; more—and the business left like this!" Then came the final bulletin: "I may come tomorrow. Look for me when you see me."

What the secret was that Abbott must prevent Clinton from divulging, he did not care to guess; doubtless the picture of Gregory's past, with its face to the wall, might be inscribed, "Some other woman." For surely Grace Noir was some other woman.

With these thoughts, Abbott met the evening train, to see Robert Clinton

hastily emerge from the solitude he had endured in the midst of many.

Robert was in no pacific mood, and when he found himself almost in the arms of Abbott, his greeting was boisterous because impatient at being stopped. Abbott, knowing that Robert was not ordinarily effusive, thought, "He has the secret!"

Robert shook hands without delaying progress toward the waiting hack, bearing Abbott along on waves of greeting.

"But surely you are not going to ride!" Abbott expostulated.

"Business—very pressing—see you later."

"But I have business with you, Mr. Clinton, that can't wait. Come, walk with me to town and I'll explain; it'll delay you only a few minutes."

Like a restive horse on finding himself restrained, Robert Clinton lifted a leg without advancing. "Oh, very well," he agreed. "In fact, I've something important for you, old fellow, and I'll explain before I—before the—yes, before," he ended, turning his back with a smothered growl.

"Lucky I was at the station," Abbott exclaimed, "since you've something to tell me, Bob. What is it?" In thus addressing his old friend as "Bob" the young man was officially declaring that their relationship as teacher and school-director was for ever at an end, and they stood as man to man.

Clinton spoke rapidly, with his wonted brusqueness: "Guess you know I've been knocking about the country for the last three or four weeks—saw a good many old friends—a fellow can't go anywhere without meeting somebody he knows—curious, isn't it? Well, I've just got an opening for you. You know how sorry I am because we had to plump another teacher on to your job, but don't you worry if Fran did hold your hand—just you keep your hands in your pockets after this, when there's danger—say! I've got something lots better for you than Littleburg. School out in Oklahoma—rich—private man behind it—he owns the whole plant, and he's determined to run it to suit the new ideas. This rich man—chum of mine—went West, bought land, sat on it, got up with his jeans full of money. Wants you to come at once."

Abbott was elated. "What kind of new ideas, Bob?" he asked joyously.

"Of that impractical nonsense of teaching life instead of books. You know what I mean, but I don't think I do. Don't worry about it now—something terrible's on my mind—just awful! I can't think of anything else. What you want to do is to scoot out to Tahlelah, Oklahoma, to this address—here's his card—tell 'em Bob sent you—" He looked at Abbott feverishly, as if almost hoping Abbott would bolt for Tahlelah then and there. His broad red face was set determinedly.

"This news is splendid!" Abbott declared enthusiastically. "I had already applied for a country school; I was afraid I had lost out a whole year, on account of—everything. I must thank—"

"Abbott, I don't want to be thanked, I haven't got time to be thanked. Yonder's Hamilton Gregory's house and that's where I'm bound—good night—"

"But, Bob, I haven't told you my business—"

"I'll hear it later, old fellow—dear old fellow—I think a heap of you, old Abb. But I must go now—"

"No, you mustn't. Before you go into that house, we must have a little talk. We can't talk here—people are coming and going—"

"I don't want to talk here, bless you! I want to go in that house. My business is private and pressing." The gate was but a few yards away; he looked at it fixedly, but Abbott held his hand upon the agitated arm.

"Bob, what I have to tell you can't wait, and that's all about it. I won't keep you long, just turn down this alley with me, for it's a matter of life and death."

"Confound your life and death! My business is life and death, too."

At that moment, a light was turned on in Gregory's library, and Grace Noir was seen to pass the window.

Abbott's hand tightened on the other's arm, as he urged, "Down that alley, a nice dark place for talking—"

"Nice dark," he hanged!" growled Robert. "What business can you have with me that wouldn't wait till morn-

ing? Look here, I'm desperate!"  
"So am I," retorted Abbott. "Bob, you've been to Springfield."  
Robert Clinton snatched open the



"Business—Very Pressing—See You Later."

yard-gate, muttering, "That's my business."

"Miss Noir sent you to unearth a secret."

"Oh!" exclaimed Robert, in an altered tone, stopping in the gateway, "did she tell you about it?"

"No—but you've brought back that secret, and you must not tell it to Miss Noir."

"Not tell her? That's funny!" Robert produced a sound which he expected to pass as laughter. "So that's what you wanted to tell me, is it? Do you know what the secret is?"

"I do not. But you mustn't tell it."

"However, that's what I'm going to do, as soon as I reach that door—take your hand off, man, my blood's up, by George! Can't you see my blood's up? It's a-boiling, that's what it's doing! So all you want is to ask me not to tell that secret?"

"Not exactly all."

"Well, well—quick! What else?"

"To see that you don't tell it."

"How do you mean to 'see' that I don't tell it?"

"You will listen to reason, Bob," said Abbott persuasively.

"No, I won't!" cried Robert. "Not me! No, sir! I'm going to tell this minute."

"You shall not!" said Abbott, in a lower and more compelling tone. His manner was so absolute, that Robert Clinton, who had forced his way almost to the porch-steps, was slightly moved.

"See here, Abbott—say! Fran knows all about it, and you pretend to think a good deal of her. Well, it's to her interests for the whole affair to be laid open to the world."

"I think so much of Fran," was the low and earnest rejoinder, "that if I were better fixed, I'd ask her to marry me without a moment's delay. And I



"Is It Possible That Fran Is Mr. Gregory's Daughter?"

think enough of her, not to ask her to marry me, until I have a good position. Now it was Fran who asked me to see that you didn't betray the secret. And I think so much of her, that I'm going to see that you don't!"

For a moment Clinton was silent; then he said in desperation: "Where is your nice dark alley? Come on, then, let's get in it!"

When they were safe from interruption, Clinton resumed: "You tell me that Fran wants that secret kept? I'd think she'd want it told everywhere. This secret is nothing at all but the wrong that was done Fran and her mother. And since you are so frank about how you like Fran, I'll follow suit and say that I have asked Grace Noir to marry me, and I know I'll stand a better show by getting her out of the hypnotic spell of that miserable scoundrel who poses as a bleating sheep—"

Abbott interrupted: "The wrong done Fran? How do you mean?"

"Why, man, that—that hypocrite in wool, that weed that infests the ground, that—"

"In short, Mr. Gregory? But what about the wrong done Fran?"

"Ain't I telling you? That worm-eaten pillar of the church that's made me lose so much faith in religion that I ain't got enough left worth the postage stamp to mail it back to the revival meeting where it came from—"

"For heaven's sake, Bob, tell me what wrong Mr. Gregory did Fran!"  
"Didn't he marry Fran's mother when he was a college chap in Springfield, and then desert her? Didn't he marry again, although his first wife—Fran's mother—was living, and hadn't been divorced? Don't he refuse to acknowledge Fran as his daughter, making her pass herself off as the daughter of some old college chum? That's what he did, your choir-leader! I'd like to see that baton of his laid over his back; I'd like to lay it, myself."

It was impossible for Abbott to receive all this as a whole; he took up the revelations one at a time. "Is it possible that Fran is Mr. Gregory's daughter?"

"Oh, she's his, all right, only child of his only legal wife—that's why she came, thinking her father would do the right thing, him that's always praying to be guided aright, and balking whenever the halter's pulled straight."

"Then," Abbott stammered, "Mrs. Gregory is . . ."

"Yap; is with a question mark. But there's one thing she isn't; she isn't the legal wife of this pirate what's always a-preying upon the consciences of folks that thinks they're worse than him."

"As for Mr. Gregory," Abbott began sternly—

Robert pursued the name with a vigorous expletive, and growled, "One thing, Mr. Gregory has done for me, he's opened the flood-gates that have been so long dammed—yes, I say dammed—I say—"

"Bob," Abbott exclaimed, "don't you understand Fran's object in keeping the secret? It's on account of Mrs. Gregory. If she finds it out—that she's not legally married—don't you see? Of course it would be to Fran's interests—bless her heart! What a what a Nonpareil!"

"Tain't natural," returned Clinton, "for any girl to consult the interests of a woman that's supplanted her mother. No, Fran's afraid to have it told for fear she'd be injured by your cut-glass paragon, your religion-stuffed pillow that calls itself a man."

"Fran afraid? That's a joke! I tell you, she's thinking only of Mr. Gregory."

"I'm sorry for Mrs. Gregory," Robert allowed, "but Grace Noir is more to me than any other woman on earth. You don't see the point. When I think of a girl like Grace Noir living under the same roof with that—that—"

"Mr. Gregory," Abbott supplied.

"—And she so pure, so high, so much above us. . . . It makes me crazy. And all the time she's been breathing the same air, she's thought him a Moses in the Wilderness, and us nothing but the sticks. Think of her believing in that jelly pulp, that steel engraving in a Family Bible! No, I mean to open her eyes, and get her out of his spider's web."

"I see your point of view."

"You do if you have eyes. Think of that perfect angel—but just say Grace Noir and you've called all the virtues. And her in his house!"

"You still believe in angels?" inquired Abbott gravely.

"Yap; and devils with long sort-of-curly hair, and pretty womanish faces, and voices like molasses."

"But Fran wants Mrs. Gregory spared—"

"Abbott, when I think of Grace Noir spending one more night under the roof of that burrowing mole, that crocodile with tears in his eyes and the rest of him nothing but bone and gristle—"

"Bob, if I assure you that Miss Noir will never spend another day under his roof, will you agree to keep this discovery to yourself?"

"You can't make no such assurance. If she ain't put wise to what branch of the animal kingdom he twigs to, she'll not leave his roof."

"Bob, if the leaves that house in the morning, for ever, won't you agree to silence, for Mrs. Gregory's sake—and because Fran asks it?"

"Fran's another angel, bless her heart! But you can't work it."

"Leave it to me, Bob. I'll be guided by the spur of the moment."

"I need a bookkeeper at my store," Robert said, ruminating.

"I promise you that Miss Noir will soon be open to offers."

"See here, Abbott, I can't afford to lose any chances on this thing. I'm going to see the feathers fly. No—I don't want Mrs. Gregory to learn about it, any more than you or Fran; but I'll limit the thing to Grace—"

"She'd tell Mrs. Gregory."

"Don't you say anything against Grace Noir, Abbott, for though you are my friend—"

"I say nothing against her; I say only that she's a woman."

"Well," Clinton reluctantly agreed, "I reckon she is. I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll go with you into that wolf's den, and I'll let you do all the talking; and if you can manage things in half an hour—just thirty minutes by my watch—so that Grace leaves

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"Half an hour will do the business," said Abbott stoutly. "Come!"

"Be sure to call for Mr. Gregory by himself," said Robert, as they walked swiftly back to the Gregory residence. "If Grace comes into the room while we're talking, or Mrs. Gregory—"

"If they do," Abbott said quickly, "you are not to utter one word, not one about Springfield—you understand? It's a bargain, and I shall hold you to your word of honor."

"For half an hour I won't say a word," Clinton declared, "unless it's some word just drawn out of my bosom by the sight of that villain. Come!"

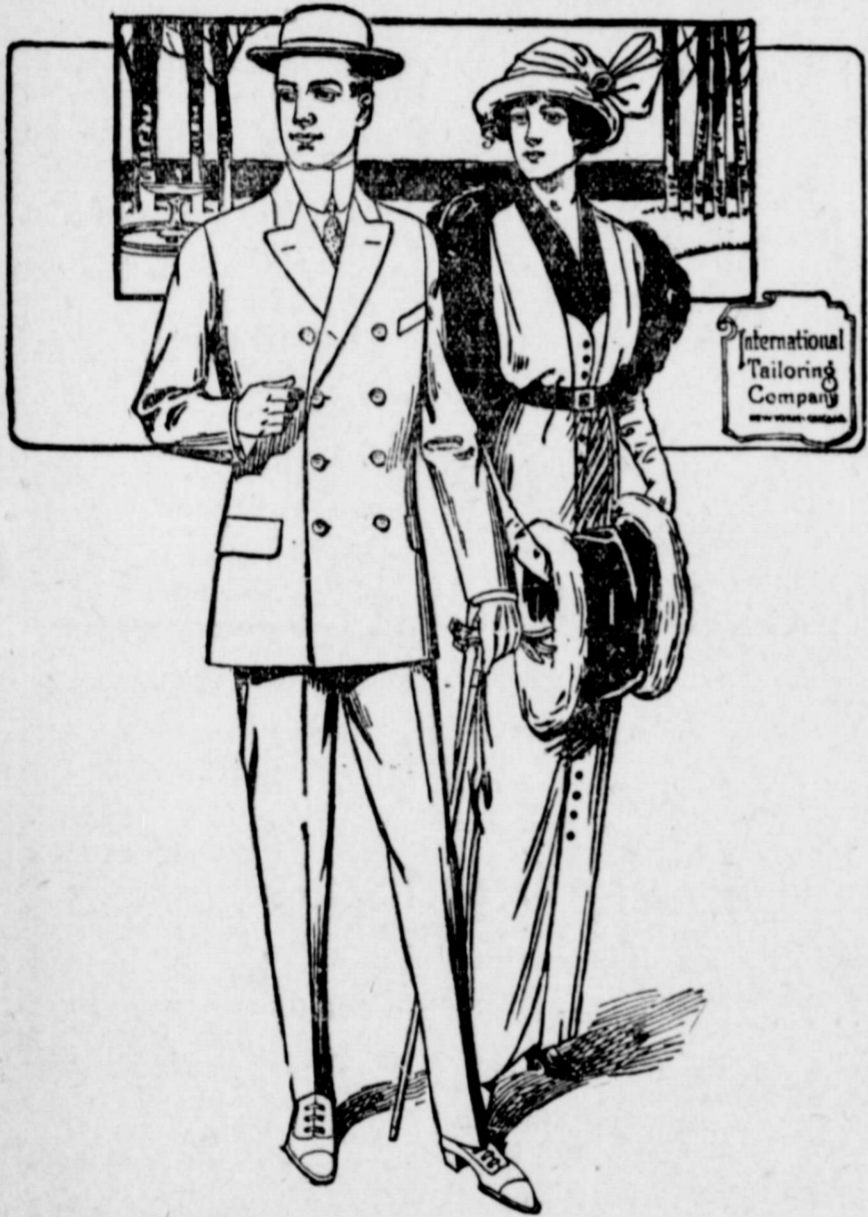
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**SHARP TAKES  
SHOT AT LIVELY**

Crockett, Texas, September 5.—Mr. Editor: Kindly permit me to reply as briefly as possible to some of Mr. Lively's general discourse. Anyone reading it closely will see that he jumps over and around all the points I made. I asked him if it was a fact that he drew \$3 a day as Commissioner on the Equalization Board, and during the same time drew \$3 a day for road attendance besides saving \$2 a day by boarding and feeding his horse at the road camp. He evades these questions, which I take as an admission that he was drawing all these per diem sums as charged.

In a general way he indulges in a lot of flim-flam flummery in answer to specific points. I made the assertion that he as commissioner, was approving bills of his road boss for \$4.50 per day for each team for which Commissioner Lively only allowed farmers \$3.50 per day for same work. Again, I repeat that he discriminates against the farmers who pay taxes, in favor of a man who does not live here and who does not pay taxes. All this fuzzle-guzzle about tools is moonshine and he knows it, as I had my own scrapers and tools.

He says every man working under his foreman is willing to work for \$3.50 per day per team. It is not so. He does it because he cannot get more and knows that he is entitled to as much per day per team as Lively's road boss. This discrimination is an outrage and all know it.

Mr. Lively says that he will part with his mule if he has received a dollar from Road District number three.

Mr. Lively may not appear on the pay roll as receiving money from District No. 3, but how much have you received of this same money through other sources? Deny it if you dare.

How about that commission on the steel and iron bridges that have been built? Then how many days were you drawing \$3. a day on the board of equalization and at the same time drawing \$3 a day on the roads besides the free grub and the free mule feed? And to make a long story short: Are you and have you been entitled to draw (legally) one cent from the day your family moved to Walker county and occupied the premises you bought in your own name in that county? Do you not know that your citizenship is where your family is? Has not your family been living at Dodge for more than six months?

Is it not a fact that you bought these places in your name? Did you not charter a car and load it with all your household effects, live stock, vehicles, implements, etc., and send them to Dodge? Is it not a fact that when you rented your place to B. Singleton in this county you reserved a room for appearances and that you have not stayed in that room as many as three times since your family moved? Is it not a fact moreover, that to strengthen your illegal claim to the office of Commissioner, you planted a small goober patch?

Is it not a fact Mr. Lively, that your two sons, Houston and Tyer, one 14 and the other 12 years old, are enrolled on the Walker County school list?

Don't you know that you could not enroll these children in

Walker County unless your home was in Walker County? Don't that fix the citizenship of your family as being in Walker County?

And does not the citizenship of your family in Walker county fix yours there?

Then how can you claim to be a citizen and commissioner of Houston county?

Don't you recall, Mr. Lively that formerly Mr. Kent vacated his office as commissioner because he had removed from one commissioner's precinct to another in Houston county?

How can you be entitled to hold the office, being a Walker county citizen?

No, Mr. Lively, you are not entitled to one cent—not only this, but the County Attorney or some other, should enter suit against you and your bondsmen to recover all that has been paid you since you put off your title as a citizen of Houston county.

Nor is that all! Is it not a shame and an outrage and a public scandal that a Walker county citizen should be permitted to hold the position of commissioner in Houston county? Bought a place there of some 200 acres more or less? Whose family is there? Whose children have been enrolled there? And Mr. Lively himself, hurries there as soon as the court adjourns and there he abides until the return of the day for the court to meet in regular session?

Now, isn't that a shame I repeat?

No, Mr. Lively, the court of which you are an illegal member, ought to rise in the exercise of their sworn duty to protect the interests of the people and put you out.

The people are investigating this matter for themselves. They are wondering why and how it is that with all these facts as they are, someone has not decided that you have no claim to this position through which you have been drawing illegal hundreds of dollars.

Is it any wonder that the peo

ple are talking about mass meetings and petitions with a view of asking the entire court to resign—if in the face of such facts this same court has not the courage and manhood to purge itself of foreign citizens?

Is it any wonder that the people of Walker county are laughing in their sleeves at the humiliating fact that there is no official body in Houston county with judicial capacity and courage to pass on a question of citizenship.

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#### League Programs

Leader—Marvin Gilbert.  
Subject—School and College Night.

Scripture References Read by Leader.

"Boys and Girls In City Streets." Zach. VIII. 5.

"Youth The Time of Faith." Eccles. XII. 1.

"But Thine Eyes Shall See Thy Teachers." Isa. XXX. 26.

"The Child Jesus Tarried Behind in Jerusalem." Luke II, 42-49.

Song by the League

Prayer

Who is my neighbor? — Miss Annie R Hollingsworth

Quartette — Messrs Garland, Gilbert, A Eand C D Owens

Roll Call

Benediction

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Leader—Adabel Leaverton

Opening song

Sentence prayer

Reading—Thelma Lee Clewis

Recitation—Mildred Haltom

Song—Carrie Spence, Mary White, Adalaide Selkirk

Reading—Ross Brock

Recitation—Paul Kent

Solo—Lucile Cagle

Roll call

Business session

Closing song

Benediction

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