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High School Notes

The long expected inspector of schools from the State Department of Education has come and gone. Our boys and girls accredited themselves ably, their personal attitude toward schools and work being well received.

The library was reported first class and well used; the science equipment was well selected and assembled; the building and grounds were found satisfactory.

The inspector complimented the teaching force, saying the instruction was standard. Full affiliation is assured in English and Physics, some credits will be given in Mathematics, Latin, and Physical Geography. The History Department is doing good work, but met the criticism that three teachers are being used, thus breaking the unity of the course. An effort is being made to secure credits in this science, which will place Grapeland far on the way to a first class school. The only obstacle in the way would be the shortening of the term, which would destroy all the good work already done. For the sake of our boys and girls who are doing their best to secure an education, let us give our every encouragement and aid toward raising our school standards.

Through the generosity of several of our trustees and citizens our small boys and girls now have some chain swings, durable and safe.

Baseball is the popular sport among the boys on the play ground, the season starting Friday with a game with Crockett, when our boys defeated the visitors with a score of 17 to 11. Pete Jones, the pitcher for Grapeland, starred by pitching the entire game, shutting out many at the bat. For a boy of his age, his delivery of the ball is remarkable.

In basket ball Friday, our Junior girls defeated Lovelady's first team by a score of 11 to 7, and our Junior boys defeated Crockett by a score of 36 to 0.

Work has begun on the Senior play, "Standing By," a copyrighted drama just published, one that is strong, stirring, humorous and patriotic. The cast is as follows:

Mr. Carey—A soldiers' friend, Tom Richards.

Ethelind—Doing her father's will, Adabel Leaverton.

Mrs. Carey—With a different view, Loreta Sadler.

Max Martin—Mrs. Carey's choice, Raymond Black.

Dr. Brighton—A friend of the family, George Darsey.

Mrs. Oakley—A friend of the Orphans, Helen Montgomery.

Mrs. Walton—A mother of a soldier, Eura Woodard.

Rosa Walton—Of the Great Red Cross, Cora May Willis.

Bobby Walton—A follower of the flag, Marvin Gilbert.

Aunt Polly—Black face and tender heart, Minnie Lee Hague.

Henry—"Wid de Expulsion Fo'ces," Herman Murchison.

Our school is at work, our school is in earnest, our school is ambitious, our school wants to be bigger and better, our school wants you to visit the classes, to see it in its work and in its play, and wants you to judge for yourself whether or not it is worth while.

High School Reporter.

Palestine Carpenters' Union
Asks \$1 Daily Wage Increase

Palestine, Texas, March 31.—The local carpenters' union has asked for an increase in wages the proposed new scale being for \$7 a day of eight hours. The scale is now \$6. Local contractors are considering the increase asked.

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Plant Less Cotton and Avoid Hard Times Says Mr. Knapp

Washington, March 29.—Cotton farmers and business men of the South are in critical situation this spring, Bradford Knapp, chief of the office of extension work, South, of the department of agriculture, told extension work forces recently in outlining some of the difficulties of farming in the South this year, and the importance of safe farming.

"If the South plants as large an acreage to cotton as in 1918, and has a good season resulting in a large crop, the possible danger to Southern prosperity can scarcely be over-estimated," declared Mr. Knapp.

"A well balanced system of agriculture is the best answer to this problem, not only in 1919, but in any year in peace or in war. The safety and security of the Southern people depend greatly on the production of the food necessary for the people and the feed necessary for the increasing live stock."

Mr. Knapp pointed out that the exchange value of cotton in relation to the retail price of necessities of life was no different when cotton was worth 30 cents a pound in 1918, from what it was when cotton was worth 12 cents in years before the war.

Reduction of cotton acreage was urged by Mr. Knapp not so much by a level cut of a certain proportion of the acreage of every farm, as by converting every farm into a self-sustaining unit. He urged getting on a cash basis instead of a credit basis and selling the excess products of the farm to supply the living expenses.

Canned Blood Saved Soldiers

Many wounded soldiers who in previous wars would have lived but a few hours have in the world conflict been saved and restored to health by the use of "canned" blood injected into their veins. The discovery that more wounded soldiers die as a result of bleeding to death than from any other cause led to the practice of blood transfusion to save them. Under certain conditions when fierce engagements were being fought it was impossible to arrange for transfusions direct from one person to another so the method of drawing the blood previously, storing it on ice in sterile flasks and using it when occasions arose was adopted. In some cases the wounded men were so bad off that a blood substitute had to be injected. This sustained life until they could be removed to a hospital.

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Private Jas. L. Chiles Writes Parents from Losnich, Germany

Losnich, Ger., Feb. 28.
Mr. J. L. Chiles,
Grapeland, Texas.

Dear Father:

I received your letter a few days ago and was glad to hear from you. Well, how are you by this time? I am well and doing alright; went to Coblenz last Sunday and stayed until Tuesday night; had a nice time. It sure is a pretty place. I also took a trip up the Rhine. I wish you could have been with me, for I know you would sure enjoy looking at the old buildings that were built along the banks in the year about 700.

I have lots of post cards I am going to send you and then you can tell something about this country. Mamma asked me if I had any souvenirs. No, I haven't any. I think the post cards are just about as good souvenirs as I could get and I believe you will say the same when you see them.

Well, how are you getting along farming? Got a letter from Pledger the other day; he seems to be getting along alright.

Tell mamma I will write her soon. Do not know when I will get to come home, but I hope it will be soon. Plant a great big watermelon patch this year, for I believe I will be at home by the fourth of July.

Well papa, take care of yourself and don't work too hard; don't you and mamma worry about me, for I am getting along alright. I get a little blue some times, but it soon passes away. Well, must close. Love to all.

Your son,
Pvt. Jas. L. Chiles,
Hdq. Co., 360th Inf., 90th Div.
Am. Ex. Force, Germany.

Keeping Tab on Government Work by Photography

It has long been the custom for contractors working on government construction to take photographs of the operations once a week. These pictures are snapped from some temporary tower overlooking the entire construction and are used as records of the work in the settlement with the government. Several months ago a contract was let for the construction of a building which had to be finished in record time. Weekly photographs would not answer so the idea was conceived of making a continuous picture of the operations. An automatic camera was connected with a clock and snapshots were recorded every five minutes. After the building was completed the pictures were transformed into a continuous film which when thrown onto the screen showed the actual building construction in all its stages of progress.

LIVELYVILLE By Regular Correspondent

Livelyville, March 31.—People in this community are killing some valuable dogs on account of the maddog scare. A dog supposed to be mad came to Mrs. E. Howard's farm Wednesday and bit a fine dog. He was killed Thursday. The same day Mr. A. Starkey's dog was bitten and it was also killed.

Mother Lively is the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. John Masters. She is still in good health and spirits.

The cemetery looks nice and clean, as nearly every man came to the working Thursday. Let us all try to keep the city of the dead a place good to look at.

Little Bernice Denson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Denson, was claimed by that dreaded disease, diphtheria, early Thursday morning. She was only sick a short time and death came as a shock to the entire neighborhood. We laid her to rest in the Livelyville graveyard, and our tears were shed with those of parents and relatives in heartfelt sympathy.

The "norther" arriving here Wednesday afternoon did some damage to the tender garden tuff, and made us all look around for our coats once more. We do hope the predicted frost for April will not materialize.

Mrs. John Parker was a welcome visitor among us. She spent several days with relatives and friends.

Rev. J. F. Lively will preach Saturday night and Sunday. We hope everybody will be able to attend. Mr. Lively always has his text well in hand and has a fine delivery. The congregation always leaves well satisfied and highly elated.

Alma Tillman and L. Howard were guests at the banquet in Palestine last week, which was tendered by Palestine folks to the returned soldiers in honor of the service they rendered to their country.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scarborough and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nard of Augusta spent Thursday at Livelyville.

Misses Alma and May Bell Howard entertained some of their many friends Saturday night. All declare they enjoyed themselves very much indeed.

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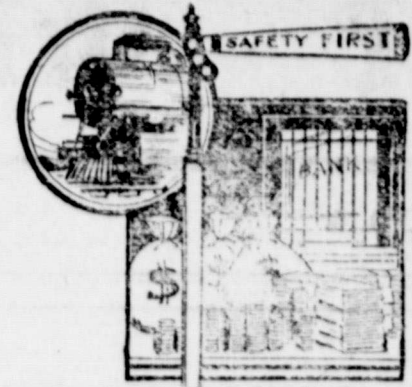
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tf J. W. Howard.

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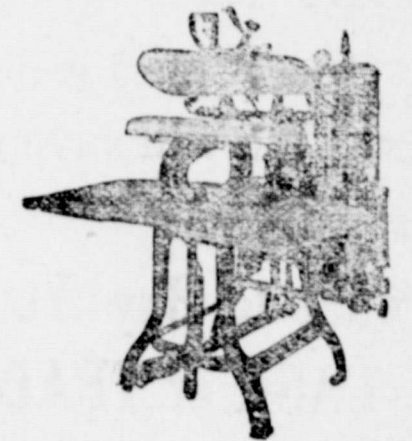
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PRIVATE GEORGE E. DARSEY JR.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey of this city. Enlisted June 1917, with the company organized in Houston county, Texas National Guard. Trained at Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth, until February 1918, and was transferred to Camp Johnston, Florida; was there placed in the Motor Supply Train and was trained in the United States until May. Sailed for France and landed there in June. His Motor Supply Train was attached to the 5th Division, regular army. About March 1, 1919, was transferred from the army of occupation while in Luxemburg to the University of Sorbonne at Paris, where he is now located. Many of his interesting letters to the folks at home have been published in these columns, and the one below recounts some of the interesting things he is seeing in Paris.

Hotel Soufflat, Paris, France. March 9th, 1919.

Dear Brother:
I have just returned from a hurried visit to the Louvre Art Museum and, as I have a little time, I will try to tell you some of the wonders of Paris that I have seen since I have been here. A lady from New York (who is "mothering" us) is showing and explaining Paris to us. At first, we are seeing everything as fast as we can and after things get to working on a permanent schedule, we are going to have a little class of our own to study Paris. As I have said in previous letters, we are a very short distance from the Luxemburg Gardens, so the other afternoon, the two of us went over after class and took in the Luxemburg Museum, and this Museum contains, it is said, the finest examples of modern French statuary. All of the paintings that were here have been removed to protect them from the German Berthas and haven't been brought back, but I expect to see them before I finish my course here.

Yesterday morning, two of us with our friend, went from here and saw some interesting features of Sorbonne university, the principal one being the amphitheater in the administration building where President Wilson received his degree a short time ago. From there, we went to a church which was built by one of the French Kings of the fifteenth century and which is included in a group of buildings known as the "Low Courts Building." A part of this building consists of the cell in which Marie Antoinette was imprisoned. This church is very famous in French History as it was built expressly for the Crown of Thorns when King Louis returned from his Crusade and has been used as a Royal Chapel up until the time of the Republic. While here, we went through the Low and Courts Building and saw where Napoleon held his court (supreme). In this room is a carpet that took twenty men four years to make and cost two hundred thousand francs and it is only about twelve by twenty

feet. We also located the room where the Premier's attempted assassinator is to be tried, and if possible, I am going to attend the trial as closely as I can.

From here, we went over to see the Pantheon de la Guerre. This is a huge allegorical painting representing the present victory and contains over six thousand actual portraits of men and women who have distinguished themselves in the war. They are in groups according to nations and the back ground gives a general panorama of the battlefields. It is the work of two portrait artists assisted by seventeen others and was begun a short time after the first Battle of the Marne. It is on the order of the "Battle of Atlanta (Ga.)" but of course, is much larger and is wonderful. We had a pair of opera glasses with us and I made a special study of the section representing the territory near Verdon and it was so complete that I could even distinguish roads and small towns where we worked during the war.

On our way down, we passed the French chamber of deputies and Foreign Affairs Building, where the Peace Conference is being held. Near this also, is Napoleon's Tomb, which we intend to visit in a short while. Just across the Seine River from this place is the headquarters of the American Peace Mission; the famous obelisk which dates from 1400 B. C.; as well as the bridge which was built from the stones of the Bastille Prison.

The Louvre contains statues dating back as far as several centuries B. C., containing some of the best Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Italian sculpture, of which is the original Venus de Milo and although I know very little of this kind of work, it is all very wonderful to me. All of this is within fifteen minutes walk from our hotel, as is the home of the President of France, (a house built 1400 A. D.) and the church and tower from which the signal for the Massacre of St. Bartholomews Day was given. Down the other direction from our hotel is Norte Dame Cathedral, which of course I will see at the first opportunity.

There is so much to see that a person hardly knows where to begin, so we are taking it as we come to it and are going over it more closely at our leisure. I am seeing so much that I am only able to write a brief outline so you can ask me questions when I return, sometime in the next—perhaps year or so for you know everybody must be sent home before the regular army, and I am not worrying as long as I can stay where I am now. I like my courses more and more every day. Our Dean told us that we would have lectures on the Peace conference and league of Nations by some of the brainiest men of France and our first one is to come this week.

We went to church this morning in the American church of Paris. The pastor is from Boston and it is a sort of a Union-Protestant Church for the American Colony here. The services are in English and the preacher is sure a bright man. After the service, he introduced himself, took our names and invited us over to see him any time we wanted to come. It seemed funny to be in an American church again and I will say that it felt especially queer for me to put French centimes in the contribution plate instead of nickels. I am enclosing a copy of the order of service as evidence of having gone.

So you see I am having a great time in Paris and it is sure a big relief from trucking duty in Germany and Luxemburg. All we have to do is to attend classes and report every ten or fifteen days to have our passes renewed and collect the Francs and see Paris. I might also add that we have an arrangement with our landlady where she will make us coffee and send it up to us every morning and we have breakfast in bed, so all I need is a pair of pink pajamas with ruffles and I will be a gentlemen private to a "T". I don't know how long I can stand such a life of ease, but I am going to try to hold it until the time comes for me to head for the West.

I might also add that all of the A. E. F. shows make Paris, and I have seen two of the best ones. I have seen some boys I knew in school at Georgetown who are in school here, and who are rooming only a short distance from me, so I am sitting pretty steady for a while.

Must close now and go to supper. We will eat tonight at the same restaurant that Voltaire patronized in his day.

My new address is as follows:
Pvt. Geo. E. Darsey, Jr.,
c-o Army Educational
Commission,
Sorbonne Detachment,
76 Rue Faubourg St. Honore,
Paris.

A. P. O. 702; A. E. F.

New Way to Make Maps

At the exhibition of airplanes, in New York, it was claimed that these machines are "wizards at map-making." The old-fashioned surveyor can't do a hundredth part of the work, nor do it so well. A combination of airplane and automatic photography does the trick. This use alone, it is claimed, will give the airplane a great future.

Tit For Tat

While president of the Lake Shore railroad the late John Newell was so opposed to granting passes that he frequently refused to issue them to railroad officials, and when he did he limited such transportation to certain trains. One occasion he prepared a parcel of exchange passes and sent them out as usual. Across the end of one he forwarded to President Caldwell was printed in red ink the words, "Not good on limited or fast trains." Without exasperating delay President Caldwell's annual pass for the Nickel Plate to President Newell arrived. Across the face, in the bold handwriting of President Caldwell, were the words, in red ink, "Not good on passenger trains."—Life.

New Tax Law Broad—Affects Many Lines of Trade

The Messenger is in receipt of a communication from Judge A. S. Walker, Collector of Internal Revenue, at Austin, Texas, outlining the provisions of that portion of the new revenue bill imposing taxes on miscellaneous luxuries and semi-luxuries. This portion of the bill affects almost every class of business from the street vendor of candy and soft drinks to the manufacturer of automobiles and motor trucks.

One section of the law places a tax on all persons selling real and imitation jewelry, precious stones, watches, clocks, opera glasses, etc. Sculpture, paintings, statuary, and porcelains and bronzes.

Another section of the law imposes a tax on all manufacturers of the following articles:

Cereal beverages and soft drinks.

Mineral Waters and table waters when sold in bottles or other closed container. It also applies to all soft drinks, ice cream sodas, etc., prepared and sold at fountains. It applies also to manufacturers of automobiles, automobile trucks, inner tubes, and accessories therefor.

Pianos, organs, graphophones, music boxes and records.

Tennis rackets, skates, fishing rods, games and all similar articles commonly known as sporting goods.

Chewing gum, candy, photographic films and plates.

Firearms, shells and cartridges.

Hunting, bowie and dirk knives.

Portable electric fans, thermos bottles.

Cigarette holders and pipes.

Automatic slot-device vending machines.

Liveries and livery boots and hats.

Hunting and shooting garments and riding jackets.

Toilet soaps, toilet articles, patent and proprietary medicinal preparations.

Still another part of the law places a tax on all sales of certain articles when the selling price exceeds a prescribed amount.

This Section affects sales of the following articles:

Carpets and rugs.

Picture frames, trunks, traveling bags, suit cases, pocket books, purses, shopping and hand bags.

Umbrellas, parasols and fans.

House or smoking coats, jackets, and bath or lounging robes.

Men's waistcoats.

Women's and misses' hats, bonnets and hoods.

Men's and boys' hats and caps.

Men's, women's, misses', and boys' boots, shoes, pumps and slippers.

Men's and boys' neck ties, silk stockings or hoes.

Women's and misses' silk stockings or hose.

Men's shirts.

Men's, women's, misses and boys' pajamas and underwear.

Women's petticoats and waists.

Dealers of either of the three classes of articles are required to make reports at stated time to the Collector of Internal Revenue. All dealers should furnish the Collector their names and addresses immediately, in order that he may furnish them blanks upon which to make reports. Failure to make the required reports will subject any dealer to penalty.

Don't Risk It

They walk beneath a ladder,
Without becoming sadder;
They sit thirteen at table
As often as they're able,
They spill the salt—these
fellows—

From coffin-shaped saltcellars,
Served by a cross-eyed waiter—
Which makes the risk the
greater;—

Green tie and peacock's feather
They dare not wear together;
A funeral approaches,
They run between the coaches.
Who do? Who do?
Maybe you do. Fools do.
Trifle, not with a hoodoo!

—Addison F. Andrews, in Life. 3t

Community Breeding Essential To Develop Better Cattle

There is no advantage gained by keeping three or four breeds of beef cattle in the same community, except the satisfaction of personal preferences, but there are many advantages to be derived from keeping one and the same breed in the same community, according to specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Probably the most important reason why the same breed of cattle should be kept in one community is that it develops interest. Community breeding is certain to be a sympathetic tie binding the people together in the accomplishment of anything they desire. Community teamwork is worth much in the improvement of any country community. It teaches efficiency in the care of rearing of animals.

Community breeding is a very simple thing, but the value which it will be to the community is tremendous. There are many instances on record which are proof of its advantages. Wisconsin has a large number of community breeding associations, the strongest of these being the Waukesha County Guernsey Breeding Association, organized in 1908 to promote the breeding and improvements of high-grade and pure-bred Guernsey cattle. Although only organized 12 years ago this county is already known as the "Guernsey Capital of America," and buyers for carload lots of grade or purebred cows are attracted there from all over the country.

New Hampshire has many such breeders' associations in operation. Minnesota also has a large number. One of these at Northfield, Minn., a Holstein association, includes 225 herds and upward of 4,000 Holstein cattle, pure bred and grade.

West Virginia has organized many such association. Ritchie County, especially, attracted wide attention for the reason that the "scrub" bull has been eliminated and the Hereford adopted and developed as the principal breed. More than 150 "scrub" bulls have been shipped out of the county during the past three years, and pure breeds have taken their places, eliminating the "scrub" entirely. Many small herds have been started as a result of this movement. Buyers are attracted to this county with advertising and they are unable to meet the demands for good breeding and stock cattle.

"Are there not more communities in every State which would be richer for having a community breeder's association?" ask the specialists. True there are many pure-bred sires used, but the need of more inspiration instilled into the beef-cattle business is apparent, such inspiration as is gotten from organization and cooperation, from getting together shoulders, and from rubbing of elbows.

The United States Department of Agriculture or extension department of your State college of agriculture will be glad to hear of any such organization already perfected or to assist in the organization of others. Is there good reason why communities throughout the South should not be noted for Shorthorn, Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus cattle? Before the South can ever make a big stride as a beef-cattle center it must have community breeding. The first step in this direction is to eliminate the "scrub" sire.

Correspondents Wanted

The Messenger wants a good live correspondent at the following places: Salmon, Slocum, Augusta, Weches, Latexo. Write us about it or call at the office. tf

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1919

Agrarian and Proletarian

Last year—1918—Texas produced \$750,000,000 worth of farm products. This is more than the lumber and oil industry combined produced. Agriculture is easily the greatest industry in the state, and upon its success rests the success and prosperity of every other industry in the state.—Grapeland Messenger.

Undoubtedly, State Press will say it's so. Agriculture is the mother ship of all the industrial craft. But to read the papers you would imagine almost anything else. The "proletarians" usually assume that they, instead of the agrarians, are the keystone of the arch. But if it were not for the agrarians the proletarians wouldn't last as long as a snowflake at Satan's fireside. Many of us of the proletarian class—city wage-earners—are striving in every way we know to shorten our work day, raise our wages and otherwise make things easy for ourselves. This is our right; it is perhaps our necessity. We are entitled to aspire to the best there is, and we do aspire to it. All the same every time we increase the cost of doing business, which means every time we add to the expense of production, we automatically raise the cost of living, not only for ourselves, but for the mass. Bread and meat is not likely ever to be much cheaper than it is at present, for the cost of the things which the farmer has to buy is as high, or higher, in proportion as that of the things he sells. He can not haul 50c wheat to market in a \$100 wagon; he can not cultivate 10c cotton with a \$90 plow. Products are moving hourly from farm to town and from town to farm. We can't have them high at one end of the line and low at the other. It won't work that way. If we want cheap food we have got to have cheap farming, and if we have cheap farming we have got to have cheap manufactures. In North Dakota the farmers have a close corporation of statewide proportions. Should it succeed in all its undertakings, and be followed by the other states, prices will advance with a bound. Then city prices will advance, and we shall all be right where we are now.—State Press, Galveston News.

There are now approximately 1,478,000 American soldiers in Europe awaiting a chance to come home.

Straw votes taken over the United States indicate that a majority of the people are with President Wilson for a League of Nations.

The Victory Loan will soon be upon us and it must be subscribed in record time. The terms of the loan will be easy, making it possible for the man of small means to buy bonds. The government has been borrowing money for

months past from the banks and now must have money to repay them. Should the loan fail, congress would have to reassemble and pass hurried legislation imposing taxation, which might impoverish everyone and disrupt business. What we are actually called upon to lend our money for today is not wasted material, but American boys' lives; that nothing but the vast and costly preparations we made caused Germany to quit, thus preventing American boys fighting and dying in the trenches today. It should be considered as a great thank offering, and everybody who can possible do so ought to participate in the loan.

Great Britain is experiencing the same trouble with the railroads as the United States. It is said that "high wages" have bankrupted the roads and the only way operation can be continued is to make up the deficit by taxation.

"Safety First"

Safety, Service and Efficiency: These terms having been adopted as our Slogan some three years, and from that time to the present we have tried to live up to them, although we have had some trying times during the unsettled conditions of our country yet we have done our best.

We still find a growing desire among some of our people to overdraw at our Bank, which is unsafe, unsound and is not nor can be authorized by any Board of Directors, legally, or even sanctioned by any court of our land, hence we have ceased to allow them.

We wish to thank our customers for their cooperation in downing the overdraft in our Bank. It is a good thing for the customer and also for the Bank.

We find that under the overdraft system, more people became vexed by having us notify them about overdrafts than have become so under the new system, by reason of their checks not having been paid because, under his system the depositor is using his check stub, and knows to a cent just how much money he has any time, for he subs every check and every deposit—a simple matter of addition and subtraction.

A customer when in need of more funds will seek a loan and place to his credit. If he had been entitled to overdraw before under the old, he certainly is entitled to a loan, under the new plan.

It gives the depositors at all times the satisfaction of knowing what their balances are, and at the same time he usually will carry a larger balance with the bank, which as is generally known, all lines of credit are based in the average balance in the bank, so in maintaining a fair sized balance he is building up a line of credit which he can use when any business opportunity presents itself.

Under the old plan his account being overdrawn was damaging to his credit and also to the bank credit. When a bank goes to borrow money its financial statement is reviewed the same as a depositor would be at this bank, and a clear slate regarding overdrafts, is a mighty good index as to the way the bank is handling its business for itself and customers. So we want to thank our customers for this fine showing and we are sure it reflects the fine spirit of the community and character of the people cooperating with us, and we shall endeavor to meet this cooperation with improvement of service.

U. M. Brock, Cashier.

After a long winter the system becomes filled with impurities caused by dry, strong diet. In hot weather these impurities cause sickness. Get rid of them now by taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It will purify the blood, liver and bowels and put the body in shape for summer work. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

APRIL 20 IS EASTER

We announced this date last week and we want to impress upon you the importance of attending to your Easter purchases now while you have plenty of time to complete your arrangements. Every man, woman and child in this vicinity will profit by the timely showing of Dame Fashion's latest decrees in pretty things to wear at this store and we hope to have the early opportunity of serving you.

Ladies' Wearing Apparel

We are especially making a strong showing of all kinds of things to wear for the women and girls. Our showing at this time is complete and we invite your inspection of the following lines:



- Millinery
- Simon Quality Dresses
- Coats and Shirts
- Lace Oxfords (Black, White and Brown)
- White Organdy dresses
- Voile dresses
- Silk Waists
- Muslin Underwear
- Kabo Corsets and Waists

DISTINGUISHED SUIT STYLES FOR MEN

- We specialize on men's wear and have for your inspection, the season's latest styles in
- Styleplus Clothes
 - Palm Beach Suits
 - Mohair Suits
 - Silk Shirts
 - Low Quarters
 - Panama Hats
 - Felt Hats (Spring Styles)
 - Nainsook Underwear
 - Lion Collars



THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME to get your Easter Suit made to measure if you leave it up to the Royal Tailors. You must act at once, however and don't put it off longer than this week. Hundreds of bright snappy patterns to select from this season from \$15 to \$60

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

LOCAL ITEMS

The latest styles in ladies' waists at Kennedy Bros'.

Our stock of FORD PARTS grows daily. Brooks Bros.

Get your dry goods at Kennedy Bros's.

Get your old fashioned Guice Harrows at A. B. Guice's.

Shoes for the family. Kennedy Bros.

We pay more for produce. McLean & Riall.

Early Dent Seed Corn and Sorghum Seed at Howard's.

Carry your car to Brooks Bros. to have it repaired.

Special price on men's hats and shirts. W. H. Long & Co.

See our ladies Hats at Howard's.

Plenty of best grade overalls at Darsey's.

See our silk shirts—they are values. Kennedy Bros.

W. R. Wherry was in Houston the first of the week on business.

Starling Boykin Jr., was carried to Palestine the latter part of last week for operation on his nose and throat.

You can buy the same grade work shoes for less money and better grade work shoes for the same money at Darsey's.

Don't forget that A. B. Guice is the only one in Grapeland that handles the old fashioned Guice Harrow—the best of all.

Ford For Sale

5-Passenger Ford car, 1917 model. W. A. Striech, 2t at Old Geo. Whitley Farm.

Dentists claim the 6-year molars of a child are their most important teeth, but anyone who raises kids seems to consider the first tooth most important. At least that is the one that gets the most advertising.

Rev. C. U. McLarty, presiding elder of the Navasota District, and Rev. J. E. Morgan, Missionary Secretary of the Texas Conference, were visitors to Grapeland last Thursday, and Bro. Morgan preached at the Methodist church at night.

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 Medicine 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 Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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If you need a hat or shirt go to W. H. Long & Co's.

Iron Clad hose—Kennedy Bros.

We repair autos and gas engines. Brooks Bros.

Call at Howard's for your flour, meal, oats and bran.

Give us a chance at your next bill. McLean & Riall.

Tennis shoes at Darsey's in all sizes.

Bring us your batteries and let us charge them. Brooks Bros.

Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing at Kennedy Bros'.

See A. B. Guice for plows that are tempered to stand.

Madame Grace Corsets that are the best at Kennedy Bros'.

W. H. Long & Co. wants your eggs next Saturday.

You didn't get fooled if you did your shopping at Darsey's.

See our line of dresses. Kennedy Bros.

The best ribbon cane syrup in barrels at Howard's.

Plenty of alfalfa hay at McLean & Riall's.

We still have some fertilizer. W. H. Long & Co.

Rev. G. H. Farmer filled the pulpit in the Christian church at Crockett last Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor returned Sunday from Houston, where she visited relatives a few days.

If you fail to bring us your eggs Saturday, you will be the loser. W. H. Long & Co.

Supt. S. R. LeMay was a business visitor to Crockett Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Smith has returned home from Marlin, where she has been for her health.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dotson of Percilla left Wednesday morning for Houston to visit their son.

A plow that is well tempered will outlast two that are not tempered. Remember this, and buy your plows from A. B. Guice.

Mesdames. Homer Jones and Byron Maxwell of Malvern visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

Eggs For Sale Full blood Plymouth Rock eggs, Thompson's strain, good layers. \$1.50 per setting of 15. Mrs. Hope Cromwell.

J. H. Leaverton was up from Lovelady Tuesday. He says he is doing a nice business in the produce line.

Our store will open every morning at 7:30 (new time) and close every afternoon except Saturday at 6:30 (new time) and we shall thank our many customers to arrange their shopping accordingly. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Vulcanizing Bring in your old casings and tubes and have them vulcanized. Get more milieage at less expense. All work strictly first class. Satisfaction guaranteed. Brooks Bros.

For Sale

A 4-burner oil stove; has been used but very little and in good condition. Can be seen at the Messenger office.

Rev. J. E. Buttrill, pastor of the Methodist church, announces that a revival meeting will begin next Sunday morning. He has secured the services of Rev. A. T. Walker of Conroe to assist him.

Wanted

A reliable local salesman for stock in company backed by strong financiers with two tracts in Burk Burnett field. Address—Burk-Keo Oil & Gas Co., 2t Rotan, Texas.

Miss Agnes Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray, was operated on for appendicitis last Sunday afternoon in a sanitarium at Palestine. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Notice to Hog Raisers

I will have some of my big bone Poland China pigs in Grapeland Saturday, April 12, for sale. Price \$15.00 each. If you are thinking of getting a pure bred, big type Poland China, you will do well to see mine before you buy. Don't forget the date. J. J. Willis. Route 3.

Mrs. Luther Lively was stricken with a severe attack of appendicitis last Friday and was carried to a sanitarium in Palestine, where she underwent an operation Friday night. Her condition is reported as satisfactory and that she is getting along well.

Eggs for Setting

Rhode Island Red eggs for setting purposes for sale by—Mrs. R. B. Edens, Farmers Union Phone.

Close of School Exercises

are getting to be very much in vogue right now and we are glad that Geo. E. Darsey & Co's. store is one place in Grapeland where the boys and girls are always assured of the latest styles at moderate prices.

Lost

An Overland crank, lost on road between my home and Grapeland. If found, please return to me. Ed Smith, 1t Route 2.

Stokes Carpenter of Route 2 was in to see us Monday and brought along a collection of stamps which he has been collecting for several years. Among the collection he has some rare specimens, issued many years ago, bearing the photographs of Martha Washington, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and others. He has one stamp that was issued in commemoration of the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Plants of all Kinds

See me at Grapeland again next Saturday and place your order for cabbage plants, early tomato plants, sweet potato plants and tobacco plants. They are strong and vigorous and will give you satisfaction. J. E. Moore, Elkhart, Texas.

Will Preach at Enon

Dr. G. H. Black will preach at Enon next Sunday at 3 p. m., on the question, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke, 10, 29-37. Everybody invited to come and hear who your neighbor is.

Save \$1.50

Make your Healing Remedy at home. Get a 50c bottle of Farris' Healing Oil, add it to a pint of linseed oil and you have a full pint of the best healing remedy that money can buy. It cures old sores, wounds, cuts and scratches. We sell it. McLean & Riall.

Brighten up your Home

NOW is the time to begin brightening up your home by the use of SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS and VARNISHES. We are prepared to supply your wants in brighten up paints, varnishes and stains of the highest quality.

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE
HONESTY AND QUALITY WADE L. SMITH

Governor Hobby Signs Bill Regulating Patent Medicines

Austin, Texas, March 31.—Governor Hobby today signed house bill No. 255, and it will become a law on June 18. According to R. H. Hoffman, food and drug commissioner, this bill will enable the state to stop the sale of all misbranded patent remedies, as well as their advertisement. The so-called consumptive cures and influenza cures will be curbed, says the commissioner.

Special Examination

All prospective applicants for teachers' certificates are notified that the State Superintendent has ordered a special examination for Friday and Saturday, April 4th and 5th. I have not been supplied with a schedule of the subjects nor with any information as to what texts will be used as a basis of the work. This information, however, is not very essential as the work in the ordinary branches is always based upon the adopted texts.

This announcement should have been made earlier, but the Department at Austin neglected to notify me, so that I had no knowledge of it until just now when I received the questions for the examination. J. H. Rosser, Co. Sup't.

Died in Galveston

The 15-months old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dailey died in a sanitarium at Galveston last Wednesday, March 27. She had been carried there for treatment for complications following influenza and pneumonia. The remains were shipped here and interred in the Daly's cemetery Friday morning. The Messenger joins friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Notice

If that old machine don't sew nice and easy, see me and I will make it run all o. k., or trade for it and sell you a nice, new one. J. A. LaRue, The Sewing Machine Man.

\$125 A MONTH

Young Men, Young Women (Fill out and mail this) JNO. F. DRAUGHON, Founder of Draughon's Business Colleges, Nashville, Tenn., Dept. 22 Send FREE book about your NEW, EASY, quick METHOD for training me, at my home or at college, for guaranteed position, as bookkeeper or stenographer, at \$55 to \$125 a month, and tell me why your home-training courses are better than course at other colleges and why business men prefer to employ those you train.

[Your address]

No one is authorized to teach Draughon Courses in Galveston, Houston, or Fort Worth.

Pink Boll Worm Well in Control, Says Scholl

Austin, Texas, March 31.—The pink boll worm situation in the Big Bend district of West Texas and in the Pecos valley is well under control, according to Chief State Entomologist E. E. Scholl, who has just returned from an inspection trip over the state.

Other districts of the state were inspected by the official, who declares that the cotton industry of the United States is safeguarded from the pest.

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.

Two Weddings

Lee Nanny and Miss Mollie Price were married Monday, Esq. John A. Davis officiating. Mr. Nanny formerly lived in this community, but has been living in West Texas for several years. The bride is the daughter of Everett Price of the Hays Spring community.

Raymond Neel and Miss Buna Covington were married Sunday, he ceremony being performed by Esq. Davis. Raymond has just returned home from France, where he has been in the army for several months. Miss Buna is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Covington, living near Augusta.

April Fool!

Tuesday being the first day of April—"all fools day"—a large number of the high school students "played a trick" on their teachers and hid themselves away to the woods for the afternoon picnicing, kodaking, and otherwise enjoying themselves. They had the time of their life, but the "Prof." says they must pay for that good time by taking finals regardless of exemptions and a reduction in deportment of 30 points.

Dislikes Being "Taken Over"

Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, head of the Postal Telegraph Company was made very angry by his removal from that position, by Postmaster-General Burleson. Mr. Mackay says it was a deliberate conspiracy, and that he will fight the Postmaster-General "to his last dollar and to the last ditch."

ROCK HILL
By Norman

Rock Hill, March 30.—The Death Angel knocked at the home of Mr. J. F. Matthews last Monday and took the dearly beloved father away. Mr. Matthews was 67 years old and had been here for a good long time. He was loved by all who knew him. His remains were laid to rest in the Antrim cemetery Friday evening, the body being held over until his children, living in other states, could arrive. He leaves a wife, six children, quite a number of grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Denson and family were called to Livelyville Wednesday morning on account of the death of their grandchild, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Denson. We wish to express to them our heartfelt sympathy.

Miss Ola Willis returned from Oak Grove Saturday, having completed her school term. We welcome her home again.

We have a bunch of noted fishermen in this community, who went to the river to fish Saturday and fish they did, but all they caught was a good soaking rain. They returned Sunday morning and ate their "luck" for breakfast. We have heard them say nothing of going again.

School comes to a close in two weeks. We are preparing a nice program for the last night. We are going to have a little program in addition to the play. The play is entitled "Safety First," and there are 10 characters in it as follows: "Jack Montgomery," Dewey Willis; "Jerry Arnold," Lester Tucker; "Virginia Bridgen," Ruby Helm; "McNutt," Gratan Streetman; "Elmer Flannel," Richard Streetman; "Abou Ben Mocha," Rufus Denson; "Zuleika," Eva Mae Nichols; "Mabel Montgomery," Annie Tyer; "Marry Ann O'Finnerty," Lizzie Belle Streetman. An invitation to attend is extended to all.

Bolshevism a Disease

Paris March 29.—"Bolshevism is not a political movement; it is a social disease, and must be treated as such," said Boris Bakhmeteff, Russian ambassador to the United States, today in discussing the efforts to check bolshevism.

"All Middle Europe is like a man with a fever," he continued. "Before the disease can be treated the temperature must be reduced, and the only way to do that is by supplying food, clothing, medicines and other things necessary to make life normal. And in my opinion German bolshevism should be fought before that in other countries by such treatment."

Great Problem of These Times

All the world admits that the world's greatest problem today is to feed Europe. Men who are hungry are seldom reasonable. All kinds of wild and foolish social theories gain supporters where there is want. There is danger, European statesmen admit, that the whole fabric of modern civilization may decay, and misery stalk through the world, if wants are not quickly relieved. "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread" is still the law of nature, for mankind. Civilization cannot last without constant labor. Labor cannot exert itself effectively unless there is good order and confidence.

Look Pleasant!

"Pay your taxes with a cheery smile," says Secretary Glass to the hard-hit millionaires. For 25 years to come, the Secretary says, the war will cost a billion and a quarter each year, for interest and sinking fund. By 1944 the last dollar will be paid, according to present plans of the Treasury.

NEW PROSPECT
By Regular Correspondent

New Prospect, March 31.—Gentle showers and sunshine are beginning to show their effect on vegetation and we will soon be eating new vegetables. Corn is growing nicely and we hear the farmers talking about cotton planting time being near. 'Tis to be hoped we may make good crops and be able to get a good price for the same.

Harold, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Web Finch, has tonsillitis but is reported improving today.

Peter Bridges and family of Elkhart visited P. L. Herod's family Sunday.

W. W. Finch and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at Slocum, attending the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Ped Herod and family went to Oneal's Chappel last Saturday to attend quarterly conference of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. McKnight visited her brothers in this community last week.

Mrs. Ed Musick was called to Daly last week to attend her mother, Mrs. Kyle, who has been quite ill. Mrs. Musick returned home Sunday reporting her mother's condition improved.

Our school will close next Friday. There will be recitations and dialogues by the pupils Friday night, to which all are invited.

Dr. Eaton's Experiment

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, a fine manly type of the modern clergyman, who has held the pastorate of the Madison Avenue Baptist church in Manhattan for ten years, resigns it to give his activities, in the reconstruction period, to "helping interpret and apply the principles, ideals and spiritual energies of the Kingdom of God in everyday life." He says: "I am leaving the pastorate to enter the ministry."

That in some of its phases our democracy has failed, is Dr. Eaton's explanation of the peril of the spirit of bolshevism. Cure lies in the removal of the causes. The clergyman sees four elements in our industrial world, capital and management working together, labor working against them, and the public as an "innocent and long suffering bystander." He is glad to note that some large corporations, Colorado Fuel and Iron, Bethlehem Steel, the Eastman Company, the United States Steel Corporation and the International Harvester Company, have sought and followed the advice of social experts. Reforms means the "coming of a new industrial democracy." He continues:

In their efforts to bring this about I have been consulted by some of the corporations I have named, and I now find that there is a demand for this sort of work that is far beyond my capacity, even if I devote my whole time to it.

Dr. Eaton's experiment is interesting. He must expect to be misunderstood. If he draws an income from these corporations, he will be called a "paid agent of capital." If he does not, the labor men will insist on believing that he does. His evangel like all in the past must start out with the expectation that men will despitely use the evangelist, even persecute him. Yet is his aim noble, and the usefulness of what he seeks to do may well be vindicated in the sight of another generation. —Brooklyn Eagle.

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There are five things to consider when you buy a motor car—

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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

Victory Loan Campaign
From April 21 to May 10

Secretary Glass, acting under authority given him by Congress, has decided upon some of the particulars of the new Liberty Loan, or, as it is to be called, the Victory Loan.

The campaign will open April 21, and continue through the business days of three weeks, ending May 10.

The principal difference between this and the other Liberty Loans is that the time which these bonds have to run is much shorter; so short that these will be called "notes" instead of bonds.

There will be several classes of the notes, maturing at different dates. Five years will be the longest term.

The total amount is understood to be \$5,000,000,000, the Treasury reserving the right to accept all over-subscriptions. In other words the Treasury needs and will take all it can get.

The interest rate is not yet decided upon. Unofficially we are told that it will be "above 4 1-4." The exact rate will depend upon financial conditions at the time the campaign begins.

The Secretary is hopeful that the final engraved bonds or "notes" will be ready for delivery with all coupons attached, when the campaign opens. You can then buy bonds as you would buy candy, getting the goods at the same time.

In order to attract the largest subscriptions the different classes of notes will appeal to

different classes of investors. Some want the highest interest they can get and care little about tax exemptions, because they pay small taxes if any. Others will gladly accept a very low rate of interest if the interest is not to be taxed.

Hun Guns are Being Converted into Farm Implements

Coblentz, March 29.—Eighty big calibre German guns, refused by the United States receiving commission because they did not meet certain modern standards, have been sold to a Coblentz foundry and are soon to be made into farm implements and other peace time machinery.

While some of these cannon were cast as long ago as 1870, all had been used at some time or another in the recent war, several of them having done duty against the Americans in the Argonne drive in November.

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.

When your clothes need treatment, carry them to Clewis' Sanitarium. All cases carefully treated.

Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

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The Acid test of Paint is time.
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The Famous "Go-to-Hell" Answer Was Never Sent

The famous "Go To Hell," answer, alleged to have been sent back to the Germans by Col. C. W. Whittlesy, commander of the "lost battalion" in the Argonne forest when surrender was demanded from the Americans after they had been cut off for three days surrounded by Huns and subjected to a fearful fire, is a myth, declared Lieut. A. F. McKeogh, one of the heroes of the fight, in an address in Washington a few nights ago. What the American commander did do was to haul down the white panel which was being used as a signal to allied air-planes for fear that the Germans would think it was a white flag of surrender. No verbal reply was necessary, Lieut. McKeogh said, but this "action unmistakably told the boches that we had not come 3,000 miles to surrender."

Salaries Increased

Is your school out? You ought to double your present salary before school opens in the fall. You can earn that increased salary not only while school is open, but during the entire spring, summer, fall and winter. Therefore you will draw twenty five to fifty per cent more salary during a year than you would at the same rate teaching only during the school terms and spending your savings after school is out.

The door to the world of business is open. Every where help is needed and excellent pay is offered at a rapid rate. There is an unlimited demand for properly trained commercial help. Teachers can qualify for a more agreeable position with a better salary. The same qualities that make a successful teacher will help you to succeed in business where the opportunities are greater. The fact that you are well grounded in English and Mathematics will make it easy to fit yourself for the higher salaried positions. Take advantage of this opportunity by getting our Commercial training. In three months you will be ready to accept one of the many good positions that await you.

What you can do in business, you can do as well in Civil Service. Your ambition to travel to see our great Capital, Washington, D. C., is easily achieved. Uncle Sam offers good salaries to beginners who are properly trained. Our graduates are successful in this work. Many enter school with Civil Service in view; many decide upon it after they are in school, and large numbers of our former students have changed their business positions for Government positions.

Your education and experience will both be helpful in preparing for the Civil Service examina-

tion that you must pass to be appointed to a position as Book-keeper, Stenographer, Typist or Clerk. These examinations are not difficult for any one who has completed our Civil Service course. Both men and women are appointed and beginning salaries are now \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year, with permanent employment at Washington or in one of the government offices throughout the country.

There is also an increasing demand for commercial teachers in high schools and business schools. The position of Commercial teacher is more pleasant than work in the grades. The work is also easier because the students are older, have fixed purpose in their studies, and the matter of discipline becomes a minor one. You can earn more than your present salary without entering an entirely new field.

Our large catalogue is free for the asking. Fill in and mail the following blank.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name
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HANDSOME COAT OF VELOURS



There are many handsome coats of wool velours among the new spring models. Here is one in beige color decorated with inlays of satin and satin-covered buttons in a much darker shade, joined by narrow silk braid.

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Saturday, April 5, 1919, at the courthouse in Grapeland for the purpose of electing three school trustees for the Grapeland Independent School District to succeed W. P. Traylor, J. W. Howard and Geo. E. Darsey, whose terms expire.

E. W. Davis is hereby appointed manager of said election.

W. D. Granberry, President School Board.
W. P. Traylor, Sec'y.

Advertising Gets Working Capital, Declares Expert

"Advertising is as difficult to define as love," Carlisle N. Greig, advertising expert, told the Retail Merchants' association of Atlanta, Ga.

"Advertising is a sort of super-sales-man," said Mr. Greig, "a megaphone voice which appeals to a great number of people at the same time. Advertising will bring 'em in, money in hand, to take away the merchandise you wish to turn into cash—today for this reason, tomorrow for that. It is much more than a salesman—it is the special partner that provides working capital, that finds the funds to pay the bills before they come due."

"When advertising fails, it is because it is underworked or overworked."

First Report of Sleeping Sickness Case is Received

Austin, Texas, March 30.—State Health Officer C. W. Goddard has received the first official report of a case of "sleeping sickness" in Texas, the patient being a 17-year-old girl at Columbus. The report of the case was made by Dr. J. H. Payne of Columbus, and it was voluntary as Texas laws do not require the reporting of such cases. Dr. Payne reported that the patient complained of a double vision, but remained conscious. She has been removed to a hospital in San Antonio.

No Change in Policy of U. S. In Bringing Soldiers Home

Washington, March 29.—Recent events in Hungary, General Peyton March, chief of staff, announced today, have resulted in no change in the military policy of the United States so far as the war department has been advised. Return of troops from France is proceeding even faster than scheduled originally, he said and nothing had occurred to interfere with this movement.

Troop movements homeward during the month of March, General March said, aggregate 244,186, against an estimate previously made for the month of 200,000.

Ford's New "Rattler"

Henry Ford, the man who started all the Ford trouble in the world, has been recuperating over at Los Angeles, California. While lounging around in that salubrious climate he evolved a plan for the manufacture of a cheaper car than even the Ford car of today, and is going to organize a new company for assembling the machines and placing them on the market. That settles it; every fellow who hasn't a car, and had decided to do without one, will arrange to take over one of these makes, and within a few years from now this country will be over-run with this late mechanism, which will be so constructed as to emulate the present day Ford by "rattling right along."—Lufkin News.

If Your Car is in Trouble

Either motor, ignition, battery or any other part, be sure to call us or bring your car to our garage.

We are expert mechanics and understand our work.

Reasonable prices charged and satisfaction guaranteed.

Let us overhaul your car and put it in first-class shape for the summer.

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BAPTIST CHURCH
 W. E. Ray, Pastor.
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 Preaching each first and third Sundays, morning and evening.
 Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
 W. D. Granberry, Supt.
 Baptist Women's Auxiliary meets each Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
 Mrs. Geo. Moore, Pres.
 Mrs. Frank Allen, Sec'y.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 G. H. Farmer, Pastor.
 Preaching first, second and fourth Sundays in each month, morning and evening.
 Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
 T. H. Leaverton, Supt.
 Lucretia Riall, Sec'y.
 Ladies' Aid Society meets on Monday afternoon following the first and third Sundays in each month.
 Mrs. W. A. Riall, Pres.,
 Mrs. Geo. Calhoun, V-Pres.
 Mrs. J. B. Lively, Sec'y.
 Official Board meets on Monday night following each third Sunday.
 J.E.Hollingsworth, Chm.
 Miss Blanche Kennedy,
 Secretary.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
 J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.
 Preaching each Sunday morning and evening.
 Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
 M. E. Darsey, Supt.
 A. H. Luker, Sec'y.
 Junior League each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
 Miss Hatchell, Supt.
 Dorothy Darsey, Sec'y.
 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 Monday night following each third Sunday.
 E.E.Hollingsworth, Pres.
 S. E. Howard, Sec'y.

JIM LOWERY SPEAKS ON DRESS REFORM

A woman doctor blames the mothers of the country for allowing their daughters to contract influenza and pneumonia. The woman physician says the girls gad around with nothing but a lavalliere to protect their chests. Does look like the dear girls invite death, doesn't it? We were at the point of blaming the lavalliere protection for so much flu and pneumonia, but we began to count noses in order to strengthen the blame, and what did we find? We found that these diseases attack as many of the older women as girls, and the older sisters have their chests thickly covered from the Adam's apple downward. We found also that the diseases catch as many men as girls, and the men wear so much on their chests that a bullet could hardly penetrate the covering. We look backward to the Indian women who didn't even sport a lavalliere on their breasts, yet we never heard of the Indian women having these diseases. We were at the point of telling the girls they must wear clothes or contract diseases, but we'll wait until we find better proof to support our argument for dress reform.—Honey Grove Signal.

A Spoonful Gives Results

When your young chicks do not grow and thrive they need a tonic. B. A. Thomas's Poultry Remedy is not only a tonic but a specific for Bowel Trouble, Gapes, and other chick troubles. Get it today. We sell it on the money back plan.
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A "system regulator" is a medicine that purifies and strengthens the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is one of the best of these. It drives out unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

What Shall We Do About It?

Eight and a half million people in the United States, over 10 years old, who cannot read and write! That is the appalling statement put out officially by authority of the U. S. Bureau of Education.

The unnaturalized aliens and the illiterates outnumber the entire population of fifteen of our smaller States. In number, it is as if, in the entire population of the vast Dominion of Canada, every one was illiterate or alien.

With such a mass of people whose minds are practically closed to the good influences of education and love of country, is it any wonder that Bolshevism, Socialism, Anarchism, and other "isms" based on ignorance or envy, flourish even here in free America?

At Washington they are talking of a law to shut out immigration altogether for a term of years. It would give the country time to assimilate and educate a mass of indigestible human material already here.

Stores to Close at 6:30

We, the undersigned business men of Grapeland, agree to close our places of business at 6:30 p. m., new time, every day except Saturday, beginning April 1, continuing until September 1:
 Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
 W. H. Long & Co.
 McLean & Riall.
 Henry Dailey.
 T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.
 S. T. Anthony.
 J. H. Bowman.
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 W. R. Wherry.
 J. M. Selkirk.
 J. F. Lively.
 Owens & Allen.
 Murray & Mangum.
 Keeland Bros.
 The Messenger (close at 5.)

At the Methodist Church

We invite you to attend the Revival services at the Methodist Church. We will be assisted by Rev. A. T. Walker, our pastor at Conroe.

If you can sing we want you to be in the choir if possible for you to do so. We also invite all the horns and string instruments to take a place in the choir.

If you are a worker in your church you have a special invitation to be in each service and do all you can for the salvation of the lost.

If you are a well wisher we will be glad to have you in each service.

If you are an unsaved person then we extend you the greatest and broadest invitation possible and you have a place in these services.

Services each day at 10 a. m. and 8:45 p. m. Come everybody—you have a welcome.

J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.

Severity for Bolsheviki Here

A New York Bolshevik who had resisted a policeman, was sentenced to four years at hard labor. The Judge said he would give severe sentences to all of that sort brought before him and convicted.

Election Notice

Voters in the Oak Grove School District please bear in mind that next Saturday, April 5, is trustee election day to elect two trustees to succeed S. T. Parker and Lewis Herod.

B. T. Masters,
 President Board.

Our Honor Roll

The following have our thanks for their renewal or subscription since last issue:

- Grapeland—Rev. G. H. Farmer.
- Route 1—Clinton Gaines.
- Route 3—Miss Bula Sheridan.
- Ratcliff—Robt. Montgomery.
- Percilla, Route 1—Miss Lois Powell.
- Hedley, Texas—J. A. Welch.
- A. E. F. Forces—Earl Fox.

SOME STORES

HAVE BUSINESS IDEAS THAT DISTINGUISH THEM FROM THE BALANCE

The Store of HORWITS long ago arrived at the conclusion that in a city the size of Palestine—personality progressiveness in business, liberal ideas, kindly feeling for your fellowman, and occasional letters, are instruments that will attract customers to our store. This is but the beginning. When we have successfully gained the confidence of the trade—we back these principles up as follows: Tell the truth about the goods, sell our customers with perfect confidence in ourselves, and back up the quality of merchandise we sell. Give our customers the assurance we will make good any errors we make: Allow no one to treat us any better than we treat them—Give them money back if they want it. This is the foundation on which we are building.

AND IT IS PROVING SUCCESSFUL

Now, let us try to look into the possibility of Palestine's future—First, we are optimists—we predict an era of prosperity that this little city has not enjoyed for fifteen years.

Many things point favorably to our future advancement—and as a result we are providing plans accordingly. Let us say this gentle reader, our stock is made up of the very best material that money can buy; don't lose sight of one thing, however prosperous we may become. You want your goods bought at the lowest possible figure. And take this under consideration. "Watch a stores expense account and the larger the expense the higher the goods. Our plan is to cut the edge wherever possible and keep the prices down. We are doing this right along, and it is this policy we will continue to pursue. One of the large expenses is a heavy advertising account, loss on bad accounts, unfavorable goods and wastefulness. We endeavor to fight this end of our business, and keep prices down.

AS TO FUTURE PRICES

Prices have declined since the beginning of January and from all appearance the bottom is reached. We are due an advance on goods, and some very radical ones,—the only thing that is holding prices down. Europe is sitting on the lid, foreign countries are without clothes, shoes, building material and textiles, settle their disputes, clear their internal difficulties, and a wild scramble will begin for our products. You who read this can realize what this will mean to our general prosperity. It will require the service of every available man in this country to care for the foreign trade. If you are a pessimist, then take off those blue glasses get into the sunshine, boost the game. Smile, smile and keep smiling, and see the good things in life, forgetting the bad ones.

It takes years to build. It takes less than a minute to knock.

Stop knocking. Palestine it at her turning stage. If we can get sufficient boosters we are going to have a beautiful and ideal little city and make good—if we don't then—?

Yours for success,

H. HORWITS

City Hall the Big Store on the Corner.

It's easy to find criticism—pass that over, and boost.

Soliciting Alms to Cease

There will be no more gathering of funds with tambourines and free-will offering boxes by the Salvation Army, Commander Evangeline Booth, states, in announcing plans for the \$10,000,000 drive scheduled to occur next May. "Indorsed by millions of new friends and adherents because of its successful war relief work in France," the statement said, "the old-time methods of soliciting alms would be unwarranted waste of time and an imposition on the public." The use of tambourines for gathering offerings has been followed for the organization for over 35 years. Hereafter, it was announced, the necessary funds will be collected in one general drive, thus giving the Salvationists the opportunity of devoting their energies "to works of mercy upon a greatly increased scale."

A New Disease

British medical authorities claim to have definitely discovered a new disease which they have named "encephalitis lethargica." It is said to begin with an increasing apathy which passes into a progressive muscular weakness and finally complete disablement. No germ has been discovered so far. It is regarded as of such a serious nature that the reporting of all cases to the authorities has been made compulsory in several states. Encephalitis lethargica seems to be practically the same as the so-called "sleeping sickness" which has appeared in this country recently.

To cleanse the blood, strengthen the kidneys and regulate the stomach, liver and bowels, Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy that has proved its worth. It promotes activity in body and brain. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

RENEW TODAY! Tomorrow you may forget it.

The League of Nations

It is a poor senator who could not enormously improve the ten commandments, or the sermon on the mount, or the constitution of the United States. If the authors of the first two utterances should appear with the most painstaking arguments in support of them, it is the poorest kind of lawyer who could not pile up objections in detail, under hypothetical cases, twice as fast as the authors could adduce reasons for accepting the utterances. That is more or less the trade of lawyers. Given a body of men who want to raise hypothetical objections, the first paragraph of the declaration of independence would have provoked so many arguments that the document would have been under debate to this hour, and our half dollars would be adorned with the image of King George.

If you take any possible constitution of a league of nations as the last word that is ever going to be said on the subject, as fixing now and forever the terms of international relations, and then set yourself to conjuring up hypothetical cases under which it might not work well, you would never get a league of nations. And that—do not forget—is exactly what some of the senatorial objectors want: No

league of nations, but substantially the old international system, which gave the great war its ample opportunity.

A draft of the league's constitution affords a working basis to begin with. As soon as the breath of life is breathed into it, like all living things, it will begin to change. There will be modifications and amendments as experience shows the need of them.

The precise form in which the constitution of the league is cast is comparatively unimportant. The great thing is to accept the underlying principle of friendly international organization and to get a settlement of Europe's affairs now that will reduce the danger of war to the lowest practicable point. That is what the objecting senators never would do. Whatever form the constitution was cast in, they would still find objections.—Saturday Evening Post.

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