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SPECIAL NOTICE

To the members of the Methodist church of Grapeland and all the friends and well wishers of Christianity, who are interested in the town of Grapeland in a material way, if no other:

You are hereby requested and exhorted to meet us at the Methodist church next Sunday at 8 p. m., the object of the meeting is to get together on the matter of a new church building for the M. E. church in Grapeland. Please come, men, women and children, and let us decide will we build and what amount we will put into it, as we wish all who are at all interested to know what we are trying to do, and we hope by this plan to get intelligent interest enough to build a house that will do credit to Grapeland and honor to the cause of Christ. This means you. Committee.

Can You Grow Castor Beans?

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3, 1918.—Chairman Local Draft Board—Dear Sir:—The United States government is in great need of a supply of castor beans to make cylinder oil for aeroplane engines.

Please send us the names and addresses of a few enterprising land owners in your county who might be willing to demonstrate their patriotism with the plow in growing a crop of castor beans on good cotton or corn land.

Aero Supply Committee,
By M. W. Thomas.

Cold weather is on the way. Good providing folks will read Darsey's ad and profit thereby.

SAME HERE

Occasionally one of our good subscribers to the weekly edition of The News protests at the raise in the subscription price to \$1.50 a year. They are perfectly willing to pay a dollar for the paper when cotton was selling at eight and ten cents, potatoes at 50 cents a bushel, syrup at four bits a gallon and pork at eight cents a pound delivered. But since cotton has gone to 30 cents, potatoes and syrup to a dollar, and pork from 15 to 20 cents a pound, The News insists that it is entitled to fifty cents more. We believe we are right, and without an advance there would be no Lufkin News or any other newspaper worthy the name.—Lufkin News.

WHY YOU SHOULD TRADE WITH FIRMS THAT ADVERTISE

Because the firm that bids for your business feels that it has the quality to keep you a customer, once you give it a chance.

Because the firm that advertises is the live firm. You know this yourself. Who are the largest advertisers in the city? Are they not the best firms?

STRAYED

From my pasture south of Grapeland, one Jersey bull, 2-years old, marked: split in the right, swallow-fork in left ear; branded ND connected on left hip. Reward will be given for its return or information leading to its recovery.

It

Nat Davis.

THE COUNTY AGENT

The time is at hand when the commissioners' court is to decide the matter of voting the appropriation of \$800 as one-half the salary of the county demonstration agent for the present year, and it would seem as if his services were of such a generally recognized value to our agricultural interests that there would be no doubt as to favorable action on the part of the court, but for some reason that it is difficult to analyze, there appears to be a doubt as to the action that will be taken.

Mr. Collins, the present agent, has only been with us a few months but has convincingly demonstrated his fitness for the position and has worked as industriously, days, nights, and oftimes on Sundays to meet the urgent demands upon his services. He has personally vaccinated thousands of head of hogs without any cost to the farmers except the price of the medicine, and in this work alone has saved the county many times the amount of his yearly salary. He has terraced many acres of land and has engagements to terrace many hundred additional acres before planting season arrives. He is constantly responding to calls from farmers all over the county for veterinary services covering all other kinds of livestock and consulting with farmers continuously in regard to the best manner of preparation, planting and cultivating their lands. In other words, his knowledge and active services are at the call of every farmer of Houston county without cost.

Under the heading of "How Navasota Does It" in a recent issue of the Progressive Farmer, reciting the work of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, in its efforts to assist the farmers to a greater degree of efficiency and consequent prosperity, the editor has this to say of the part the county agent filled in this constructive work:

"Seed testing demonstrations are another factor in the success of farm development carried on by our Chamber of Commerce that has borne results.

"Terracing demonstrations have been carried on with the result of many farms being scientifically terraced.

"Our county demonstration agent is a most potential factor in the work; in fact, we work as one in our efforts to build up a better rural condition.

"Just one word to the Chamber of Commerce in other cities: Get close to your demonstration agent if you have one; if not, urge your court to put one on. His work is invaluable."

H. A. FISHER.

Willie Gee went to San Antonio last week with the intention of joining the regular army in the quartermaster's division, but found that he could only get into the aviation corps. Having no desire to be a "high-flyer," he returned home to wait for the draft.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Davis have recently moved into the home purchased from J. W. Jones.

Begin the New Year Right

Trade with us and save money.

See us for all kinds of Plow goods and Hardware

Big car of FURNITURE just arrived.

Keeland Brothers

THE PRICE IS THE THING

THINGS TO CONSIDER . . .

THIS year we are facing the most serious year of our national life---The entire nation---every citizen is thinking, planing and waiting, with only one thought in mind, namely: We are at war with the Central Powers of Europe, every man woman and child is doing their best. We in farming sections must prepare to do our level down best to make a big crop. We, as merchants, have prepared ourselves to supply you with the best farming implements to be had. Come and see what we have and supply your needs toward making 1918 the banner crop year for Grapeland.

Let us serve you for what you need in Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing Shoes and all kinds of Plow Implements.

McLean & Riall

The Home of Dependable Merchandise

WE ARE READY TO SERVE YOU

We take this method of thanking our friends and customers for the business given us last year and we are ready to serve you again.

Our stock is more complete than ever before. We can fill your entire bill.

TRUNKS AND SUIT CASES--We have just received a big line at right prices.

SHOES--Our shoe department is more complete than ever. We have just received a shipment of HOWARD & FOSTER SHOES for men, in all the leading styles for young men.

HATS--We have just added some of the snappy numbers to our hat stock which brings it up to the best.

GROCERIES AND HARDWARE--Our grocery and hardware stock is complete to the smallest detail. We have Lima, Navy and Pink Beans, Fresh Cabbage, Onions, Potatoes, Apples, Oranges, Nuts of all kinds, fresh Cheese, Hams, etc.

A word to the wise is sufficient. The old way of hanging up your meat and building a smoke under it is no longer necessary. We can save you of that trouble--use WRIGHT'S CONDENSED SMOKE. It can be applied with a brush; we also have the Ham Pickling for sugar curing your hams. Don't fail to try a bottle.

Plenty of seed Irish Potatoes due to arrive this week.

Phone your orders--we deliver promptly.

W. H. LONG & CO.

ROAD BUILDING

ROYAL LINE IN A DEMOCRACY

"Roads Rule the World—Not Kings or Congresses, Not Courts, Nor Constables or Soldiers."

In an argument for good roads some wise man, whose name has been lost, made use of the following: "Roads rule the world—not kings, nor congresses, nor courts, nor constables, not ships nor soldiers. The road is the only royal line in a democracy, the only legislature that never changes, the only court that never sleeps, the only army that never quits, the first-aid to the redemption of any nation, the exodus from stagnation in any society, the call from savagery in any tribe, the high priest of prosperity, after the order of Melchisedec, without beginning of days or end of life. The road is umpire in every war, and when the new map is made, it simply pushes on its great campaign of help, hope, brotherhood, efficiency and peace."

The value of good roads may be better understood when it is known that the average cost to farmers of the United States to transport produce to market is more than 23 cents per ton per mile. These figures do not include the cost of breakage of harness or vehicles. The cost per ton per mile over hard-surfaced roads is less than half the present average.

GAINER BY IMPROVED ROADS

Careful Analysis Shows Greatest Gain Over Present Conditions Is Man on Branch Road.

The development of sentiment for issuing bonds to build permanent roads has brought to the surface many questions which require careful consideration and demand clearly stated and convincing replies. Of these, the one recurring most frequently is: "What advantage is there in a bond issue for the farmer who lives several miles from one of the improved roads?"

At first glance it would seem that the man living directly upon the improved road obtains the greatest benefits, but careful analysis proves that the greatest gain over present conditions is the man on the side road. With the limited road and bridge funds usually available in any township and the necessity of keeping the main highways at least in passable condition, little or nothing is left for working upon the less traveled roads. As repair expense practically ceases when permanent roads are built, the road and bridge funds formerly spent on main roads will be released for use upon the side roads.

In addition, money spent upon these side roads will go five times as far, or do five times as much work, as



Soil Road in North Carolina.

when it was spent upon the roads where heavy travel quickly wiped out every trace of the improvement. A reasonable amount of road and bridge money used in ditching and dragging side roads will place them in condition to carry the comparatively light traffic that passes over them to the main highway. The man on the side road will have, in place of a continuous haul through the mud from farm to town, a much-improved surface from farm to the main highway and a highly improved road, maintained at much less expense to the township or county, the remainder of the way to his town or market.—Farm Engineering.

Drag After Rain.

Drag the road as soon after every rain as possible, but not when the mud is in such a condition as to stick to the drag.

Attention to Road Drag.

If we would pay more attention to the road drag, we would have better roads.

Does This Cap Fit You

By HERBERT KAUFMAN

Author of "Do Something! Be Something!"

ADVERTISING isn't a crucible with which lazy, bigoted and incapable merchants can turn incompetency into success—but one into which brains and tenacity and courage can be poured and changed into dollars. It is only a short cut across the fields—not a moving platform. You can't "get there" without "going some."

It's a game in which the worker—not the shirker—gets rich. By its measurement every man stands for what he is and for what he does, not for what he was and what he did.

Every day in the advertising world is another day and has to be taken care of with the same energy as its yesterday.

The quitter can't survive where the plugger has the ghost of a chance.

Advertising doesn't take the place of business talent or business management. It simply tells what a business is and how it is managed. The snob whose father created and who is content to live on what was handed to him, can't stand up against the man who knows he must build for himself.

What makes you think that you are entitled to prosper as well as a competitor who works twice as hard for his prosperity?

Why should as many people deal at your store, as patronize a shop that makes an endeavor to get their trade and shows them that it is worth while to come to its doors?

Why should a newspaper send as many customers to you, in half the time it took to fill an establishment which advertised twice as long and paid twice as much for its publicity?

This is the day when the best man wins—after he proves that he is the best man—when the best store wins, when it has shown that it is the best store—when the best goods win, after they've been demonstrated to be the best goods.

If you want the plum you can't get it by lying under the tree with your mouth open waiting for it to drop—too many other men are willing to climb out on the limb and risk their necks in their eagerness to get it away from you.

It is a man's game—this advertising—just hanging on and tugging and straining all the time to get and keep ahead. It is the finite expression of the law of Competition, which sits in blind-folded justice over the markets of the world.

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THE KITCHEN CABINET
It's everybody's business. In this old world of ours, To root up all the weeds he finds, And make room for the flowers. So that every little garden No matter where it lies, May look like that which God once made, And called it Paradise.

CANNING AND PICKLING.

Tomatoes and corn are two of our fall vegetables that we never seem to have too much of to put into the cellars. Drying corn is one of the easiest ways of preserving it, and is more generally liked when dried quickly than even well canned corn.

Pull the ears, husk and silk and drop into boiling water for five minutes, remove from the boiling water and dip into cold water, drain and pull from the cob and place in the drying pans, or place in jars, adding salt brine, using a teaspoonful of salt to a pint of boiling water, to fill the jars to overflowing. Seal the jars tight, then turn back half an inch, place on a rack in a boiler or other receptacle, cover to the depth of an inch over the top of the tallest jar and cook three hours for a quart, three hours and a half for a two-quart jar. Seal on being taken from the boiler.

Can or dry all vegetables or fruits as quickly as possible after picking. The slogan today is "An hour from the garden to the can." If prime foods are thus cared for they will be superior when opened in the winter.

Tomato Canning.—Select firm, ripe, uniformly red tomatoes for canning, of small size to slip whole into the jar. Cover with boiling water until the skins crack, dip quickly into cold water, drain and peel, using care to remove the hard green stem end and not to break into the seed sacks and lose the juice. Pack into sterilized jars and fill with tomato juice, without a drop of water; add a little salt, half a teaspoonful to each quart, and seal as for other vegetables. Cover in the boiler with boiling water and cook a half-hour. Remove and seal tightly at once. Good rubbers, if the jars are not sealed too tight, will pass through the three hours' cooking of corn without stretching or looping out from under the cover. If this should occur, remove the rubber, replace with another, dipped in hot water, and put back to boil again for a few minutes to be sure the vegetable has been well sterilized.

Nellie Maxwell

J. H. Powell and family of Augusta, moved last week to their home south of town, recently purchased from J. L. Ward.

GINGLES' JINGLES

NOBODY HOME.

There's many a guy keeps a talking, his jib's on the job night and day, you jink and put up with his chatter, but gladly would beat it away, he doesn't appeal to your senses, your interest he doesn't arouse, you long for a club, you would silence the dub, as you answer the geezer with ractions and bows, keep a yawning and answer with bows. He talks of the things he's accomplished, he talks of himself and that's all, you try to get him off the subject, for no other line will he fall; through courtesy you're a stand-patter, you're sadly consoled to your fate, your mind flits away, it refuses to stay, simply hands your tormentor the gate. That helps, now the noise doesn't bother, you're deaf to the clang of his jaw, but when the guy asks you a question, 'tis then he gets wise to the flaw, your mind has been off on a journey, meandering hither and yon, and all he has said, went right over your head, your answer though puts the guy on, he is wise, he knows for a time you've been *Lein H. Jingles* gone.

MEN TALKED ABOUT

Rear Admiral Mayo says American navy by 1918 will have 1,000 ships.

A. C. Dunham of Hartford, Conn., has given a \$100,000 farm to Storrs college.

Dr. W. W. Dehn of Seattle has discovered a deadly asphyxiating gas, which he will offer for war use.

A. G. Dean of Omaha is only able to hear by placing a telephone receiver on top of his head.

Samuel A. Schwandt of Milwaukee has changed his name to Shaw, and Herman Stechmich-nicht will hereafter be known as Patrick O'Malley.

ABOUT PERSONS

John Wanamaker, Philadelphia merchant, is still active in business at seventy-nine.

Mrs. Daisey D. Barr of Chicago, says women in that town drink more liquor than Paris women ever did.

Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania, refuses to dictate or typewrite his messages, preferring personal pen.

Dg. J. G. Krusen of Philadelphia, urges rigid war-time precautions against sale or use of narcotic drugs.

R. R. McCormick and J. M. Patterson, two of the editors and owners of the Chicago Tribune, have enlisted in the United States army.



Advantages of

Buying Advertised Goods

Merchandise that is advertised moves much faster than that which is not, and therefore the stock is kept new and up-to-date. There are no shopworn, slow sellers to be disposed of in the store that keeps the advertising columns at work selling goods.

And you can always depend upon the quality of advertised articles. The merchant's reputation is back of his merchandise and he cannot jeopardize it by misrepresenting his goods even the least bit.

Furthermore, the dealer's newspaper announcement usually offers money-saving bargains, and every thrifty person should take full advantage of such opportunities. Read the advertisements today.

To get rid of that Tired, Bilious, Half-Sick Feeling, take a dose of

HERBINE

It Cleanses the Stomach, Liver and Bowels

It's a man's remedy that goes to the right spot. Puts life and activity into the torpid liver, strengthens the stomach and digestion and purifies and regulates the bowels. A timely dose of this excellent system regulator and bowel tonic will oftentimes ward off a spell of sickness. Price 50 cents.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

For 65 Years

MASURY PURE PAINTS have been used by the discriminating buyer. Your great grand parents knew this paint was good, and used it. . . WHY NOT YOU?

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

The Difference

Between the Cost of Good and Cheap Printing

is so slight that he who goes shopping from printer to printer to secure his printing at a few cents less than what it is really worth hardly ever makes day laborer wages at this unpleasant task.

If you want good work at prices that are right, get your job printing

At This Office

C. C. OFFICER
Veterinarian

Telephone Goodson Hotel or Drug Stores

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY **ADAMS & YOUNG** CROCKETT, TEXAS

City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Proprietors

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

THE GREEN SEAL

By JEAN DICKERSON.

Bob Noyes was as brave as one could desire when he had to face actual danger, but when it came to proposing to one little blue-eyed girl with whom he was madly in love, why Bob simply backed away from her father's front door and rushed to the nearest telephone pay station to make his confession over the wire. Alma's voice at the other end was soft, and hesitating and entrancingly sweet; but the hesitation was maddening to Bob Noyes.

"Tell me now!" he urged impatiently.

"I—I couldn't!" she pleaded. "I'll write you a little note before I go to bed—honest I will, Bob."

"I wish you could tell me now and put me out of my misery," he urged.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, Bob, I'll let you know before you ever open the note. If it's good news there will be a blue seal on the flap of the envelope—and if it's—not good news, why there will be a green seal. So you will know as soon as you receive the letter."

With that arrangement Bob had to be contented.

Would he be confronted by a blue seal or a fatal green one? All the evening the query haunted him.

Morning brought new hope.

He sat down at breakfast and looked nervously at the letters neatly piled beside his plate. Ah, here was the letter. He turned it over.

Green!

"Turned down, by Jove!" he muttered, thrusting the unopened letter in his breast pocket and pushing aside his plate. "A cup of strong coffee, Dunn, and nothing else," he ordered.

"Not a chop—or a bit of fruit, sir?" protested the servant.

"Nothing."

At nine o'clock that evening Alma Ray heard with a shock of dismay that Bob Noyes had sailed for Bermuda that afternoon.

"He wasn't in earnest after all," she said with a pale smile as she danced the evening away.

In Bermuda Bob Noyes hated golf

and bridge and spent his spare time glowering at the unopened letter with the fatal green seal on the flap.

"Faithless after all," he groaned one day as he strolled along a snowy beach. "If a pair of blue eyes ever said—" he shook his head fiercely.

At that moment he came face to face with Alma Ray's brother Jack, who was staring at him with maliciously amused eyes.

"You're looking seedy, Bob," said Jack, after they had shaken hands.

"No reason why I should," defended the other. "I'm fit as a fiddle—having no end of a good time. Surprised to see you here at this season."

"Governor had a poor spell—I was detailed to escort him down here; he's over on the links now, grinning like a Cheshire cat and having no end of a good time. Foxy is my dad's middle name!" laughed Jack.

"Er—family all well?" asked Bob. "I told you dad was ailing," returned Jack with a surprised look.

"Yes. Mrs. Ray and your sister?"

"Oh, yes." Jack dropped the subject in an exasperating way that nettled Bob Noyes. What was the matter with the boy? Did he know of Bob's disappointment—did he, perhaps, know that Alma was engaged to some other man?

"I'm going over to see how dad's getting along," said Jack. "Come?"

"Not now—I'll be over later," was Bob's reply, and he was thankful when he was alone. "Who could imagine I'd ever be so weak-kneed just because a little girl refused to marry me? By Jove, I won't! I'll go back tomorrow!"

He whirled around to retrace his steps and almost ran into Alma Ray, small and dainty, her lovely face as white as her frock.

"Bob!" she cried sharply. "Why did you go away?"

"Alma!" he was weak with surprise. "Why—why, I got your letter that morning—the green seal, you know!" he stammered.

"Well, what of it?" she asked impatiently.

"What of it? Why, I saw the green seal and I knew!"

She regarded him closely. Then: "Did you read the letter?" she asked calmly.

"No—it wasn't necessary. I have it here." He held it toward her, the green seal unbroken.

"Read it," she commanded, and reluctantly he obeyed.

He lifted a bewildered face, bliss-

Advertising

ADVERTISING is the education of the public as to who you are, where you are and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the world in the way of commodity or service.—
Elbert Hubbard.

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.

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

Sold by Wade L. Smith

MAXWELL

Most Miles per Gallon & Most Miles on Tires

When Business Needs You Most, —Conserve Your Energy

When success means straining nerve force to the utmost

—when minutes given to your affairs are precious

—when your strength is the driving force of your store or factory or farm

—then you *must* have a motor car.

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A motor car saves valuable time—saves your vitality—during business hours.

And—after business hours—provides recreation and vigor—giving outdoor enjoyment that helps you in the daily battle.

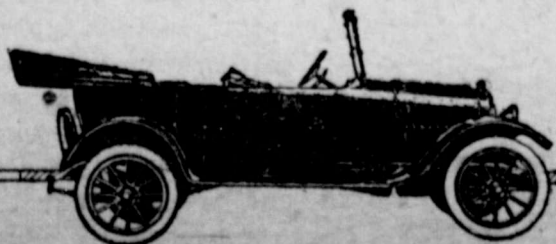
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The economy, durability, and mechanical perfection of the standardized Maxwell car have been proved so conclusively they are now accepted facts.

The Maxwell is the car without a peer for the man who is working under full steam.

Touring Car \$745; Roadster \$745; Coupe \$1095
Berline \$1095; Sedan with Wire Wheels \$1195
F. O. B. Detroit

George E. Darsey



fully happy with the message read in the letter, still perplexed over the green seal.

"But, darling, how was I to know?" he asked, holding her in his arms. "You said a blue seal would mean yes—a green seal would mean no—and I saw the green seal and I thought—"

"Stupid!" interrupted Alma, lifting starry eyes to his. "You see, I found I was all out of blue sealing wax, so I had to use green. And you ought to have known, anyway, what my answer would be."

And from that instant Bob Noyes relinquished all hope of ever understanding womankind.

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French War Weapon.

Good gunners will fire from twenty-five to thirty rounds a minute from the French "75" weapon.

War Raises Drug Prices.

The big war in Europe is helping to make it costly, if not criminal, to be ill these days. The proverbial ounce of prevention is not only better than a pound of cure, but it is a hundred times cheaper. The war has added from 25 to 300 per cent to the consumer's cost of these drugs, and many of them—entirely disappeared from the market—cannot be obtained at any price. In many instances no sign of lower prices appears. In others there is certainty that diminishing supply must result in the most outlandish price figures. Factors in staple drugs affected by the war are, they insist, endeavoring to conserve the limited quantities they have by fixing prohibitive figures—not for the purpose of gouging the consumer, but to make it possible to hold on to enough of the precious products to supply emergencies. Veronal, its solutions and compounds has almost disappeared from the market, and antipyrin, to be had in only moderate quantities, has advanced from 35 cents to \$5 per ounce.

Maybe They Were Friendly.

The Mesopotamian valley, up which the British expedition from the Persian gulf has made its way, is, according to tradition, man's first—and last—paradise. But Tommy Atkins, toiling through the sand under a blazing sun, fighting fleas and flies as well as Turks and Arabs, did not find the country Edenic. One night when the troops were trying to sleep one soldier was heard to say to another: "Ere, Bill, if this is the Garden of Eden, I wonder what Adam and Eve did with these 'ere mosquitoes a-buzzin' around 'em?"

Powder for Cabbage Worms.

For cabbage worms: Mix one part of fresh Persian insect powder with four parts of air-slaked lime, and dust it on the plants at regular intervals.

Don't Pay to Scrimp.

It doesn't pay to go to the expense of cows, stables, land, utensils, etc., for dairy work, then scrimp the cows.

Don't Use Whip.

Don't use the whip too freely on a horse that shies. Patience and kindness will do better.

GOVERNMENT TO AID FARMERS

Under the above heading the following special telegram from Nacogdoches appeared in last Sunday's Houston Post:

"News has been received here that an additional agent will be furnished to assist the County Agent James D. Greer and that both agents are being instructed to teach the farmers the importance of growing all the feedstuff and foodstuff possible.

"An expert will teach the farmers how to terrace their lands in the early spring. The value of the land will be increased and the land will not go to waste. The government means to make a vigorous campaign for better and more progressive agricultural methods in the county this year."

As convincing proof that the services of our county agent, Mr. Collins, have been of great value to our farmers, the demand upon his time was so great in combatting the threatened spread of hog cholera a few weeks ago that he called upon the government for assistance and another expert in this department was promptly sent here to work with Mr. Collins until the situation had been put under control. This extra expense was born entirely by the government, and an illustration of the value of co-operation with the Federal Government in agricultural matters. It is a rule of the Department, if not covered by statute, that in any county

where an agent is maintained, that any call for assistance along the lines of work involved in the operations of the Department of Agriculture, will meet with immediate and substantial response; whereas calls from counties that do not help to support this work receive scant attention.

We wish to say in conclusion that Mr. Collins' desk and office headquarters are in the Crockett Commercial Club rooms and that the Secretary has a better opportunity to know of his work than probably any other one man in the county, and he unhesitatingly states that in his judgment, the Commissioners' Court cannot serve the interests of the farmers of Houston county more acceptably than by voting the small appropriation necessary to continue this work another year. And we predict that by the close 1918 the effect of his work will be so pronounced that these appropriations will be continued without the slightest hesitation.

H. A. FISHER,
Secretary.

NEW GARAGE

W. J. Hughes & Son have leased the old livery stable building on the east side, and will convert it into an up-to-date garage. Mr. Hughes will look after the business end of the concern and his son will have charge of the mechanical department.

At Darsey's---THE SERVICE FIRST STORE---At Darsey's

Last Call on Winter Merchandise

It is impossible to replenish stocks with winter merchandise after the present supply is gone. Scarcity of materials and heavy demands of our country have used up all surplus fabrics on the market and as a result what goods can be bought command a fabulous price. **COLD WEATHER IS COMING! JANUARY IS THE REAL MONEY SAVING MONTH!** You can at the present find a well equipped stock of fresh merchandise at the SERVICE FIRST STORE.

Staple Cotton Goods

Our stock of staple cotton goods is right up to the minute.

Pepperell Wide Sheeting, Tupelo Chevots, Brown Domestic, Cotton Flannel, Dress Gingham, Feather Ticking, Economy Wide Sheeting, Bleached Domestic, Outing, Shirting, Percale, Mattress Ticking

It makes no difference what you need, you will find it here in a little better quality and at a little less price.

Buy Shoes Now

That shoes will be higher another season is inevitable. Yet by making our purchases far ahead, we are prepared right now to sell you shoes at a big saving. These shoes—whether for work or dress, are brands that have been before the people of this community for nearly thirty years and are recommended by the satisfaction they have given in the past and the reputation of America's largest shoe makers. **OUR SHOES GIVE BETTER WEAR.** "We have shoes for every foot, for every occasion, and at prices to fit your purse."

Underwear for Everyone

We have replenished our winter underwear and now have a fairly complete line for men, women and children. You can save 25 per cent. by buying your underwear a year ahead.

Men's union suits cotton ribbed, \$1.00 and..... **\$1.50**
Men's separate shirts and drawers cotton ribbed, per garment, 75c and..... **\$1.00**
Women's shirts, cotton ribbed... **85c**
Women's pants, cotton ribbed... **50c**

We have silk and wool union and 2-piece suits for ladies, all-wool 2-piece suits for men and a complete line of union suits for boys, girls and children. **SIZES ARE ALREADY BROKEN—BUY YOURS TODAY!**

Blankets! Blankets!

We are fortunate in having received another big shipment of **BLANKETS** just a day or so before Christmas. Here you will find them in all sizes—Cotton, Wool-Nap and all pure wool Blankets, \$3.00 up to..... **7.50**

That blankets were hard to get this fall is very evident that they will be scarce and higher for next fall. You can make a big saving by buying a full supply at today's prices.

George E. Darsey

The Service First Store

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

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.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR.....\$1.50
6 MONTHS... .75
3 MONTHS... .40

THURSDAY, JAN. 10, 1918

What has become of the old fashioned neighbor who used to run in at the back door to borrow a cupfull of sugar?

Buy of your home merchants and you are increasing the value of your own property. This is a fact—the better the town, the more demand there will be for property.

Talking is one of the strongest indications of life. Let our readers be governed accordingly, and notice the firms who talk through our columns. They are alive and full of business and it will profit you to trade with them every time.

The Department of Agriculture is urging poultry raising to increase the food supply. A bulletin "Back-Yard Poultry Keeping" has been issued, and may be secured without cost by application to the division of publication, department of Agriculture.

War savings stamps makes it possible for every citizen of this country—every man, woman and child within our borders—to do something to aid their government in her great need. Will you do your share?

Good roads will lead to the general improvement of the countryside. The farmer who drives to and from town over a spacious, smooth, well cared for road, will unconsciously come to effect corresponding improvements in the management and operation of his farm.

The value of a good local newspaper is much more than many people seem to think. And the way to make it good is to patronize it, pay for it, and furnish it with ads, news and items, such as the public want to know. Bring them in and we will print them. The press is a mighty power in helping to carry on the business and progress of our country. The fact is, the press has always been influential, even in the Savior's day. If you do not believe it, read Mark 2:4 and see for yourself.

The plan for the government to raise funds through the sale of war savings certificate stamps is one of the most commendable plans yet devised. The sale of Liberty bonds was necessarily circumscribed because these bonds could not be issued in small denominations sufficient to include the small savings of the millions who handle only small means. With the savings stamps, however, all can have a hand in financing their government. Millions who felt like they were unable to spare the amount of a bond, can contribute through this channel. And the fact that every penny invested in these

stamps is so much saved and invested at a profit, should inspire in the American people a spirit of thrift and saving that has heretofore been totally foreign to our natures. The response should be universal.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference of the M. E. church, was held in GrapeLand Sunday afternoon, Presiding Elder J. E. Morgan of Navasota, being present. The board of stewards reported a raise in the preacher's salary of \$150 over last year. C. B. Moore, S. W. Tigner and G. Kimble of Lovelady, J. L. Chiles of Reynard, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hiroms of Augusta were visitors. Bro. Morgan preached at night.

OAK GROVE

OLD TIMER

Jan. 6.—Christmas has come and gone as have all the Christmases of the past and the new year has arrived bright and clear. The people are in the worst commotion they've been in since the Declaration of Independence. The war has taken away many of our boys and caused the people to think of things which otherwise would never have entered their minds. But there have been wars since before the dawn of history, and I opine that they will continue so long as time shall last.

In the last issue of the Messenger in December, I think it was, Antrimite said some hard truths.

There is no farming being done in this community that I know of. It is too dry to plow and would be too cold, even if

there were sufficient moisture in the soil.

There is some sickness in this neighborhood—Mrs. Claude Brooks and Grandma Bean are on the sick list and John Clark has a sick child that is, however convalescing.

Mrs. A. E. Baxly has moved from S. T. Parker's place to Curtis Walling's.

FEED STUFF

I have a car load of maize feed stuff. If you need any, better get it at once, as it is scarce. 45-tf J. W. Howard.

NOTICE

A fine line of June and July peach trees—best varieties. Call and get what you want at Kennedy Bros. store.

45-t2 J. E. Hollingsworth.

VULCANIZING

We wish to inform auto owners that we have installed an up-to-date vulcanizer and can now repair your casings and put them in good shape at a reasonable price. Don't throw away old casings but bring them to us and have them fixed.

GUICE'S GARAGE.

Heart Pine Shingles Car Load of Brick Car of Doors and Windows expected to arrive this week.

We frame Pictures and have many styles of moulding to select from.

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

LOCAL NEWS

What is "18-92"?

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666.

"Eighteen Ninety-Two."

See W. H. Long & Co. for seed Irish potatoes. 1t

Plenty of cold weather clothing at Darsey's.

Don't you know 18-92?

See W. H. Long & Co. for steel plows and middle breakers. 1t

Home Mixture Meridian Fertilizer at Kennedy Bros. 1t

J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price. tf

Trade with W. R. Wherry. You will save money, and he will appreciate your patronage. 46tf

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet McCall, of Jacksonville, visited relatives here Saturday.

Bring us your peanuts and peanut hay. 1t Kennedy Bros.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone No. is 73. Phone when you want work.

Grady Stevens of Jacksonville, spent several days here this week.

We are anxious to help you all we can in this time of high prices. Call and get our prices. 46-tf W. R. Wherry.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

Will pay \$25.00 per ton for good, clean Peanut Hay.

J. W. HOWARD.

George Moore has purchased a home from Bert Guice, and Bob Bobbitt has bought in Sycamore Addition.

NOTICE

I have for sale on easy terms, a good plow horse and four well-bred colts. See me if you need them. 45-t2 J. E. Hollingsworth.

J. S. Murphy of Houston, has accepted a position at Smith's drug store in the prescription department.

NOTICE---FOR SALE

One second-hand 5-passenger Maxwell car; in good condition mechanically. See me. 46 tf A. B. Guice.

STRAYED

Strayed from my place Saturday morning, January 5, two Poland-China pigs, weight 30 lbs each; no marks. If found please notify Clem Smith. 1t-p

EARL P. ADAMS
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office in First National Bank Building
Crockett, :-: Texas

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists. 75c.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

??? 18-92 ???

February 7th to 13th. What about it?

If you need a stalk cutter, see W. H. Long & Co. 1t

Plenty of flour and sugar at Murray & Mangum's. 1t

Home Mixture Meridian Fertilizer at Kennedy Bros. 1t

Not so cheap, but how good? That's the motto at Darsey's.

Bring us your peanuts and peanut hay. 1t Kennedy Bros.

W. G. Darsey and C. E. Lively made a business trip to Houston last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough have recently moved in from the farm and are occupying their residence in North Grapeland.

L. Q. Browning is dangerously ill with pneumonia. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Get the habit of trading with us. It will be to your financial interest. We handle a complete line of dry goods and groceries. 1t Murray & Mangum.

We build more mileage into your old casings. You may think your old casing is gone, but we may be able to repair it and save you from buying a new one. We have an up-to-date vulcanizer and guarantee our work. GUICE'S GARAGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Reynard, will move to Grapeland in the near future. Mr. Taylor has purchased some lots in the west part of town and will erect a modern home as soon as material can be placed upon the ground.

FOR SALE

166 Acres of Land ten miles west of Grapeland, 75 acres under fence, 20 acres under cultivation. For further particulars see or write. W. J. WILLIS, Grapeland, Texas, 4-34t R. F. D. 3.

Kidney weakness, bladder troubles and digestive disorders, are all within the curative power of Prickly Ash Bitters. As a tonic for the kidneys and urinary organs it has proved its value. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

FOR SALE

For sale or rent—shoe, saddle and harness repair shop. For further particulars see J. P. Royall, 45-tf Grapeland, Texas.

Diamond Brand Shoes are sold in Grapeland by Murray & Mangum. They are all leather and will give you good service. Try a pair. 1t

WANTED TO BUY

I am now in the market for several car loads of old scrap iron and other kinds of junk. See me for prices and sell me what you have. tf J. W. Howard.

FOR SALE

One good wagon, some farming implements, some extra good corn, a good horse, some peanuts, some nice hens. Those wanting to buy see me at once. W. R. Campbell, 1t Salmon, Texas.

February 7th to 13th. (?)

Try a bottle of Wright's Liquid Smoke, at W. H. Long & Co's. 1t

RUB-MY-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Real values in ladies' Ready to Wear at Darsey's.

George Shaver is erecting an up-to-date residence in Sycamore Addition for rental purposes.

Arwine Skidmore has returned from Tyler, where he completed two business courses in a commercial college.

LEATHER MARKET ADVANCING—buy your shoes at Darsey's and you will save a third.

W. H. Lively left Tuesday night for Fort Worth in response to a message announcing the illness of his son, Harry, at Camp Bowie.

FOR SALE

Ford Roadster in good mechanical condition and a good appearing car, for sale at a bargain. Apply to D. O. Kiessling, 45-t2 Crockett, Texas.

We are anxious to meet and get acquainted with everybody in the Grapeland trade territory. Call to see us whether you want to buy anything or not. 1t Murray & Mangum.

NOTICE

I will deliver Macatawaberry plants in January. Those who wish plants see or write me. M. L. Williams, 46-t3 Route 4, Box 11.

WOOD WANTED

I want to buy two or three hundred cords of 4-foot wood. Pine wood preferred. See A. B. Spence. 46-t2

J. F. Bridges and family of New Prospect community, have moved to Grapeland. He is going to erect a gin and have same in readiness for the fall cotton crop.

STRAYED OR STOLEN

One bright bay horse, 7 or 8 years old, weight about 1,000 lbs; has wire scar on front foot; last seen Wednesday evening. I will pay liberal reward for return or information that will lead to finding same. 45-t2 W. T. Lively.

The following item has been received from the publicity department at Camp Travis:

"Pvt. Reg. Sneed Taylor of Grapeland, Supply Co. 344th F. A. N. A., has reported for duty after a merry Xmas with his parents at home."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On the dates given below the income tax collector will be in Houston county. His duty will be to assist individuals in the preparation of their income tax returns. All persons should confer with this representative of the government at once and ascertain whether or not they are liable under the law for a report. It is the tax payer's duty to look up this officer. He will not call on you. Failure to make report, if liable, subjects the persons so failing to severe penalties.

After the last date given hereon, the officer will not again return to this county. You should see him while there. The postmaster or any banker

Get in Line

RESOLVE That you will buy your drugs and sundries from the Peoples Drug Store. We can supply your wants for we have the stock.

We share with you our profits by both

Profit-Sharing Coupons

and by reason of our early purchases from the jobbers enabling us to give you the advantage.

We have an Efficient Pharmacist and want your PRESCRIPTIONS

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

War-Time Prices Call For Extra Values

We determined, in buying our supply of Winter Goods, to comb the markets for the Very Best Quality obtainable in all our lines of

Dress Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, Notions, Etc.

We assert with confidence that no more high-class lines were ever brought to this market.

You want to stretch your dollars to the limit of their buying power? COME TO US.

You want to be sure you have the best to be had in its line? COME TO US.

Our Motto: "QUALITY IS THE THING."

T. S. KENT
Quality is the Thing

in the cities named below can tell you where his office is located. Crockett, January 16th to 23d. Grapeland, Jan. 14th to 15th. Kennard, Jan. 29th and 30th. Ratcliff, Jan. 31st. Lovelady, Jan. 24th and 25th. Weldon, Jan. 26th.

PAID YOUR INCOME TAX?

Farmers all over the country are making numerous inquiries about their income tax returns.

Men of the field force of the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department will visit every county in the United States during January and February. Notice of their arrival will be given in advance.

The services of these officials in making out income tax returns will be given without cost to all persons requesting it. Failure to see them, however, will not relieve citizens of the duty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.
County Offices-----\$6 00
Precinct Offices-----\$3 00
District Offices-----\$12 00
Congress-----\$20 00

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

For County Judge:
Nat Patton.
For Sheriff:
Preston Lively.

imposed upon them to file their returns not later than March 1. Questions as to when a farmer is to make his return of the value of his crops and stock, the relation of these things to income, etc., and as to employees and other matters, will be answered by the revenue field force.

ANTRIM

BY H. WATHA

Jan. 6.—Mrs. M. E. Williams has lagrippe.

Another new year is on us and the old year has passed away. How many of you feel that you have done your duty during the past year and have made resolutions to do better in the new year than you did in the past? We all realize that the world is at war and that we have lots of work to do to feed and clothe our soldier and sailor boys who are fighting for our liberty, and we all want to do our duty.

A good many of the soldier boys were at home for the holidays and we were glad to have them with us, for we never know when we will see them again.

Lonnie Poe and wife and Robert Marsh and family visited at the home of Linzy Williams Sunday.

Rev. W. R. Durnell preached at Rocky Mound Sunday night.

Carl Kennedy and J. W. Taylor and family visited in this community Sunday.

Prof. J. A. Bynum visited relatives in Elkhart Saturday and Sunday.

B. F. Collins of Grapeland, visited his mother, Mrs. M. E. Williams, Sunday.

Misses Bertha and Myrtle Hopper were guests of their sister, Mrs. W. R. Durnell, Sunday.

Our literary society meets Friday night, January 11. All are invited to attend.

DEATH OF ORAN BLACK

Christmas again has come and gone and left a full measure heaped up and running over of its joys and sorrows.

One day last week little Oran Gaines Black, the 5-year old son of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Black, was impaled on the mouth-end of a tin toy bugle about two feet in length. The little one, while playing his bugle, stumbled and fell. To stumble and fall is the common lot of man, but more especially that of a little child. The sharp and deadly tin hidden by an inefficient wooden mouth-piece, slipped, allowing the sharp end of the tin to pierce the roof of his mouth and he was transfixed in a leaning posture to the

ground. In his struggles to free himself and reach the ground with his outstretched arms, the deadly reed went up to vital parts that wounded him to death, which was due directly from the shock and hemorrhage. He lived about two hours. He never spoke again.

It was the day after Christmas and he was enjoying himself immensely, visiting his grandpa and grandma Gaines, and had come all the way from Fort Worth to see them with visions of dear old Santa Claus and the dear old home before him. Ah! who can picture the plastic mind and sensitive soul of a little child! The scene is worthy of the mightiest thought and the most potent hand. But the image was so rudely shattered. Father Time is no respecter of persons, times or places, and He checked out all too quickly another precious little life. May God in His mercy veil the past.

The next day his body was laid to rest in the old Guiceland graveyard surrounded by tear-stained faces of parents, relatives and friends. Bros. Bean and Kolb at the open grave conducted the burial services and made impressive talks.

How strangely joined is life and death! How strangely mixed is sorrow and pleasure! Love sometimes makes strange bedfellows. How fallible are the ways of man! We think to do, but often, oh so often, we do not. We plan tomorrow that never comes. There is but one sure hope,—Jesus and Him crucified. There is but one sure life, and that is the life of Christ. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. Darling Oran, your papa's and mamma's and loving friends' tears and your little earthly body will mingle together with the dust. Why all this so sadly done, is past our finding out. God only knows. Ask Him. We commit it all to Him. Heaven will provide the darling's future Santa Claus and Christmas trees. No inefficient bugle toy will pierce his childish mouth, for all the toys there are perfected. No mouthpiece will slip from its anchorage. There will be no stumbling place, no darkness, no inefficiency, no mistaken playground. It will be a perfect place, and Oran will be a perfect child. Is not this eternal life, to wit: a perfect being in a perfect home or place? For eternal life is to know God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. "Suffer little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Dear departed one; he was one of the sweetest of children—obedient, lovable and loved, and was the idol of his home. No more will the earth be filled with the music of his voice, and when the flowers bloom in the spring he will not be here to pluck from them a laurel wreath; but he will not be forgotten. No, a thousand times no. Upon his grave we will place some flowers fresh, and shed some tears too, and re-consecrate life over again.

The Psalmist says that a broken heart and contrite spirit are acceptable sacrifices to God. Then indeed, are we acceptable to Him, as we go back to Fort Worth all too soon without our baby boy to take up again the brittle thread of life where we left it off.

The bereaved and heart broken parents extend their sincerest thanks and love to all those who contributed in no small degree to their comfort and consolation in these saddest of all hours.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Black.

CONDITIONS IMPROVING

December 18, 1917.

Mr. John H. Ellis, Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:—I have just returned this morning from Fort Worth. I received your letter at the Westbrook hotel upon my arrival Sunday morning. I had the pleasure of meeting General Grebble who is in command of Camp Bowie at this time, also the new medical staff officer in charge of the base hospital, Major Hansen, and the head nurse, whose name I can not now recall. General Grebble is a great big man. Immediately upon my introduction to him he called Major Hansen, chief medical officer, and the head nurse and ordered them to show me every thing in the base hospital from one end to the other, and insisted on my feeling free to ask any question which I saw fit and make any suggestion for general improvement. In fact I was shown every courtesy possible in the premises; very different from what it was before. Many material improvements, plenty of nurses now, doctors on the job and attending to it, good warm clothing provided for the boys, new tent room provided, ambulance service much improved, plenty of good warm cover for the beds, and nurses attending to the boys diligently in every ward I visited. In a word, there has been a general change since my visit there several weeks ago. General Grebble is the broadest and most congenial officer that I have met. Immediately upon his return from France I was told he came to Camp Bowie and hit the ground running and has been ever since to remedy the many evils and distressing conditions under which our boys were living there. I feel much relieved. While they have a considerable amount of sickness there yet, the hospital list is decreasing and the mortality rate is being lowered. The type of pneumonia there is perhaps the wickedest type I have seen, but I feel morally certain that conditions will improve and ere long the boys will cease to be sick, and we will be able to heave a sigh of relief.

I let General Grebble read your letter. You have no idea what a feeling it aroused in him for betterment, and I believe our boys are safer in his hands than any officer I have so far come in contact with. Since seeing you I have visited Camp Logan, Camp Travis and had Camp McArthur inspected. Conditions are fairly good at these places, though some room for improvement at some. No extraordinary amount of sickness anywhere else.

I sincerely hope your wife will make a speedy recovery, and in conclusion I share your grief and sorrow.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am
Sincerely your friend,
W. B. Collins.

Constipation is the starting point for many diseases that end fatally. Healthy regularity can be established through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine-bowel tonic, is mildly stimulating and strengthens the stomach, liver and kidneys. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

ROCKHILL

BY NORMAN

January 7.—Most all of us had a merry Christmas and we hope the new year will bring happiness and prosperity.

Coporal Chas. R. Streetman, of Camp Bowie, visited home-folks, friends and relatives during Christmas. We were glad to see him.

Rev. R. L. Brooks preached here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis are the proud parents of a baby girl.

R. F. Kolb has purchased a new Ford. He has turned it over to his step-son, Luther Campbell, to drive and do as he pleases with until Uncle Sam calls him.

Wedding bells began to ring yesterday about 12 o'clock, when Miss Jewel Helm and Ed Pierson were married, Rev. R. L. Brooks officiating. Miss Helm was one of our most prominent young ladies. We wish them a long and happy life.

STRINGER-JONES

Arch Stringer of El Paso, and Miss Modell Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones of Percilla, were married last Friday afternoon, January 4, 1918, at the residence of Rev. J. F. Lively, who officiated. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom, in company with a few friends, repaired to the Goodson hotel, where Mrs. Goodson, an aunt of the bride, had prepared a sumptuous supper for them. Mr. and Mrs. Stringer left on the night train for their home in El Paso.

NEGRO KILLED

Jim Smith shot and killed Dink Levi late Sunday afternoon at Reynard. The weapon used was a six srooter. Both are negroes, and the trouble is said to have arisen over a game of craps. Local officers arrested Smith.

COTTON REPORT

There were 31,213 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1917, prior to December 13, 1917, as compared with 16,987 bales ginned to December 13, 1916.

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

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Want Something?

Advertise for it in these columns

A Man Can Smile



who has an account here. His funds are as safe as though in the vaults of Uncle Sam. If you have no banking connection we shall be glad to have you open an account here whether it be large or little. We offer every banking facility and assistance and undoubted security of your funds.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Has Your Subscription Expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town.

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Crockett, : : : Texas

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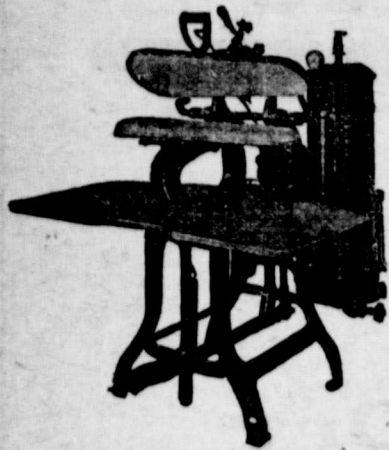
CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

Personal Appearance

Everybody Notices It



It's a fact—you can not walk along the street or road without some one taking note of your personal appearance. And personal appearance is a great asset in this world. Your efforts are discounted if you don't stack up in appearance. You can not impress your personal appearance on the public if you shamble around in a "mussy" suit of clothes. You should have your suits regularly

cleaned and pressed

Cleaned and Pressed

Correct, neat appearance is evidence of a concise, orderly mind. Slovenliness without begets sluggishness within.

Don't discard the old suit until you bring it to us. Let us see what we can do for it first. It may pay you well.

M. L. CLEWIS
F. U. Phone 73

ARMY NEEDS NURSES

According to estimates based on an army of 1,500,000 men, 37,500 nurses will be needed. The present strength of the army nurse corps of the medical department is about 3,800. To increase this number by nearly 1,000 per cent in a year is the task faced by the corps.

Hospitals at army camps and cantonments still need nurses to bring the quota for each up to the minimum of 65 considered necessary, although since the urgent need for nurses was made public in December, nearly 2,000 requests for application blanks have been received.

In order to get the enrollments up to the needed number some of the requirements heretofore imposed have been waived. According to estimates there are between 80,000 and 90,000 regis-

tered nurses in the country and about 200,000 other graduate and practical nurses.

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organs there is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It improves digestion and cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

WINNING THE WAR

My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I'm getting more eatless each day.
My home it is heatless,
My bed it is sheetless,
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
The barrooms are treatless,
My coffee is sweetless,
Each day I grow thinner and wiser.
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless—
By hee! I do hate the kaiser!

Our Prescription Department Is Our Pride

We give our personal attention to the correct filling of every prescription that comes to our store.

Full strength drugs and no substitution is our watchword. We solicit your custom with this guarantee.

LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE

HANDLE MUCH GOLD

Employees of United States Assay Office "Roll in Wealth."

Institution Has Been Kept Extremely Busy Lately Handling the Foreign Shipments That Have Come in Such Large Amounts.

Within the heart of a Wall street block in New York city is the unpretentious building of the United States assay office, nothing from its exterior indicating the great wealth contained therein.

For the past few months, the various departments have been working to full capacity, endeavoring to handle the great shipments of gold forwarded to this country in payment for munitions of war. When the storage



Weighing the Gold.

space was filled the overflow was put in the vaults of the subtreasury building adjoining. Armed guards are stationed at the entrance and in the rooms wherever deemed essential to protect the wealth of gold that is there. System is observed everywhere.

When the foreign coin is received in New York the iron-bound boxes are opened and the bags of coins carefully weighed and recorded. As the alloy standards of France, England and this country are so nearly the same, the process is not a complicated one. The scales are so finely adjusted that the result is disclosed to a very small fraction of an ounce.

The bags of gold are then taken to the smelting room and the metal melted. At the right temperature the molten stream is run into brick-shaped moulds, and when full, powdered charcoal is sprinkled over the top and a second mould placed upon it; when this is full another is added and this process is repeated till there are tier after tier of bricks. After these are weighed and marked they are ready for our mint.

The work is more complicated with the bullion. While the weighing and melting are the same, in order to reduce the long brick to its constituent parts chemicals and electricity must be applied. The silver is separated and run into special moulds. From the remainder the gold, platinum, iridium, etc., is separated. The gold obtained in this manner is pure and is melted into bars of different sizes. After being tested and stamped, they are put away till wanted.

Psychology Gets Its Bumps.

Psychology was handed a brand new bump by the aldermen of New York, who do not believe that the cops of the city should be taught the science of the mind in order to detect criminals. Recently the police commissioner appointed two doctors to teach psychology to the uniformed force. After qualifying, a cop was supposed to be able to tell the condition of a man's mind by the way he lit a cigar or a cigarette, scratched his nose or answered the simplest question. The city fathers' upper lips curled when the request for the pay for the psychology teachers was read at the meeting. "The taxpayers don't want psychologists made of cops," said the president. "They're paid to preserve the peace and not to read men's minds by outward actions. An intelligent cop can come pretty near distinguishing between a sane man and one who isn't." It looks as if the psychologists will be dealt with harshly.

It Was Too Big a Job.

It may not be generally known that Larkin Goldsmith Mead, the American sculptor, is a brother-in-law of William Dean Howells. W. H. Sherwin of Kansas City is a cousin of the novelist, and the other evening told this story: "Someone asked Mr. Howells why he did not have Mead, a talented painter and pen-and-ink artist as well as a sculptor, illustrate his books. Howells replied: 'I have asked him to do so, but he has answered me by saying that if he made the pictures he would have to read my books, and he would be hanged if he ever did that.'"

Where Old Glory Goes



by Wilbur D. Nesbit
Author of
"Your Flag and My Flag"

Up and down in all the lands and all the seas between;
Brave and bold against the sky, and clear and fair and clean;
Winding through the wilderness, or on the beaten track;
Half the way around the world—and more than that, and back.
Whither will Old Glory go? But whither has it gone?
Mark the way of honor that it has not smiled upon.

Snapping from the halyard blocks of argosy and fleet;
Fluttering to fife and drum that time the marching feet;
Beating back the driven spray, and blazing o'er the sands—
It has led a starry way—a way through all the lands.
Whither will Old Glory go? But whither has it gone?
Where the spot it has not held the glory of the dawn?

Men have gone beneath it o'er the hills and o'er the waves;
Men feel its caresses while they slumber in their graves.
Red and white and blue it glows against the bending sky,
Bringing everywhere it goes new lustre to the eye.
Whither will Old Glory go? But whither has it gone?
Tell the miles it has not traced—the way it has not won!



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RED CROSS TO PREPARE CLOTHING FOR INFANTS

To help relieve the worries of fathers at the front or in the armed forces preparing to proceed there, the American Red Cross, which opens its Christmas membership drive Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, is planning to provide every mother who may need it with an infant's layette. The Woman's Bureau has published a leaflet, available at every Red Cross chapter, describing this simple outfit of warm baby clothes.

The Red Cross is anxious that these baby clothes be made by women working at home instead of in the chapter workrooms. Members of the Junior Red Cross, little girls in the grammar grade sewing classes, have offered to help with the baby clothes, and many women in the rural districts will find these simple contributions to the winning of the great war and the comforting of motherhood and childhood.

STATISTICAL NOTES

- Lake Huron has 300 islands.
- Uruguay has 27,000,000 sheep.
- Ulm cathedral spire is 530 feet high.
- Guayaquil, Ecuador, has 14,300 public school children.
- Pennsylvania railway now employs 2,360 women and girls.
- American vacant lot crops this year are valued at \$350,000,000.
- Boston business man recently willed \$1,000,000 to 400 employees.
- Pennsylvania state treasury in six months has received \$2,913,837 from auto license fees.
- New York, owing to price advances, must pay \$7,300,000 a year more for milk supply.

A Clincher.

"I have here," said the book agent "a set of books which should be in every home."
"Not in this one," snapped the man of the house. "I have no time for reading and I hate the very sight of a book agent."
"Then these books are the very things you need. Just think how handy they'll be to throw at the next book agent that comes along."

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 - Bill Heads
 - Calling Cards
 - Statements
 - Milk Tickets
 - Meal Tickets
 - Shipping Tags
 - Announcements
 - Briefs
 - Notes
 - Coupons
 - Pamphlets
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W. R. Campbell will soon move from Salmon to Elkhart, and will form a partnership with F. W. Woodard in the mercantile business. Mr. Campbell's many friends in this section will wish him success in his new venture.

FOR SHERIFF

Preston Lively authorizes his announcement this week as a candidate for sheriff of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July. Mr. Lively was born and raised

near Augusta, and is a son of T. C. Lively, a prominent citizen of that community. Mr. Lively lives at Percilla, and is the present commissioner of that precinct, having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Eugene Holcomb some months ago.

Mr. Lively is not unfamiliar with the duties of the sheriff's office, as he has served many years as a deputy and has had experience otherwise as a peace officer.

If elected to the office to which he aspires, he will endeavor to discharge his duties in an efficient way, always willing and ready to serve the public as a public servant should.

He would be grateful for your support, and we commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brooks left Tuesday for their home in Fouke, Ark. They were accompanied by Mrs. Brooks' mother, Mrs. B. R. Eaves, who will visit with them a while.

MULE STRAYED

One mouse-colored mare mule about 12 or 15 years old, strayed from home about ten days ago. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery. 46-1f George Shaver.

S. H. Lively of Dodge was here a few days this week.

SPECIAL WAR GIFTS

Announcement is made by the Town and County Nursing Service of the American Red Cross of a series of public health nursing scholarships, donated by chapters and individuals as special war gifts.

The KITCHEN CABINET

The world will turn aside to let any one pass who knows where he is going. —David Starr Jordan.

COOLING DRINKS.

These are always in season and a variety to choose from when entertaining is an advantage.

Laureate Mint Punch.—Put into a punch bowl two cupfuls of sugar, the juice of a dozen lemons, and thinly sliced portions of six lemons. Set aside to chill. When ready to serve add four cupfuls of chipped ice and a cupful of mint leaves or sprays of mint.

add four bottles of ginger ale, stir well and serve.

Chiffonade Tea Punch.—Make four cupfuls of strong tea, let it cool, then add to it the juice of six lemons and one pineapple cut in fine pieces, one pound of cherries, cooked, one cupful of granulated sugar. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Add a quart of carbonated water. Pour into a glass pitcher, put a sprig of fresh mint on the top and pour into glasses half filled with chipped ice. Serve with soft cookies.

Iced Turkish Coffee.—Prepare a quart of clear black coffee and while still hot stir in three yolks of eggs well beaten into two cupfuls of boiling hot milk. Cook over hot water until thick, using care not to curdle the egg, sweeten to taste and when cold add the stiffly beaten whites and one cupful of firmly whipped cream. Serve with straws in chilled glasses, adding a teaspoonful of cracked ice to each, garnish with a small pyramid of whipped cream with a cherry on top of the cream.

Chocolate Sirup.—Put six heaping tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate into a saucepan over the fire, add two cupfuls of boiling water; simmer slowly and stir occasionally until the chocolate is dissolved, then add four cupfuls of granulated sugar and stir until the sugar is dissolved, then simmer for five minutes. Strain and add two teaspoonfuls of vanilla and pour into bottles and seal. When ready to serve allow three-quarters of a cupful of cold milk and two tablespoonfuls of the sirup for each glass required. Put the ingredients into a large mason jar

well covered, and shake well for three minutes, pour into chilled tumblers and garnish with whipped cream.

Nellie Maxwell

Do not feed high-priced feed to non-producers.

NEW DISCOVERIES

Gearing to increase a wearer's speed automatically features new roller skates.

Mail service by airplane between Italy and the Island of Sardinia is planned.

Apparatus using compressed air has been invented for literally blowing ice cream from molds.

A windmill in Europe grinds grain into flour for a baker and then mixes and kneads it into dough.

FROM ALL OVER

There is an opening in Yunnan City, China, for the introduction of soap.

One hundred pounds of beef shrink to 67 pounds after ordinary roasting.

Mushrooms contain a considerable proportion of nitrogen, but so do crab shells.

In Germany wireless waves have been utilized to light and extinguish gas lamps.

Lack of foreign competition has created a large market for American shoes in Chile.

A dealer in Mexico is seeking a market in this country for salted calf and other skins.

Alabama is the fifth state to enfranchise women since 1917 began, making 18 suffrage states.

The trade in dried shark meat and fins at Aden, Arabia, has decreased since the beginning of the war.

There will be a market for agricultural implements in Siam when the irrigation and development of arid districts is completed.

ROMANCES IN WAR HOSPITALS

Army Wedding Frequently Proves the Happy Sequel to Back-of-the-Trenches Story.

The beauty of a life of service is most serene when we behold such ministrations as that of this nurse to a stricken foe, Arthur Hunt Chute writes in Leslie's. Many romances are woven in the hospitals, and a war wedding is often a happy sequel to the story. A rough, big-hearted Australian, who was in the next bed to me in a base hospital, confided to me the evolution of his heart since coming under the ministrations of the nursing sisters.

"You see, mate, I'm what they call a bushranger out in Australia. I'm one of the hard ones, and I always passed as a woman hater. I used to look with contempt on my pals who lost their heart upon a little bit of fluff. I've played on the red all my life, and my conception of woman was beastly low. But this hospital business has opened my eyes to something new in woman, something I never dreamed of. I can feel it comin', mate—some day I'm goin' to fall for one o' these little girls as bad as the worst. That fair-haired cove of the flying corps across the ward there just worships the night sister's shadow, but I must confess he's got nothin' on me."

"The fair-haired cove from the flying corps" did have something on the Australian, however, for he was the Young Lochinvar who walked off with the bride. A few months later I recognized his picture in an illustrated London paper, over the caption, "War Wedding." The picture was taken just outside an old ivy-covered parish church. A guard of honor of his brother officers had formed the arch of slender swords, and under the gleaming arch, amid showers of confetti, came the smiling aviator with our sweet nurse of the night watches leaning on his arm.