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### LOCAL NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Crockett, Texas, Feb. 3.—County Clerk A. E. Owens and City Marshal Deupree returned the latter part of last week from Tyler where they attended Federal Court.

Misses Mae Fitchett and Margaret Spence were visitors to Elkhart the latter part of last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lively.

News was received in this city Saturday announcing the death at Lake Charles La., of Charles Wall, the second son of Judge and Mrs. W. B. Wall of this city. Death resulted from influenza. The young man was thirty-five years of age, and leaves a widow and two small children. This is the second death in the family of Judge Wall within the past few months, the other being that of Mrs. Jordan of Lake Charles, formerly known here as Miss Annie Wall.

Hon. Earl Adams Jr., is quite ill at his home in east Crockett with an attack of influenza.

During the year 1918 there were filed in the office of the County Clerk, 5674 chattel mortgages; during 1917 the number was 5504. In January 1919, 1425 were filed; in January 1918, the number was 1260. Deeds recorded during 1918 were 1966, and the consideration named therein was in excess of \$3,000,000; the largest consideration was that mentioned when The Blount-Summers Lumber Company sold the mill and holdings situated at Latexo. This was \$100,000. Births officially reported were 516; deaths 382.

The total number of poll tax receipts issued was 3925, of which about 196 were paid by the women of the county. Tax Collector Butler and deputy Rikard were kept at their office until 1 a. m. Saturday. A large number of unopened envelopes containing remittances received prior to that time, were still to be attended to. The ladies evidenced very little interest in the payment of poll taxes.

Commissioners Court opened Monday, January 13th, and continued in session for twelve days, adjourning over Sunday the 19th. Judge Nat Patton presided. Present were Commissioners Long of Precinct No. 1, Estes of No. 2, Speer of No. 3 and Beathard of No. 4. Mr. Arch Baker and County Clerk Owens were named a committee of two to purchase books for the purpose of keeping a record of all Houston county boys, both white and black, who went to war, either army or navy. County Clerk Owens was named custodian of the books and was instructed to keep them in his vault, and not let them be removed without permission of the court.

The County's pro-rata part of the salary of A. T. Lancaster, Demonstration Agent, was placed at \$66.66.

The salary of Wess Colter, the colored janitor, was placed at \$60.00 per month.

A contract was entered into with E. DeMoss to repair the roof of the County Clerk's office, the consideration named being \$300.00.

Claims amounting to nine thousand, five hundred and thirty one dollars (9531.00) were examined and allowed, and warrants ordered issued to cover.

Among the largest of these were:

Smith Brothers, Road District No. 4, estimate No. 3.....	\$5435.00
Smith Brothers, Road District No. 7, estimate No. 1.....	1856.00
Wilder and O'Neil, Contingencies.....	586.75
County Clerk Stamps for 1918.....	124.68
Will Carson, salary as road superintendent.....	125.00
Edmiston Bros. feed stuff.....	173.84
W. C. DuPuy, road work.....	110.10
Wess Coulter, extra help in cleaning up.....	47.00
H. N. Ellis, pay roll road district No. 3.....	133.00
R. J. Spence, court attendance.....	72.00
R. J. Spence, board bill of prisoners.....	35.50
R. J. Spence, partial expenses of lunacy case No. 60.....	50.00

Mrs. J. R. Phillips is visiting relatives at New Waverly.

Best High Patent Flour - -	\$3.00
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**PLENTY OF FOOD**

Life would not be near the struggle it is if we did not eat so much. It does not require very much toil to earn enough food to keep soul and body together. And then, what is the better part of it, is that the soul and body kept together on just as little food as necessary make for each other the very best company. Just once give the body more food than it needs and see how the soul protests. Just enough and no more is the doctrine of life and health. We read the other day of a great English author describing his persistent diet, which was bread and butter and fruit. On that he lived thrived and did his great work and is happy. The idea that stuffing the stomach conduces to health and strength is not to be trusted, and especially where anxious mothers cram the little bodies of their children with all kinds of treacherous food to make them grow fat.—Ohio State Journal.

**WHAT A BILLION MEANS**

A billion is a million times a million. This is quickly written and quicker still pronounced. But no man is able to count it. You will count 160 or 170 a minute. But let us suppose that you go as high as 200 a minute, hour after hour. At that rate you would count 12,000 an hour; 280,000 a day, or 105,120,000 in a year. Let us suppose now that Adam at the beginning of his existence, had begun to count, and had continued to do so, and was counting still. Had such a thing been possible, he would not yet have finished the task of counting a billion.

To count a billion would require a person to count 200 a minute for 9,512 years, 542 days, 5 hours and 20 minutes, provided he could count continuously. But suppose we allow the counter 12 hours daily for rest, eating and sleeping. Then he would need 18,025 years, 319 days, 10 hours and 45 minutes to complete the task.—English Mathematician.

**TO EXPUNGE NEUTRALITY PLEA**

At Col. Roosevelt's request the words advising neutrality which he wrote shortly after the beginning of the war in 1914 are to be eliminated, it is announced, from the official war syllabus which New York City high schools are at present using. The words, which came out shortly after President Wilson's appeal to the American people for neutrality, are as follows: "It is certainly desirable that we should remain entirely neutral and nothing but urgent need would warrant breaking our neutrality and taking sides one way or the other." This statement represented his views, the late colonel declared, only for a brief period following the beginning of the war.

**REFORMED BREWERIES BUSY**

A brewery at Flint, Mich., has become a church; one in Aberdeen, Wash., a clam cannery; one in Spokane is making vinegar; one in Mobile is making sirup and stock feed from watermelons; one in Iowa City is making butter; one in North Yakima is manufacturing by-products of fruit; one in Lansing is making auto parts; one in Peoria, Ill., is grinding cornmeal; one in Rhode Island is producing moving pictures; one in Seattle is turning rice into sirup; one in Chicago is a hospital and another is a soft drinks factory; one in Salem, Ore., is now making loganberry juice; one in Washington, Pa., is making paints, oils and varnishes; one in Wheeling is packing meat, and several others are in the dairy business. Most of these breweries now employ more workers than when they made beer.

**JUST IGNORE THEM**

Perhaps a better way for the crowds of Washington to deal with those zealous but misguided friends of woman suffrage who have been burning the speeches of the president and keeping the watch fires glowing at night would be to ignore them altogether. The primary purpose of the women engaged in that sort of work is to attract attention. It is publicity that they are seeking, and if no one paid any attention to their actions, burning papers and keeping up a fire in the open on a cold night would soon become monotonous jobs, and would doubtless soon play out.

As long as the mob on the street will take them seriously, however, enable them to pose as martyrs for "democracy" and give them opportunity to spread throughout the country through the newspapers their propaganda which they hope will attract sympathizers to their cause, there are people with peculiarly constructed minds who will find delight in undergoing whatever hardship is necessary to carry out their ideas.

The woman suffrage question is settled in this country so far as popular sentiment is concerned, and insults to the president, who has exerted himself to the limit of his powers in behalf of suffrage, and violations of city ordinances to attract attention are not arguments that the individuals guilty of these acts are not capable of self-government.

The true friends of suffrage, among both men and women, will not endorse this effort to undermine the president while he is in Europe as the world's foremost representative of democracy, striving to make sure the emancipation of all peoples.—Houston Post.

**WHICH WAY, BILL?**

The University Daily Kansan has been at work on an interesting geographical problem with this result:

It is 4,000 miles from Amerongen, Holland, where the ex-Kaiser is boarding, to St. Helena, where they took care of another too-ambitious person.

It is 400 miles from Amerongen to Paris, where they invented the guillotine.

It is 4,268 miles from Amerongen to Kansas, where they used to hang gentlemen summarily for no greater offense than stealing a horse.

It is 3,050 miles from Amerongen to Sing Sing, where they maintain an electric chair.

It is a disputed distance straight down thru the subsoil at Amerongen, where the Central Powers, the real, the previous and still existing Central Powers, maintain a red-hot grill.

**WHAT IS AN AUTOMOBILE?**

An exchange gives this definition of an automobile: "The automobile is a large iron and rubber contrivance for transposing gasoline into speed, luxury, excitement and obituaries. It consists of a handsome leather upholstered carriage body mounted on fat rubber tired wheels and contains a gizzard full of machinery suffering from various ailments. It has run over 100 miles and a thousand people. It can transport seven people from the front porch to the police station, the bankruptcy court or the golden gates in less time than any other methods."

**THE PRINTER'S PERILS**

When one remembers that in an ordinary column there are 10,000 pieces of type, there are seven wrong positions that a letter may be put in, and there are 70,000 chances to make errors, millions of chances for transpositions, he will not be too critical. In the short sentence, "To be or not to be," by transpositions alone it is possible to make 2,759,022 errors. So you can see the perils that beset a printer.—Federal Prison New Era.

**AVOIDING INDOLENCE**

Remember, a loafing boy makes a loafing man, and a loafing man is a calamity. But is there a remedy for the idle propensities of the boy? Yes, but it is in himself. It is his own spirit that decides. If he has no spirit he will have to wait until circumstance evoke one. They sometimes do it. We have seen sluggish boys wake up and go to the front. They simply struck an environment that aroused the spirit. On the hillside somewhere they had met a burning bush that warmed them into effort. There is no use trying to make manhood by thinking or studying away from the heart. The spirit must be the dominating force. So the boy must consult his divine energy if he would escape the fate of a nonentity. Yes, there is a way. He should consult the stars, the flowers, the sunsets, inspiring books, worthy associations, home influence, love of mother and father and keep away from street corners, poolrooms and such adversities.—Ohio State Journal.

**LOCATED GUNS BY SOUND**

The Allies were rapidly getting "next" to the Huns during the latter part of the war. They perfected a system of locating the enemy's guns by sound, and discovered and shelled the hiding places of not less than 63 German guns in a single day. Receiving stations behind the lines were connected with microphones concealed under rocks and other objects. A clock-work device recorded the exact instant at which every sound was received from each of these microphones. Then by use of mathematics the positions of the enemy's guns were accurately determined. It must have bewildered the Germans.

**HE TOOK THE HINT**

A young man of one of our neighboring towns called on a young lady for the evening, and after arriving could not find words to say. After sitting for an hour he was given a pencil and paper and these directions: Draw nine cyphers, draw a line down from the right hand side of the first, up from the right hand side of the fourth, down from the right hand of the fifth cypher, up from the right hand side of the seventh, and down from the right hand side of the eighth cypher. What did she tell him?—Exchange.

**ADVERTISING**

The man who does not advertise simply because his grandfather did not, should wear knee breeches and a wig.

The man who does not advertise because it costs money, should quit paying salaries for the same reason.

The man who does not advertise because he doesn't know how to write an advertisement, should quit eating because he can't cook.

The man who does not advertise because somebody said it did not pay should not believe the world is round because the ancients said it was flat.

**PARSONAGE SOLD**

A deal was consummated last Thursday whereby W. T. Pridgen, a prosperous farmer living a few miles west of town, acquired the property known as the Methodist parsonage. A new parsonage will be erected on the lots adjoining the Methodist church and work will begin right away and the building rushed to completion.

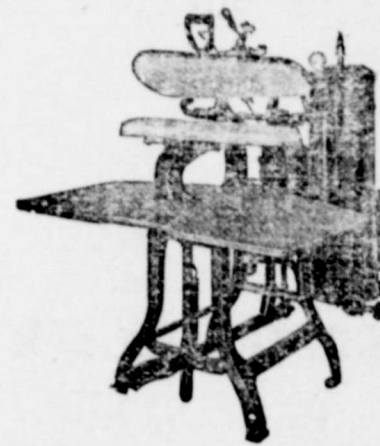
We understand that Mr. Pridgen will tear away the building now on the lots and erect a modern residence and remove to town with his family.



**BETWEEN BANKER AND DEPOSITOR**

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Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon following the second and fourth Sundays at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, Pres.

Mrs. Marvin Gilbert, Sec.

Board of Stewards meet on Tuesday night following each second Sunday.

E. E. Hollingsworth, Pres.

S. E. Howard, Sec'y.

### RATCLIFF SOLDIER TELLS OF HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE

Ratcliff, Texas, Jan. 27.—Private Hilton Sims of Company 1, 104th Infantry, Twenty-sixth Division, has just returned from fourteen months of overseas service. He is the first Ratcliff boy to return, and the stories of his experiences are very interesting as well as grousome. Among many other interesting things, he told of the fighting of the South Africans.

"These people," he said "are of the genuine, old-time African type, wearing rings in their ears and noses and bearing the tribemarks of slashes on each cheek.

"They are known as 'still fighters,' because they refused the guns offered them. They preferred a bayonet. When they slipped out in the dark toward the German trenches they rarely ever returned empty-handed.

"While I was in the hospital at Toul one of these Africans was sent there with a broken leg. In a short time we detected a foreign odor in the ward. This stench grew worse and worse, and finally the authorities began a search for the cause. The negro's knapsack was searched, and in it they found fourteen pairs of German ears and one skull. It is their belief that one it not dead till his ears are cut off.

"That was about the maddest nigger I ever saw when the authorities gave his trophies a decent burial," he concluded.

## PUT YOUR SAVINGS IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Although the war is over, the war expenses of the government are still going on and will continue to go on for many months. The government still needs money, and there is no better way for people with small incomes to help the government financially than to continue the purchasing of thrift stamps and war savings certificates. The sale of war stamps and certificates did not stop with the end of 1918, but continues through the new year.

Buying of thrift stamps has already taught a much needed lesson of thrift and thousands of people who never before in their lives saved any of their income managed to put away a nest egg last year. The necessity for thrift is as urgent, if not more so this year, as last, and the good habit of saving should not be abandoned. Conditions may not be as favorable this year as last for saving, but the thrift stamp is in reach of everybody.

Those who formed the habit of buying the stamps during last year should keep on and those who did not should begin at once.

Get the saving habit. The government offers an unsurpassed opportunity.—Houston Post.

## HER HAPPINESS DESTROYED

Mrs. McClesky of Ranger, Texas, now reputed to be worth \$7,000,000, and the widow of the man on whose farm the first oil gusher was brought in, says her greatest wish is to have her little farm, and her beautiful white chickens, and the garden she had to give up when the spouting oil flooded everything. She says the "nasty stuff" got all over and ruined her chickens, people flocking to the well tore down her fences and let her cattle out, and so she had to sell these; and the place was so torn up and littered up that she was forced to move out. Since then she has been living in the town of Ranger, which is all noise and confusion and unhappiness for her, so she wants to go back to her farm, and longs for that farm just as it was. She is immensely wealthy; she does not know even how to appreciate its vastness—the money that is pouring into her hands. But it does not bring her happiness. The oil boom has just ruined everything for her.—Palestine Herald.

## TICK ERADICATION

The county commissioners, in regular session last week, renewed the tick eradication work dropped some time ago and placed T. R. Deupree, former city marshal, in charge of operations in Houston county, which means that the cattle tick had better take to the "tall and neut" or meet terrible destruction. Lieutenant Deupree has only recently returned from Camp Stanley and is determined to wage as fierce a war on the cattle tick as he was determined to wage against the Germans, and that is saying a good deal.—Crockett Courier.

## THE OFFICE DEVIL

The editor was busy when he was asked: "How are the markets?" The man was referred to the office devil, who looked wise and said: "Young men unsteady; girls lively and in demand; papa firm, but declining; mamas, unsettled, waiting for higher bids; coffee, considerably mixed; fresh fish, active and slippery; eggs quiet, but expected to open soon; whisky, still going down; onions, strong, yeast, rising; breadstuffs, heavy; boots and shoes, those on the market are sold and constantly going up and down; hats and caps, not so high as last year, excepting foolscap, which is stationery; tobacco, very low and has a downward tendency; silver close but not close enough to get hold of."—Exchange.

## WISE AND OTHERWISE

A woman may be induced to tell her age, but she will not confess that she has never been loved.

Getting interest out of money is all very well, but the happiest man gets his interest out of life.

Some scientists tell us that we come up from the ape. If so, let us be careful not to use round-trip tickets.

You may count yourself successful when your competitors begin to lie about you.

Living is very high in these days but somehow it seems worth all it costs.

## ABOLISH OFFICE OF ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Say reader, how in the world are the roads up your way? Fine I guess, though they are so fine here we are taking care of them as much as possible by taking down the fences and going through the fields in order to keep from ruining them, but just between us, they are pretty near "ruined." And just think, we have a road superintendent! While are on the road subject, I am going to tell you what I think of the office of road superintendent. I think it should be abolished. Understand me to be kicking on the office, not the officer. I notice in Gov. Hobby's message to the present legislature he recommends the abolishment of all unnecessary offices. If Houston county had a sufficient road fund to build and maintain the roads of the county, I would be in favor of a road superintendent. We all know we haven't the said fund and why should the tax payers pay this \$1,500 per year and receive not a penny for it. The only one we can see benefitted by this office is the man that's drawing the salary. So the time is ripe now to stop this unnecessary expense. I don't know, but I believe our representative will be glad to give this office justice (kill it) if he only knew the wishes of the people. There's a way to let him know, so get busy.

A Subscriber,  
Percilla, Texas.

## LIEUTENANT DRISKELL IS HOME FROM FRANCE

Lieutenant Brent Driskell of Lovelady arrived in America from France January 17, being discharged at Camp Meade, Maryland. He immediately came to his home in Lovelady. He spent Thursday and Friday here meeting his numerous friends.

Lieutenant Driskell enlisted early in the war with the company of National Guardsmen organized in Houston county, later being known as Co. E, 143rd Infantry. He received his training at Camp Bowie, and was recommended for the officers' training school. From that school he graduated as a Second Lieutenant. He was in the artillery and was in the 7th Division, and it was with this division that he saw service in France. His company took up positions usually about five miles from the enemy's front line trenches.

Lieutenant Driskell relates many incidents of the war, some very humorous, others of a grave nature. Several times, he said, big shells would burst so close to him that he thought every minute would be the last. He is in fine health and is jubilant over his experience in the big fight.

## THERE WITH BELLS ON

"A big home grown, corn fed girl may not be able to tango as gracefully as her slenderer hot-house sister," declares the Dearborn Democrat. "But she is there with bells on when it comes to doing the kitchen scrub, and the dustrag dip, and the broomstick balance, and the cooking canter."

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YOUR DRUGGIST

## IT'S NO TIME TO QUIT

Some wit has coined the term "I'm-Thru-enza," which, as one may suspect, is the name of a new disease. It signifies a weakening in the sense of individual responsibility for a full share in cleaning up after the war, and in making a good job of it, not only abroad but here.

The symptoms of the disease are several. One is an inclination to sit back and "let George do it." Another is a rapid expansion of the strings to the purses of wanton extravagance. Another is an unwarranted pessimism as to business outlook. Still another is a falling off in the newly required habit of sensible thrift. Letting up in relief work and a growing fondness for Mr. and Mrs. Self are others.

It is a good plan to remember that, although the war is over, so far as fighting is concerned, its after effects are not. We still must buy bonds when the next loan comes around. The government still needs money. Our returning soldiers and sailors continue to need the welcoming hand and the job. There is a good deal of readjustment and reorganization to be accomplished in our own social and econo-

mic life. We have not begun adequately to tackle the home job, and yet we have "I'm-thru-enza." Thrift is still necessary, but that does not mean we should stop buying. Times are good and are going to become whopping. We can go to the shops and purchase what we need with clear consciences. But the man who wastes or resumes his old careless attitude about the future is making a mistake. We owe a great deal to our country and will for a long time to come.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

## PREDICTS WORLD PROHIBITION

Speaking in Washington a few evenings ago William Jennings Bryan said he believed the time had come when the fight for prohibition should be made international. "If democracy is going to be what it ought to be it has got to be a democracy of sober people," he said; "with the banner of prohibition flying just beneath the Stars and Stripes we will invite the world to join us." As a first step toward carrying the fight for prohibition to foreign lands the National Dry Federation, of which Mr. Bryan was president, was changed officially to the "International Prohibition Federation."

When you want to know what kind of a man a fellow is, just get his wife's estimate on men in general and you will claim his number.

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**ANTRIM**  
 By Hiawatha

Antrim, Feb. 2.—Health of the community has greatly improved since our last writing and as the flu is kinder dying down again, we hope everyone will soon be well and out again.

School has been awful dull for the last week or two, as nearly all the pupils have been sick, but we hope they will all be able to come back this week and we will get the school livened up again.

Corn planting time is nearly here, but there hasn't been much preparations made toward planting as a good many people around here are still picking on their top crop of cotton, and it seems like they will have to leave some of it in the field if they get to plant a crop this year.

It has been raining for several days now and everything is getting awful muddy to do anything.

Emma Charm Edens spent Sunday night with her grandma Durnell.

The young people of the community were awfully disappointed Saturday night, as there was to have been a party at the home of Mr. A. N. Edens, which had to be abandoned on account of the rain.

Arnold Keen visited at the home of his Uncle, Jim Smith, of the New Prospect community Sunday.

Quite a number of the boys have taken advantage of the bad weather and gone hunting today. We wish them god luck.

Virgil Durnell was the guest of his cousin, Jim Hogg Edens Sunday.

Rev. Jesse Willis filled his regular appointment here last Sunday. A good sermon was rendered and a large crowd was present to enjoy it.

Miss Nodelle Jordan visited home folks at Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of kidney disease. The proper course in such cases is to begin at once the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and system regulator. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

We have received another car of Leudinghaus wagons. If you want one, come at once. First come, first served.

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Don't neglect signals of distress in the kidneys. Backache nervous disorders, pale complexion, dark rings about the eyes, mean kidney trouble. Begin promptly taking Prickly Ash Bitters; it is a kidney remedy of the first class. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Roy B. Massey of Sulphur Springs has arrived in the city and accepted a position with T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

All kinds of improved farming tools at Darsey's. You can get anything here from a point bolt to a riding cultivator.

S. H. Lively and family have moved to Palestine, where Mr. Lively will engage in the grocery business.

**LADIES AID ENTERTAINS**

In honor of Mrs. Nat Davis, who is leaving for Livingston, where she will reside, the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church entertained at the home of Mrs. P. H. Stafford on Friday of last week.

The hostess and honoree were assisted in receiving by Mesdames J. B. Lively, Jno. A. Davis, Wade L. Smith, J. W. Howard, E. E. Hollingsworth, Bob Wherry, Geo. Calhoun and Miss Esther Davis.

The register was presided over by Mrs. H. A. Leaverton.

During the hospitality a delightful program was rendered, numbers of which were contributed by Misses Riall, Lucile Howard, Frances Stafford, Mrs. Olan Davis and Mrs. Sam Kennedy. Added to the pleasures providing, was a reading wherein Little Grace Edington lent to the charm of the afternoon. She responded to a very hearty encore, which afforded the keenest enjoyment.

In behalf of the Society as a token of their appreciation and love, Mrs. Stafford presented to Mrs. Davis a beautiful cut glass compote in recognition of her loyalty and service. The honoree in turn most graciously thanked one and all for the gift and the pleasures of the afternoon.

A refreshment service consisting of a two course luncheon closed the afternoon.

The personnel included about fifty guests, the only out of town guest being Mrs. P. L. McClenny of Galveston.

Don't miss the Valentine Luncheon. You are insured a good time, and you will help a worthy cause.

Lon Beauchamp has tendered his resignation to the Commissioners' Court as constable of this precinct, which will be acted upon at the next meeting of the court. Mr. Beauchamp says the remuneration of the office is insufficient, and he desires to devote his time to his farming operations.

**NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS**

I will be shipping hogs to the market at intervals from now until April 1. I will begin to buy hogs January 24-25, and each Friday and Saturday thereafter until April 1. I am now feeding out about six or seven hundred of my own hogs, and guarantee you a market for any you have to sell up to that time.

George Calhoun.

Misses Mabel and Elma Howard entertained quite a number of their friends Friday night at their home in the Livelyville community. Everyone present had a most enjoyable time and declared that the Misses Howard were superb hostess.

**Notice To Delinquent Tax Payers**

Those owing taxes to the Grapeland School District who failed to pay same by February 1 are hereby notified that they are on the "delinquent list" and a penalty will be collected when the taxes are paid. I will be at Kennedy Bros. store Friday only of each week, and you are urged to pay your taxes to avoid further cost.

Paul Kennedy, Collector.

**Abstract Your Land Titles**

And let us do the work for you. We have a complete abstract of the land titles of this county down to NOW.

Madden & Denny,  
 Crockett, Texas.

Little Ruth McDonald, daughter of Mrs. George Garner of the Livelyville community, celebrated her 9th birthday last Sunday and invited quite a number of her little friends to enjoy the day with her. Refreshments of cocoa and cake were served by the little hostess to her guests.

Styleplus  
 for Spring  
 will soon  
 be here



Buy your  
 next fall  
 Overcoat  
 now

**To the Boys Going Back to Civilian Life:**

You will need new clothes almost the first thing.

If you wore Styleplus before you entered the service—and thousands of the boys did—we know you will want Styleplus again.

If you did not wear Styleplus perhaps these facts will convince you:

- the makers concentrate their volume which enables them to manufacture at a low cost
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**Styleplus Clothes**  
**\$25 - \$30 - \$35**

Each grade the same price the nation over

have earned the reputation of always being exceptional in value and in style.

Styleplus are for the men who want a reliable quality—and real style—in the medium price range.

So when Uncle Sam gives you his Well-done! and Good-bye! visit this store and buy a suit. Styleplus Clothes appeal to soldiers. "They make good."

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**LOCAL ITEMS**

Lee Unionalls at Darsey's.

Mrs. Willie Goodson visited in Elkhart this week.

Sale of Silks Remnants at Darsey's.

**WANTED**

A wage hand. Apply to John Durnell, Route 3. 1t.

Parts for Fords and Maxwells at Darsey's.

Miss Fannie Goodson visited relatives and friends in Crockett last week.

**FOR SALE**

5-passenger Ford Car. See 48-3 W. H. Whitecarver.

District Clerk Tunstall of Crockett was here awhile Saturday.

All short lengths in the season's most popular Silks on sale at a big reduction at Darsey's.

Jesse Murdock has purchased the restaurant of Bud Dodson on Second street.

Our final reductions on overcoats will save you money. See the beautiful styles at Darsey's.

G. C. Crowson of Lovelady was visiting friends here Sunday and Monday.

Full blooded brown Leghorn Hens for sale by Mrs. J. S. Weisinger, Route 1. 2t

Mrs. George Garner spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Palestine, the guest of Miss Laura Brook.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay visited relatives in Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

**WANTED**

A good farm hand. R. M. Brooks, Grapeland, Texas, Route 3. 1t

Mrs. J. H. Leaverton has returned home from Teague, where she was called on account of the illness of her brother.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**

A fine 4 year old mare and mule colt 8 months old for sale or trade for good mule. 1t B. T. Masters, Route 3.

**POSTED**

Notice is hereby given that my pasture and farm is posted and no trespassing will be allowed. 1t John Pelham, Route 1.

**POSTED**

Notice is hereby given that my pasture and farm is posted and no trespassing will be allowed. 1t S. W. Duitch, Route 1.

**POSTED**

Notice is hereby given that my pasture and farm is posted and no trespassing will be allowed. 1t Bob Herod, Route 1.

**POSTED**

Notice is hereby given that my pasture and farm is posted and no trespassing will be allowed. 1t Monroe Weisinger Route 1.

**POSTED**

Notice is hereby given that my home place on the east side and my pasture on the west side of the railroad is posted and no trespassing will be allowed.

**\$100 Reward, \$100**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, Etc.

Seed Irish Potatoes at Darsey's.

**FOR SALE**

If you want a good Overland car see J. N. Tyer. 2t

The only real unionall made is sold at Darsey's.

W. A. Riall was in Houston the first of the week on business.

Trunks and Suit Cases received this week at Darsey's.

When you are in town eat with Jesse Murdock on the back street. 49-4

You'll have to hurry if you want one of the new Leudinghaus wagons at Darsey's.

**FOR SALE**

An extra good incubator; egg capacity 106. Mrs. Dora White. tf

Mrs. P. L. McClenny of Galveston visited relatives and friends here and at Augusta last week.

B. H. Logan of Lake Charles, La., spent a few days here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. W. Howard and children returned Sunday night from Crockett, where they visited relatives a few days.

John R. Owens, who is working in Houston for the R. G. Dunn Mercantile Agency, spent Sunday here with his mother.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam Kennedy returned last week from Chicago, where Dr. Kennedy has been taking a post graduate course in medicine.

**LOST**

Black Poland China male, 1 year old, unmarked. If found notify B. T. Masters, Route 3. 1t

It will pay you to see George Calhoun before you sell your hogs. It will be to your interest. He is guaranteeing you a market until April.

**HOGS WANTED**

We are in the market for hogs and will pay the highest market prices. Be sure to see us before you sell. Dailey Bros. tf.

Miss Modell Garner returned to her home in the Livelyville community last Friday, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Cora Bailes at Goss, La.

Our first quarterly conference will be held at the church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bro. McLarty will be with us and will preach at night. You are invited.

J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.

**RENTED WANTED**

To work 30 acres on the halves. See me at the shoe shop. 1t J. D. Baker.

Help the children in their evening study by giving them a strong, steady, white light. It may save glasses in later years. Let me demonstrate the Aladdin—winner of the Gold Medal at the World's Exposition, San Francisco. Have sold quite a number of these lights to the best homes in this community, and by permission can refer you to them. E. L. Frisby, Agent.

**PRODUCE WANTED**

Under present arrangements I will be able to reach the consumers of the city of Houston through seven retail grocery stores. This eliminates the commission man and will enable me to pay what your produce is worth. Bring me your butter and eggs. W. R. Wherry. tf

Young men who appreciate the latest styles will be interested in the beautiful array of Lion soft collars in white and colors at Darsey's.

**NOTICE**

Mules for sale or trade. I have another can load bought, I am expecting them to arrive at Grapeland Friday. John Killion. 1t

G. C. Wright of Elkhart was in to see us a little while last Saturday. He had just been discharged from the army at Camp Travis.

**LIBERTY BONDS BOUGHT**

If you must sell your Liberty Bonds we will buy them. Guaranty State Bank, Grapeland, Texas. tf

The Venetian Trio, billed here for last Monday night, failed to fill their engagement because some members of the company were ill with influenza. They will come at a later date.

**DENTAL NOTICE**

Dr. Moore, the dentist, is at the Grapeland Hotel ready to execute all manner of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain. C. L. Moore, D. D. S. tf

The new Spring Goods are arriving at Darsey's. We have just received a shipment of the latest dress goods patterns for early spring in cotton and silk materials.

You are requested to attend the Valentine Luncheon February 14, 4 to 8 o'clock p. m., at Mrs. C. W. Kennedy's. Proceeds for benefit of M. E. Church.

**LIBERTY BONDS**

We will buy them if you want to sell. Farmers & Merchants State Bank Grapeland, Texas. tf

**WANTED**

A family to work 35 or 40 acres of land on shares; some rich bottom land; good teams and tools; good house; good proposition for right party. See or write A. N. Edens, Route 3. 2t

Willie Foreman has received his honorable discharge from the army and has returned home. Mr. Foreman saw active service in France with the American army. He brought home with him as a souvenir a Geramn helmet and a German gun.

**STRAYED**

1 Poland China Sow, unmarked, some white spots in her forehead; weight about 200 pounds. \$2.50 reward for any information as to where she is. J. S. Wells. 2t

**WARNING**

Those having hogs running at large near our premises are warned to put them up. Sim Finch, Arthur Brooks.

If your Piano needs tuning, adjusting or repairing in any way, would be glad to do the work for you. Ring 320. V. B. Tunstall, Crockett, Texas. 1t

Soldiers' day is next Wednesday—and it's the day set apart by Grapeland to plant shade trees to honor the memory of the boys who made the world a decent place to live in.

Smith Dailey arrived home Sunday from New York and will spend a few days visiting his mother, other relatives and friends. He is in the Navy.

**Dr. Hess' Stock Tonics**

Now is the time of year to give tonic to live stock.

We are agents for the old reliable Dr. Hess' line--the best on earth.

We have it in 2, 41-2 and 10 pound packages, and 25 pound pails.

PRICES: 30c, 60c, \$1.25, \$2.50

Also if you prefer we can supply you with Dr. LeGear's International and Bee Dee preparations.

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ALL WORK FIRST-CLASS AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Bring me your work and get it done right

J. H. BOWMAN

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**

Great interest is being manifested in high school athletics. On Friday afternoon, February 7, our boys and girls will play the return game of basket ball with the Elkhart teams at that place. At the first game of the series played here two weeks ago, the Grapeland teams won both games by narrow margins, and spirited contests are expected in this second series. Our teams are fine, and expect to win, but need the support of all of us; it is expected that every loyal "fan" here at home who has a car available will be at the Elkhart games Friday. All of those who have not cars are expected to join the I. & G. N. crowd. The high school colors are purple and gold—wear them.

The Palestine girls' team will play our girls here Friday, February 14, when a very exciting game is promised.

Mid-term examinations are over, and students are beginning earnest work for the last term, with the definite aim of securing first-class affiliation for the school. The Library has recently been recognized as first-class by the state department of education. The high school history classes are doing unusually fine research work among original documents and sources just added to the library; the school of English has an excellent field for supplementary reading in drama, essay and poetry, and is making the most of it. However, the library is inadequate because of the loss of many valuable books. Any information leading to their recovery, or the return of any misplaced copies, will be gratefully received. Also, the loan or gift of books, especially English classics, biography and works of standard authors, will be very welcome. Former students of the Grapeland high

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school could do no nobler service for their Alma Mater than to donate their books they are no longer using. These will be taken care of and returned if desired. Georgie W. Cooper, High School Librarian.

**SOLDIERS' DAY**

Wednesday of next week will be soldiers' day. Show your appreciation and patriotism by getting busy in honor of our soldier boys and we will make Grapeland a shady place in their honor. The boys, most of them, some never will, begin coming home. They have offered their lives for us. What will we do for them? Do your part.

Your blacksmith will tell you that he works on fewer Leudinghaus wagons than any other kind. They give service at a minimum expense. You can get one at Darsey's if you hurry.

B. V. Bell went to Palestine Monday to have an operation performed on his hands, both of which, he stated, would have to be amputated, on account of a severe burn which, unfortunately, he received some time ago.

**Valentine Luncheon**

The W. H. M. Society will entertain with a

**VALENTINE LUNCHEON**

at the home of Mrs. C. W. Kennedy

February 14, 1919

from 4 to 8 o'clock p. m.

ADMISSION 25c

**THE COMING VICTORY LOAN**

The outcome of the next Liberty Loan drive is causing some anxiety among officials of the treasury department, who are quoted in late reports from the capital as saying that it may be necessary to raise the rate of interest above 4 1-4 per cent, or adopt other measures for making the bonds attractive, in order to put over this last loan, which is to be known as the "Victory Loan."

Secretary Glass has promised that the loan will be for not over six billion dollars, and probably only five billion dollars, correcting an impression that the government would seek to raise twelve billion dollars in loans this year.

It is true that some of the incentive for buying bonds in the last drive probably would be absent next April in the final campaign. Fear of German triumph and possible invasion of this country has passed.

With the element of personal and immediate danger removed, there may be a disposition on the part of some to relax their interest in the country's welfare. Buying bonds to stop the Huns when they were knocking at the gates of Paris and when our own boys were the last hope of thwarting the Germans in their purpose to abolish freedom, seemed the most natural thing in the world to do.

In the heat of the fray few counted the cost, and short shift was made of those who did.

The next loan however, will have to be secured under different circumstances. The people are in a calmer mood. Their interest, which has been centered on war and victory, is now centered on the problem of peace. In the minds of many, it will probably be less a disgrace to be a loan slacker than it was in the last drives. It will be like paying for the show after it is over.

A good many have not liked the performance, and the criticisms of the war department, the army and the government generally, which are being heard, are not likely to help the next "Victory Loan."

But just as a man reveals his character in the manner in which he settles his obligations after being extended credit, so will the character of the American people be revealed during the next Victory Loan drive. The true measure of their patriotism will be taken. The boys have fought and won the war. The American people have given much, but the way in which they meet the next loan will indicate the extent of their gratitude, and of their real interest in the victory for Liberty.

Simply as a matter of gratitude for the early ending of the war, the next loan campaign ought to be the biggest thanksgiving offering in the history of the world. After the sacrifices that have already been made it is inconceivable that Americans should fall in completing the task. We may not have the fear of Germany and the welfare of our army to urge us to buy bonds next April, as we did last fall, but we will have shiploads of the wrecks of former men, armless, legless, blind and husky-voiced victims of sword and shell and gas disembarking at our ports to tell us of the cost of the victory.

In the presence of the returning men, and of the thousands of others, just as brave, but some more fortunate, the little matter of additional interest rates ought to receive small consideration from anyone who is either a human or a patriot.

It is not too early for every one to begin putting his or her affairs in shape to subscribe to the next loan. By saving and preparing now for the drive it should be completed in record time.—Houston Post.

**FLOUR SOLD IN MID-OCEAN**

Herbert Hoover sold the American Committee for Relief in the Near East seven thousand tons of flour, the flour at the time of the sale being on a ship in the Mediterranean. The price of the cargo was \$1,200,000, and immediately on the closing of the bargain, the Relief Committee ordered the ship by wireless to head at once for Constantinople, from which point the flour will be distributed to the starving districts in Armenia, Syria, and other Near Eastern countries. This, however, says relief workers is only a drop in the bucket as compared with the wide spread need of these peoples, and several more thousand tons of provisions must be sent to drive starvation out of Western Asia.

**WANT TO GET RICH QUICK?**

Countless get-rich-quick schemes have been invented and every one of them works fine, producing large revenues—for the promoters, unless the authorities happen to nab them before their plans for separating fools from their money get to going well. Here is one, however, suggested by J. A. Halton, Minneapolis, Minn., that is guaranteed to work and work the way you want it to in a single month if you follow it out faithfully:

Simply save one cent the first day, two cents the second day, four cents the third day, eight cents the fourth day and so on, each day doubling the amount saved on the preceding day. This is the result, as Mr. Halton has figured it out.

First day.....	.01
Second day.....	.02
Third day.....	.04
Fourth day.....	.08
Fifth day.....	.16
Sixth day.....	.32
Seventh day.....	.64
Eighth day.....	1.28
Ninth day.....	2.56
Tenth day.....	5.12
Eleventh day.....	10.24
Twelfth day.....	20.48
Thirteenth day.....	40.96
Fourteenth day.....	81.92
Fifteenth day.....	163.84
Sixteenth day.....	327.68
Seventeenth day.....	655.36
Eighteenth day.....	1,310.72
Nineteenth day.....	2,621.44
Twentieth day.....	5,242.88
Twenty-first day.....	10,485.76
Twenty-second day.....	20,971.52
Twenty-third day.....	41,943.04
Twenty-fourth day.....	83,886.08
Twenty-fifth day.....	167,772.16
Twenty-sixth day.....	335,544.32
Twenty-seventh day.....	671,088.64
Twenty-eighth day.....	1,342,177.28
Twenty-ninth day.....	2,684,354.56
Thirtieth day.....	5,368,709.12
Thirty-first day.....	10,737,418.24

Total saved at end of mo. \$21,474,836.46

At the end of the month, you will observe, you would be a multi-millionaire, financially independent for the remainder of your days. If this isn't enough, keep up the system for another month or so. While a good many of us would find it a hard matter to lay by the required amount each day after the first few days had elapsed, this suggestion illustrates what big things may grow from a small beginning. It also shows how much regularity and system in saving really count.—The Pathfinder.

**THOUSANDS OF COMMERCIALY TRAINED YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED FOR SERVICE. NEED IS GREAT AND FOR EFFICIENT HELP URGENT**

Young people! Will you take advantage of this opportunity? War has greatly widened the horizon of American Commerce. One of the benefits growing out of the war is the world wide view point of American business men and women. They are engaged and must continue on a larger scale in the production and distribution of commodities for the world. Our fast growing merchant marine is an important factor in the trade development with the foreign countries. Markets are being opened that have never, heretofore, been visited by American Commerce. The volume of American business must increase. The countries destroyed by the four years of war must be reclaimed and rebuilt. Factories, homes and cities must be restored. American mills and factories are being called upon to do this work. There is work for everybody that is trained in business. There will be a small place for the fellow with just hands and feet to offer. "Brains" are at a premium. Are you going to wait and loaf on the job, while others prepare for the desirable places that will mean future successes? Hundreds of ambitious young people are now with us, preparing for this service. Others are entering every day.

The Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, with its practical and thorough courses of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Business Administration and Finance, Penmanship, Telegraphy and Cotton Sampling and Marketing will prepare you in the shortest time, at the least expense, to take advantage of these opportunities. You can do what others have done. Make a start now. Fill in and mail for large free catalogue.

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*Comfort*  
*Service*  
*Price*

Owners who have bought the Overland Model 90 have not been worried about any of these things.

Remember this when you decide to buy your car.



## J. E. TOWERY

CROCKETT, TEXAS

**LETTER FROM OVERSEA**

Marseille, France, Dec. 25, 1918.  
Editor Messenger:

Well, another Christmas is here and we are still here, spending it as we never spent one before, and here's hoping we don't have to spend another here.

Everything is as quiet here as if it was Sunday.

I can speak for myself and the other soldiers of this base, that we are in better health since we have been in the army and as long as we are fed three "hots" a day we should worry!

We had our Christmas play last night and it was fine. It was composed of plays, songs, and a few snappy stunts pulled off by the boys, then after the play we all went to a large mess hall and had refreshments, then the packages from home, sent through the Y. M. C. A., were next. We marched through the "Y" and all soldiers were given a package and on these packages were the words: "From the folks at home to our boys in France." We were as glad of those small packages as could be.

I have often heard the saying of Sherman that "war is hell," but as for me, I haven't been anywhere near any fighting. They sent me south and so far south that if they were to push me any further they would push me into the Mediterranean sea. But gee, since I've thought about it, I wouldn't care if they would give me a little push out across the "pond."

I'm not being over-crowded with mail here lately. I don't know the reason why our mail is delayed so.

Think we will be at home by the fourth of July.

I've never learned a great deal of this language, but I can get by, and

that's all it takes.  
"Boo Coo" good luck to the editor and all the readers.

Corp. Luther W. Campbell,  
M. T. C. 491, M. S. T. 420  
A. P. O. 752, Am. A. E. F.

**SAYS MESSENGER IS LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME**

Ione, Ark., Jan. 25, 1919.  
Editor Messenger:

As I have to send in my renewal, will write a few words.

We are having a lots milder winter so far than we had last year; have had some below zero weather, but not much. Last winter this time there was an 18-inch snow on the ground and it stayed with us a month.

We have enjoyed reading the soldiers' letters; in fact, the Messenger seems like a letter from home and we couldn't do without it.

What has become of you, Albert Tyer?

Greetings to all of my old friends. The money is enclosed to pay another years' subscription.

Mrs. W. M. Jeter.

**ADM. MAYO SAYS WE ARE DEMOBILIZING TOO FAST**

Admiral Mayo is uneasy about the rapid demobilization of American troops and ships. He says:

"Armistice does not spell peace. If this great war ends without difficulties following, it will be different from any other way. We may need our battleships at any time. The idea that the only thing to do now is to get the boys back quick is all wrong.

This making of the battleships over into transports I very much regret."

**OUR BOYS SUPERB, SAYS FOCH**

Marshal Foch tells the American correspondents that the Rhine must be made the barrier between Germany and France.

The Marshal paid the most enthusiastic tribute to the work of the American boys in stopping the German advance last summer. Though all untried, they were assigned to defend one of the hardest parts of the line. They were not satisfied to defend. They insisted on attacking. "The attack succeeded," said the Marshal, "and here we are on the Rhine." Asked if the armistice did not come too soon, he replied: "No, because we got everything we asked for without further loss of life." "But," he added, "your American soldiers were superb. Yes, they were superb; there is no other word."

**FIGURING A FARM'S INCOME**

A good way to determine the income of a farm is, to the inventory value at the end of the year add the total farm receipts. From the result deduct the inventory value at the beginning of the year and farm expenses. The remainder is the income for the year. This is just method if fair values are given in the inventories. The Government recognizes the value of the inventory for determining income and the latest income tax blank for farmers provides for a summary which is virtually the same as given above.

Opportunities do not respect either localities or business. She is lurking around conveniently most anywhere for the man who has brains enough to recognize her.

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

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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.

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

WADE L. SMITH, SPECIAL AGENT

## COME ON PATRIOTS!

KNOW THE JOY OF SAVING HERE'S HOW!

Let's finish the job.

Let's pay our debts. The Government has spent billions of dollars to save us from ruin and disgrace. We must pay the bill.

Ever know the joy of saving? It's the grandest feeling!

Save now and later be able to buy that "something" you have always longed for.

Carry out your savings pledge if you made one; or make one right now.

Buy of your War Savings Society, or bank, postoffice, store.

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

### "FOLKS WOULD PESTER ME"

Somebody asked our old Missouri storekeeper why he didn't put a small advertisement in the local newspaper to advertise a "home blend" of coffee that was particularly good.

"I don't wanta," he replied lazily. "If I did, folks would pester me all the time to show 'em my goods."

Thus did an old Missouri storekeeper pay unconscious tribute to the business-getting value of advertising. He missed a lot of business, of course, but there's another side of it.

Lots of people who really wanted this particular brand of coffee were

unable to get it because no one ever told them where it was to be had.

You know yourself that it would take you twice as long to shop if there were no advertisements to guide you in your buying. You wouldn't know where to start. You'd miss a lot of good values just because no one ever told you about them.

The man who advertises is glad to have you "pester him" to show you his goods. Don't miss the advertisements. They will save you money.

Those who do no more than is necessary wouldn't do that much if they could help themselves.

### MEETING CALLED TO URGE ACREAGE CUT

Dallas, Texas Feb. 1.—Every available agency will be utilized to spread publicity in connection with the cotton acreage reduction meeting to be held in Dallas February 11. Efforts will be made to have representatives from every section of the state. The meeting was called after a conference of prominent bankers, business men and others interested in cotton, for the purpose of urging a material reduction in the 1919 acreage.

Those in touch with the situation announce their belief that the meeting will be one of the largest gatherings ever held in Texas.

Judge William Ramsey, federal reserve agent of the eleventh district, said:

"I expect the meeting to be one of the largest held in the state of Texas," he said Saturday. "The extreme importance of the matter to be discussed should bring representatives from every part of Texas and from every line of business. No question could be introduced at this time which compares in importance with this reduction of cotton acreage. I have received many letters commending my suggestion for a state meeting, and these indicate to me that there is deep interest throughout the state."

"No more important meeting was ever called in the state of Texas than that called for February 11, when plans will be discussed for reducing the cotton acreage," said Nathan Adams.

"It should be attended by farmers and business men from all over the state, and no doubt will attract a very large crowd. The large cotton acreage during the coming season not only would affect the coming crop adversely, but would vitally hurt the price of the crop now being held.

"America has a monopoly on the raising of cotton, and she should protect this monopoly. In previous years 65 per cent of the cotton crop raised in this country was used by foreign countries. America raises the cotton and these countries help fix the price.

"A 10,000,000-bale crop this year would produce \$1,000,000,000. A 15,000,000-bale crop will produce half that amount. Therefore when the farmer plants enough acreage to raise this 15,000,000 bale crop he has the cost of the bagging and ties, of gathering the crop and all other expenses of 5,000,000 bales of cotton which not only in expensive to handle in itself, but which forces the price down. The sensible thing to do is to raise the amount of cotton the world needs, or, say, 15 per cent less than this amount. In any commodity the 100 per cent of the production does not control the price; it is the 15 per cent over or under the amount needed by the world which fixes the price of the whole crop."

### TEXTBOOK BILL GIVEN TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Austin, Texas, Feb. 1.—The house free textbook bill has been given to a subcommittee of the educational committee. It will be revised and every effort will be made to get it back to the house next week.

The bill was amended yesterday when it was offered for final passage. The amendment changed the entire system of distribution of books. It left the measure with conflicting sections. For that reason the committee asked for recommitment.

As the bill was originally drawn the distribution of all books was left to the state superintendent of public instruction. The amendment placed this distribution in the hands of the boards of trustees of the school districts of Texas. It provided that each district should have its pro rata share of the school book fund, based on the scholastic census. Then the books would be ordered through the districts.

Authors of the bill will seek to get the amendment withdrawn before the bill is sent back to the house for further consideration.

### BEEF OFFERED TO PIONCARE

A prize yearling steer bought by Wilson and Co., packers, at the international livestock exposition in Chicago, a few days ago has been offered to President Pioncare of France for the dinner he is preparing to give the peace delegates. The record price of \$2.50 a pound for the beef was paid, bringing the cost of the animal up to \$3,350.

## Washington Tea

Dear people of Grapeland, listen all, Whether of great renown or small; A pretty story I'll tell to thee Of a coming event—a Washington Tea. Mrs. Dave Leaverton will open her doors, To all the town's comers and goers. We ask you to mix from the hour of seven With the royal family till the hour of eleven. Martha and George will both appear, You may gaze upon their features dear. Our receiving line in Colonial style Will greet you all with a cheerful smile. A program which you will consider a treat, And lots and lots of good things to eat. Come young men, bring your sweethearts true And married men, bring your wives along, too. This entertainment shows good sense— We'll have some fun at G. W.'s expense.

ON FEBRUARY 21, 1919.

## LADIES AID SOCIETY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Adult 25 cents. Children Under Twelve 10 cents.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL NOT ALLOW INCREASE

Austin, Texas, Feb. 1.—According to Senator Westbrook of the finance committee, the appropriation bill, as shown by budgets already presented, will exhibit an increase of over \$8,000,000, but he states that the committee is not going to allow any increases, wherever it is possible to prevent it. The amount for the year ending Aug. 31, 1918, was \$25,265,147, and for the year ending Aug. 31, 1919, \$18,873,962.

Mr. Westbrook said in view of the war burdens the people should not be compelled to pay more taxes, and that the motto of the committee is "Retrenchment, economy without parsimony."

### GERMAN CONTROL

On the evening before a solar eclipse the colonel of a German regiment of infantry sent for all the sergeants, and said to them:

"There will be an eclipse of the sun tomorrow. The regiment will meet on the parade ground in undress. I will come and explain the eclipse before drill. If the sky is cloudy the men will meet in the drill shed, as usual."

Whereupon the ranking sergeant drew up the following order of the day:

"Tomorrow morning, by order of the colonel, there will be an eclipse of the sun. The regiment will assemble on the parade ground, where the colonel will come and superintend the elipse in person. If the sky is cloudy the eclipse will take place in the drill shed."—Life.

### WHEN PERSHING WAS A BOY

A man acquainted with our American commander in his boyhood days says:

"John made a business of getting his lessons. If he was a trifle short on brilliance, he was long on backbone. Further, he carried with him such an air of self-determination, self-propulsion self-possession, self-conviction as made him a leader at an early age. His teachers liked him because he was studious and conscientious; his parents liked him because he was obedient and thoughtful; the boys liked him because he was fearless and independent; the girls liked him because he was courteous and gentle; everybody liked him because he was truthful and clean. Do you conclude from his recital that young John was a pale, precise, goody-goody boy of the sissy or molly-coddle type. Far from it."

Today all eyes are turned to General John T. Pershing, not only in America, but in Europe. Back of the general, back of the man is the boy, John. His boyhood is telling in his great work today.

### KAISER RESPONSIBLE

A commission of legal experts reports to the British governments in favor of prosecuting the ex-Kaiser for violation of the rules of war.

### THE BAN IS PUT ON "49" SHOWS BY COMMITTEE

Austin, Texas, Feb. 1.—The house committee on criminal jurisprudence further put the ban on the "49" dance today when it reported favorably on the Floyd bill. The measure has already passed the senate.

This bill will make it illegal for any concern or corporation to give "dancing exhibitions or performances in a tent or other inclosure when such dancing exhibition or performance constitutes all or a major portion of any exhibition or performance."

### TWO KINDS OF MEN

Civilized man makes roads; the savage does not. That is the safest test of civilization.

Among us, in all communities, are individuals who are not really civilized. They do not take any interest in roads.

A man's scale in civilization is very correctly tested by his attitude toward the stone which has rolled into the road, or the tree which has blown down across it. The man who drives around the obstacle day after day is one sort of man, the one who stops his team and rolls or drags it away is another. And a person passing along a road which he does not expect to retrace, who removes the obstruction for the sake of the stranger who comes after him, responds to a very high test of civilization. He feels socially.

This can be applied to rubbish that accumulates in front of your store and residence. To remove same mean that you are the right sort of a man. To let it remain and be removed by another, is just the opposite.

Many times an accident has been prevented by the removal of paper, boxes, and the like, from public places.

### FREEDOM OF PRESS ESSENTIAL

The decree of a court in New Mexico sentencing an editor to 30 days in jail for criticising a decision made by a district judge was reversed by the supreme court of the state upon appeal by the defendant. "Under the freedom of government," the supreme court held, in overruling the decision of the lower court, "the right of freedom of speech and of the press are essential to the public welfare." While the right of free speech does not warrant attacks on courts and judges which interfere with the administration of justice, "the force of public opinion has greatly restrained the courts in the exercise of the power to punish for making disrespectful remarks" relative to the judiciary, it was declared.

### U. S. LOSES ON HORSES

Horses auctioned by the Government at Fort Worth, Texas, brought an average of \$75 per head. The average cost was \$190.

It is said that the Kaiser was a mere tool in the war. It might be added that the Crown Prince was a sort of monkey wrench.—Chicago Daily News.

CITATION FOR UNKNOWN HEIRS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Collin Aldrich, deceased, whose names are unknown; R. D. Goree and the heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. L. Hayes and the heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, whose names are unknown; A. A. Granger and the heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. T. Bragdon and the heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased, whose names are unknown; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the City of Crockett, on the fourth Monday in March 1919, being the 24th day of March 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 4th day of February 1919, in a cause numbered 5772, wherein A. B. Spence is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Collin Aldrich deceased, R. D. Goree and the unknown heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, H. L. Hayes and the unknown heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, A. A. Granger and the unknown heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, H. T. Bragdon and the unknown heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased are defendants the cause of action being alleged as follows: Plaintiff alleges:

That plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and is seized and possessed and in the quiet and peaceable possession of the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

First tract: Situated in Houston County, Texas, containing 120 acres about 10 miles North of the town of Crockett, a part of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey and known as the James Owens tract of land, and bounded by field notes as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of the J. F. Lively tract on said survey. Thence North with said Lively's S. B. line to stake 460 vrs to a set stake in said E. B. line. Thence West 1344 vrs to a set stake in the W. B. line of said Lively tract. Thence South with said Lively's W. B. line 460 vrs to corner. Thence East with said Lively's S. B. line 1344 vrs to the place of beginning.

Second tract: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, about one and one-half miles S. W. of the town of GrapeLand, being one hundred and sixty acres of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey in Houston county. Beginning 676 vrs South of the N. E. corner of 640 acre tract of Collin Aldrich Headright conveyed by R. D. Goree and H. L. Hayes to A. A. Granger, in the East boundary line a stake for corner from which a sand jack 15 in dia brs N 17 W. 2 vrs and black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 8 vrs. The South 676 vrs to a stake set for corner from which a Hickory 10 in dia brs S. 20 W. 8 vrs and a black jack 20 in dia brs E. 22 W 11 vrs. Thence W. 1339 vrs to a stake for corner from which a hickory 6 in dia brs N. 13 E. 4 vrs and a Post Oak 18 in dia brs E. 20 W. 11 vrs. Thence N. 676 vrs with West boundary line of the aforesaid 640 acre tract to a stake for corner from which a pine 24 in dia brs S. 20 W. 10 vrs and a Red Oak 15 in dia brs E. 20 S. 21 vrs. Thence East with the division line between North quarter of the aforesaid 640 acres to a stake for corner 1338 vrs from which sand jack 15 in dia brs W. 17 N. 12 vrs and a black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 2 vrs to the place of beginning containing 160 acres of land more or less.

Plaintiff claims title to said property through the following conveyances:

1. A Patent from the State of Texas to Collin Aldrich of date March the 8th 1852 granting title to six hundred and forty acres of land of which the land in controversy is a part.

2. A deed from Frank Allen to W. R. Wherry of date March the 1st, 1909 recorded in Volume 69 page 51 of the Houston county, Deed records.

3. A deed from W. R. Wherry to A. B. Spence of date January the— 1919 recorded in Book— page— of Houston county, Deed Records.

4. A deed from Roy Weiss to A. B. Spence of date March the 6th 1910 and recorded in Volume 61 page 53 of the Houston county, Deed records.

Plaintiff also claims title to said land under and by virtue of the statute of limitations of five years and the statute of limitation of ten years.

That the defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of claim of title to the above described land, the exact nature of which is unknown to

plaintiff but which claim constitute a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said lands; and the further fact that there is no deed of record from Collin Aldrich to plaintiff's grantors also creates a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land.

Plaintiff sues to remove the cloud from his title to said land and that he be quieted in his title and possession of the same.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in Houston county; but if no newspaper is published in said County, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: Barker Tunstall, Clerk of the District court of Houston county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the city of Crockett this the 4th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) Barker Tunstall, Clerk of the District Court, Houston County.  
By J. B. Stanton Deputy.

OUR HONOR ROLL

Subscription have been "piling in" the past week. We are thankful and hope you will keep it up.

GrapeLand—W. P. Traylor, J. H. Bowman, Alton Lively, G. A. Walton, J. O. Edington, Hanibal King. (col.)

Route 1—J. S. Wells, John Pelham, W. T. Cox, E. P. Bean.

Route 2—Mrs. Omega Marshall, Jake Cutler.

Route 3—R. M. Brooks, Sim Finch, J. E. Bean, J. A. Hodges.

Route 4—Douglass Beazley.

Percilla—W. D. Dickey, Oscar Crawford, J. W. Cook.

Augusta—Leman Langham.

Palestine—Frank Luce.

Rusk—Mrs. Reta Marshall.

Elkhart—G. C. Wright.

Higgins—Mrs. Ida Bucher.

At The Christian Church

There will be preaching services at the Christian church next Sunday at the usual hours, 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

At the morning hour the subject will be "Prayers—Answered and Unanswered."

Since we did not meet for worship last Sunday evening because of the severe rain, I shall use at 7:15 p. m. next Sunday the same subject as announced for last Sunday evening: "Four Destructive Courses." If you suspect that you are pursuing any of these four courses come and let me talk to you instead of compelling me to talk about you in your absence.

All home folks and visitors will be welcome at both services.

G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

THE HEN THAT LAYS

is the Hen that pays. If she does not lay, kill her, but before you kill her give her B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy twice a day for a week, and then you will not kill her for she will be paying you a profit. It not only makes hens lay but it is a remedy for Cholera, Roup, and Gapes. We guarantee it to cure or we refund your money.  
McLean & Riall.

COTTON REPORT

There were 27,971 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1918, prior to January 16, 1919, compared with 31,341 bales ginned to January 16, 1918.

Kidney disorders cause much distress of mind and body. Such ailments should not be neglected, because they lead to diseases that are dangerous. Frickly Ash Bitters is a fine kidney tonic. It strengthens the kidneys and purifies the stomach and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

You will find the three best lines of cultivators sold in Texas at Darsey's store. They are made by John Deere, Rock Island and Kelley.

Mrs. Frank Luce and children of Palestine visited relatives near GrapeLand last week.

# Victory Prices for our Victorious Soldiers

When the fighters who are coming home every day now were first getting into action several months ago, we received a big stock of fine all-wool clothes--

## Hart Schaffner & Marx

and we bought them at prices that were surprisingly low considering conditions.

The fine part of it all is this: we have these clothes ready now as a welcome to the home-coming fighters. And it's a royal welcome as far as clothes go; because the prices

are extremely low for such quality and the styles are the latest and best.

The men at home who want good, stylish, all-wool clothes are in on this too; they've been fighters behind the line and they're entitled to these special Victory prices too.

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Correct Corset Style...

Style, Fit & Comfort

The Standard of Quality

FRONT LACE BACK LACE

FRONT LACE CORSETS

Madam Grace Front Lace Corsets are real front lace corsets—ont back lace corsets adapted to lace in front. They embody all that is best in front lace. The woman who demands service and more than usual satisfaction will choose the front lace from among any corsets displayed. You will find them in pink or white and they will please you. See them in our corset department.

SHOES SHOES SHOES

Just as this season of the year most any stock is incomplete, but you will find our stock as complete as any in the county and we will be glad to show you any item that you may want, for it is a pleasure for us to show goods. Call and see us.

MEN'S NECKWEAR

The ties we are offering you are the improved ties that are made to slip in your collar easy. The highest grade silks are shown in striking new and original patterns and rich color effects. Buy your next one here.

LADIES WAIST AND SKIRTS

Now for the new styles in waists and skirts. You will find the very latest in the garments on display at our place and nothing is offered by any one that is any better styles than these new styles and colors. You will be pleased with this line. Call and see it.

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