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### Call for Mass Meeting.

All prohibition democrats are hereby called to meet at the courthouse in Crockett next Saturday, the 14th, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State meeting to be held at Ft. Worth on Saturday, the 21st. All democrats in sympathy with this movement are invited to be present.

J. W. MADDEN, Chairman.

### NEW PROSPECT HAPPENINGS

New Prospect, Feb. 9.—We are glad to see the cold weather, as it may save our fruit crop. Plum trees were almost in full bloom, so I guess there will be very few plums.

There is no sickness to report this week. The health of our community is good.

The young folks were entertained with a candy breaking at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown last Thursday night. When they departed, they all thanked their host and hostess for the best time of their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Keen of Oak Grove, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Z. A. Parker and her son, visited her daughter, Mrs. Wyley Ritchie, in Grapeland, Sunday.

Mr. Fred Hudson of Chireno, is here on a visit to his mother.

A number of Oak Grove boys started to attending Sunday School here yesterday evening, but were disappointed, as Sunday School is held in the morning.

Sunday was Bro. Wright's regular preaching day, but he failed to get here as it was so cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Herod Parker of the Oak Grove community, visited relatives in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown visited Mrs. H. M. Brown Saturday.

Quite a crowd of our young people attended prayer meeting at Oak Grove last night.

ALMA MATER.

### For Sheriff

Sheriff A. W. Phillips comes before the people of Houston county this week as a candidate for re-election. In writing up so many candidates for office, the Messenger sometimes runs out of "soap" but for Mr. Phillips we can say that he has made an efficient officer, and has done his duty well. He has been a peace officer in different capacities for many years, and he thoroughly understands how to deal with the criminal class. His record stands out as one he can point to with pride and satisfaction. He is ever alert, and the evil doer has long since learned to cover up his tracks from the present "high sheriff."

His candidacy is subject to the democratic primary, and you are asked to carefully consider his claims before committing yourself to any candidate.

### ALL THE NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Augusta, Tex., Feb. 9.—These fine days we have had the past few weeks are real spring days. It seems that our climate is getting to be like that of California, but we have had a little bit of winter weather the last day or two.

The farmers are busy turning the soil and are hoping for a better and more prosperous year than the past.

The boys reported that they had a jolly good time and enjoyed it immensely, in Grapeland Friday night.

Miss Johnnie Holcomb is visiting home folks this week.

Miss Bayne visited home folks in Trinity Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nell Newman visited in Grapeland the past week.

The Augusta high school literary society will entertain on Friday night, the 20th. Everybody is invited to come.

BLUE JAY.

### For County Attorney

The Messenger takes pleasure in presenting to its many readers this week the name of Hon. B. F. Dent, candidate for re-election to the office of county attorney. Mr. Dent has held this office two terms, first being elected over some strong opponents, and two years ago elected without opposition. Mr. Dent is one of Houston county's most popular and beloved citizens. His friends are in every nook and corner of the county and come from every walk of life. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word, has a pleasing and affable disposition and is every inch a man. He ranks high as a lawyer, and his record as a prosecutor is without a blemish. By his good work the law breaker has been made to understand that he must quit his crooked ways and walk in the straight and narrow path.

We hope you will seriously consider the candidacy of Mr. Dent, and give his claims due consideration.

Cary Spence was up from Crockett Friday and Saturday mingling with his many friends. A few months ago Mr. Spence had the misfortune to get his hand hurt, which necessitated the amputation of a finger. It is still giving him trouble, and he has to carry his arm in a sling.

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# A STATEMENT OF COUNTY AFFAIRS BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

In view of the fact that the recent Finance Committee, on account of lack of time and the large volume of matter it became their duty to check, were unable to separate the matters discussed by them concerning the former Commissioners' Court and the present Commissioners' Court, and it coming to our knowledge that a large part of our citizens have been laboring under the impression that the whole of the report applied to the present administration and it alone, we deem it but just and fair to make, for the benefit of those who wish to know the facts, a statement showing the line of separation between the acts of the two courts. We make this in our own behalf, and in the name of simple justice and not as an answer to or criticism of said report, nor as a criticism of the acts of any former man or court. We, being of course, responsible for our own acts, and not those of others.

The attention of the public is first called to the fact that no finance committee has audited the affairs of the county and made a report since the fall term of our District Court in 1911. Judge Gardner appointed a committee at the Spring term of our District Court, 1912, but this committee did not serve, and the finances of the county were not audited and no report was ever filed. Then it will be seen that the recent and last finance committee covered a period of two years in their investigations. It will be further recalled, with a moment's reflection that the present County Judge and three of the commissioners were nominated and elected in 1912, the present judge taking charge of the office at noon, Dec. 2nd, 1912, and the commissioners taking the oath of office the day following, or thereabout. At this time we found the following financial conditions existing: The County Fund, overdrawn \$570.35. The Jury Fund, overdrawn, \$22.98. Cash on hand in all other county funds, \$4273.34; this constituting all the funds belonging in any way to the county at large. The special or district funds will be treated separately, in order that everyone can understand them without a confusion of figures. The Commissioners' Court was in session then in Dec. of 1912, regular session, second Monday, and allowed claims made by the former court and presented to us for collection, for, as anyone can realize, we had made practically no bills of our own contracting in that short period of time, and on Jan. 1st, 1913, we found the following conditions of the treasury, notwithstanding the fact that the November collections of taxes had then been paid to the treasurer: The county fund, overdrawn, \$1601.47; cash on hand in all other funds, \$4695.63. Thus you will see by the above figures that the financial affairs of Houston County were not handed to us on Dec. 2nd, 1912, in a flourishing condition, nor with a full treasury.

In that years' expense we had quite a lot of things to pay for, contracted by the former court but carried out by us—inherited, if you please,—such as \$300.00 for the "Hook Worm" doctors; and approximately \$675 for the survey of the Houston and Anderson county line; the

Pool Hall, Hog Law and Constitutional amendment elections, not contracted by them, but unusual expenditures, these last three costing approximately \$1000, and \$400 paid for fixtures for the County Clerk's and Tax Collector's offices—badly needed—but contracted by the former administration, not chargeable to us. In spite of these excessive expenditures we find the County Fund on Dec. 1st, 1913, only overdrawn \$796.52, and on Jan. 1st, 1914, overdrawn \$268.02. The Jury Fund overdrawn \$80.77. We are rather proud of this showing in the face of adverse circumstances.

With reference to the road work and the expenditure of the money of Crockett Road District, No. 3, about which there has been so much said, we wish again to call the attention of the thinking public to the fact that the present court had nothing whatever to do with this until after Dec. 2nd, 1912, and but little in fact until March 1st. We found, or inherited a system by the terms of which there was a superintendent, hired by someone, it is hard to say whom, at a salary of \$5 per day, straight time. We found that this superintendent hired a foreman at \$3 per day to have active charge of the work, who in fact hired the hands and managed the teams. It occurred to the Commissioners' Court that they could hire the foreman at \$3 per day and get the same work that was being done and thus save the district \$5 per day. This they did, paying the same scale of wages for hands and teams that was paid by the last foreman, and considerably less than had been paid at one time prior in this same road work. There was in this fund on the 1st day of March, 1913, \$83123.12. It has been said that this Court spent, up to Nov. 1st, 1913, the date of their report, \$75,465.63. This is an error in part as will be shown by the following:

We should be credited with the following items, and the former parties who handled the work charged with the same, in as much as they are items paid by us for work contracted for and done, and expenses incurred by them.

Cash on hand for Crockett road district March 1, 1913.....\$83,123.12  
On the roads and parts of roads said to have been bl't by them we built bridges as follows: On the Huntsville road 2 steel bridges with concrete abutments, cost estimated.... \$300.00  
1 wood bridge San Antonio rd. west..... 24.40  
1 steel bridge Coltharp road, 20 ft. span, concrete abutment. 150.00  
2 wood bridges old Lovelady rd. cost estimated... 40.00  
1 steel br'ge Centralia rd. 20-ft. span, concrete abutment.... 150.00  
1 steel and 1 wd bridge on Rusk road, cost esti-

ated.... 100.00  
1 wood bridge on Palestine rd. cost estimated. 20.00  
Work of 1 crew 2 weeks on R'sk road, repairing washout at \$350 per week (road built by them). 700.00  
Feed for county mules same period and mules of crew.... 84.00  
Amt. cash on hand Nov 1.... 7657.49  
Amount loaned sinking fund out of current fund..... 2725.00  
Amt expended by others paid by us..... 1753.93

Total spent by this court.... 13704.82  
Deducting this amount from the total cash on hand when taken by the court..... \$69418.30  
it will be seen that the total amount spent by this court to November 1, 1913, was \$69,418.30. Out of this amount we spent the sum of \$9,927.10 for bridges and culverts, including money spent for bridges on their roads, while they only spent \$5,267.05 for the same items on the roads built by them. We spent for dynamite \$2,898.26, while they spent, as near as we can ascertain, only \$1,056.23. We had to spend for clearing right-of-way \$1,211.70. We have been unable to ascertain what they spent for this item.

We had to pay for right-of-way, straightening roads, moving fences, etc., and damage done dynamiting and to crops going through fields, \$285.50, while they only had to pay for these purposes, \$105.00. Those who first had charge of the road work worked the inside of the road, next to town, completing only the Porter Springs, Huntsville and San Antonio roads west, beginning at the city limits. At a distance 3 or 4 miles from town where there were but few stumps in the road, the right-of-way was practically cleared, hence they did not have to go to the heavy expense we were forced to in order to clear their right-of-way ready for work. A large amount of work was done on the Porter Springs road by the U. S. government for the lock and dam tram road, lessening the expense they—the district—had to pay on it. The Huntsville road was worked by Mr. Barbee and the county convicts during the administration of the Hon. Porter Newman as County Judge, and it was of less expense, as much of his faithful and efficient work was in evidence all along the way. In addition to the above items specified as done by us on the roads built by others, we have sanded a part of their road, and as is well known to practically everyone residing in the limits of the district, we have kept the roads up during the fall and winter, frequently dragging and regrading them. It will be recalled by everyone that the past fall and winter have been seasons of excessive rains and extremely hard on all roads in the county, hence the expense of maintaining the roads, even in a semi-passable condition, has been at a heavy expense, yet the traveling public has demanded that the expense be incurred. Two thousand dollars would be a low estimate for the cost of maintaining the entire 84 miles of road in the district through such severe

weather as we have had. Then, we submit, that this expense should not, in fairness, be charged to us as the cost of building roads.

The following is a substantially correct statement of the number of miles built by each of the parties, stated by road, and those traveling over these roads will be able to verify this statement:

By former parties up to March 1st, 1913..... Miles  
Porter Springs road..... 7  
San Antonio road west.... 5 1-2  
Huntsville road..... 7  
New Lovelady road..... 0  
Old Lovelady road..... 3 1-2  
Pennington road..... 3  
Coltharp road..... 3  
Centralia road..... 3  
San Antonio road east.... 0  
Bates Ferry road..... 0  
Rusk road..... 2 1-2  
Palestine road..... 1 1-2  
Navarro and Linwood combined..... 5  
Hall's Bluff road..... 0

Total..... 41  
By this court's crews from March 1st to Nov. 1st, 1913..... Miles  
Porter Springs road..... 0  
San Antonio road, west.... 0  
Huntsville road..... 0  
New Lovelady road..... 6  
Old Lovelady road..... 0  
Pennington road..... 1 3-4  
Coltharp road..... 3 3-4  
Centralia road..... 3  
San Antonio road, east.... 6  
Bates Ferry road..... 3  
Rusk road..... 4  
Palestine road..... 5  
Navarro and Linwood combined..... 4  
Hall's Bluff road..... 6 1-2  
Total..... 43

Thus it will be seen that the other parties, during the time they handled the work, graded 41 miles of road, and under the supervision of this court 43 miles were built. In addition to this, we built a large part of the bridges on their roads, and sanded quite a lot of them. In other words, their roads were not completed, though it is generally stated that they were completed. Taking the above figures, we find that this court spent \$69,418.30 on the roads built by them, and for dragging and regrading all the roads which had already been built.

By a simple process of division by 43 miles, you will readily see that the average cost per mile of the road built by us was in fact only \$1614.38. We have not gone into the detailed expense incurred by those preceding us, but have accepted the figures given by the finance committee, with the exceptions mentioned above, as the correct amount spent by them. The finance committee stated that the others spent \$60,000.00, building the roads credited to them. We see by the above that there must be added to this amount \$1793.53 for expenses incurred by them and paid for by us for them, and the sum of \$784.40 for bridges built by us on their roads, making a total legitimate charge against them of \$62,577.93; and by a simple process of division of this amount by 41 will show you that the average cost per mile of the road built by them was \$1526.29, only a difference in average cost per mile in their favor of \$88.09.

Now your attention is further called to the fact that the finance committee, in making up the total spent by others, deducted from the total amount of money spent to Mar. 1st, 1913, (\$74,000.00), by them,

the sum of \$14,000 for the expenses of selling the bonds, buying machinery, tools, mules, etc., in order to reduce the amount spent by them to \$60,000. We think the process correct, but if it applies to them it should also apply to us, yet we have not deducted from our expenditures anything for machinery bought by us, or for tools, scrapers, etc., although we had to pay out quite a sum for these.

We received the machinery bought by them, after a period of several months' hard use and wear. The engine was in bad condition, and cost quite a lot, some three or four hundred dollars to repair it. The scrapers were worn and one of the first things we had to do was to order new bottoms for a lot of them, and buy new ones in some instances. We made contracts with parties for them to buy all these things, with the view of saving to the district the enormous cost of buying them. We found the graders worn and had to buy a new grader, besides having to buy new parts for one or two of the old ones.

Now, in common fairness, is it right to say that we had an equal chance, with the machinery old and worn, with the other fellows who took it new and unworn? Isn't it reasonable to suppose that our repair expense would exceed theirs? If so, then from that standpoint, are we not entitled to some consideration off of our additional cost per mile? However, those are not the only things to consider, but, in fact, the greater one is this: As stated above, those who preceded us worked the inside ends of the roads, except three. Those three were the best opened right of way of any of the roads in the district, while we had the roads filled with trees and grubbs, which had to be blown out before a scraper could be used on them. Take, for instance, the new Lovelady road worked by us. Before we reached the two mile board we were in the woods, the old road being practically a trail, winding its path through the timber. It was expensive to go through. All other roads worked by us were similar to this except the Pennington and Palestine roads. In addition to this we have had to dynamite the stumps out of something like a mile of road on the Lynwood road, built by them, where they sawed the trees down and covered the stumps up. The first rains settled the dirt until the stumps stood so high a grader could not pass over them. These we had to remove to make the road passable.

In making contracts with parties for road work, we feel that the public should know how we did it. The form of contract with the parties is a matter of record in the County Clerk's office, but there are but few who would go to the trouble to look this up. With the crew in which the County mules worked, the commissioners, through the foreman of that gang, hired all additional teams and men. They were paid the same scale of wages that was paid by those immediately preceding us, and which was the customary wage in this district for day labor and teams of the type used in this work. On the camp worked by what is known as the "Daniel's teams," we hired, by contract, the teams of Mr. Daniels and Mr. Arledge, paying them a stipulated price per day, shown by written contract. The foreman on this gang, with the consent

and advice of the commissioner on his camp, hire such other teams as were necessary to make a full crew, they all being hired by the district and paid by the District the full wage which was drawn from the treasury. In addition to the hiring as above set out on this camp, as will be seen by the contract above referred to, the parties furnishing teams were required to furnish, at their own expense, all tools, graders, slips, etc., and camping outfit. On the other crews employed by us, contracts were made with the foremen, by the terms of which they were to furnish all teams, tools, graders, scrapers and camping outfit, and to have not less than 18 teams in a crew, nor more than 21, the foreman to receive \$3 per day for his services and to be paid \$4.50 per day for each team and driver, together with his tools, machinery, etc. It will be seen that, if a man could work as foreman, 18 teams to an advantage, if he worked less than this number, we would not be getting the full value of the \$3 paid him. If he should have to pay \$5 or any amount in excess of \$4.50 per day for his teams, it would be his loss, for he was under contract to furnish them. Some have complained because these foremen, or some of them, paid them less than the foremen was getting for a team and driver. He was entitled to something for the use of his tools, machinery, etc., and if some laborers furnished their own material they should blame no one but themselves, for the foreman was authorized to do this. We learned that some of the men worked for \$3.50 per day and some even less. We are sorry of this, but we hired no teams on these crews, and the hiring was entirely the duty of the foreman, and was a matter between him and the man who had the teams. Had all men with teams refused to work for those prices, all could have received and would have received just what they demanded, but they could not be compelled to do this, and did not do it. Then should we be blamed because they agreed with him, without consulting us, to work for less? We certainly can not see the fairness of such criticism of us, and do not believe, when the public understands this, that they will blame us either. See the records for this.

We realized full well, the impossibility of pleasing everyone in whatever manner we might handle the good roads proposition. We had witnessed its handling, drifting on the sea of uncertainty, from the day of its birth to the time we fell inevitable heir to it. On every side we were being told that those who were handling it were not getting a full day's work out of the teams. They were working far from town and staying here, and they were losing some two or three hours a day going and coming to and from their work. Many were complaining of this, and urging us to change the system. We, too, heard the gossip-cry of graft, shot like a darting shaft at the men who were then giving their very best talents and their time in an effort to serve his fellow man, and knew full well, though we might do the best that could be done, there would be those who would differ in their idea of the right way; from ours, and that we, too, would be forced to submit

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## Community Co-Operation

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"No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself," is a truth that is as eternal as the ages, as everlasting as the book of life. We are bound together so that our every act has a constantly widening circle of influence over the lives of those around us.

In this great country every citizen is an integral part of the government, and it is only as the individual citizen acts rightly and thinks rightly that we accomplish anything in making self government successful. Of course a dominant majority of good men may triumph over a minority of evil men, but the reverse is true also, as has been demonstrated in our political life time and again.

Educated, enlightened, intelligent voters are among our greatest needs today, and these are bound to come from the public schools. Not only from the public schools, but also largely from the schools of the smaller towns and the rural schools. Perhaps our great leaders in modern thought may be trained in the universities and colleges but the army which they must lead comes direct from the public schools. An advance in civilization is marked by the average intelligence of the masses and not

by the culture of the favored few. There are only a few years in the formative period of a boy or girl when he or she may be taught in our public schools. Every hour spent in a public school should be a golden hour with opportunities for culture and improvement that should leave a lasting impression throughout life.

Texas today lauds education to the skies and yet a large part of the teaching in our schools is done by half baked youths just out of the high schools themselves and who too often have no thought on any subject higher than that of drawing their pay. There is need and urgent need for a law which will put our schools on a more permanent basis and attract a higher grade of teachers and allow them to teach one school for more than a single term. One way to do this is to allow the teacher to contract for a number of years, or until a change was deemed desirable. Let the teacher become a part of the community life. Let the pupils know that the teacher of this year will be the teacher of next year. In this way a continuity could be given to studies which is impossible with conditions as they are at present.—R. K. Phillips.

### Tribute of Respect

Bro. John L. Whitescarver was born in Kentucky about 1828. He came to Texas when quite a young man and was one of the pioneers of this state. He married a little while after he came he came to Texas. Shortly after his marriage, he settled in Rusk, Texas, in 1854 and remained there until the close of the civil war. He was in the confederate service as a manufacturer of guns and pistols during the war. Afterwards, he removed to Palestine, where he remained until 1876, when he moved to Grapeland. He entered the ministry as a Methodist preacher in 1878, in which capacity he faithfully served until the infirmities of old age made it impossible for him to perform his duties. He was summoned to his final resting place, to that Temple not made with human hands, on the 3rd day of February, 1914, at the home of his son-in-law, W. P. Kyle. His remains were laid to rest the next day at noon in the Daly's cemetery, under the auspices of Grapeland Lodge No. 473, A. F. & A. M.

Bro. Whitescarver was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Euclid Lodge No. 45 at Rusk, Texas, about 1859, and has served as a true and upright mason for the past fifty-four years. When Grapeland Lodge No. 473 was organized in 1877 he was one of the charter members, and was the third Worshipful Master of the lodge. Bro. Whitescarver's life has been pronounced by all who know him to be an ideal one. He was ever a faithful servant of his country, a devoted member of his lodge, and a devout Christian gentleman. He was loved, honored and respected by all, and though his voice is silenced forever, and his footsteps shall be heard no more, his vacant chair and timely words of counsel are still left to remind us of one so good, so noble and so pure, and that we

too are daily traveling to that bourne from whence no traveler ever returns.

Whereas, by his death, Grapeland Lodge has lost one of its most devoted members, the church a true Christian, Masonry one of its strongest supporters, his family a devoted father, and the community one of its best and most highly respected citizens, and,

Whereas, while we are mourning for our deceased brother, we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things best. Therefore, be it resolved,

First—that we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and loved ones of the deceased.

Second—that every member of this lodge shall wear the badge of mourning in respect of the devotion of him who has lived before us so uprightly.

Third—that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge for record, a copy be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and a copy be given the Grapeland Messenger for publication.

J. F. Martin,  
J. M. Owens,  
A. H. Luker,  
Committee.

Grapeland, Texas,  
Feb. 6, 1914. adv

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Strange that the authors of the new currency law didn't see that about 7,500 instead of twelve regional banks would be needed to satisfy all localities.

The railroads of Pennsylvania are laying off all employees who drink liquor. A ban is being placed upon the drinking man everywhere.

The lack respect for high dignitaries in this country has gone so far that they have heavily fined a former congressman for smuggling jewels.

The embargo has been lifted, and now the rebels can import all the munitions of war from the United States they can pay for. This may hasten the end of the strife in the revolution ridden country to the south but we doubt it very much. Should Carranza and Villa be successful in their campaign south and oust old Huerta, by the time they assumed control of affairs another little revolution would be brewing.

After chasing around over the country for two years, we suppose in search of the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rain-bow, W. L. West has returned to Livingston and assumed charge of the Enterprise. Mr. West founded the Enterprise and was its editor seven years. It is with much joy we welcome him back to the fold, for he is a good newspaper man, and we predict prosperity for the Enterprise in the future. Shake, old chap!

The old county jail and the lot on which it stands were sold Tuesday to the highest bidder. The property fell to W. B. Page, whose bid was \$3,050. The sale was made by Forest Fifer, who held a commission from the county court, and is subject to the approval of the commissioners' court, which meets Monday.—Crockett Courier.

It is to be hoped the court will turn the bid down, for, according to a news item printed in this paper a few weeks ago, in which it was stated that the government paid \$7,000 for a postoffice site, it seems to us the jail and lot should bring another thousand dollars, anyway. The difference in the locations of the two lots is not sufficient to warrant the great difference in price.

The antis find themselves in the same fix as the pros, or possibly more so, in a surplus of candidates for governor, as they have seven to contend with. But they will reach an understanding—you can count on that. The antis have a way of getting together that ought to make the pros set up and take notice. It is being whispered around that the antis are not satisfied with a single man in their line-up, and a quiet, underground move is being made to oust the whole bunch and center on Hon. Nelson Phillips of Dallas, a member of the Supreme Court. We don't know that they will be able to turn this trick, but stranger things than that have happened in politics. If they cannot perform this feat, then it is our guess the antis will center on the Hon. Sam Sparks.

There are some people who complain bitterly about the high cost of living, while they pay too little attention to the opportunities for reducing expenses announced in any of our issues in the retail advertising. The great majority of the public is by this time thoroughly educated up to the idea of watching the store news in the papers and buying from the bargains there reported. But while nearly everyone reads this advertising, yet some people are too procrastinating to plan their purchases in advance. They persist in buying at the top of the market. People who feel motives of thrift, however, must realize that February is a fine time to buy goods. There are few merchants who do not cut prices to reduce stocks. People who consistently plan to take advantage of these reductions can carry the burden of household expenses much more easily. See our advertising columns as a directory of bargains—at the bottom level of the whole year!

## STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

(Continued from page 3)

ourselves to like charges.

Frankly and candidly, we say that we have not seen where, nor have we been able to find circumstances sufficient to warrant us, in charging graft to any man who had preceded us, but believe that everyone, so far as we could tell, gave his whole heart and very best efforts to the work. We thought we saw some bad management, due to a new work and new system, and believed we owed it to the people to benefit by these errors and correct them if we could. We made our very best effort to view the whole work from a business standpoint, and exercised that type of business judgement in handling this work that one would be expected to use in his own affairs. We have read in vain the confused mass of statutes called "road laws," in an effort to track the law faithfully and fully, and, at last, in our dilemma, sought the advice of the Attorney General and followed his construction of the law as faithfully as we could. Believe us then, when we say the task we have tried to perform has had its many hardships and trials and none of the sweet savor of easy work, and, at the last, we find ourselves submitted to the most embarrassing, unfair and unjust criticisms. Say, neighbor, what has become of the "Golden Rule?" Then, we ask, what would you ask of us, do not judge or condemn us upon hearing only one side of the case, but ascertain the full facts, with a mind unbiased and unprejudiced, taking your data from records kept by others, not this court, then pass judgement upon us. So much for the Road District propositions.

Again, to call your attention more forcibly to the fact that the finance committee report covered a period of time far back of ours, and for which, and the conduct of the county's affairs during that time, we are not to blame, for it is not our record, your attention is called to the fact that they say that more than \$40,000.00 has been spent for bridges in the county within the past twenty months, and, to be fair, they mean that amount over and above the money spent for bridges on the new roads. Now the record of your County Treasurer shows that on Dec. 3, 1912, the time we took charge of the affairs of the county, there was on hand to the credit of the road and bridge fund and the four special road funds, making the whole R. & B. fund, the sum of \$4,080.99. There was paid into the treasury up to Nov. 1st, 1913, the date of the report of the finance committee, to the credit of said fund, the sum of \$9027.25, making the total amount of funds available for roads and bridges in the county for the entire period of time for which we could be responsible, \$13,108.24, and there was on hand, at said last named date, the sum of \$252.02, leaving the net balance paid out by us \$14,382.71, the most we could possibly have spent without placing the county in debt, and no one says, or can say that this was done. Then where is the \$40,000.00? Now, consider again, that, during the first month we were there, instead of paying bills contracted by us against this fund, we were paying the bills contracted by the former court, and you will not find the mass of expendi-

tures for this item, by this court, so amazing that one can not realize them. Besides, it is generally known by the citizens of ordinary intelligence that a part of this money is spent for teams, plows, scrapers, and other road tools, hence we did not spend so much for bridges. Suppose, however, that we should have spent the last cent of it for bridges and road work, Mr. Man-away-from-town, who has to travel the roads, was it not spent for you and for your benefit, to come to your towns and spend your money with your home merchants? Why should we collect this money from you, leave it in the treasury idle, just to say there is a large sum on hand, and leave you with your creeks bridgeless and your roads even a more huge joke than some would try to make you believe? We thought it was collected to build bridges with and try to make good roads for you. Didn't you think when you paid the tax that was what it was for? When the people know the facts, we are willing to abide their honest judgement.

Sure, we have made some errors. It is human to err, but we sincerely believe we are not the only ones to make them. It has been, since Adam's time, the unfortunate failing of man, that his best sight is not always before him, any one can look behind and see his mistakes, but not every man will own up to them. Suffice it to say, we have done our very best, and, in serving you, we can serve your interests better if you will take us as your friends, and tell us your needs and desires, come to us and help to manage your own affairs, and you shall always find us glad to have your suggestions and your help. Your interest is in our charge, and, with your help, you will not be disappointed.

One more place to call your attention to an error of the finance committee, one which they acknowledge and printed a correction of—the tax rate, and we will have finished. They state the tax rate is, as follows:

State rate, 45c on the \$100.00.	
County:	
General fund.....	.25
C. H. and J. current...	.05
R. and B. Current.....	.10
R. and B. Sinking.....	.05
C. H. & J. Sinking.....	.05
New Jail.....	.02 1-2
R. Dist. No. 3 (Crockett)	.50
City.....	1.15
Total.....	\$2.62 1-2

It will be noticed by a little figuring that the county rate, exclusive of the road district and city rate, as given above, is 52 1-2 cents on the \$100 valuation, and then they say we should have reduced the rate at least 15c. Taking the above figures, with the actual correct rate, we say he is incorrect again, because, with them as a basis, we reduced the rate 17 1-2 cents, for the correct county rate is only 35 cents by items as follows:

County Fund.....	.17
C. H. & J.....	.01
Jail Building.....	.02 1-2
R. & B.....	.08
R. & B. Sinking.....	.02 1-2
Special Jury.....	.04
Total.....	.35
State Rate.....	.45
Grand Total.....	.80

We have no more connection with the "City" taxes than "the man in the moon." Then why was it included? Nothing could be more unjust to us.

Now, in their correction, they

say they made an error by getting the 1903 rate instead of the 1913. Then we presume they were checking back ten years instead of 20 months. But, even then, while in the corrected statement they got the items correct, we fail to understand why they include in the county rate the 50c road district tax, when every one knows this does not apply except in this road district. Why didn't they include the Grapeland Road District rate, and the various Common School District rates? Then again, we are rather thick headed! We never before heard of a jail building fund tax in 1903, nor a road district tax of 50c in 1903, and it seems to us that they had a part of each years rate. Just why, we do not know,—simply passing it up to you. The above we accept as simply an error, for the purpose of this article, made in the maze of figures handled by them, but as we grant it, generously, we claim for ourselves the chance of an honest error.

In conclusion, we beg to say that this is all a matter concerning your and your county, the honor of your county and your officials. We are of you, the same as one of you, and, in the name of justice, we ask you to ponder well over the few statements and suggestions made above, and ask yourself the question if perhaps you, in your heart, have not condemned before the "evidence was all in," and if justice does not entitle us to a hearing before you? Frankly, we have not favored anyone. All men have looked alike to us, whether he wore the "brogan" shoe and carried the sign of the "son of toil," or whether he wore the "shoes of kid" and wallowed in the "luxuries of riches." From the latter, much of the howl has started, and some has come from those who are possessed of the "political bee" for self-benefit, aspiring to the honors now not his, and one should beware of the "calamity howler" and knocker, for he seldom has anything better than himself to offer for that which is, and he is usually a sorry substitute. Keep your eye on him.

Now, people of Houston county, these are the facts, briefly stated, and we respectfully submit them to your candid consideration. Of course, the "road district" matter only directly affects those who reside within its limits, but we are perfectly willing for the people of the entire county to pass on the matters referred to. Again we ask you not to be too hasty in forming conclusions. Be sure you know the truth, then act accordingly. Respectfully yours,

C. M. ELLIS,  
County Judge,  
CHAS. LONG,  
Com. Prec't No. 2,  
J. T. KNOX,  
Com. Prec't No. 3,  
M. B. MATCHETT,  
Com. Prec't No. 4.

(Not signed by Commissioner Beazley because he was not a member of the Court during a large part of above period of time.) (Advertisement)

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.)

Tested seed corn—we think the best on the market. Come in and let us tell you about this corn. Kennedy Bros. adv

## 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  
A W Phillips (Re-election)

For Tax Collector:

Geo H Denny (Re-election)

For District Clerk:

Jno D Morgan (Re-election)

For County Attorney:

B F Dent (Re-election)

For County Treasurer:

Ney Sheridan

For Commissioner of Precinct  
No. 1—

Oscar Dennis  
W L Vaught

## LOCAL NEWS

Stalk cutters at Darsey's. adv

Wherry will pay you CASH for your eggs. adv

Chops—Bran—Oats—Hay adv Kennedy Bros.

Plenty of springs and mattresses at Darsey's. adv

Kelly plows of all kinds at adv Kennedy Bros.

For onion sets, garden seed, etc., call at Howard's. adv

Buy you a Kelly Stalk Cutter. adv Kennedy Bros.

Get your next sack of flour from Wherry. adv

Darsey buys peas, chickens and eggs. adv

For overalls and work shirts, call at Howard's. adv

Empress, 20th Century, John Deere and Dow Law planters at Darsey's. adv

Goods delivered to any part of the city. W. R. Wherry, Phone No. 4. adv

Dr. G. H. Black, who recently removed to Neches, was here Wednesday.

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

LOST—Ladies black coat, on January 24th, between the depot and J. N. Parker's store. If the finder will return to me or leave at the Messenger office a reward will be paid. Adv. Mrs. J. S. Weisinger.

Belle of Waco flour— adv Kennedy Bros.

New line of neck ties at adv Darsey's.

White Crest flour— adv Kennedy Bros.

If you want ribbon cane syrup get prices from Wherry. adv

Seed Irish Potatoes— adv Kennedy Bros.

J. A. Hughes of Alto was here this week.

Eat at the restaurant in the rear of the Variety Store. adv

Call at Howard's for your fruits and candies. adv

Onion sets at adv Kennedy Bros.

MEN! See Darsey's line of shirts, belts, hats, collars, ties and all kinds of furnishings. adv

Mr. Smith, of Thompson Bros., Trinity, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Both single and double bit axes at Howard's at the old price of \$1.00 and \$1.25. adv

Miss Neva Haltom has gone to Tyler to take a business course in a commercial school.

Plenty of oats, hay, bran, chops, flour and meal at adv Darsey's.

When you are hungry let us feed you. The restaurant in the rear of the Variety Store. adv

David Caskey of Route 3 was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Monday.

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

### Wood For Sale

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

Commissioner Beazley was up from Crockett a day last week looking after road matters on the east side.

### Ear Corn

I have some good ear corn for sale. See me if you need any. adv. J. W. Howard.

Mrs. J. C. Kennedy was called to Crockett Wednesday to see her sister, Mrs. Elliott, who is quite sick.

"Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Golden Rule Applied to Business." Call at adv Wherry's.

FOR RENT—A nice, close in, 2-story house with 8 acres of land. Call on adv S. E. Howard.

C. A. Bryant, representing a land company of Houston that is selling Texas City property, was in Grapeland this week.

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

Mrs. J. O. Edington and children are visiting in Tyler. Mr. Edington expects to go up Friday to accompany them home Sunday night.

### Dental Notice

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

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

### Batteries for Sale

The Farmers' Union Telephone Co. have a fresh supply of good batteries on hand. If your batteries do not give good service buy a pair of these for only 50c. (Advertisement)

W. R. Campbell will lead the singing at the Baptist church at the morning service next Sunday. Selections will be rendered from new books. The public is invited to attend.

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.)

### 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.

### Notice

Johnie 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.

### Judge Winfree Answers

In answer to the petitions presented to me to become a candidate for County Judge, and the promise made by those to support my candidacy, and whose names I shall not make public, I prefer to wait until the district court meets in March and see the people to find out how they stand for me all over the county and if they are still sincere, I shall make my announcement in all the county papers. adv. E. WINFREE.

### Ney Sheridan For Treasurer

The above named gentleman asks the Messenger to state to the people of Houston County that he is a candidate for an elective term as their treasurer.

Two years ago, Mr. Sheridan made the race, and though not receiving the nomination, he received an enormous vote, especially in what is known as north Houston County. The reason of this was because this is his home—the people here knew him and have known him since childhood. A few months later, "Uncle" Billy Bayne, the nominee for treasurer, was called to his final resting place, and Mr. Sheridan was chosen by those in authority as his successor. He filled the office in a very satisfactory manner, and if elected to the office this time, promises his constituents the best services possible. Ney's many friends here will take pleasure in voting for him, and doing all that is honorable to insure his election.

## MONEY TO LOAN

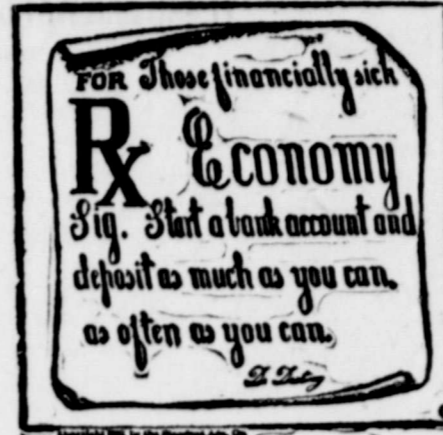
We Handle Real Estate.

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

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CROCKETT, TEXAS



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And suffering in this world can be traced to the violation of a natural law—to provide for the future. The man who does not save his money will suffer for it.



## FARMERS & MERCHANTS State Bank

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

## NOTICE TO GARDNERS!

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

### Early Jersey Wakefield and Long Island Wakefield

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

R. T. KENT

R. F. D. No. 1.

Crockett, Texas

## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE

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Friday Night, February 13th. Benefit of the Women's Home Mission Society

### PROGRAM:

"His Old Sweethearts"—A one-act play.  
Special Music  
Gypsy Fortune Telling  
Shooting the Heart for Valentines and other amusements.  
3 Reels of Good Pictures.  
Will have nice home-made Candy and Pop Corn for sale.

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GUARANTY FUND BANK

### 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.

Dr. McCarty reports the following births: A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spence; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen.

### Buying To Save Money

Buying Foley's Honey and Tar Compound saves money because just a few doses stops the cough and cold and one bottle lasts a long time. It quickly heals raw and inflamed surfaces, stops tickling throat, harsh, rasping coughs, croup, hoarseness, bronchial and la grippe coughs. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

It's a good place to go—we feed the hungry—the restaurant in the rear of the Variety Store. (Advertisement)

## FARMERS HOLD MEETING

Legislation Needed by Farmers Discussed to be the Paramount Issue.

National Aid in Marketing Requested. To Co-operate with State University.

The called session of the Farmers' Union, held at Fort Worth, January 14th and 15th, was attended by over 600 delegates from local Unions all over the state. The convention was called to consider marketing problems and special attention was given warehouse legislation adapted to handling the cotton crop.

### Farmers Want Warehouses.

Some of the features of the warehouse bill approved by the convention are these: It provides for voting bonds for building warehouses, a state warehouse commission to supervise the operation of the warehouse system; the sampling of cotton at gins and guaranteeing the quality as represented by sample; warehouse receipts on cotton will be guaranteed by the state, and many other provisions which facilitate the handling of this commodity. The proposed measure, when enacted into law, will enable the farmers to secure cheap money on cotton placed in warehouses and provides for economic and systematic marketing of cotton.

The subject of legislation needed by the farmers absorbed most of the attention of the convention, and the trend of discussion was that the next legislature should devote itself diligently to the solution of farm problems. The convention, by unanimous vote, adopted the views of Peter Radford, which have been given wide publicity in the press, on the legislative needs of the state.

### Radford's Legislative Views Endorsed.

The platform given out by Mr. Radford declares marketing and helping the tenant farmers to be the paramount issues in the present campaign. A strong appeal is made for a system of co-operative laws that will give the business of farming the same legal facilities that are now accorded commerce and industry; the anti-trust laws are commended and amendments strengthening them are requested; the improvement of railroads and increase of mileage is asked for; woman's suffrage is opposed. The most interesting declaration, from a political viewpoint, is the liquor plank, which emphatically declares that no liquor legislation of any character be enacted by the next Legislature. Compulsory education, good roads, care for our wards, consideration of our convicts, and a business government are demanded. The action of the convention is doubly significant in that it is the authoritative voice of agriculture, and it has spoken at the opening of the campaign. The session was a most harmonious and satisfactory one, and the organization will now take up the work of putting its legislative views into law.

### Aid to Be Asked of Congress.

Recognizing the great need of immediate relief in the marketing of perishable truck, the convention voted in favor of requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to endeavor to secure such legislation from Congress as will enable it to establish and maintain inspectors of carlot shipments of perishables in every city in the United States, who shall examine and report by wire, upon arrival, the conditions, grade and market price of the same to every efficient co-operative distributing agency.

President Lewis was heartily commended by the convention for his wise and conservative handling of the many problems which have come before the Union and for his success in his recent attempts to have the funds appropriated by the Thirty-third Legislature for increasing marketing facilities used for that purpose.

### Texas University to Co-operate.

Mr. F. M. Bradley, in charge of the Extension Department of the University of Texas, addressed the gathering and gave his views on rural life problems, including land ownership, rural population, country homes, rural schools and kindred subjects.

He stated that the University of Texas expects to co-operate with the Farmers' Union of Texas in the mat-

ter of gathering statistics on farm products and its study of rural co-operation and farm finance. He laid stress upon the land ownership problem and quoted statistics to show that the tenant farmer is on the increase in Texas. He pointed out the need for better homes and better schools in the country and stated that this could only be brought about by a better system of farm finance and marketing of agricultural products, so that the producer would get what belongs to him in the way of proper remuneration for his efforts.

## TEXAS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

424 Miles Built in 1913.

There were 424.1 miles of new railroad built in Texas during the calendar year 1913, and this new mileage was secured by raising bonuses of approximately one million dollars, according to data compiled by the Texas Business Men's Association. The new mileage was constructed at a cost of \$10,600,000 but it enhanced the value of contiguous property, according to customary estimates approximately \$27,000,000.

Railroads known as "independent" lines are credited with the greater part of the new trackage. The Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific are the only "system" companies that built new mileage. These two roads constructed 136.7 of the 1913 mileage and the "independents" built 287.4 miles.

The mileage constructed during the calendar year 1912 was 153.6 and 599.4 in 1911. Prior to 1911 no data have been kept of the construction by calendar years.

The San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf leads in new mileage built during the year, having laid 95 miles of steel on the 114 mile line between Corpus Christi and Pleasanton. The Santa Fe takes second rank, with 89 miles of steel laid on the Lubbock-Farwell cut-off. Under the encouragement of heavy bonuses, the Orient was pushed 63 miles nearer the Mexican border and the trains are now operating as far west as Alpine. The Quanah, Acme and Pacific constructed 40 miles of new line early in the year, affording Motley County its first rail connection with the outside world. The Houston and Texas Central, one of the two "system" lines that built additional mileage in 1913, laid 47.3 miles of steel on two different projects. The Stone City-Giddings extension, which is 39.0 miles in length, was completed and all but a mile of steel laid on the Eureka-Stella cut-off.

The Jacksboro-Salesville extension of the Gulf, Texas and Western, which was started last year, was completed and all the steel laid in 1913. Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, secured their first railroad when the 23.8 miles was built to the main line of the S. A. & A. P. The Paris and Mt. Pleasant Company completed its line, which was begun last year, between Bogota and Mount Pleasant. This road is 27 miles in length and the laying of 19 miles of steel in 1913 finished the project. Steel laying on the road between Bronson and Hemphill, a distance of 11 miles, was begun and completed in 1913. The citizens of Matador raised a hundred thousand dollars and are building a railroad to the main line of the Quanah, Acme and Pacific, which missed their town by 8 1-2 miles to the south when it built into Motley County last spring. Five miles of steel were laid in 1913, and the road is rapidly nearly completion. The laying of 4 miles of steel on the 18 mile line of the Artesian Belt between Christine and Crowther, and the building of a 3 mile tap by the Nacogdoches and Southeastern in Nacogdoches County, completes the roster of railway construction in Texas for the year.

### Builders Trust to Future.

Practically all the roads built during 1913 have been into new and thinly settled territory and the builders have trusted to the future to provide tonnage to pay interest on bonds and dividends on the investment. The density of population in the counties along the route of the three longest lines built in 1913 averages 5 persons to each square mile of area, according to the latest Federal Census figures. This territory is only one-half as thickly populated as Africa.

The 1912 farm, mine and factory production in the counties traversed by the three roads had a value of less than \$7,000,000, which is \$28,500 of products to each mile of road built. For each mile of road in operation in the entire state there is an

annual yield of \$53,000 of farm, mine and factory products.

### Six Counties Get First Railroad.

The railroad made its initial appearance in Bailey, Gillespie, Hockley, Lamb, Live Oak and Motley counties in 1913, and many residents of these counties heard for the first time the whistle of a locomotive. Texas still has 27 counties without a single mile of railroad and their combined area is 32,000 square miles, and is equivalent to the area of the State of Indiana. The counties in Texas without a mile of railroad on January 1st, 1914, are as follows:

Andrews, Bandera, Blanco, Borden, Briscoe, Cochran, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Gaines, Glasscock, Hansford, Hutchinson, Kimble, King, Loving, Mason, Moore, Ochiltree, Schleicher, Somervell, Starr, Sutton, Terry, Throckmorton, Yoakum and Zapata.

There are 11 counties in the state which have less than 15 miles of railroads. They are as follows: Aransas, Brooks, Castro, Dickens, Franklin, Hockley, Lipscomb, Martin, Rockwall, Stephens and Sterling.

### S. H. N. I. Items

Huntsville, Texas.—Thinking that it might be interesting to those who have the cause of education at heart, I beg leave to mention these items concerning the Sam Houston Normal Institute. The enrollment is already 676, and no doubt by the close of the third term, March 14, or the beginning of the fourth term, March 16, the enrollment will likely reach 700.

The summer session will begin the second day of June. In the summer term there will be in addition to the regular faculty, three new members, making a total of 26. This summer will be the first time that any of the State normals have offered courses in the new fourth year course, which is equivalent to the Junior Year in the University of Texas.

Under the management of the department of physical education of the Sam Houston Normal, a school game contest will be held the 9th of March between the various schools of Walker County on the Campus of the normal. The President of the Normal (Prof. H. F. Estill) will give a prize to the school whose team makes the most points.

No doubt it will be of interest to former students to learn that there will be four Intercollegiate Debates held sometime in April. The same question will be debated the same time at Huntsville, San Marcos, Denton and Canyon City, and all former students will be sumptuously cared for gratis.

On March 2 the Annual Exercises will be held at the grave of Gen. Sam Houston, celebrating the Independence of Texas. This reminds us of a statement made by one of our congressmen to the effect that a Texas boy, who could neither read nor write made a better citizen than an educated foreigner; that the very name of Houston, Bonham, Fannin, Crockett and San Jacinto stirred the blood of a Texas boy with patriotic emotions that no books can give.

I am,  
C. W. B.

### 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.



Do  
You  
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## SUMMER NORMAL FOR COUNTY

Editor Messenger—On Saturday, January, 31st, a number of the high school principals and superintendents from different parts of the county met at the court house and went into a committee of the whole to formulate plans and take necessary steps toward organizing a summer normal for Houston County this summer.

Mr. Mangum was made chairman. The committee at once decided that we should have a normal. The place for holding it will be settled upon the competitive basis, that is, the towns interested will submit their bids to a sub-committee appointed to receive them. The town offering the largest cash bonus will have the normal. Funds thus raised will be applied to the payment of the necessary expenses. The committee whose duty it is to receive and report these bids is composed of Messrs. D. McDonald, A. S. Moore and B. F. Freeman.

The normal will last eight weeks, thus covering both series of the summer normal examinations. The tuition will be ten dollars for the eight weeks.

Upon motion, a committee, consisting of J. R. Dominy, Wade L. Smith and J. H. Rosser, was appointed to draft resolutions and present them to Hon. W. F. Doughty, endorsing his candidacy for the office of state superintendent. At the same time a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gant, Freeman and Moore, was appointed to draft resolutions to be presented to Mr. Doughty recommending the appointment of Mr. D. McDonald to a place on the state normal board of examiners.

Mr. N. A. Gant was elected conductor of our county normal with the following faculty: Messrs. Wade L. Smith, S. E. Tanner, B. F. Freeman, A. S. Moore and J. H. Rosser. A lady will be chosen to conduct instruction in primary teaching. The names of Mrs. McLemore, Mrs. Graves and Miss Minnie Craddock were submitted as eligibles.

The committee adjourned to meet again in Crockett Feb. 21, when reports of sub-committees will be heard and final steps taken toward putting the normal on a working basis.

J. F. Mangum, Chairman.  
 D. McDonald,  
 S. E. Tanner,  
 Wade L. Smith,  
 N. A. Gant,  
 B. F. Freeman,  
 A. S. Moore,  
 R. J. Dominy,  
 J. H. Rosser, Sec'y.

The committee hopes that all teachers in the county will lend their approval and support toward making this summer's work even more successful than that of last summer. It is also hoped that the citizens and prospective summer normal students will look into this matter, see the many advantages that it offers to prospective teachers and help maintain the normal in a manner commensurate with the county's reputation for progress.

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 A. I. v.

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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 effective 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.

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When constipation is having its evil effects on your body and brain, Nature is doing her best to offset them and overcome the cause itself. But usually Nature cannot do this unaided.

In the past, many sufferers at such a time used to turn to dangerous calomel in hope of relief. For some people calomel does appear to give a temporary benefit, but as a matter of fact it is a poison that proves to be injurious and even dangerous to many. If you have ever taken calomel you probably have suffered from evil conditions following its use.

But nowadays great numbers of people have learned how to feel better, brighter and healthier by taking Dodson's Liver Tone instead of calomel. Indeed, this harmless vegetable liquid is recommended and guaranteed by A. S. Porter, who will refund the purchase price to you without question if you are not completely satisfied with it.

Get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for only 50c and learn for yourself how easily and naturally it assists nature in getting rid of and correcting constipation and biliousness, how it clears away the sick headache and coated tongue and sets you right without ache or gripe, without any interference with your regular habits. Fine for children. They like to take it. (Advertisement.)

### For District Clerk

John D. Morgan authorizes the Messenger to announce his candidacy for re-election as District Clerk, subject to the action of the July primary. Mr. Morgan writes us from Houston, where he is confined in St. Joseph's hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis. He is rapidly recovering and hopes to be able to return home in a few days.

Mr. Morgan has held the office for which he is asking reelection only one term, and according to democratic usage, is entitled to another term. However, we are sure Mr. Morgan does not think that he should put forth this claim exclusively, but we would have you to investigate his record and the manner in which he has conducted the business of the office.

He is friendly, accommodating, possesses good qualifications for the clerkship, and we heartily commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

### 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.

### A Call To Farmers

All farmers interested in the culture of peanuts are requested to meet at the court house at 2 o'clock Saturday, Feb. 21, for the purpose of discussing the peanut business. It is possible that a thrasher will be bought to thrash them, and a good price has been assured. Be on hand, and talk it up among your neighbors.

## ROCK HILL COMMUNITY

Rock Hill, Feb. 9.—Well, there has been a big change up north and a lot of it got away and slipped away down here in Texas. The weather prophet is hitting it alright.

The health of our community is good at present.

Everybody is moving right along with their farm work and expecting a great harvest, but no one can tell the results until next fall.

Sunday was Bob William's day, but suppose it was too cold for him as he did not show up. But there was a good crowd present and the time was well spent in singing and prayer service.

Sunday was Bro. William's Mr. C. R. Streetman returned Sunday morning from Midlothian, where he has been attending a musical normal school under Prof. R. H. Cornelius.

Several of the choir attended the singing at New Prospect Sunday night, but the singing had been called in, and we did not know it, but there was some singing and a very good crowd present.

Prof. W. R. Campbell was conductor and Miss Donnie Powers organist, using the latest book out.

Mr. Tom Laster of Daily, was in our midst Sunday.

There was some attraction in our midst Sunday for Mr. Luther Warren.

Master Wiley Pridgen, of Daily, attended church Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Brooks and Miss Lota Dennis were among the singers at New Prospect Sunday night.

### LITTLE ITEMS.

#### Successful Everywhere

People everywhere are talking of the quick and fine results Foley Kidney Pills give in backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles. You can not take them into your system without good results. That is because Foley Kidney Pills give to the kidneys and bladder just what nature calls for to heal these weakened and inactive organs. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

R. F. Hodge, who lives north of town on route 1, was a pleasant caller at this office last Thursday. Mr. Hodge said the farmers in his community had taken advantage of the beautiful weather and had their land in fine shape for the planting season, which will now soon be here.

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.

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## HAYS SPRING HAPPENINGS

We would like to let the world know we are still existing out here, 4 miles west of Grapeland, in one of the most prosperous farming centers of East Texas.

There have been several families moving in here this year for the purpose of farming.

Bro. Matney, our pastor, preached his first sermon for us two weeks ago.

Mr. W. H. Fields, who has been running the Harris Hotel at Crockett, has moved out here. He has bought a half interest in Mr. Johnson's saw mill, and we hope them continued success in their work this year.

There was a party at Mr. Hardin Pennington's last Saturday night. All report a good time.

Miss Florence Pennington, who has been going to school in Memphis, Texas, has returned home to stay with homefolks awhile.

### "Hog Waddle" Latest Thing.

San Benito, — Cuero had its "Turkey Trot," Grapeland had its "Possum Walk," and now comes San Benito with its "Hog Waddle." This is one of the features planned for the "cabbage day" celebration to be held here March 17th. The "Hog Waddle" will have 5,000 porkers in line, which will march through the business streets of the city and will emphasize the fact that hogs can be successfully grown here, although none were raised until a short time ago.

### Improving the Highways.

We issued over seven million dollars of bonds last year and raised almost an equal amount by taxation for the improvement of our highways. The amount of bonds issued was almost double that of the previous year, which indicates that we are making rapid progress in road improvement.

But there is another side of the story. There was over four millions of proposed bond issues defeated. These elections, with a few unimportant exceptions, were carried by a majority vote but failed to get the necessary two-thirds. The amendment of this law to permit the issuance of bonds on a majority vote is an important opportunity presented to the next legislature.

### For Commissioner

W. L. Vaught of Weches authorizes the Messenger to announce his candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Vaught is a highly esteemed citizen of Houston county and probably there is not a man in the county who enjoys the respect and confidence of his home people more than he does. He has served his people as Justice of the Peace for 24 years in succession. That alone is a good endorsement. He knows the needs of his precinct and is otherwise qualified to fill the office.

He asks a fair consideration of his claims before committing yourself to another.

### 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.

## We are Not Superstitious--But We Believe in Signs Do You?

One of the signs that we believe in is that

## Springtime

will soon be here with all of its sunshine and gladness!

What preparations are you making for this—the youthtide of the new year? There are many necessary things that you will find you need—something that you think you have perhaps, until the very minute you need it. But you should not worry, for it is only a step to this store, where you can find every useful article used around the house, garden or farm.

February 14th is garden planting day, and you'll need a few tools and seeds. We have a full line of hoes, rakes, garden plows and tools and seeds that you can depend on. We also have every kind of plow or other farming implement necessary for successful crop raising in this section, and our field seeds have been carefully selected. We have plenty of seed corn, cotton seed and cane seed—the kinds that are grown most successfully around here.

Then, there is the spring house cleaning starting you in the face, the time you need so many little things and need them in a hurry. It may be tacks, broom, dusters, O'Cedar Polish, Old Dutch Cleanser, Bon Ami, soap or possibly a can of floor paint or varnish to give that touch of newness. But you can depend upon this: that whatever it is we've got it.

Our aim is to make every one who spends a nickle with us a satisfied customer, by giving him prompt attention, courteous treatment and quality merchandise. Remember this store when you need anything—big or little—and we will try to make you glad you traded here.

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The ladies of Grapeland will find at DARSEY'S Dry Goods Department many new goods that have just arrived, such as dress goods, trimmings, dresses, buttons, skirts, and many other things from the leading style centers of America.

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