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10 pounds granulated
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Best grade of pickeling
vinegar per gallon
40c

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LIBERTY HILL

By Regular Correspondent

Liberty Hill, June 30.

Did you know that—

Little Miss Ervilia Holcomb has returned from Palestine, where she underwent a very successful operation, for appendicitis?

Mrs. Jim Tims, who underwent an operation, is spending awhile with her mother?

Bro. Ed Hodges will preach here next Sunday?

The young people had a social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holcomb Saturday evening? Ice cream and cake was served.

Mrs. Mote Scarborough of Augusta spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Young.

Marshal Morris spent the week end at home?

Sidney Robbins, another

soldier boy, is home from France? We are glad to welcome him home.

Picnic Postponed

To the Public:

On account of so much rain, the impassable condition of the roads and the people having so much work to do, we have decided to postpone our W. O. W. picnic for July 4 until Friday, August 1.

Nion Thompson, C. C.

Teachers Elected

Teachers elected by the Grapeland school board for the term of 1919-20 are as follows:

S. R. LeMay, Superintendent; Miss Lydea Ullrich, New Baden; Miss Iva Phipps, Lovelady; Miss Maggie Hale, Camilla; Miss Gertrude Nation, Iola; Miss Jesse Norwood, Madisonville; Miss Cecil Walters, Jasper; Miss Bessie Wagnon, Palestine. For the colored school, O. H. Watson and wife.

ENFORCEMENT OF DRY LAW TO BE STRICT

Federal Agents Will Deal With Those Who Openly Violate Wartime Act

Washington, June 30.—War-time prohibition, effective at midnight will be strictly enforced by the department of justice in so far as existing machinery can function to that end.

It was said at the department today that open violation of the law, threatened in New York and other cities would be promptly dealt with by federal agents. Whether the department's present force will be able to break up secret traffic remains to be seen, but in this connection officials pointed out that the increased appropriation asked of congress for general law enforcement would permit of a considerable enlargement of the department's force.

Beer containing 2 3-4 per cent of alcohol is regarded by justice officials as intoxicating and persons who undertake its sale will be arrested, it is said.

In the opinion of department of justice officials and many members of congress, war-time prohibition will have no effect on the Reed amendment prohibiting the transportation of intoxicants into territory where its manufacture and sale is forbidden by local law. Information has reached the department that many persons living in "dry" territory have stored quantities of liquor in "wet" cities with a view to transporting it after today, but enforcement of the Reed amendment will in no wise be relaxed.

FIRST BALE OF 1919 REACHES HOUSTON

The first bale of cotton for the season of 1919 arrived in Houston Monday morning by express from Pharr, Texas, and was brought to the Cotton Exchange where it will be sold at auction.

The cotton was grown by Salvador Cardenas on the Cibola ranch, eight miles north of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas. It was ginned by the Valley Gin Company at Edinburg and shipped from Pharr, Texas, by R. A. Nicholson and John T. Lomax, owners of the Valley Gin Company, with headquarters at San Benito, Texas.

The bale of cotton was consigned to William D. Cleveland & Sons of Houston and was accompanied to Houston by R. A. Nicholson and John T. Lomax. It is classed as middling cotton, 28-29 millimeter staple.

The bale will be auctioned off on the floor of the Cotton Exchange by J. F. Burwell, secretary of the Houston Cotton Exchange, and sold to the highest bidder. — Monday's Houston Chronicle.

Mrs. Harry Bert and daughter have gone to Houston to visit relatives.

Arlidge Brashears arrived home last week from France. He was in the 90th Division.

We have a great line of

Dry Goods
Shoes
Notions
and
Groceries

We make attractive prices at all times and it will be to your interest to see us before you buy

W. R. WHERRY

Do You Mean It

Do you ever resolve that you are going to do your trading where you can get more for your money? Have you resolved recently that you are going to stretch the money you now have on hand as far as possible? Do you ever consider the store that will give you more for your money as the place where you should do all your trading?

If you ever reason as above suggested do you really and truly mean it? Do you mean to save what you can? If you are positive in your resolutions, then we are positive that you are looking for our store, because we know we will absolutely save you money on every purchase. Come to see us and you are sure to find that we do as we represent.

Coupons are given with each Cash Purchase at our Store

McLean & Riall
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

I make, re-cover and do all repair work on
**AUTOMOBILE TOPS, BACKS
AND CUSHIONS**

Jno. R. Foster
Crockett, Texas

Huns Sink German Fleet

The world was somewhat startled last week by the news that the German sailors left on board the German ships interned at Scapa Flow, England, had sunk the greater part of the vessels; all, in fact, except a few battle cruisers and some smaller vessels. Evidently the British did not keep a close watch over the interned ships. No particular regret is expressed on account of the sinking. It seems to be rather a relief, in fact, to the British, who feel that it has let them out of any embarrassment over the question of what ought to be done with the German ships. It will be recalled that some of British admiralty advised taking the vessels out into the ocean and sinking them. This plan was abandoned because of the natural objection of the destruction of so much property, and because of the further fact that some of the allied nations expressed a desire of adding some of these ships to their navies. If a division had been attempted, it would almost certainly have aroused more or less jealousy and charges of discrimination. This trouble is avoided, but the British navy men are sore to think that the Germans put one over on them.

Where The Flag Was Born

The small two-story house still standing at 239 Arch street, below Third, Philadelphia, has an interesting history. In it the first flag containing thirteen stars and thirteen stripes was made by Mrs. John Ross. The design for the flag was from a drawing made by George Washington with a pencil, and the flag thus designed was adopted by a resolution of Congress on the 14th day of June, 1777. A committee of Congress, accompanied by General Washington, afterward called upon Mrs. Ross and engaged her to make a flag from this design. The flag then made is now known the world over as the Star Spangled Banner of the United States. There is a striking resemblance between the design of our flag and the arms of General Washington, and it is believed by many that the American flag was derived from this heraldic design.

Grenades For School Children

Millions of hand grenades the kind which the soldiers at the front used to throw at the Germans, are being made into savings banks for the boys and girls of America. It is announced that when school opens in the fall every boy and girl under 10 who can show one war savings stamp bought with money earned during the summer will be given a grenade bank free. Boys and girls over 10 years must earn stamps to get a bank, it is stated.

A Lawless Town

Palestine is a very lawless place in the estimation of Dr. E. H. B. Steele, who was in that town between trains last week. He put down his suit cases to purchase a ticket, and upon returning for them found they had disappeared. He called an officer and gave him a description of the missing property; the law borrowed the doctor's pencil to take it down in his note book, and failed to return the pencil.—Deport Times.

Marrier at Athens

At Athens, Texas, on Sunday, June 22, 1919, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., Mr Clarence Edward Schnorr to Miss Frances Louise Scarborough, Rev. Fuller officiating.

Both of these young people are of our city, the groom being the son of Mr. Jake Schnorr, and of the Campbell State Bank, and the bride the daughter of Mr. George Scarborough, deceased, one of our best known and most prominent families.

The happy young people motored to Athens, and after the marriage returned to Palestine, and are at home to their friends at 419 West Oak street. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.—Palestine Advocate.

Fund Raising Among the Churches

The war taught the churches a thing or two about raising money for their work. Old programs for raising a million or so, have faded into insignificance in comparison with the new plans.

The Presbyterians raised about \$75,000,000 for their work and the Southern Methodists have gone over the top with a fund of almost as much. Starting out to raise \$35,000,000, they doubled the quota.

Now the Southern Baptists are in the field for \$75,000,000. They will get it, of course. No denomination exceeds the Baptists when it comes to raising money. There are two million of them and one-fourth of that number live in Texas. The Texas Baptists are the champion givers of the denomination in the South. A Texas preacher, Dr. Lee R. Scarborough of Ft. Worth, who has led in several great financial campaigns in Texas, has been placed at the head of the general organization to raise the \$75,000,000.

If the work of Christianity can be promulgated more rapidly by the use of larger funds of money, then a wonderful expansion of Christianity is at hand, as the result of the great sums raised this year by American denominations. The evangelization of the world is brought perceptibly nearer. Houston Post.

CHARMING UTILITY FROCK



To translate his idea of charm and utility combined in a frock, some gifted designer has used such simple means as tricot, satin and bone buttons. They have been put together most skillfully in a dress that will appeal to the young woman who requires serviceable clothes and insists upon good style in them.

666 quickly relieves Constipation, Billousness, Loss of Appetite and Headaches, due to Torpid Liver.—

STATION LIST OF COMPANY E, 143rd INFANTRY, WHILE STATIONED OVERSEAS

COMPILED FOR THE MESSENGER BY CORPORAL CHARLES R. STREETMAN

NAME OF DEPT. OR STATE	NAME OF STATION	Date Arrived	Date Left
Brest	Finistere	July 31, 1918	July 31, 1918
Pontanezen Barracks	Finistere	July 31, 1918	Aug. 2, 1918
Bar-sur-Aube	Aube	Aug. 5, 1918	Aug. 5, 1918
Tremilly	Haute-Marne	Aug. 5, 1918	Aug. 18, 1918
Nully	Haute-Marne	Aug. 13, 1918	Sept. 27, 1918
Chaume-Snil	Aube	Sept. 28, 1918	Sept. 28, 1918
Brienne la Chateau	Aube	Sept. 28, 1918	Sept. 28, 1918
Oiry	Aube	Sept. 29, 1918	Sept. 29, 1918
Aigny	Marne	Sept. 29, 1918	Oct. 6, 1918
La-Veuve	Marne	Oct. 6, 1918	Oct. 7, 1918
Somme-Suippes	Marne	Oct. 7, 1918	Oct. 9, 1918
St. Etienne to Attigny (On the front)	Somewhere under shell fire	Oct. 9, 1918	Oct. 26, 1918
Machault	Ardinnes	Oct. 26, 1918	Oct. 28, 1918
St. Marie-Py	Ardinnes	Oct. 29, 1918	Oct. 29, 1918
Somme-Suippes	Marne	Oct. 29, 1918	Oct. 30, 1918
Wargemaulin	Marne	Oct. 30, 1918	Oct. 31, 1918
Gizacourt	Marne	Oct. 31, 1918	Nov. 2, 1918
Passavant	Meuse	Nov. 2, 1918	Nov. 17, 1918
Conde-en-Barrois	Meuse	Nov. 18, 1918	Nov. 19, 1918
Brillion	Meuse	Nov. 19, 1918	Nov. 20, 1918
Chatenrupt	Meuse	Nov. 20, 1918	Nov. 21, 1918
Brachay	Haute-Marne	Nov. 21, 1918	Nov. 22, 1918
Harricourt	Haute-Marne	Nov. 22, 1918	Nov. 23, 1918
Rennepont	Haute-Marne	Nov. 23, 1918	Nov. 24, 1918
Couvignon	Haute-Marne	Nov. 24, 1918	Nov. 26, 1918
Loches	Catador	Nov. 26, 1918	Nov. 27, 1918
Beauvoir	Catador	Nov. 27, 1918	Nov. 28, 1918
Channellard	Yonne	Nov. 28, 1918	Nov. 29, 1918
Serrigny	Yonne	Nov. 29, 1918	Jan. 22, 1919
Veziennes	Yonne	Jan. 22, 1919	Mar. 29, 1919
Fleys	Yonne	Mar. 29, 1919	May 2, 1919
Le Breil	Sarthe	May 3, 1919	May 17, 1919
Brest	Finistere	May 18 1918	May 20, 1918

SYNOPSIS OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

Sailed from Newport News, Va., July 18, 1918, aboard the Italian steamship, Dante Alighieri. Arrived in Brest, France, July 31, 1918. Reached overseas training area August 5, 1918. (12 months from the

date of muster into the Federal service.)

Combat service in Meuse-Argonne offensive (Champaign sector from October 6, 1918, to October 29, 1918.) Actually under shell fire from October 9, 1918, to October 26, 1918. At time of signing armistice Nov-

ember 11, 1918, halted in rest camp at Passavant, Meuse, France, enroute to service in Verdun sector.

Sailed from Brest, France, May 20, 1919, aboard the United States steamship Finaland. Arrived in Newport News, Va., June 1, 1919.

Attention Tyler Commercial College Graduates!

During the period of the war so many of our young men, former students, were in the army, and so many of our young ladies in the Civil Service work in Washington and elsewhere, that it was not practical to keep up our usual method of revising our "Former Student File." But now, as most of the boys and girls are settling down to a peace-time basis, we want to get the correct address of as many of our twenty-five thousand former students as possible. Our Service Department, which is free to all graduates,

often has something of interest to send out. Our Employment Department has more than we can fill. We can be of immediate service to T. C. C. discharged soldiers and sailors in seeking employment, and there are many reasons why we like to know the whereabouts of every member of the big T. C. C. family.

In 1920 we hope to hold a big re-union that will bring together thousands of former T. C. C. students, their wives, husbands and children. In order that we may help to keep alive the big fraternal spirit that is in every T. C. C. student and assist them in securing employ-

ment if necessary. Kindly write us, giving your present address, also address of other former students you know. If there is any assistance we can render you in any way write or phone us.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

THE Merchants who advertise in this paper will give you best values for your money.

THIS IS AN ADVERTISEMENT TO ADVERTISE

ADVERTISING

- This is an advertisement.
- Not a very long one, to be sure, but an advertisement.
- It has most unusual purpose—to advertise advertising.
- The message is this:—
- Don't miss the advertisements in this newspaper.
- Many of them make good reading just from the news and educational standpoint alone.
- But more than that:—
- Advertisements keep you in touch with the world's progress.
- They point the path to little comforts that were unknown in the old days.
- They announce the latest styles and tell you where to go to get the most and the best for your money.
- They help you to save.
- They protect you from fraud.
- Don't miss the advertisements.
- They are guide-posts to better buying.

Ford

"The Universal Car"

We wish to announce that in the future all FORD CARS will come equipped with the new Block Motor for electric lights and starter.

Our salesmen will be glad to book you now for one of these new cars, either with or without the starter. After you get your car should you decide you would like to have the starter installed we will be in a position to install same for you.

This new equipment puts the little Ford in a class with the classiest and will make it as universally liked by the ladies as it has been by the men.

TOWERY MOTOR COMPANY

AUTHORIZED SALES AND SERVICE

HUGH L. MORRISON, Authorized Representative

New Grip

On Life follows the use of

Dr. Miles' Liver Pills

For many years **The Standard Medicine** for Torpid Liver, Biliousness, Constipation and other disorders of the stomach, bowels and liver resulting from failure of these organs to perform their duties in a natural manner.

They relieve promptly—action mild yet effective, and their use establishes no habit requiring their constant use as they tone up and strengthen the weakened condition of the organs.

Money back if first box fails to relieve or satisfy.

Get a package today, and relieve your troubles.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS



Prompt Service

¶ Prompt service is our watchword. When your time of delivery is established it will be continued with clocklike regularity.

¶ You will know just when to expect us and need not worry over having an empty ice box.

¶ Telephone calls receive prompt attention.

—Telephone—

HOWARD'S ICE HOUSE

666 has proven it will cure Malaria, Chills and Fever, Bilious Fever, Colds and LaGrippe. It kills the parasite that causes the fever. It is a splendid laxative and general Tonic.—

Buying at Home

The citizens of this community, whenever possible, as it invariably is, should buy the things that they need from the local merchants. This is the spirit of co-operation which will help the town to grow and in time to make it bigger and a better market place.

We don't want you to pay more here for what you can get cheaper somewhere else, but use your common sense. You know that no man in a town a hundred miles away can send you what you order by mail, pay the expenses of his catalogues, and get a profit without charging you more than your home merchant. Besides you will have to wait many days before you will get the merchandise ordered, you will have to send your money in advance and you will run the risk of being stuck.

That is just plain every day common sense; it's not advice. Local merchants usually take a pride in handling the best of everything while mail order houses only hunt the cheapest things they can sell. Whether they last or not is immaterial—you can't see them about it and they will not hear you grumble. They can sell you shoddy stuff cheap but your local merchants will give you goods that are standard at a reasonable price.

In Punch, London, appears a very striking cartoon. Labor is represented as a middle-aged workman. His sleeves are rolled up above his elbows, showing great muscles. There is an ugly scowl on his face as he, in a menacing posture and with a large knife in his hand on which appears the word "Strike," approaches a large goose, "Industry," standing near her nest in which she has laid a good supply of the golden eggs of "wages." Industry, the goose, turns her head appealingly toward Labor, the workman, with the ugly scowl and threatening knife, who plainly means to cut off the head of the goose that lays the golden eggs and says: "Have you realized, my dear sir, that if you proceed to extremes with the weapon my auriferous activities must inevitably cease?"

It might be well to reproduce the cartoon in every paper and magazine and on every advertising board throughout the land.—Christian Advocate.

LIVELYVILLE

By Rip Van Winkle

Livelyville, June 30.—Livelyville has been fortunate in that all the boys who went across are back without a scratch. Sneed Taylor arrived early Saturday morning in fine health and spirits and is glad to be home among his kin and friends once more, and we are as equally glad to have him with us. We bid him welcome home.

The rains the past week certainly wrought havoc in the crops and on the roads. It washed and sandbarred and tore things in general. Some fields are so wet that a team cannot stand up in them. Crops in consequence are suffering for want of work, although people keep the hoes at work and so try to master the grass, and where land permits it plows are also kept going, and as one man puts it: "We can't kill the grass but we can roll it around and make it sick."

Mr. and Mrs. John Masters entertained with a pound supper in honor of the returned soldiers, and what a grand time it was. How glad everybody was to see the boys; that could be seen by the large attendance. The music was fine, and incidentally, the supper, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Taylor entertained a few friends Saturday night in honor of their son's return.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Starkey and Cleveland Howard of Denson Springs spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. E. Howard.

Mrs. E. Howard and daughters, Misses May Bell and Alma, entertained many of their friends Saturday night. The music was fine. Several solos were sung by Mr. L. N. Lasiter. Refreshments in the form of ice cream, were served and all present declared the ladies superb hostess.

Miss Gertrude Hale is confined to her home with a case of mumps. We hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shipper spent several days in Beaumont visiting relatives.

J. R. Bell was in Houston for several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis spent several days in this community visiting their children.

Next Sunday is our regular preaching day. Mr. J. F. Lively will fill the pulpit, and we hope we will all be able to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mills spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Masters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom visited their son, Zack, Sunday.



NEW PROSPECT

By Regular Correspondent

New Prospect, June 30.—We often hear some one say "The sun will shine after the rain," and can not dispute it, for tis shining this morning after about 3 weeks of rain, but we believe it is mildewed as it doesn't seem very bright.

Yes, indeed, our grass is fine, but we cannot say very much about cotton, and some are saying that corn is injured, altho it looks fine.

During a thunder storm Sunday evening lightning struck a mule owned by W. W. Finch and knocked it down, but didn't kill it. There were seven children playing in the yard near by and the shock knocked six of them to the ground, but fortunately none were killed.

Mrs. E. J. Musick spent last week in the Rock Hill community visiting her son, Sam Musick.

Little Bernice Rains from Liberty county is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Campbell.

Ed Musick and family visited relatives in Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.

There was singing at the home of P. L. Herod Sunday afternoon.

The Baptist protracted meeting, conducted by Rev. Andrews, assisted by Rev. Aaron Foster, will begin at this place Saturday night, July 5th. We are expecting some fine preaching and hope every one will come out and take an interest in the good work. A cordial invitation is extended to surrounding neighborhoods to meet with us.

Our Sunday school is still flourishing, there being about 75 or 80 pupils enrolled at this writing.

Health at present is good.

A drowsy, half-sick, discouraged feeling is caused by a torpid liver and impurities in the stomach and bowels Prickly Ash Bitters is a prompt and efficient remedy. Try it. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BAPTIST CHURCH

W. E. Ray, Pastor.

C. L. Haltom, Church Clerk

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.

Junior Endeavor Society meets each Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Ladies' Aid Society meets on Tuesday afternoon after each first and third Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Calhoun, Pres.

Mrs. Sidney Boykin, Sec'y.

Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon after the second Sunday in each month.

Mrs. P. H. Stafford, Pres.

Mrs. G. H. Farmer, 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.

Farmers' Union Phone No. 59

Preaching each Sunday morning and evening.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday 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.

Rub-My-Tism is a great pain killer. It relieves pain and soreness caused by Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, etc.

Edward and Evelyn Beeson of Crockett are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Carl Gainey, this week.

Before taking that trip

Have the car looked over by one of our EXPERTS so that it may be put into condition for continuous and reliable use for the trip.

A little expert attention and overhauling now will insure a pleasant and enjoyable vacation trip, untroubled by sudden discovery of some easily prevented trouble that may spoil the whole tour.

Bring the car to our garage before you take her out for the trip, and it will then prove to be nothing but a real pleasure trip.

Batteries Re-charged
Genuine Ford Parts

Service Garage

KOLB & RAGSDALE, Proprietors

THE MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter

SUBSCRIPTION IN ADVANCE:
 1 Year \$1.50
 6 Months75
 3 Months40

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

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and Cards of Thanks are charged for at regular rates—5c per line.

Our Advertising Rates are reasonable and Rate Card cheerfully furnished upon application.

Phones—Farmers Union System
 Office 51
 Residence 11

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1919.

New Advertising Rates

Effective July 1, the following advertising rates will prevail:

Display per inch 18c; local readers per line 7c.

This is only a slight increase, positively made necessary by the continued increase of all other products.

THE EFFICIENCY OF ADVERTISING

The net effect of advertising in any community is to concentrate trade. It enables bright, enterprising, far-sighted men to get the bulk of the business, far more than they could obtain on a non-advertising basis. It opens the way for them to introduce modern efficiency systems, to reduce costs through large volume of trade, to take advantage of bargains offered in the wholesale market, and to buy and sell in a larger way.

Advertising tends to eliminate unenterprising merchants. Those find they can no longer depend on the mere physical fact that they have a certain location, which really has nothing to do with the merit of the propositions they have to offer. They learn that old customers, catching the modern spirit, are looking out to see who is announcing the best values, and will travel quite a distance to a less desirable location if necessary, to snap up an advertised bargain.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Fourth of July again draws near. The greatest day our nation ever saw, or will see; the day that instituted the liberty and freedom all now enjoy, and laid the foundation for the greatest republic on the face of the earth, delegating to all equal rights, equal justice, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; so let the welkin ring, the cannons boom, the rockets fly, the banners float, and "My Native Country, Thee," "Red, White and Blue," well up from every heart, and the "Star Spangled Banner" never cease to wave o'er this land of the free and the home of the brave. We hope all of our young readers will have a good time—a glorious Fourth. Proud of your freedom, proud of your country, we would not suppress the enthusiasm that wells up from your hearts, but bid you shout; and yet, we would kindly admonish you not to be reck-

less, careless or thoughtless, but evince true manhood in daring to do what is right and turning from all that is wrong. We also trust that, perhaps in a quieter and less noisy way our older readers will likewise enjoy the occasion to the full extent of their ability.

EPIDEMIC OF STRIKES

While the people are clamoring for a reduction in cost of living, strikes are occurring all over the country. In so far as wages are increased, the prices of goods are marked up to pay for the same. The advances do not come out of profits, as some people imagine, but are simply added on to the prices of goods. So in effect the people take money from one set of workers to give it to another. It is a general scramble with the devil to take the hindmost.

The country is very anxious to have all workers get fair pay and decent comforts. But it will resent the action of those who demand more than their fair share. Also when workers in trades requiring little skill or intelligence, demand as much pay as can be had by intelligent, educated, or highly trained workers, they are striving against the processes of nature, and can not maintain any such position very long.

Perhaps some of the old residents will be able to recognize the sun when it shines again.

The wets say you can lead them up to the water, but you can't make 'em drink the vile stuff.

While ex-kaiser Bill is really not wanted in this country, yet wood sawers are so scarce that he could no doubt earn a living at good pay.

"O, well, we should worry! There's always the ocean when the land goes dry," says the words under a cartoon showing three pretty bathing girls on the beach.

President Wilson is now somewhere on the Atlantic on his way home. By the time the president reaches here, the United States will be as dry as a bone. Anticipating this, no doubt, he will bring "his 14 pints" with him.

Suff. Amendment Ratified

The Texas legislature and senate last week ratified the suffrage amendment to the federal constitution by large majorities.

Texas is the seventh state to ratify this amendment.

Our Honor Roll

We thank the following for their subscription:

- Grapeland—G. M. Walton,
- Dudley Ellis, R. T. Bobbitt.
- Route 1—J. W. Ellis.
- Route 3—A. U. Streetman.
- Route 4—Garrett Richards.
- Percilla—R. F. Lively.
- Houston Heights—Mrs. F. M. Owens.
- College Station—Willie Walling.
- Washington, D. C.—Hon. C. S. Briggs.
- Colored—Johnny Hart, Grape-
- land.

JULY 4th!

of Course you will Celebrate

And in order for you to get the most pleasure out of the day it is necessary that you give some thought to the kind of clothes you wear. This store is well equipped to satisfy the most critical with a high grade line of summer apparel for men, women, boys and girls. Whether you spend the 4th on a trip, picnicing, or at home, we have the kind of merchandise that will appeal to you at prices you won't mind paying. Call on us and let us serve you.

Men's and Boys' Suits

We cannot emphasize too strongly the extraordinary values we are giving each day in men's and boys' clothing. A comparison with other lines here and elsewhere will convince you that this store is the logical place to make your purchases.

- Ultra-stylish, Genuine Palm Beach suits in military models, waist seam line, and conservative styles at only **\$15.00**
- Other men's suits at \$12.50 to **\$35.00**
- Guaranteed Pure Wool Blue Serge Suits. **\$35.00**

The boys who wear short pants will be pleased with our showing of knickerbocker suits, made on mannish styles from Palm Beach and other popular materials.

**Shirts Underwear New Ties Caps
 Hats Shoes Oxfords**

Hot Weather Accessories

The ladies and girls should not overlook the many dress accessories at this store that are especially designed to give maximum comfort. Here you will find a carefully selected line of everything you like to wear.

- Summer Dress Goods Summer Dresses Silk Hose Muslin Under Garments Kabo Corsets Brassieres**

In addition to things to wear we have a complete line of lingerie clasps, waist pins, beads, collar pins, etc.

Trunks and Suit Cases

Anyone needing a good trunk or suit case need go no further than this store. Our assortment is large and we have a showing of suit cases and hand bags that is hard to beat.

Don't Borrow—Buy!



A Florsheim straight last Oxford for the conservative dresser—a superior quality shoe that combines dignified appearance with absolute comfort.

One of many Florsheim styles shown in our men's department.

Geo E. Darsey & Co.
 SERVICE FIRST STORE

The City Meat Market

T. W. LEWIS, Proprietor

Fresh Meats, Bread, Fruit, Packing House Products, Etc.

Fish Every Friday and Saturday

Try our Barbecue—it's fine
Free Delivery

LOCAL ITEMS

A big lot of the newest soft collars at Darsey's.

Mrs. Ethel Allen and children of Palestine visited Mrs. W. H. Dotson this week.

K. C. Alsup is home from Goose Creek to spend a few days with his family.

George E. Darsey was a business visitor to Houston the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Zimmerman of Dallas are here on a visit to Mrs. Zimmerman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.

Jot Davis Hollingsworth left Wednesday for Livingston, where he will visit relatives and friends for several weeks.

Mrs. Carl Gainey and her mother, Mrs. Stowe, visited relatives in Crockett the latter part of last week.

Travis Mitchell arrived home last week from College Station, where he has been attending A. & M. College.

Miss Lucretia Riall left Monday for Hugo, Ok., where she will spend some time visiting friends.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son returned to their home in Livingston, after spending several days in this city visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. B. H. Logan and daughter and Mrs. Odell Faris and son of Lake Charles, La., are here on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

Clyde Davis arrived home last week from Camp Travis, where he was discharged from the army. He saw active service in France with the 90th Division in the signal corps.

Plenty of those guaranteed suspenders at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Stringer of El Paso are visiting relatives here and at Percilla.

If you know a local news item phone it to the Messenger office. Farmers Union Phone No. 51.

They cost but fifty cents—those new ties received this week at Darsey's.

Virgil Herrington and Luther Hardeman of Palestine and Will Rogers of Elkhart were here Wednesday on business.

Leonidas Brooks and Ted Fox are on their way home from France. They are members of the 7th Division.

Sneed Taylor arrived home last Friday night, after several months service overseas with the 90th Division.

W. T. Lovelace of Paris came in Tuesday for a few days' visit, Mrs. Lovelace having been here several weeks.

Johnnie Woodard of Elmina, late of the A. E. F. forces, has returned to his home after a visit here to his aunt, Mrs. Owen Johnston.

Joe Colkin returned to Neches Tuesday night to resume his duties as station agent, after spending a week with his wife and baby.

Car load of Mitchell cars in transit, due to arrive in a few days. Call and see this splendid automobile. For sale in Houston county by A. B. Guice.

Misses Rena Ross Richards, Mabel Boykin and Lucindy Darsey left Sunday for Lake Charles, La., where they will visit relatives for some time.

For Sale

One 1918 model Ford, almost as good as new. For sale cheap. See A. B. Guice.

Hogs Wanted

We will buy any and all kinds of hogs. See us for prices. 2-t Dailey Bros.

Miss Owena Johnston has returned from Palestine, where she has been the guest of relatives.

Lee Foster of Crockett, recently returned from France, was a visitor to Grapeland last week.

Mrs. F. M. Owens and children have removed to Houston Heights, where they will reside in the future.

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J. M. Selkirk returned home Saturday night from Bay City, where he was called some days ago on account of the illness and death of a brother.

George E. Darsey Jr. is expected to arrive home from France some time this month. He is in the 5th Division, which is now getting ready to sail for the United States.

We buy our caps from the biggest exclusive cap house in the world. If you want one of the newest caps (with long bill) you will find it at Darsey's in all fancy and solid colors.

Day and Night Garage

is open again for your business and will carry a good stock of Ford parts; will have a first-class mechanic to work on your car. All work guaranteed.

L. W. Graham, Prop.

Notice

Remember that I represent a good Texas Nursery and if you need anything in that line see me in person or write me at Grapeland, Texas.

J. E. Hollingsworth.

Maize Feed

We have just received a car load of maize feed. If you need any, better get it this week, as this will be the last car we will be able to get.

J. W. Howard.

Taken Up

1 red cow with heifer calf; also 1 two-year old heifer and two cream colored heifers branded N D on left hip. Owner please call and get them as they are eating up my crop.

J. W. Howard.

For Sale

47 acres of land, three miles north of town, 40 acres in cultivation, all under fence; good hog pasture, one house, barn and good well of water. For particulars see or write—

W. J. Willis, Route 1.

For Sale

80 acres of well improved land, in good community, 5 miles from Grapeland. All under hog proof fence. For price and terms, see or write—

J. W. Cook, Percilla, Texas.

Notice to Ice Customers

All ice is sanitary, but be sure to get "sanitary" prices. That's the main thing. I have Farmers Union Telephone. Phone me any time you want ice.

J. H. Bowman.

A card from Mr. B. R. Eaves states that he and Mrs. Eaves have greatly improved in health. They are at Mineral Wells. Mr. Eaves says he has gained 8 pounds in weight. He'll be in fine trim for the watermelon season when he returns.

We Have It

If it's anything in the Drug line we have it or will secure it for you if possible. : : : :

Call on us for anything you need

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE
HONESTY AND QUALITY WADE L. SMITH

A Terrific Rain

Tuesday afternoon a most terrific rain fell throughout this section. It is impossible to accurately estimate the damage done to crops, roads, etc. About 3 inches of rain fell within the space of two hours.

The dam of J. W. Howard's private lake was washed away. Water went over the dam at Myrtle Lake and did considerable damage in several places. We hear of a number of bridges and culverts blowing out. It was the hardest down-pour this section has witnessed in many years.

Whipped by Snake

Eelie Oliver, residing near town, experienced an unusual affair the other day, when a Coach Whip snake attacked him and made him think of his younger days when his father had to use a switch to control him with. The snake took hold of his pants leg and proceeded to whip him good. The only way he could get rid of it was to simply pull him loose. The experience was an exciting one to the young man and in the future he will no doubt watch out for this kind of a snake.—Center Champion.

2-Cent Postage Now

The three cent postage stamp has been sent to the scrap heap, so far as letters are concerned. And along with it went the 2 cent postal card. The red 2 cent stamp now takes the place of the "war baby" blue stamp. 2-cent postage became operative again last Tuesday.

The postal zone law, increasing the cost of transmission of journals and magazines according to distance delivered, also became operative Tuesday.

Hooker Brown arrived home Tuesday morning from Camp Bowie. He has been in the service thirteen months. He was with Co. C, 64th infantry, 7th Division. Leonidas Brooks and Ted Fox are members of this divisions and are expected home this week.

H. A. LEAVERTON

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Will Practice in all Courts

Office up Stairs Over

Kennedy Bros. store

Grapeland : : : Texas

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

How to Better the Race

It seems to be a hard matter for some people to understand that when they lower themselves they are hurting the entire membership of the race to which they belong. In the long run the race has to pick up and carry along all the bad members as well as the good, and whatever tends to keep down the average condition of the members of the race tends to hurt the race itself.

So the next time you are tempted to do something which you would not like all your fellowmen knowing about, think of those who must come after you, and of the inheritance which they must accept from you and the rest of us that are living. Those who come after us have no chance to avoid the inheritance which we thrust upon them. It is theirs before they have a chance to guard themselves or to ward it off.

You must give them what they cannot obtain for themselves—an inheritance free from handicaps which will hold them back.

Mud Chain Lost

I lost one of my mud chains somewhere between J. E. Hollingsworth's residence and Myrtle Lake. Finder will be rewarded.

J. W. Howard

Don't Let Distance Deprive You of the Special Values Which We so Often Offer in Drug Store Goods

We want all the people who reside in this territory to realize that they may receive the same advantages as our city customers.

When you see special prices quoted on certain goods, just phone or mail your order. The goods will be selected just as carefully as though you were doing it in person—and they will be sent to you without delay.

Then, too, we often have bargains on special goods which are needed on the farm

If you are not on our mailing list, SEND US YOUR NAME, so that you may receive our price lists and other literature.

BISHOP DRUG CO.

CROCKETT, - TEXAS
We Practice Professional Pharmacy

Carl Goolsby

Lip Sherman

**Weight Broke the Wagon Down
Wait often wrecks a real
good Automobile**

DON'T WAIT!

It pays to look into the least irregularity when first detected before it becomes serious.

Let us look into your car troubles. We can save you money, worry and possible sorrow.

Brooks Brothers

Authorized Ford Service

LEAGUE IS FOUNDATION FOR NEW ORDER

President Wilson Issues Appeal to American People to Support it

Washington, June 29.—President Wilson, in an address to the American people on the occasion of the signing of the peace treaty, made a plea for the acceptance of the treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations without change or reservation.

His message, given out here by Secretary Tumulty, said:

"Fellow Countrymen: The treaty of peace has been signed. If it is ratified and acted upon in full and sincere execution of its terms, it will furnish the charter of a new order of affairs in the world. It is a severe treaty in the duties and penalties it imposes upon Germany but it is severe only because great wrongs done by Germany are to be righted and repaired; it imposes nothing that Germany cannot do; and she can regain her rightful standing in the world by the prompt and honorable fulfillment of its terms.

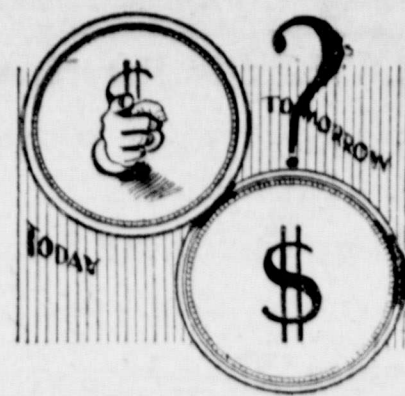
"And it is much more than a treaty of peace with Germany. It liberates those peoples who have never before been able to find the way to liberty. It ends, once for all, an old and intolerable order under which small groups of selfish men could use the peoples of great empires to serve their ambition for power and dominion. It associates the free governments of the world in a permanent league in which they are pledged to use their united power to maintain peace by maintaining right and justice. It makes international law a reality supported by imperative sanctions. It does away with the right of conquest and rejects the policy of annexation and substitutes a new order under which backward Nations—populations which have not yet come to political consciousness and peoples who are ready for independence but not yet quite prepared to dispense with protection and guidance—shall no more be subjected to the domination and exploitation of a stronger Nation but shall be put under the friendly direction and afforded the helpful assistance of Governments which undertake to be responsible to the opinion of mankind in the execution of their task by accepting the direction of the League of Nations.

"It recognizes the inalienable rights of nationality; the rights of minorities and the sanctity of religious belief and practice. It lays the basis for conventions which shall free the commercial intercourse of the world from unjust and vexatious restrictions and for every sort of international co-operation that will serve to cleanse the life of the world and facilitate its common action in beneficent service of every kind. It furnishes guarantees such as were never given or even contemplated for the fair treatment of all who labor at the daily tasks of the world.

"It is for this reason that I have spoken of it as a great charter for a new order of affairs. There is ground here for deep satisfaction, universal reassurance and confident hope.

"Woodrow Wilson."

Renew now!



TO-DAY'S THE DAY—

not to-morrow. The old proverb says: "To-morrow never comes." Don't put off till to-morrow what you should do today. Your patriotic duty urges you to save. No better time to begin than today—now! No better place than this bank. Save your surplus earnings and put them into this bank.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

NEGROES ARRESTED ON GRAVE CHARGE

Paris Green Found in Well in Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, June 27.—On a warrant sworn out by Sheriff McInnis, six Anderson county negroes, three men and three women, are in jail in this city charged with attempt to poison a whole neighborhood, about twenty miles from here. After drinking water from a well, three families were made dangerously sick, and upon investigation about a pound of paris green, wrapped in a flour sack, was found in the well. All the people who were made sick are whites. One of the men had some trouble with a negro a few days before. Doctors who examined the water say that all that saved the victims was that the paris green had not all had time to dissolve in the water.

Don't forget the name of the remedy you need when the stomach or bowels are disordered. Prickly Ash Bitters quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. You should have a bottle at home all the time. It is the dose taken promptly that prevents sickness and expense. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special agent.

Marketing Weeds

The man who has a few sheep on his farm will find them a valuable medium for marketing weed crops which seems so prolific this year. In fact, a few sheep, kept in proper proportion to the number of cattle which should be grazed on each acre of pasturage will not only market the weeds, but will not detract from the value of the grazing for the other animals.

Sheep have a valuable place in the Texas farm scheme and time is impressing this important truth upon the farmers.

If you are not now keeping a few sheep talk to your County Agent or write to the Extension Service of the A. & M. College of Texas about their possibilities in your section.

It is futile to lament the lost opportunities while permitting those at hand to be neglected.

The Extension Sheep Specialist will take pleasure in locating and selecting a herd suitable to your conditions as well as help in the solution of other problems regarding the care and production of sheep on the farm.—S. C. Hayle, A. & M. College.

My rule is to go straight forward in doing what appears to me to be right, leaving the consequences to providence.—Franklin.

Listen:

There's more to business than
Quality Goods

and

Satisfactory Service

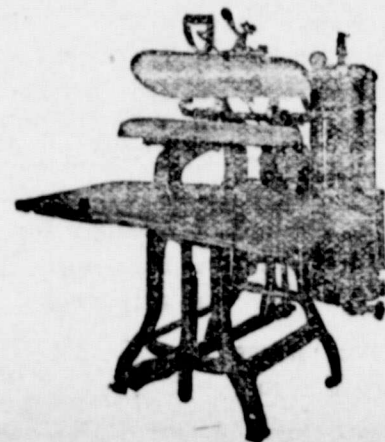
Those we give of course but also--
We like to be friends with
our customers.

And we'd like to meet YOU
on that basis.

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

Watch your Appearance

The impression you make depends in a great measure upon the clothes you wear. Our clothes dignify the wearer. Come and see hundreds of the finest fabrics at the most reasonable prices.



CLEANING AND PRESSING THE HOFFMAN WAY IS THE SANITARY WAY

CLEANING AND PRESSING—None better and our service gets the business.

Clewis

Malaria

in the system destroys energy and makes the most vigorous worker feel lazy. Unless corrected it brings on "the chills."

HERBINE

Is a Powerful Medicine for Torpid Liver and Malaria

The malarial germ cannot exist in the system under the searching influence of Herbine. It purifies the stomach, liver and bowels, drives out bilious obstructions and puts the internal organs in fine healthy condition.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

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Office up stairs over Monzingo
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Veterinarian**

Telephone the Goodson
Hotel or Drug Stores

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You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.

**ADAMS & YOUNG
Crockett, Texas**

ECZEMA!

Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded without question if Hunt's Salve fails to cure Itch, Rosacea, Fetter, Ring Worm or any other skin disease. Tie the box.

For sale locally by

WADE L. SMITH, Special Agt.

RENEW TODAY! Tomorrow you may forget it.

The Doctor Says:

"Your care for your health prompts you to seek the skilled advice and expert medical attention of a reputable physician. You can afford to be no less careful in selecting your druggist."

The doctor prescribes. We follow his formula, but both he and his patient must depend upon our skill and knowledge if proper results are to be obtained.

QUALITY PLUS ACCURACY

is our watchword. You can accept, on our word of honor, the assurance that these two important elements are included in every prescription we fill. In addition nothing but the purest drugs are used. If you value these things and wish the added service of promptness, bring your prescription to us.

D. N. LEAVERTON
LEADING DRUGGIST



KILL THOSE STICK TIGHT FLEAS

Feed Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer. Given in feed.

Guaranteed to kill all blood sucking insects. Spray your chicken house with Martin's Sure Death. Can be used anywhere. Does not stain. It also kills Bed-Bugs and Roaches.

Martin's Screw Worm Killer kills the worms, heals the wound, and keeps off flies. One time does the work. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ask Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

The River of Life

Say what you will of whatever part of the human anatomy you please, the river of life is the BLOOD. It is either the swift running stream of health or the germ-laden channel of disease, one or the other.

The new remedy for the blood is RICH-TONE, The Famous TONIC

the kind that freshens and quickens the circulation, energizes the good corpuscles that fight the battles of life for the sick.

RICH-TONE, The Famous TONIC, is unlike any other known remedy. It works differently. It reaches in and through and down till it penetrates to the seat of the disease and springs at the very throat of the cause of it.

It's the only remedy that does this. And doing this it gets results and effects cures that no other can.

Mr. Wimsatt says: "I bought two bottles of Rich-Tone for my mother. She thinks it is the finest tonic. She has used many other kinds, but nothing has helped her like Rich-Tone."

This famous tonic is for sale at our drug store at only \$1.00 per bottle.

WADE L. SMITH

NO newspaper can succeed without advertising, therefore we solicit the patronage of our readers for those who by their advertising help to make this paper possible.

666 has more imitations than any other Chill and Fever Tonic on the market, but no one wants imitations. They are dangerous things in the medicine line.—

LIBERTY BONDS

We will buy them if you want to sell.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Grapeland, Texas.

SHRAPNEL

By Rekul

No doubt the Germans are perfectly willing to solemnly promise to keep the peace terms as long as they have to.

Many of the Germans say they will die rather than accept the peace terms, and if they all felt that way it would greatly simplify matters.

The difference between these wild cat oil companies and the milkman is, that while they both water their stock, the milkman always milks his first.

The public is getting dissatisfied with the jazz bands because the players are unable to play standing on their heads and with their feet in their mouths.

It is claimed that the government is losing \$2,000,000 a day on operating the railroads, but a million or so is merely loose change in Uncle Sam's pocket nowadays.

Apollo is said to be the first gentlemen who ever struck a lyre. If he had only hit him a little harder we might not have so many magnificent liars at the present time.

Much is being said about pursuing the bandits down in Mexico, but those now located and operating in this country, commonly known as profiteers, are not to be interfered with.

July 1 has passed. The nation is saharized. We presume that the corkscrew makers will soon discover that there is going to be an enormous demand for ice cream spoons.

The fact that a boy's yells can be heard all over the ball field, does not prove that he can do much more than whisper when it comes to the school declamation.

It looks like now the entire American people will soon quit work and go on a strike to compel themselves to pay themselves higher wages and to require themselves to allow themselves shorter working hours.

An Elkhart woman has embroidered the words and music of "Home, Sweet Home," on a linen sheet which is on the spare room bed. Her guests have not decided whether the hostess means to indicate that they must feel at home or had better go home.

A newspaper paragrapher remarks that some girls wear \$5.00 buckles on \$2.00 pumps. If he knows of any shoe store where they sell any old kind of a pair of shoes for \$2.00, he should communicate the fact in a whisper or the place will be the scene of a riot.

Union labor ought to have sense enough to know that every time they demand increased wages and get it that prices go up to cover that advance and that every time an hour is cut off the work day that production is decreased that much. But union labor seems to be money-mad and have lost their sense with it.

Luke McLuke Says

And what has become of the old-fashioned man whose friends used to present him with a gold-headed cane?

When a man does bury the Hatchet he digs it up often enough to keep it from getting rusty.

A little thing like Insomnia won't keep a woman awake at night the way a husband who talks in his sleep will.

Do not squak about your luck. Maybe if you had all that is coming to you you would be in jail.

When a steer gets the Mouth Disease you have to kill it. But when a man gets the Mouth Disease the law protects the darn pest.

Don't hollow because you are getting what you want. Be thankful that you are getting what you do not want.

A man won't wear a hat unless other men are wearing one just like it. A woman won't wear a hat if she sees another woman wearing one just like it.

Just kinda keep your eye on the fellow who is always telling you how crooked other people are.

The old-fashioned man who ate a four course dinner with his knife now has a son who expects three forks when he sits down to a meal.

To Drill For Oil

J. W. Jones informs the Messenger that he has leased his large farm across the Trinity river to an oil company, who agree to put down a test well at least 3,000 feet. They have ninety days to begin drilling from date of contract.

A coated tongue, bad breath, dizziness and a clogged condition in the bowels can be quickly relieved by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It is preeminently efficient in such ailments. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Rub-My-Tism is a powerful antiseptic; it kills the poison caused from infected cuts, cures old sores, tetter, etc.

Drink
Coca-Cola
DELICIOUS and REFRESHING

You smack your lips over it, because you like its taste, its quality, its genuine gratification. It satisfies thirst.

Demand the genuine by full name —nicknames encourage substitution

THE COCA-COLA CO.
ATLANTA, GA.

Sold Everywhere

The Ready Reply

A distinguished young professor of theology at a French Protestant university was known to be of humble social origin and the students found him rather "heavy" in the matter of speech in his first lecture. Many days had not passed, however, before they discovered, at their own expense, their professor's ready wit.

One morning some of the students put near his desk a bundle of hay. The young professor was quite equal to the occasion. Looking calmly at his audience, he said in the most natural tones: "Gentlemen, which of you has forgotten his breakfast?" At another time the

students put a log of wood in the same place. He looked at it sweetly: "I am always glad to see a new pupil join my class."—The Christian Herald.

Cider will be an awful problem in the new time. It "works while you sleep." You can get it when it is a perfectly lawabiding beverage and the first thing you know it is as guilty as a bootlegger. You must drink it while it is fresh and sweet, or it will incriminate you. And we are so absent-minded. Geo. Bailey, in Houston Post.

People call it "putting up" a hotel because there is so much to put up with.

Don't Let the Cat Come Back!



Every War Savings Stamp you buy adds to the swelling ocean of investments which the Cat of Want cannot cross. Don't let the cat come back! Keep buying. Don't let the barrier be dried up by the scorching winds of Thriftlessness!

Have you bought your War Savings Stamp this week?

OFFICIALS REBUKED FOR BLUE RIDGE DEAL

Legislative Committee Report Sharply Criticises Some Things Done

Austin, Texas, June 30.—Declaring that the "officers of the State should have been much more diligent and careful," in trying to ascertain why there was such great haste in getting the release of the State's option on the Blue Ridge farm, the joint legislative committee, which conducted an inquiry into that matter submitted its report to the legislature Monday.

The report condemns certain acts in connection with the whole transaction and commends others. Finally it recommends that the State proceed immediately to exercise its option to purchase the Blue Ridge farm, declaring the attempted release illegal and void, and the option valid.

"Officers of the State" are severely criticised for "acting on the suggestion of friends and interested parties," and for "permitting private parties to benefit at the expense of the State."

The action of the governor as well as that of two of the prison commissioners in signing the purported release of the State's option on the Blue Ridge farm in April of this year shortly before a well was brought in is characterized as having been "unjustified" in view of the circumstances, regardless of the question of the value of the land as an oil prospect.

The investigating committee points out that the land was worth \$800,000 or more as a farming proposition and that the prison commissioners were cognizant of this fact and that Governor Hobby had been advised by two different committees that the Blue Ridge farm was worth much more than the \$50 per acre which the State was obligated to pay, if it exercised its option.

Claude Clark arrived here last week, after several months service overseas with the 90 Division. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark, in the Hays Spring community.

Misses Dell Murray and Annie Pearl Walton of Mississippi and Misses Fay Murray and Roberta Gayle of Lovelady are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray.

MICKIE SAYS

YEP, THEY'S SCADS OF GOOD FELLERS AROUND THIS HERE TOWN, BUT THE BEST OF 'EM ARE THE FELLERS WHO BRING IN THEIR COPY AN' ADS EARLY SO WE AIN'T RUSHED TO DEATH GITTING OUT THE PAPER ON TIME! NO?

YOU SAID SOMETHING, MICKIE!



STORES WILL CLOSE FRIDAY JULY 4TH

We, the undersigned business men of Grapeland, agree to close our respective places of business, Friday, July 4, same being a national holiday:

- Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
- W. R. Wherry.
- McLean & Riall.
- F. & M. State Bank.
- J. F. Lively.
- S. E. Howard.
- Owens & Allen.
- J. W. Howard.
- Wade L. Smith.
- Guaranty State Bank.
- Denson & Walton.
- D. N. Leaverton.
- The Messenger.
- Postoffice.
- City Meat Market. (10 a. m.)
- Keeland Bros.
- W. H. Long & Co.
- Murray & Mangum.
- Henry Daily.
- T. H. Leaverton.
- O. W. Davis.
- Kennedy Bros.
- Goodson's Meat Market.
- J. H. Bowman (Store.)
- M. L. Clewis.
- A. B. Guice.

Mexico and the World League

With the Monroe Doctrine and a system of mandatories recognized by the world league covenant, it is not impossible that we shall be forced to intervene in Mexico.

The Monroe Doctrine would seem to stop any other nation from doing this, while the mandatory system gives other nations the power to call upon us. Not only this, but if such a conclusion is correct, we may be called upon to act as mandatory for the world throughout the western hemisphere as mandatory for the world league.

In forcing recognition of the Monroe Doctrine on the one hand, and in accepting the mandatory system on the other, we have placed ourselves in a position where we may be asked to run half the world, provided, of course, we ratify the covenant and provided circumstances should arise demanding such action.

The question naturally arises whether it were better for us to abandon the Monroe Doctrine, refuse the mandatory system, or let things stand and accept our apparently large share of responsibility for guaranteeing general peace.

As to Mexico, it looks as though we should be called upon to answer this question very shortly.

If we undertake to intervene for the world league, we shall be called upon to do all the fighting, all the sacrificing, but without consulting our own interests at the end.

We shall, on the other hand, be acting clearly in the interests of justice as they may be defined by the organized opinion of mankind.

The question is worth considering.—Houston Chronicle.

Lieutenant John L. Denny and his sister, Miss Louise, of Crockett visited Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boykin a few days last week. Mr. Denny has just finished school at West Point military academy, and has been granted a brief furlough before entering active service in the army. He will probably go to France to join the regular army.

1920 ARMY 325,000 OFFICERS AND MEN

Senate and House Reach Agreement as to the Size of Fighting Force

Washington, June 27.—Senate and house conferees on the army appropriation bill late today reached an agreement to fix the average size of the 1920 army at 325,000 officers and men. This is 75,000 less than that proposed by the senate and 25,000 more than the strength authorized originally by the house.

The agreement, reported after the members of the conference committee had talked with Gen. March, chief of staff, means that for the last nine months of the year ending June 30, 1920, the army will be composed of 225,000 officers and men, made necessary by the surplus above 325,000 during the next three months.

In announcing that 325,000 was the figure agreed upon Chairman Wadsworth of the senate military committee said that it was the lowest number that could be named and still keep the army within the limits prescribed by the national defense act, which required the maintenance of an army of 225,000.

The conferees made rapid headway in considering the bill today, but another meeting will be held tomorrow, at which the appropriation for aviation, ordnance and other remaining items must be considered.

Reports of house conferees to reduce increased senate appropriations in part were successful, but the senate appropriation of \$125,000,000 for barracks and quarters being cut in half.

A cotton firm with headquarters in New York is offering to buy cotton from the 1919 crop, agreeing to pay 30 cents per pound. They state in their advertisement that cotton may be worth this much this fall, or it may be worth less. Cotton ought to be worth more this fall and we do not believe Texas farmers will contract their cotton at any such price. Cotton should be selling for forty cents per pound today.—Timpson Times.

According to the astrologers, persons born in the sign of Aquarius are "highly esteemed and trusted through life." An astrological treatise which was issued in 1908 quotes this statement and cites Kaiser Wilhelm as a sample of the Aquarius product. The astrologist never dreamed then that the kaiser would be dethroned and driven into exile and be condemned to perdition by all humanity. There was a splendid chance for astrology to have told the world what was in store and thus proved its reliability, but it failed to do it and thus lost the greatest chance ever. The stars said that the kaiser would "become a favorite and be much liked by everyone." The stars did. And yet there are large numbers of people who believe absolutely in astrology. But it's a good thing that human beings are so different and that no matter how absurd a thing is, there are always those who will accept it and get inspiration and comfort out of it.—Exchange.

WORLD PEACE MAKERS ARE GIVEN OVATION

Versailles, June 29.—The most dramatic moment connected with the signing of world peace came unexpectedly and spontaneously at the conclusion of this greatest ceremony in history, when Premier Clemenceau, President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George descended from the Hall of Mirrors to the terrace at the rear of the palace where thousands of speculators were massed.

With the appearance of the three who have dominated the council of the allies, there began a most remarkable and unprecedented demonstration. With cries of "Vive Clemenceau," "Vive Wilson," "Vive Lloyd George," dense crowds swept forward from all parts of the spacious terrace.

In an instant the three were surrounded by struggling cheering masses of people, fighting among themselves for a chance to get near the statesmen.

Probably the least concerned for their personal safety were the three themselves. They went forward smilingly, as the crowd willed, bowing in response to the ovation and here and there reaching out to shake an insistent hand as they passed.

Meanwhile, a battery of big guns nearby was thundering out the announcement that peace had been consummated while overhead French airplanes circled and swooped, the sunlight glancing from their silver wings. Every available point of vantage in the palace and about the grounds was filled with thousands of people who had not been able to join the procession. No more picturesque setting could have been selected for this drama.

Beyond the demonstration for President Wilson, M. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George, the main interest of the people about the palace was centered in the arrival and departure of the Germans. Few people witnessed the arrival of the Germans, but, despite the precautions of the soldiers, great crowds gathered about the rear of the palace when the former enemy representatives left immediately after signing the treaty. There was no audible demonstration against the Germans, but there was a distinct current of hostility evident among the crowd which jammed close to the cars. The Germans were white-faced and quite apparently suffering strong emotion, but whether it was fear, anger or chagrin one could only surmise.

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Weddings at Palestine

Palestine, Texas, June 30.—Butler Addington and Miss Virgie Carter were united in marriage Thursday night, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. B. Clapp, pastor of the Baptist church.

Tom Scott of Elkhart and Miss Iva Ball of this city were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. B. Clapp.

Lee Stockbridge of this city and Miss Bernice La Rue of Lovelady were united in marriage at that place Wednesday, and will make this city their home.—Dispatch to Houston Post.

(Mr. Stockbridge is a Grapeland boy, and his many friends here join the Messenger in best wishes.)

Mrs. W. L. Mangum was hostess Tuesday evening to several of the city's social leaders, honoring her guests, Misses Dell and Fay Murray and Annie Pearl Walton and Roberta Gale. Three tables of "42" were kept going until the hour of 11, then watermelon was served as refreshments. Those present enjoying the hospitality of the evening were: Misses Walton, Gale, Murrays, Davis and Gaine; Messrs. Wall, Murray, Jones, Murchison and Longs.

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