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### "LITERARY CONVULSIONS"

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## FEBRUARY

For an editor to write a favorable treatise on February is about as easy as it is for him to help a pestilential old sinner through the pearly gates with an obituary full of lies, when the said old sinner owed the editor a subscription account that had been out-lawed by time. It's one redeeming feature is its brevity.

The month, however, is as full of action as a picnic party that has settled down on an ant hill. Embryo presidents, in their Friday afternoon exercises, will inform their schoolmates that Lincoln, the great eradicator, was born on the 12th, and later crossed the Delaware and became the father of his country, and that Washington died on the 22nd after discovering the Panama canal and freeing the slaves. The weather bureau, too, was born the 9th of February, 1870, and has been making and breaking promises ever since.

The fourteenth of the month will bring the same old tales of love, when girls, though large as elephants, are called a turtle dove; for valentines will ripen then, and pairs begin to spoon—the starting of some big events to culminate in June. The twenty-fifth will also bring respite—at least a while—from turkey trots, the bunny hug, and other dances wild, for Lent begins the twenty-fifth, to rest our weary lives, and men, perchance, may once more meet their daughters and their wives.

Seamless hose were invented Feb. 1, 1720—just 194 years before the invisible hose of today. The first pair of seamless hose were about half an inch thick and were worn as protection against cold. The modern hose are about as thick as a cigaret paper, split twice, and no one knows why they are worn.

The closing of the month will bring the candidates to light—an army of exalted men, who for us want to fight; they seek to bring salvation to the lowly of our kind, but after they're elected, our existence slips their mind.

### SILVER CREEK COMMUNITY

Feb. 1.—We are drifting along as usual. The agriculturists are busy at their farm work, holding fast to the bright star of hope—the great stimulant that pushes a man to his best efforts.

The calamity howlers of hard times have at last ceased howling. Staring fate in the face, they have at last gone to work. The general spirit of the country, we think, is on the improve for the good, and we hope that things will go our way this year.

Farmers in this community are very well up with their work and will be prepared when the time for planting comes.

We have had considerable sickness recently, and it still continues.

Mrs. John Douglass has been quite sick. She is now well.

Mrs. O. M. Betsil has been quite sick, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Dora Douglass has been real sick and is still on the sick list. Mack Betsil has had a very sick child. It is now better.

We hope health will soon be restored to all. As ever,  
OLD GRAY.

A fresh line of groceries at all times.  
Adv. W. R. Wherry.

### ANOTHER LY- CEUM NUMBER

The managers of the Lyceum Course for Grapeland announce that they will fill the number missed by Booth Lowery with the LeBarge Musical Co. This number will be here about March 6th.

The program to be presented by this company is versatile to a degree. Mr. LeBarge is a master on many instruments, while Miss Zimmer's piano playing and singing alone would make a splendid evening's entertainment. There is a great novelty in their program while at the same time only the best class of music is used. Watch for the advertising matter of this number and a more detailed announcement in these columns.

#### The Best Cough Medicine

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since I have been keeping house," says L. C. Hames, of Marbury, Ala. "I consider it one of the best remedies I ever used. My children have all taken it and it works like a charm. For colds and whooping cough it is excellent." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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TRY US

Everything in the feed line: ALFALFA HAY, BERMUDA HAY, SEED OATS, FEED OATS, CHOPS, BRAN and SHORTS. Your business will be appreciated.

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Come and take a Look at them

### PLOWS! .. PLOWS!

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Thanking one and all for the business you have given me in the past, and wishing all a prosperous new year, I am,  
Yours truly,

.....A. B. GUICE.....  
BLACKSMITH SHOP

## Special Bargains!

In order to make room for spring shipments, which will arrive soon, on SATURDAY and CONTINUING THROUGH NEXT WEEK we will offer some

ODD LOT SHOES  
and HATS  
for less than cost!

McLean & Riall  
THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE

## A Friend Indeed.

By the Foster Service

Though the chilly winds are blowing,  
Though it's freezing, sleeting, snowing,  
I don't care, for I am going  
Where one will my cares subdue.  
You may think it quite a fable  
When I say that Maude or Mable,  
Bessie, Kit or no such label  
Names the friend I go to woo.

Mine's a friend that's worth the keeping,  
And when evening shades are creeping,  
Then I go with spirits leaping,  
To my home and heart's delight.  
Though I know I've often wronged her,  
Still she makes my life seem longer  
And with use grows ever stronger,  
Ever sweeter, Dear Old Pipe!

### GEO. H. DENNY FOR COLLECTOR

As stated in the last issue of the Messenger, Geo. H. Denny is a candidate for tax collector to succeed himself. Mr. Denny has held this office one term, receiving the nomination by a good plurality over several strong opponents. Prior to that time he had served as chief deputy under the Goolsby administration. He is thoroughly acquainted with the duties of the office, and with the experience he has gained in the past two years, feels that he is better qualified than ever to render his constituents good service.

We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

#### Don't You Believe It

Some say that chronic constipation cannot be cured. Don't you believe it. Chamberlain's Tablets have cured others—why not you? Give them a trial. They cost only a quarter. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Jack Jones of New Mexico was here a few days last week mingling with his many old friends.

### Backache---Rheumatism Vanish Away

Men and women having headache, rheumatism, stiff and swollen joints are honestly glad to know that Foley Kidney Pills are successful everywhere in driving out these ills. That is because Foley Kidney Pills are a true medicine and quickly effective in all diseases that result from weak inactive kidneys and urinary irregularities. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

### A. S. MOORE FOR COUNTY CLERK

A. S. Moore authorizes the Messenger to announce his candidacy for County Clerk of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Mr. Moore is a native of Augusta, and enjoys a large circle of friends in every section of the county.

Two years ago he made the race for tax collector, and, though not receiving the nomination, made a good showing. He hopes to be able to make a little better showing this time and get the nomination for clerk.

He is at present principal of the school at Porter Springs, and is recognized as one of the leading educators of the county.

He is thoroughly qualified for clerk and asks the support of the people, pledging his best efforts to the discharge of the duties of the office if elected.

Chest pains and a dry, hacking cough should be treated with Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken internally, and a Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster applied to the chest. Buy the dollar size Horehound Syrup; you get a Porous Plaster free with each bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Dr. W. B. Taylor of Latexo was here Monday.

Itching of the skin anywhere on the body stops instantly when rubbed with Ballard's Snow Lintment. One or two applications cures permanently. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

## IS OPPOSED TO SALOONS

After reading about the burning of the saloon petition at Creek last week, some of our friends ask the Courier how it stands on voting the saloons back into Houston county. The Courier announced during the campaign two years ago that it favored the county plan of adopting prohibition. Experience and observation teach us that local option or prohibition backed by local sentiment is a success. It is a practical success in Houston county. The Courier opposes the return of the saloons to Houston county. There was a time when the Courier did not favor their removal from Crockett, but at that time there were saloons at Lufkin, Nacogdoches, Tyler, Willis and Conroe. These have all disappeared under the local option plan and they are to disappear by agreement from Palestine next year. The prohibition laws have been greatly strengthened and protected by legislation since the local option campaign in Houston county. We hear of petitions being circulated in Houston county for a county prohibition election, but the editor has not seen any of them and would not sign one if presented. The Courier is not only opposed to a return of the saloons, but is opposed to a prohibition election.—Crockett Courier.

### WHEN OUT OF SORTS START YOUR LIVER WORKING

No Matter What Ails You, Dodson's Liver Tone is Usually a Big Help in Getting Well. Avoid Calomel.

Nine times out of ten, when you are ill or out of sorts, your liver is out of order and getting it in order again will make you feel better. When your liver is sluggish and torpid and you are constipated and bilious, it is impossible to feel well.

There was a time when a great number of people took calomel when so troubled. But this is not true today. It has become widely known that calomel often has bad after-effects and is even dangerous to many. The use of Dodson's Liver Tone instead of calomel has spread wonderfully because it has proved so beneficial in so many households.

Porter's drug store recommends and guarantees Dodson's Liver Tone instead of calomel and guarantees to refund purchase price (50c) to you instantly without question if you are not perfectly pleased with the way in which it relieves you from constipation, sick headache, biliousness, etc. It "liven's the liver" and is a pleasant-tasting, vegetable liquid, easy to take and causes no pain, no gripe, no bad results, no change from your regular duties and habits.

To test Dodson's Liver Tone is a sensible matter because you get your money back if you are not satisfied. Adv.

Ira Sullivan and family, who have been living at Itasca for the past several years, have returned to the Grapeland community to make their home.

If you have dizzy spells, attacks of momentary blindness, with ringing noises in the ears it is an unerring sign of a torpid liver; a condition which brings on some serious sickness—if neglected. Herbine is a powerful liver tonic. It puts strength and activity into the liver, purifies the bowels and restores a feeling of health, vigor and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

## Community Co-Operation

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Natural advantages do not make a great state or a great nation. Some of the richest countries of the globe are inhabited by some of the most worthless and most desolate peoples. In semi-tropical climates where fruit ripens and falls ready to be consumed, the natives are so lazy that they won't even shake the trees to make it drop. Their few wants are easily supplied. A brush arbor will do for a shelter, a loin cloth for clothing, bananas and coconuts for food. They prefer to lead lives of indolence and ease rather than possess themselves of the many good things they might have by small exertions.

New England is naturally one of the most bleak and barren sections of America. It was settled by English Puritans who were industrious, frugal and thrifty. They made the most of their own resources and then branched out to trade with the outside world. We all know the result. New England became rich and powerful and has wielded a tremendous influence on American life and manners from the beginning to the present time. Suppose the early settlers of that section had spent their time in bewailing the fate which had cast them on that rugged and inhospitable coast instead of on the fertile shores of Louisiana or in sun-kissed Texas. By such a course they might have easily wrecked their own lives and

have bred a race of weaklings who would have soon disappeared from the view of men.

There are many towns and communities here in the Southwest that fail to accomplish anything because they haven't the right class of citizens. The prevailing note is one of doubt and pessimism. No enterprise can be started that is not already doomed to failure according to these gloomy prognosticators. And for this very reason most of the enterprises do fail for they are talked to death before they can be got under way. I dare say there isn't a small town or a country community in the entire Southwest that could not be vastly improved within the next year if the people would only work together for the common good. And a majority of these same towns and communities might be made over in a few years time if there was the proper spirit of cooperation among their citizens.

You had as well quit talking about the weather and wanting to move; just get down to bed rock and go to work and try to make your community one of the favored spots. If you can't get the neighbors to work together for the common good, start at home and try to make that a model of comfort and convenience. That will help some, and at least convince others that you are in dead earnest about the proposition.—R. K. Phillips.

### What Happened to a Bale of Cotton

Groesbeck, Texas.—William S. Cates, one of Limestone county's leading cotton planters and a prominent member of the Farmers' Union, who has for several years been studying marketing conditions, has unearthed some mammoth inequalities in our system of selling cotton—our leading farm commodity. Last July when Mr. Cates marketed his first bale of cotton it brought 11c, and he inclosed a note inside the bagging requesting that the spinner write him fully regarding the final disposition of the staple. Mr. Cates received a letter from August Tetrue, owner of the largest cotton mill in Schweizerth, Saxony, stating that the cotton was purchased by that concern at 19 1-2c per pound, that it would be manufactured into yarn, weaved into hose and sold back to Texas and other American trade at a price to the ultimate consumer many times in excess of the original price of 11c. The letter also requests information regarding the number of cotton mills in Texas and asks for data pertaining to a location for a mill in this state.

Bright's Disease is more dreaded by physicians than any of the serious disorders with which they have to deal because of its insidious and malignant character. If prompt action were taken when headaches, urinary disorders, digestive troubles first appear, much suffering and sorrow would be averted. Prickly Ash Bitters will quickly stop the spread of the disease, quiet the inflammation, heal the kidneys and bladder, strengthen and regulate the liver, and drive poisons and impurities out of the system. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Ladies' work a specialty. Clewis, the Tailor. Adv.

### Clever Advertising

In Youngstown, Ohio, lives a grocer with a personality. He is an advertising grocer, who writes his own advertisements, and some of them are unique. Here is a recent one:

"Some of you people give me a pain about the high cost of living. You don't know any more about it than my kid, nine months old. All she knows is to throw my watch on the floor, pull my hair, coax me for pennies to buy candy."

"I have the most up-to-date poultry farm in the country. I have the best laying strain of hens in the country. I employ the best men that money can hire. It costs me nearly \$2 a dozen to produce fresh eggs at the present time. I charge you about one-fourth of the amount, yet you say I am robbing you."

"I'm selling you strictly fancy Florida oranges at fifteen and twenty cents a dozen. The poor farmer that raised them, after paying for the picking and packing, gets about ten cents a box. The railroad company gets the balance."

"You rush over to the opera house, pay \$2 for a seat, to see some chickens and old hens show their legs and shapes. That is all right. You rush down to the millinery store, pay about \$20 for a hat, the first cost of which is about \$3; that's all right, you get a swell hat. You pay \$50 for a chiffon dress, nothing to it. I can put it in my overcoat pocket, but its the style, it's all right."

"But when it comes to something to eat—you have a fit. Take my advice, take care of your stomach."—Ex.

When Ballard's Snow Lintment is rubbed in for rheumatic aches and pains, it reaches the spot quickly and the relief is very gratifying. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

### WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

It is a sure sign that something is wrong with your kidneys, you should take

## PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A POWERFUL KIDNEY REMEDY

It is a kidney tonic and liver stimulant of the highest order. It relieves the strain on the suffering kidneys, puts new life in the torpid liver, helps digestion, eases the aching back and makes you feel well and strong again.

Sold by Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo.

A. S. PORTER, SPECIAL AGENT

## DO YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR MEAT?

?

If so, just come to Porter's Drug Store and purchase a dollar bottle of

### FIGARO MEAT PRESERVAR

which will preserve 400 pounds of meat and do it better than the old fashioned method of smoking it with hickory. Yours for satisfaction,

**Porter's Drug Store**

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If you have any blood or skin disease do not delay until it is too late but

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## NORTON'S WOLF DECIDES

By DON LA GRANGE.

An incident and a rumor had set the village of Coldwater a-buzzing.



He would keep the animal until a circus came along.

To keep children away from the stables it was given out that the animal had killed and eaten no less than five different persons, and was on the watch for others.

It was declared that if he should break his way out of his cage, the slaughter would be something terrible.

The rumor that Miss Jessie Payne was hesitating between two lovers had some foundation. She was not engaged to young Stephen Allaire of the village bank, but everybody said it would make a match. For months he had had no rival. Then young Albert Morton came from the city to visit relatives. He had been introduced to Miss Jessie and had fallen in love.

One evening the livery stable man received a caller whom he was surprised to see. It was Mr. Allaire, and in a careless way he asked:

"What about that wolf you have here?"

"Oh, he's a wolf, all right," was replied.

"I hear he is a very savage beast." "You just ought to see him attack a piece of beef."

"If he were muzzled he might be let out?"

"Bless you, man, he don't need any muzzle on to walk the street. He is no more dangerous than an old hen. He's an old wolf on his last legs. He was born in captivity, and has played with children for years. I have to tell of his savageness to keep the children away."

"Mr. Norton," said the young man after drawing a long breath, "if I should want to take your wolf for a walk this evening—"

"Take him right along."

At seven o'clock that evening the skaters began to gather on the pond, and at the same hour came the report that Mr. Norton's wolf had escaped from his cage, and was roaming about. He had already bitten old Mrs. Johnson and Deacon Skinner, and other victims would be heard of. The skaters began leaving the pond. They didn't propose to take any such risks. The last of them were just leaving when Miss Jessie Payne and Mr. Albert Morton came down to the pond and heard the news.

"Why, if that is so then we can't go," said Mr. Morton.

"But why can't we?" was asked.

"Look at the risk! That wolf may be here at any minute!"

"And he may not be here before next summer!"

"But if he is loose he will certainly make for the pond."

"Then let him come. You can protect me from one old wolf!"

"But he is a savage animal, Miss Payne."

"I came down here to skate, Mr. Morton, and it will take more than one old wolf to drive me home again. If you are afraid—"

"Oh, no, no, no! It is solely on your account."

"But you needn't mind me. Come on!"

Away they went up the river, side by side, she smiling contemptuously and he glancing back over his shoulder at brief intervals with an awful dread in his heart. It was an inherited fear, and he could not control it. Of a sudden, after one of his glances back, he caught the girl by the arm and almost shrieked out:

"The wolf! The wolf! He is after us!"

"He can't be!" she replied.

But he was, and if they had looked a little closer they might have made out a skater not far behind the animal.

"He's coming! He's coming!" shouted the reverend man as he twisted the

girl about in his excitement.

"Then fight him off!" Three seconds later Mr. Morton was skating for the shore, and alone! The wolf came up and began circling the girl, as if preparatory to a spring, but before he had closed in the skater arrived and stretched him dead with a bullet from his pistol.

"Oh, Stephen!"

"Is this you, Jessie?"

The next morning Mr. Morton went home. He had neither excuses nor farewells. In two months Miss Jessie Payne became Stephen Allaire's wife.

## HOME TOWN HELPS

### KEEPING THE STREETS RIGHT

Matter That Should Appeal to Every Taxpayer, From Its Point of Economy.

Nothing so nearly approaches the hearts of the citizens of any community as the condition of the streets, as they are ever before us, and it is for this reason that the taxpayers cannot spend their money more wisely than to keep the streets in first-class condition. This is essential not only from an esthetic point of view and to take care of the traffic, but the character and condition of the street paving is one of the most important factors in connection with the valuation of abutting property.

In other words, statistics have proved that the valuation of property always increases when a new street pavement has been laid and is in first-class condition, and, to a certain degree, gradually decreases when the street pavement is neglected and in poor condition. This has been illustrated time and time again in cities throughout this country. There are many reasons for this, and the following are a couple of illustrations:

In the first place, if the pavement is in first-class condition it is easily cleaned, and a clean street always adds to the appearance of the street and of course benefits the abutting property. Secondly, it is always desirable from a sanitary point of view, whereas, when the pavement is in very poor condition it is almost impossible to clean it and it becomes insanitary, which naturally would have a tendency to hurt the valuation of the abutting property.

It is only within the last few years that the public has appreciated the numerous benefits to be derived from good pavements, and they are becoming more and more critical and are demanding more money to be spent on and more attention paid to the pavements. The accompanying photographs bring out the general appearance of the streets both before and after laying the new paving in such a way that it must be very evident to anyone that the valuation of property both from a renting and selling point of view must be very much bettered after the streets have been paved.

This subject could be gone into in much more detail, but it is unnecessary, as generally speaking today the public appreciates the very great importance of keeping the streets in good condition and must realize that any money spent for this purpose is a wise expenditure.

### Old Measurements of Time.

Sand glasses for measuring time were made as soon as the art of blowing glass had been perfected by the people of Byzantium. These glasses were used for all sorts of purposes, for cooking and for making speeches, but their most important use was at sea. In order that one's position at sea might be figured, it was important in those early days to know the vessel's speed. The earliest method was to throw over a heavy piece of wood of a shape that resisted being dragged through the sea, and with a string tied to it. The string had knots in it and the block of wood was called a log. The knots were so arranged that when one of them ran through one's fingers in a half minute measured by a sand glass it indicated that the vessel was going at the speed of one nautical mile in an hour.

### Neighborly Consideration.

"I heard your baby crying nearly all night. What was the matter with it?" "I think she wanted me to get up and carry her around, but I was afraid if I did you'd be disturbed by hearing me tramping the floor over your head."

### Unconventional.

"She is so unconventional." "Yes, I asked her out to dinner a few evenings ago, and she didn't say when we had sat down at the table that she didn't feel the least bit hungry."



Better cookies, cake and biscuits, too. All as light, fluffy, tender and delicious as mother used to bake. And just as wholesome. For purer Baking Powder than Calumet cannot be had at any price. Ask your grocer.

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

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It's Safe for  
Children

CONTAINS  
NO  
OPIATES

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For Coughs and Colds

# THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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**Publisher's Notice**—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2-1/2c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

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

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THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 1914

## BETTER USE OF SCHOOL HOUSES

The interest that is now being manifested in the improvement of the rural schools of the South and Southwest is commendable. The sentiment for better schools, more efficient teaching and a wider use of the school buildings cannot fail to crystallize into definite improvement.

The social center idea is rapidly being disseminated, many communities having lately begun these meetings. The wasteful plan of leaving our school buildings closed so much of the time should not, and we believe will not, be tolerated. Social center meetings are a means of utilizing the schoolhouses for social, political and religious services as well as for the few hours per week to instruct the children.

Let us make our schoolhouses centers of education, refinement and encouragement to those whose opportunities have been limited. Libraries, lectures, music, declamations and neighborhood meetings are all factors for rural progress and every community in the country may have them if the people so desire.—Farm and Ranch.

Col. Tom Ball of Houston has assumed the attitude of "Barkis is willing."

Street car companies are putting on lower steps to accommodate women with narrow skirts, but they neglect to raise the roofs to fit the hat plumes.

Secretary Tumulty's idea of growing fruit trees along city streets will not work. There's too much satisfaction in swiping things from the back yard.

Some people are still kicking about the income tax, in spite of the fact that paying one is the cheapest method of acquiring social standing.

The Wisconsin eugenics law has been held unconstitutional. A fellow in that state can now go courting without carrying his clinical thermometer.

The apathy of the postoffice officials in appointing a postmaster for Grapeland is grinding on the nerves of some of our "brass collar" democrats. As far as we are concerned, they can let the postmastership go if they will give us a regional reserve bank.

## Bible Is More Widely Recognized Than Ever

By REV. DR. FRANK E. WILSON  
Pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Chicago

Many of us can recall that some years ago there was a cry, persistent and widely echoed, that the Bible had been disproved, was untrustworthy, that its records were inconsistent with science, archaeology, history and common sense, and would be discarded as a relic of outworn credulity.

But the situation has notably changed. So-called contradictions have been found unreal. From a constructive standpoint the Bible is more widely recognized than ever. No man is considered educated unless he has a knowledge of this book.

According to the latest authentic returns from publishers the Bible is the "best seller" on the market today.

The bugbear of "higher criticism" has been laid to rest. Its radical claims have been modified and its net results are a gift to the world of a context of historic investigation in which the Bible has an enriched value and deeper meaning than ever before.

Its rough treatment at the hands of its critics has been the dispelling of superstitions about it. There is, to be sure, a sacrilegious handling of the Bible that is degrading, but there is in human nature also a "fearsome awe" which can overcome superstition.

We want a sane, healthy, reverent approach to this book of books. Use it right and it will bring you patience, comfort and hope.

Emphasis upon the Bible comes to us at a time when the majority of our popular literature is of a questionable character. It caters too much to the morbid, sensational, abnormal side of life. It is unhealthy.

Contrast this vicious and neurotic type of modern literature with the sweet spirit of patience and hope generated by the Bible. Some day the world will sicken of the lurid appeals to its unwholesome weaknesses, and hungry souls will return to be fed at the hand of omnipotence.

They are killing Mexicans at the rate of 100 per day. The arithmetic editor figures it out that stable government will be restored in Mexico in precisely 372 years, 9 months and 22 days.

There are some republican editors, East and West, who will never forgive Woodrow Wilson for not starting a panic.—Galveston News.

And there are a lot of democrats scattered over the country who will be keenly disappointed because they can't say "I told you so!"

Will H. Mayes, announced candidate for governor, and Cullen F. Thomas, unannounced candidate for governor, held a conference in Dallas last week discussing the "elimination," and in reporting it the Galveston News says: "Mr. Mayes and Mr. Thomas met in the offices of Meador & Davis in the afternoon and were closeted alone for three years." Now, of course that was a split on the News' part, but we'll bet a Grapeland 'possum that Mr. Thomas wishes he could keep Mr. Mayes in a closet for the next six months, anyway.

## GOOD ROAD PARAGRAPHS

Good roads are the links that will connect the model home and the model country school.

Good roads will fill the seats in the churches, and will double the attendance in country schools.

Good roads will add wealth to the farm, prosperity to its owners and happiness and contentment in the home.

Good roads will enlarge the school buildings, raise the grades and enable the boys and girls to have an academic education at home.

Good roads will enable the man in the country to get to town, where he can realize the best price for his products. They will afford the city man the opportunity of getting pure air and God's glorious sunshine at will. Good roads will add to the happiness of all.

Wherry offers good fresh merchandise on the policy of "Quick Sales, Small Profits and The Golden Rule Applied to Business." You should do your trading there. Adv.

## RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, Feb. 2.—Thirty-two days of the new year have past. Twenty-seven were ours and five the Lord's. All of ours but one were good, open weather and all but one of the Lord's were fine. So no one can complain of the Lord not being equal in regard to weather.

Wednesday's wind gave the new ground folks more work to do, but it is so dry a fire touched to most of the logs will save many hard lifts.

Last Friday was hog killing day down here, and when the meat is safe we are ready for warm weather.

Today is "ground-hog day" and from the looks of the morning he will not get to see his shadow all day. At least, it is reasonable to expect some extreme cold weather in the next two weeks.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and some of their children with us in Sunday school yesterday.

J. A. Allen, wife and son, little John Chiles, Lenard Kent and family visited at J. L. Chiles' Sunday.

W. F. West and family visited Geo. Allen's yesterday.

W. D. Taylor and Miss Jewel spent the day at O. M. Rials'.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eaves were in our community yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim West have moved and are keeping house to themselves.

Those who were and are on the sick roll are improving.

A fellow sure does have to be careful about what he writes or publishes. We felt sure some of the union men would call the editor to task about that pow-wow for the word carries with it a whole lot of fuss.

Grapeland ought to be a better place now, since the "devil" has gone to Tyler, but are sure he will be better prepared to "raise cane" when he comes back. It may not be hard for the editor to find another, even in Grapeland; however, will keep an eye on him and hope for him much good. ZACK.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Caskey have the sympathy of the entire community on account of the death of their baby which occurred Tuesday night.

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and  
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I now have for sale Frost-Proof Cabbage Plants of the following varieties:

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These plants are grown from premier brands of seed and are the best money can produce. I sell them at 25c per hundred delivered by parcel post, or 20c per hundred at the hot-beds, and I replace, FREE OF CHARGE, all that are killed by the cold. These plants are all strong and vigorous, and will produce heads, and are guaranteed not to seed

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We Carry in Stock and Offer for Sale the Following:

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th, 1914:

For County Clerk:

O C Goodwin (Re-election)  
A S Moore

For Sheriff:

R J (Bob) Spence

For Tax Collector:

Geo H Denny (Re-election)

For Commissioner of Precinct No. 1—

Oscar Dennis

## LOCAL NEWS

**Hay, chops and oats at Darsey's.** Adv.

You can save money at J. N. Parker's Cost Sale. Adv.

Why don't you trade at Wherry's? Adv.

**Stalk cutters at Darsey's.** Adv.

T. S. Kent transacted business this week in Houston.

**Your eggs will buy more at Darsey's.** Adv.

Shoes for the family and at prices that will interest you. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

Messrs. J. A. Adams and Ross Murchison spent Sunday in Lovelady.

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

Investigate the prices at Parker's Cost Sale. You will be surprised at the many values offered. Adv.

See our new line of hair switches, 34 inches long. They are beauties. Kennedy Bros. (Advertisement.)

Parker's Cost Sale has saved lots of dollars to people who have been trading there during the sale. It will continue a while longer, but you had better go there today, for the stock is going fast. Adv.

For driving out dull bilious feeling, strengthening the appetite and increasing the capacity of the body for work, Prickly Ash Bitters is a golden remedy A. S. Porter, Special Agent. (Advertisement.)

## Take our Advice

AND START AN ACCOUNT WITH US

This can be done with a deposit of ONE DOLLAR at any time.

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**The GUARANTY STATE BANK**  
GUARANTY FUND BANK

**Steel breaking plows at Darsey's.** Adv.

See The Messenger for all kinds of legal blanks.

**Take your peas to Darsey's.** Adv.

J. R. Richards spent Sunday in Trinity with his brother.

**Just received--a car of flour at Darsey's.** Adv.

A. R. Baker of Elkhart, Route 2, paid us a pleasant call Saturday.

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

Just received a fresh car of hay, chops, bran and flour at Wherry's. Prices right. Adv.

**Kelly plows, points, landslides and extras at Darsey's.** Adv.

Albert Gainey, who is teaching at Creek, came up Friday night, returning Sunday morning.

### For Sale

1 thoroughbred Jersey male, 2 years old. Adv. M. E. Bean.

J. F. Bridges has our thanks for the renewal of J. Warren at Koenton, Ala.

**John Deere breaking plows, planters & cultivators at Darsey's.** Adv.

Ginghams! Ginghams! See the big shipment at our store. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

P. H. Williams of Route 2, and C. A. Mills, living east of town, paid us a visit Saturday.

Osborn Gloves! Inside for comfort, outside for wear—75c to \$2.00. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

### Wood For Sale

Seasoned—dry—stove and heater wood for sale. Adv. BEN BROOKS.

### Mebane Planting Seed

For sale. Anyone wishing any see or write, Mrs. Lucy Willis, Grapeland, Route 3. Adv.

### Notice

Johnnie Boy, the blue mammoth jack, will hold his stand at the same place this season. Fee \$10. Come and see him. If you are not pleased there is no harm done. See me for rules or any particulars. O. Z. Bean, Adv. Route 1.

Earle Adams of Crockett was here on business Friday.

Miss Arline Howard visited friends in Lovelady Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Watkins of Athens visited relatives in Grapeland a few days last week.

Trade at the Golden Rule store and make your money do double duty. Adv. W. R. Wherry.

Trunks and suit cases if you are going away—any price you may want. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

### Dental Notice

Dr. C. L. Moore, the dentist of Georgia, will soon be in Grapeland to do dental work. Watch for further announcement. Adv.

The Cost Sale is still in progress at J. N. Parker's and many people have availed themselves of the opportunity to lay in a supply of good merchandise at cheap prices. If you have not been there, go today and see the wonderful values offered. Adv.

The Messenger received a pleasant call Saturday from Ben Masters, who formerly lived here, but now living near Lovelady. He came up with his family Friday night to spend a few days visiting and looking after some business matters.

The man who was "born tired" should use Prickly Ash Bitters. It makes work a necessity to give vent to the energy and exuberance of spirits generated by functional activity in the system. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. (Advertisement.)

Rev. J. H. Whitescarver, an old and highly respected citizen of this community died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Kyle, in the Daly's community. Deceased was about eighty-five years old. The remains were buried in the Daly's cemetery Wednesday evening by the Grapeland Masonic Lodge, of which he was a charter member.

### An Error Corrected

John Luce came in to see us Saturday and informed us that the Messenger was in error in stating that his supply of cabbage was exhausted; that we misunderstood what he said and that he has plants sufficient to supply all those who want them up until about the 20th of this month. We gladly make the correction.

### Junior League Program

Leader—Adelaide Selkirk. Opening song by League. Prayer. Reading—Carrie Spence. Song—Alta Kershner, Mable Boykin, Rena Ross Richards. Reading—Marvin Matney. Roll Called. Business session. Closing song. Benediction.

The Woodmen of the World and several neighbors gathered at Josiah Caskey's Monday and gave him a day's work, breaking his land and getting it ready for planting. About thirty-five Woodmen participated in the work. Mr. Caskey has had so much sickness in his family recently that he is behind with his work. After finishing their task at Mr. Caskey's, the workers broke five acres of ground for Mrs. Homer Gee.

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	Poll Tax	Exam Cert
Augusta.....	171.....	
Antioch.....	104.....	1
Ash.....	89.....	2
Crockett.....	458.....	14
Crockett.....	425.....	8
Ratcliff.....	277.....	1
Creek.....	86.....	
Daly's.....	134.....	1
Daniel.....	42.....	
Dodson.....	53.....	
Freeman.....	87.....	
Grapeland.....	458.....	7
Holly.....	68.....	
Kennard.....	199.....	4
Lovelady.....	357.....	8
Percilla.....	81.....	
Arbor.....	97.....	
Porter Springs.....	107.....	1
Shiloh.....	75.....	
Tadmor.....	38.....	1
Weches.....	103.....	
Volga.....	74.....	1
Weldon.....	166.....	2
Tyer's Store.....	37.....	
Belott.....	94.....	
Total.....	3880.....	51

### Junior Endeavor Program

Subject—The Beatitudes. Opening Song No. 100. Scripture Reading, Matt. 5:4. Prayer. Song No. 166. Reading—Bess Boykin. Recitation—Owena Johnson. Duet—Beatrice Parker, Adabel Leaverton. Talks by Leader—"What To Do With Our Troubles." Reading—Arnold Clewis. Song No. 97. Roll Call. Closing Song No. 136.

### Peas Wanted At Once

I will pay you \$1.50 per 100 for your peas in the hull, and would be glad to buy all you have to sell in the next few days, as I want to thrash out and ship what I have. See me TODAY about your peas. Adv. J. W. HOWARD.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT COZY THEATRE

Benefit of the Home Mission Society, Friday night, February 13, at 7:30.

"A Valentine party we'll have at the Cozy,

'Twould give us great pleasure, of course, if you'd come,

Below you'll find printed the hour and date,

So please be on hand and you'll then learn your fate."

"His Old Sweethearts."

Fortune Telling and other amusements.

3 reels of good pictures. Friday evening, Feb. 13, at 7:30.

Admission 10c and 20c. Adv.

## OSCAR DENNIS IS A CANDIDATE

Oscar Dennis of Percilla authorizes his announcement in this paper for Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Dennis has gone over the situation thoroughly and has given due consideration to the matter before making his announcement. He was strongly solicited to make the race by his many friends throughout the precinct, who believed he was the logical man for the place. His qualifications are A1, and if elected he will give the people good service and a square deal.

Give his candidacy due consideration before committing yourself.

### Buying To Save Money

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# PUBLIC ROADS

## EXPENSE SHOULD BE DIVIDED

Railroads Should Share With Farmer Cost of Building and Proper Maintenance of Roads.

(By HOWARD H. GROSS.)

In a large sense the building of a road should be a local matter; that is, no community should have good roads forced upon them, and the building of the roads should not begin until the majority of the people living in a community want to undertake it. Let the voters of the township or the county press the button that puts the machinery in action.

It also would be well to remember that the roads are public property and belong to everyone. The farmers ought not to pay all the taxes for building and maintaining the roads, they are the feeders for the railway lines. It is all important to the railways that the highways shall be kept



A Sandy Road After Grading Before Improvement With Crushed Stone in Town of Delton, Sauk County, Missouri.

in condition so the delivery of freight will be equalized. There is no reason why the railroads should not be taxed to help build the county roads. The same may be said of the manufacturer and the city merchant who are doing business with the farmers; their interests are bound up in his interests. If one suffers, both suffer. The United States is a great big family, and what we need is family prosperity; those things done that make for the best good of all concerned. There is nothing that contributes more to this than good highways. They enrich country life and make the farm home more pleasant. It would be hard to conceive of a more delightful existence than to live upon a good farm with all modern conveniences—light, heating and sanitation—located upon a well-built highway, and therefore accessible to the market town at any day in the year, the trip being made speedily and with comfort.

Investigation shows that at least four-fifths of the traffic on the highways passes over about one-fourth of the road mileage; that certain roads have heavy traffic. These are the ones that need the first attention and should be permanently improved. We find the same thing in our railway systems. Take the trunk lines. Here is a great city where trains are moving every thirty minutes, and with an enormous traffic and wear. These roads must have heavy rails, well ballasted and carefully maintained, while a pioneer road has a single track with light rails and ballast—it is the



Same Road After Macadamizing.

only one possible to build for the small traffic that will at first come to it, but as the traffic increases so the physical condition of the road is correspondingly improved to meet the requirements. The highways in the central west do not meet the needs of the people, but the people do not always realize this. We are too apt to get along with what

we have, without looking to getting something better. One of the surprising things about this whole road movement is that one state will have a large amount of splendid roads and the adjoining state few, if any. Indiana and Illinois are notable instances of this. Nearly 40 per cent. of the "Hoosier" highways are improved and most of these are splendid roads, while in Illinois the percentage is seven or eight per cent. Can anyone imagine a reason why the people of Indiana can afford good roads, while their neighbors in Illinois cannot? This is an absurd situation.

## HAD RIGHT BREAKFAST IDEA

In Days When Overeating Was Common, Englishman's Menu Was Worthy of Praise.

Queen Elizabeth, it is said, ate several kinds of salt fish, and sometimes beef and mutton for breakfast, and then topped off with a good deal of wine and ale. Of course, she lived in the days before tea and coffee and chocolate were used in England—hence the alcoholic beverage for breakfast. Most of Elizabeth's subjects ate as grossly at breakfast as she did, and it is our habit to believe that there were no old-time advocates of the light breakfast which most of us have come to accept as the normal one today.

But at the time of Elizabeth there lived one Dr. Tobias Venner who was an ardent advocate of the light breakfast. In fact, good old Doctor Venner advocated no breakfast at all for those whose work in life was not especially active. To those whose work was active Doctor Venner was somewhat lenient and advised a little breakfast. Says he:

"If any man desire a light, nourishing and comfortable breakfast, I know none better than a couple of poached eggs, seasoned with a little sauce and a few corns of pepper, eating therewith a little bread and butter, and drinking after a good draught of claret wine."

Substitute coffee for claret wine and you have a breakfast which a physician of the day might recommend to a man who has been overeating.

## SEEMED PLEADING FOR LIFE

Dog's Last Hours Indefinitely Postponed When He Obeyed Advice to Say His Prayers.

A little dog, unlicensed, had been found in the streets and taken to the pound. He was an affectionate animal, and greatly endeared himself to all about the place. They called him Chum, and he joyfully responded whenever his name was spoken. As the days passed, other poor, homeless dogs were put to death. Finally came Chum's last day of grace, and no one had come to claim him.

The next morning dawned, and the man who was to kill Chum called him into the yard. Chum danced and wagged his tail, no doubt thinking something good was in store for him. The man then said, "Well, Chummy, your time has come. You'd better say your prayers."

Immediately the little forepaws were crossed, the little head bowed, and Chum said his prayers. As the little body was still in this attitude of reverence a step was heard. The attendant looked up and saw the superintendent standing there. There were tears in the eyes of each.

Chum is still living; but instead of being nobody's dog he is now everybody's. —Sunday Magazine of the Chicago Record-Herald.

## For a Contented Heart.

The blind Mme. de Defand rejoiced that her affliction was not rheumatism; Spurgeon's receipt for a contented heart was never to chew pills, but to swallow the disagreeable and have done with it; Darwin's comfort was that he had never consciously done anything to gain applause; and Jefferson never ceased affirming his belief in the satisfying power of common daylight, common pleasures, and all the common relations of life. Eastpoff, when commiserated on the smallness of her hands, insisted that longer ones would be cumbersome. Robert Shaufler's specific for a blue Monday is to whistle all the Brahms tunes he can remember. Doctor Cuyler, when very ill, replied to a relative's suggestion of the glorious company waiting him above, "I've got all eternity to visit with those old fellows; I am in no hurry to go;" and old Aunt Mandy, when asked why she was so constantly cheerful, replied, "Lor' chile, I jes' wear this world like a loose garment." —Lucy E. Keeler in the Atlantic.

Farm productions are increased in value by getting them where needed at the proper time. Good roads increase values.

Southern States Afame. The southern states are afame with better roads enthusiasm.

Bad Roads Expensive. Bad roads are always the most expensive kind.

# The ONLOOKER

HENRY HOWLAND

IF YOU TREAT THE WORLD RIGHT



If you treat the world right, if you give it its due, it is likely to try to deal fairly with you; if you give it a smile when you have one to spare, you will find that the days will more often be fair.

If you ask for no more than you honestly earn, if you look for no more than a proper return on investments you make and on risks that you take, you will seldom sit nursing a foolish heart-ache.

If you pick out your friends just for friendship, instead of favoring those who push you ahead, disappointments will soon get to passing you by, and the clouds will be fewer that darken your sky.

If you cheer where you may and give aid where you can, if you learn that greed never has strengthened a man, that selfishness is but a loathsome disease, you will find less to grieve you and much more to please.

If you learn that the weak are the ones who complain, you will find good in much you have viewed with disdain; if you treat the world right, if you give it its due, it is likely to deal pretty fairly with you.

## Importance.

"Does young Gayfeather amount to much?"

"No, not much." "You don't think, then, that he is of great importance in the firm with which he is connected?"

"Not a great deal. In fact, I should say he amounts to about as much and is just about as important as the holes in a chunk of Swiss cheese."

## Oversight, Perhaps.

"Here is another curious thing," said the sub-editor.

"Well," the chief replied, after waiting for him to proceed, "I'm listening. What is it?"

"A tourist who is writing about his travels in Europe refers to the Germans without calling them phlegmatic."

## The Poet and His Love.

"I have no heart to sing today," the poet sadly said; he laid his much-used pen away and bowed his weary head.

"I have no heart for song today," another sigh was drawn, what time his wife rose up to say: "Then go and mow the lawn."

## Starting a Family Row.

"A Kentucky couple," said Mrs. Simpkins, "got married a few days ago, after a courtship which had lasted 50 years."

"I suppose," replied Mr. Simpkins, "the poor old man had become too feeble to hold out any longer."

## The Troubles of Alice.

Alice has a pretty instep and a dainty ankle, too; why, the merest babe could hardly hope to wear her little shoe.

It is queer how very often when I loiter by her side lovely Alice has to cooily tell me that her shoe's untied.

## A Weighty Work.

"I wish you would send me a 'History of Philosophy,'"

"Certainly," replied the bookseller. "The boy will deliver it on his way home tonight."

"But I want it in German." "Oh! Then I must send it in a wagon." —Puck.



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## SUMMER NORMAL FOR GRAPELAND

Prof. Wade L. Smith attended a teachers' meeting in Crockett last Saturday, the meeting being held for the purpose of discussing a summer normal for Houston county. It was unanimously decided to have the normal and Prof. Gant was chosen as director. The faculty was also selected and Mr. Smith is a member of it. The question came up as to where it would be held, and Mr. Smith placed Grapeland in the race. This matter will be decided at a later date, and we are sure that if our citizens will manifest the proper interest in the matter, Grapeland can easily secure it. Why not? We have the building, the equipment and can easily provide for the teachers. Let us go after the normal.

## Its Great Success Continues

We are glad to hear that the Tyler Commercial College is continuing to meet with great success, and that its January attendance has been the largest in the history of the school.

This institution has at its head a thoroughly experienced business man; he has not only had twenty odd years experience in handling commercial schools, but has had much valuable business experience in other lines, and is today identified with a number of Texas leading business enterprises. Our people realize that a thorough business training comes from one who possesses business ability and business experience. This is proven by the fact that this institution is the largest school of Bookkeeping-Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Business Administration and Finance and Telegraphy in America. They use their own specially prepared text books in almost every department, text books prepared from the standpoint of what the business world demands, rather than that of the theoretical school room. Some merchants are able to do twice the business of others, with the same capital invested. This is due to the difference of the methods of the two men. The same is true of business colleges; the reason that one secures a larger patronage, gives a more thorough training, places more of its graduates into high salaried positions is because of its superior methods.

We will be glad to see our ambitious young men and women write for a free catalogue of the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, that they may see what other young people have accomplished after spending a few months at this, America's greatest business training school. Adv.

## How is Your Boiler?

It has been stated that a man's stomach is his boiler, his body is his engine and his mouth the fire box. Is your boiler (stomach) in good working order or is it so weak that it will not stand a full load and not able to supply the needed energy to your engine (body)? If you have any trouble with your stomach, Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. Many very remarkable cures of stomach trouble have been effected by them. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

## IGNORANCE OF THE LAW

Laymen on more than one occasion have reflected that the rule of justice that ignorance of the law excused no man was a harsh one. But man-made law is no more severe in this respect than natural law. In natural law, this rule of justice is not even tempered with mercy. It is inexorable.

In the matter of health, it is exemplified every day. Physicians and scientists have known for many years that epidemics and scourges were no mere accidents. Always there is a cause. And likewise with individuals. Sickness doesn't just happen. Always there has been a violation of some law of health and the best cure is a speedy harmony with the law, if it is known or can be ascertained. In consequence, the free medical advice that is given in board of health bulletins, etc. Here is a bunch of health observations from a bulletin of the Kansas State Board of Health that every one should read and heed:

Many of us dig our graves with our teeth.

Water is the best "kidney medicine" the Lord or anyone else ever made.

Don't hibernate — ventilate. Plenty of fresh air will make the fires of life burn brightly.

Health is nature's reward for getting in harmony with her laws; it pays to be law-abiding.

Sins against our physical bodies bring their own reward. Moreover, nature takes no account of the fact that we have not been aware of the physical laws which we have broken. —Exchange.

## Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

## Vendor's Lien Renewal

The last legislature passed a law making it necessary for the execution of a written instrument in cases where vendor's lien notes are not paid at maturity, but are extended. If you are holding notes which you expect to extend, better look into the matter, and see that the necessary papers are signed. We carry in stock extension and renewal blanks.

THE MESSENGER.

County Clerk Goodwin and Judge Marvin Ellis were here from Crockett Saturday.

## Safe For Babies, Effective For Grown-ups

That's Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It has the confidence of your druggist, who knows it will give you satisfaction. W. W. Nessmith, Statesboro, Ga., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in my family and have sold it in my store and it never fails to cure." Refuse a substitute. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

## KELLINGER'S INSOMNIA

By DOROTHY DUNN.

Kellinger couldn't sleep. All his life he had been bothered that way. For no reason whatever sleep would suddenly desert him and when it abandoned Kellinger it abandoned the rest of the family, meaning Mrs. Kellinger and the bulldog.

When Mrs. Kellinger would announce sadly to their acquaintances that Tom had begun waking up at one o'clock and staying awake till six or not going to sleep at all until half-past-three it was exactly as tragic as though she was breaking the news that he had fallen a victim to the suicide habit or had begun murdering people again after a short vacation. Those to whom she spoke always had an uneasy feeling that they ought to send flowers or something.

Kellinger absolutely refused to go to the doctor about it. He said the physician would merely ask him if he had embezzled any trust funds or had anything else on his conscience, and would appear annoyed because he hadn't.

"It's just nerves," Kellinger would say in martyred tones. "I wake up and then I begin thinking and I can't stop. I worry about what would happen if ten years from now a long, hard winter should set in and I didn't have any work. Then there is Uncle Dave, who has just invested all his money in a gold mine, and what if he should lose it! And think of the sufferings of the people over there in the Balkan regions during this cruel war!"

"If Tom didn't have such an absurdly tender heart!" Mrs. Kellinger would sigh proudly.

That is, she sighed proudly till the sleepless streak had continued for some time, and then she grew peevish from lack of slumber. At first she would read aloud to Kellinger or would arise and, descending to the kitchen, would concoct unholy two o'clock lunches of fried egg sandwiches to lull him to sleep. Later on she took to making remonstrances. Following these heart to heart talks, Kellinger gave up coffee and cigars and once in a while managed to sleep the night through, but more often he didn't.

"If you were twins, now," Mrs. Kellinger murmured reproachfully one night at three o'clock at Kellinger, who sat propped up sociably against the bedpost with the reading light on full blast. "I suppose I shouldn't mind being awake like this. I'd expect it. But I don't mind telling you secretly that I'm (yawn) getting aw-aw (yawn) fully tired of it! I'm just dead for sleep!"

"Are you sleepy, dear?" Kellinger asked, in hurt tones. "What wouldn't I give to feel that way!"

Whereupon Mrs. Kellinger felt ashamed of her desire to sleep and read aloud from "The Theory of Hot Water Heating" until she toppled over, sound asleep.

Kellinger really suffered. He said if it kept up much longer he would go crazy, he knew. All the Kellingers' friends were intensely interested in the situation. By their advice Kellinger drank hot milk before retiring, drank cold milk, put a hot water bag under his head and then an ice bag, stood on his head and walked on his hands, breathed in six times and out six times, crossed his fingers and counted jumping sheep.

When they were out in the evening Mrs. Kellinger had the habit of watching her husband nervously, and if his eyelids twitched she would grab the person next to her and moan: "Tom is going to have another sleepless night!" she would say. "He is getting the blinks! Poor man! I don't know what is going to become of him! Isn't it awful! Dearie!" to the afflicted one, "sit over here where you won't get the cigar smoke—it makes you nervous, I know!"

All of this happened before the arrival of Mrs. Shandle, who had known Kellinger at the disillusionizing age of ten, and had never outgrown the habit. The first time she was present at one of these sad exhibitions she transfixed the Kellingers with a disgusted glance and spoke her mind.

"Stuff and nonsense, Tommy Kellinger!" said she. "I never heard of such tomfoolery! I never saw a person put on the airs you do! Are you any better than any one else that you can't sleep as the rest of us do? You say that your life is without reproach, and if it is there's no excuse for your not sleeping. The idea! Smoke that cigar and drink that cup of coffee and go home and go to bed and go to sleep! You're a perfect goose! I

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think the trouble is that your head is only big enough for one idea at a time, and you've grown attached to this sleepless idea and hate to tell it to move on. I'm ashamed of you! And your wife is an easy mark!"

"I think she is horribly rude!" Mrs. Kellinger kept saying all the way home. "She doesn't understand your sensitive nature at all!"

"Huh?" queried Kellinger—and yawned. Whereupon he went to sleep when his head touched the pillow and Mrs. Kellinger had to set the bulldog loose on him in the morning to get him up at all.

That ended Kellinger's insomnia.

Exchanged.

The stealthy burglar took the diamond set clock off the mantel and replaced it with a sixty-cent timepiece, so that the sleeping owner would not miss the familiar tick.

"How times have changed," murmured the burglar as he crept out into the cold.

### TREATMENT MAY SAVE TREE

Judicious "Dentistry" Likely to Prolong Life and Usefulness of Town's Chief Ornament.

Whether it is a shade or fruit tree a little judicious treatment of a cavity will often save the tree for many years of usefulness. Whether it be a branch or the main trunk the treatment will be the same. First, all decayed or apparently decaying or diseased wood should be removed with a sharp chisel or knife until perfectly sound heart-wood is exposed. Immediately wash the wound with a solution of copper sulphate, in the proportion of one pound of sulphate to five gallons of water.

As soon as this has been done fill the cavity with a thin mortar made by mixing one part of cement with three parts of clean sand. When it has become stiff but not hard face it on the outside with thin cement, using a trowel to smooth the cement over all parts that have become injured. If a cavity or split should occur near a fork of the tree it would be an additional safeguard to put a long bolt through both branches so as to hold them together. When the cement hardens in a cavity the trunk will be perfectly solid and decay will be arrested.—Farm and Fireside.

Obeying Instructions.

It was the busiest part of the day at the railway station, says Mr. W. Harvey in "Irish Life and Humor," and Michael Flynn, the newest porter, rushed up to the incoming train.

"Change here," he cried. Chanjeer for Limerickgalwayanmayo!"

But the lynx-eyed station-master was at hand, and he descended upon Michael.

"Haven't I told you before," he said "to sing out the names of the stations clearly and distinctly? Bear it in mind. Sing them out!"

"I will sir," replied the boy. And when the next train came in, the passengers were considerably astonished to hear the voice of Michael trilling: "Sweet Dreamland faces  
Passing to and fro,  
Change here for Limerick,  
Galway, and Mayo!"  
—Youth's Companion.

Elements of Greatness.

"It is not necessary for a city to be either noisy or dirty in order to be great and growing," remarks the Buffalo Express. Indeed it is not, for the noisy city, like the noisy person, is under suspicion, and the dirty city, like the dirty person, is to be avoided.—Utica Observer.

Too Foxy to Be Caught.

"After all, it is an advantage to have a sophisticated husband."

"In what way?"  
"Well, it isn't necessary to waste time hunting through his pockets at night."

Not Everything.

"I thought you said you told your wife everything you did."

"I do."  
"It's mighty strange. She hasn't said a word to my wife about the \$10 you borrowed from me."

Perniciousness of General Prosperity.

"Cheer up. Remember that every cloud has a silver lining."

"Yes, I know, but silver's gettin' so blamed common. Almost everybody has a chest of it now."

Fox-Terrier Mothers Duck.

Mr. Woodrow, head keeper at Nuneham Park, England, the residence of the Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, has a fox-terrier which is mothering a duck. From the day it was hatched the duck has been under the constant care of the dog, and they are always together. The duck will not associate with or take any notice of the other ducks near the cottage, but it is always with the terriers. When the dogs bark at strangers the duck runs and quacks. It is now about five months old.

### Legal Blanks

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Mrs. Geo. Crook of Crockett was the guest of relatives here Sunday.

Chess [Davis of the Ioni Creek country was in to see a day last week. Mr. Davis and his boys are the champion corn growers of Texas, having won prizes two years in succession. Last year, however, they failed to connect with the prize, but managed to get away with eighty-five bushels to the acre, which, in street parlance, is some corn. Texas needs more farmers of the Davis brand.

In order to renew and extend the payment of vendors' lien notes that are running out of date the last legislature enacted a law requiring that same be done on regular form, in writing and signed and acknowledged before a notary public. To meet the requirements of this new law [the Messenger office has had prepared and printed the necessary form for the renewal of these notes, and anyone having occasion to need them can procure them at this office.

The many friends here of Prof. Price were very sorry to learn that he would not be the superintendent of the Kilgore school after this term. Some of his friends say he must not leave Gregg county and are insisting that he make the race for County School Superintendent. We do not know whether he will make the race or not, but if he should decide to do so he will have some strong supporters in all parts of the county.—Kilgore Chronicle.

### DULL BRAIN LIKE DULL TOOL

Successful Merchant Tells How He Develops Brightness Among Those Who Work for Him.

It's always the dull tool that causes trouble—and there's seldom any excuse for it. Just as with a dull brain. It mixes up all idea of speed, system and results. It works to the detriment of an entire business, and several dull tools have been known to destroy lucrative trade. Thus a Broadway haberdasher describes several recent failures in his business.

"I always attempt to employ the brightest young men obtainable in my business, from office boy to department manager. I have found it pays. Not that I always am successful in finding the right person at the outset. But if a new clerk appears naturally dull, I begin to apply the grindstone of perception to his blunt wits, and nine times out of ten I have a sharp tool in a short time. He becomes a part of my machine that turns out dollars for me with record speed.

"If he's interested in the business, but slow to comprehend, I consider him worthy of coaching. I give that clerk personal attention for such a time as he is able to keep pace with the other sharp edges in my employ. He's quick to perceive the interests of the boss, and he naturally tries to get my viewpoint."

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