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WITH A BIG STOCK OF GOODS
All Bought Before the Last Big Advance
WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY
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It will pay you to Watch this Space

WE OFFER THIS WEEK

- 1 1-4 lb cans Empson's stringless beans . 17½c
- 2 lb cans sauer kraut for 20c
- 2 lb cans of hominy for 17½c
- 1 1-2 lb cans sugar corn for 18c
- 1 1-2 lb cans Apex Peas at 18c
- 2 lb cans Del Monte sliced apricots 49c
- 2 lb cans Del Monte Peaches at 49c

SEE US FOR WIRE AND NAILS

BRING US YOUR CHICKENS AND EGGS
We Pay the Top Price

W. H. Long & Co.
The Value Giving Store

Denny Collins Announces For Clerk of Houston County

The political campaign has been opened in Houston county by Denny Collins, who throws his hat into the ring for County Clerk. Mr. Collins states that the reason he announces so early is because he has heard all his life that the "early bird gets the worm;" and also that by virtue of his position (deputy county clerk) he will be unable to get out and get acquainted with the people as he would like to. So he is getting his name to you early so you can consider his candidacy.

Mr. Collins is a native of Houston county, being born and raised at Crockett. He is a young man of exemplary habits, and is eminently qualified for the position he seeks. He has been chief deputy to Mr. Owens since he was elected to office three years ago, therefore is well posted on the duties of clerk.

He will appreciate any favors you show him, and, of course, wants the votes of both the ladies and the men.

Judge Prince Announces for Re-election as District Judge

Judge John S. Prince of Athens authorizes his announcement this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Judge, subject to the action of the democratic primary, and his name will be found in our announcement column.

Judge Prince is now serving his second term in this important office, and he is willing to be judged upon the record he has made.

Those who have had dealings in the court since Judge Prince has been on the bench, either as jurors, witnesses or attorneys, are loud in their praise of his fair and impartial decisions and the dispatch with which he disposes of business.

We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

Notice to Public

On account of the continued increase in the cost of living, we are compelled to raise the price of shaves to 20c. This is in line with all up-to-date shops all over the country, and we do not feel that it is excessive. We solicit your continued patronage.

City Barber Shop,
Alton Frisby, Prop.

Notice to Public

We are now located in the Masonic building with the Messenger and are prepared to give you that same prompt service as in the past. We call for and deliver all work and will appreciate your patronage. All we ask is a fair trial.

City Tailor Shop,
1t Ben Frisby, Prop.

Try Darsey's new delivery service. Orders received before 10 a. m. delivered between 10 and 11 a. m. Orders received after 10 a. m. delivered between 3 and 4 p. m. Service first.

We are too busy to write an ad this week

Moving and arranging our stock of goods into our new location, the building formerly occupied by Mr. Wherry.

We hope to be straightened out by the end of the week and invite everybody to come to see us.

McLean & Riall
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS
Grapeland, Texas

Six O'clock Dinner

Unaware that he was to be host to a party of his friends Saturday night until the hour arrived, and upon reaching home find his guests assembled in the living room, Mr. M. E. Darsey proved equal to the occasion and entertained in a very pleasing manner.

Mrs. Darsey planned the event unknown to her husband, and his little surprise party was a great occasion for the invited guests; also it leaked that it was Mr. Darsey's birthday (he's a young man yet) and he received the congratulations and best wishes of all present—in addition to several boxes of cigars.

The dinner consisted of turkey and all the fixin's that go with it and was graciously served by Mrs. Darsey, assisted by her sister Miss Mary Lou Darsey. Covers were laid for fifteen.

thanking Mr. and Mrs. Darsey for the splendid entertainment, and hoping that Mr. Darsey would have a birthday every Saturday.

Those present were Messrs. J. E. Buttrill, G. H. Farmer, C. C. Hill, Sam Kennedy, P. H. Stafford, Wade L. Smith, W. L. Mangum, A. H. Luker, Edward Marsh, W. A. Riall, George E. Darsey Jr., O. W. Davis, E. E. Hollingsworth.

Notice Methodist Folks

The second installment of your centenary pledge was due January 1. It is imperative that the amount be paid at the earliest possible moment. Please make remittance to me at once in the manner most convenient to you and do not expect me to come after it, as I am very busy. Your prompt attention in this matter will be appreciated.

A. H. Luker,
2t Church Treasurer.

Clay Jones and family of Percilla will move to Grapeland and occupy Mr. Shaver's residence.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Jan. 5.—Another Christmas has passed into history and a new year opened and everything seems to be moving along nicely in this section.

The young people enjoyed several entertainments during the holidays, and there was a pound supper at the home of Claude Brooks last Saturday night. A large crowd gathered at an early hour and remained several hours enjoying music and many good things to eat.

There was preaching Sunday evening by Rev. J. E. Buttrill.

W. L. Finch and wife of Alto visited relatives here several days last week.

L. A. Finch and wife, also of Alto, are here visiting relatives.

Peter Bridges and family of Elkhart visited relatives here Sunday. Mrs. W. P. Kyle returned to Elkhart with them and will spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Bridges.

C. C. Rose spent the holidays with relatives near Texarkana, returning home several days ago.

Mr. Defee of Corrigan is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Kyle.

David Caskey and family moved into our neighborhood last week. Mr. Caskey lived here several years ago and we are glad to welcome him back.

Mrs. Fannie Cook and two of her children have been quite ill several days. The children are reported much better, but Mrs. Cook is not improving very much.

Miss Louise Kyle is on the puny list.

Approaching Wedding

A very unexpected surprise took place during the third course of a six o'clock dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Darsey Tuesday, December 30, in the unique manner in which the announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Miss Mary Lou Darsey of this city to Mr. Leon L. Anderson of Paris, which will take place February 18. Covers were laid for fourteen. After the announcement, this young couple received the hearty congratulations of a large group of their friends.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and aches money. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

W. E. Kerr, who has been with Kennedy Bros. as manager of the dry goods department for several years, has resigned and will remove to Goose Creek, where he has accepted a lucrative position with the Humble Oil & Refining Co. Mr. Kerr left Monday and his family will go in a few weeks. We regret very much to see these good people leave us, and we join their host of friends here in best wishes for their success and happiness in their new location.

SALMON NEWS

Salmon, Jan. 5.—The people of this community extend new year greetings to the editor and the Messenger's many readers. May peace, happiness, contentment and prosperity reign supreme in every home. Not only for the year 1920, but for the years to come, and may the Messenger be a welcome visitor in each home throughout the country. So if you want to know the news that goes all around, just take the Messenger at Grapeland town.

The health of this community is very good at present as far as we know except bad colds.

Dan Herod went to Austin last Friday on business and to visit his brother, Sam Herod, who lives there.

The people of this section of the country are very busy now getting ready for a new crop, and gee, we are hoping it will be a bumper, for we sure do need it!

Reagan Lasiter moved with his family to the Sadler farm, three miles east of here, last week. Best wishes to them in their new home.

S. B. Taylor moved from Livelyville near here, on Mr. Leatherwood's farm. We welcome them.

Charley Garrison and wife were up from Willis a few days last week visiting his father, J. M. Garrison.

Misses Audrey and Prudie Campbell spent Christmas week with home folks, and have now returned to their school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bean of Grapeland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Starkey, and also Mrs. C. A. Campbell and children.

We want everybody interested in our Sunday school to come out next Sunday, and if you are not interested come out and meet with us and get interested. We want to see more of the old folks come out and take part with us. Come, and you will be greatly benefitted.

Wanted—New Parts

"When I bought this motor car from you a few weeks ago," cried the irate purchaser "you said you would be willing to supply a new part if anything broke! "Certainly, sir" agreed the manufacturer. "What can I have the pleasure of providing you with?"

"Well," replied the purchaser. "I want a pair of new ankles, a left eye, three yards of cuticle, a box of assorted finger nails, four front teeth, a funny bone and a new suit of clothes, which you can get from Clewis."

Corn Wanted

I want to buy 1000 to 1500 bushels of good ear corn. Will pay \$1.00 per bushel. Bring what you have to sell.

Mrs. Ory Heath returned to home in Aldine last Friday, after spending some time here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Jan. 5.—We are thus far on the new year and are moving along as fast as the clock can tick it off.

A few holiday notes will not be out of place. We did not put up a tree for old Santa to put our presents on, but he had not forgotten where we stayed, and notwithstanding the h. c. l. he came and am safe in saying that everyone received some kind of remembrance, and everyone had a little bit of sugar to prepare the special dinners for the occasion. The holidays past with most folks on Sunday. We tried to run on until yesterday but had no help. Tom Kent and family did run over until yesterday, but were not at home, having spent the week in Crockett.

J. L. Chiles says he had for supper one night three as pretty and lively girls as the country affords.

We have had no rain in so long that it was getting fine for burning boll weevils, but it is raining this morning and will stop such work for awhile. No one has gardened yet, but talking about it. Only a few have a full complement of labor and it may mean some idle land.

Our school is getting along o. k., and the children are learning to read, write and calculate and think and make desirable citizens and not fit timber for bolsheviks.

We have begun our Sunday school again, and all who could not be with us yesterday try and be on hand next Sunday.

Our cradle roll for the year: Virginia Leland Beazley, Bettie Belle West, Richard Hempleton Kent, Emma Fae Fulgham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Edens of Grapeland were in our community yesterday, having been invited to help devour a Christmas dinner which failed to be pulled off at the regular time.

Guess most everyone by now know what they are going to do. Let's sure try to make something to eat and feed, then every bale of cotton we can. Some how we feel like this is going to be a great year. If this old world does go to pieces, we want to try to hold to the best piece Zack.

MICKIE SAYS

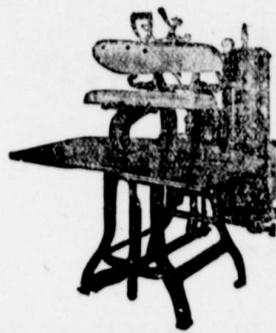
AIN'T IT FUNNY, HOW WHEN A FELLER GETS SORE AN' STOPS HIS PAPER, HE ACTS SURPRISED BECAUSE WE DON'T ALL BUST OUT INTO TEARS AND HANG GRAPE ON THE DOOR?



"Let Clewis Do It"

QUICK SERVICE

We Call for and Deliver



CLEANING AND PRESSING THE HOFFMAN WAY IS THE SANITARY WAY

Clewis

Congressmen Take up Bill To Suppress the Reds

The majority of Congressmen, of both parties, feel that it is not enough merely to deport alien "reds". Some of the most dangerous are naturalized citizens and a few are fanatical native Americans, usually children of recent immigrants.

The House Judiciary Committee is considering the question how citizens may be punished, if they are guilty of the same acts for which aliens are deported. Members think that citizens should be punished more severely than aliens. Citizens ought to know better, and in them the offense is more akin to treason.

A number of proposed bills for such purposes are before the committee. A sub-committee was appointed to weld them into one, with a view to speedy passage. Republicans and Democrats work together in this matter. Both parties are thoroughly aroused, after years of good-natured apathy during which the real program of the radical groups was not understood or was treated with indifference. It is now realized that these groups aim at nothing less than the destruction of all that patriotic Americans hold dear.

In the House, Democrats joined with Republicans in charging that certain persons in the Department of Labor had protected "reds" against deportation, by straining the law in their favor. The House Committee on Immigration is investigating this. Part of the discussion in Con-

gress was given to the case of Victor Berger, the German Socialist who was lately expelled from Congress for disloyalty—or not allowed to take his seat. He has been again elected from Milwaukee, a district full of Germans and Socialists. Members of the House said that he certainly would not be admitted, no matter how often the Milwaukee district may elect him. This is not because he is a Socialist and pro-German, nor even because he has been convicted and sentenced under the espionage law. It is because the House considers him, by his own admissions, disloyal and therefore unfit to be a Representative in Congress.

For sick headache, backache, heartburn, nervous weakness and constipation, Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy that men use. It purifies the bowels, tones the stomach, clears the brain, sweetens the breath, restores energy and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

If you are a young man, you will be delighted with one of those new model, belted blue fannel suits at Darsey's. We are also showing other bright models.

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without question if Hunt's Salve fails in the treatment of Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, Itch, etc. Don't become discouraged because other treatments failed. Hunt's Salve has relieved hundreds of such cases. You can't lose on our Money Back Guarantee. Try it at our risk TODAY. Price 75c. For sale locally by

WADE L. SMITH

A Cold in the Chest clogs the lungs and air passages and becomes serious if neglected; besides it makes you feel bad. To get rid of the misery, take

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

It is a Fine Relieving Remedy

It is good for colds settled in the lungs, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, Soreness in the Bronchial tubes, Hard Coughs, Congestion in the Lungs. It is soothing and healing and very comforting to the sufferer.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle

Buy the \$1.00 size. You get five times as much as the 25c size, and you get free with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

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"The Universal Car"

The Ford Sedan, with electric self-starter and lighting system and demountable rims with 3 1-2 inch tires front and rear, for every day in the year has no equal as a family car. Just as popular on the farm as it is in the city. In fact, it fits the family demands in every vocation of life. Large roomy seats, finely upholstered, plate glass windows, make it an open car in pleasant weather, while in rainy and inclement weather it becomes a closed car, dust-proof and rain-proof. It is not only comfortable but really cozy, and above all, economical in operation and maintenance and has all the Ford merits of strength and durability.

Call and we will be glad to show you one

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HUGH L. MORRISON, Authorized Representative

A Statement

Inasmuch as there has gone abroad a report that the First Baptist Church of Slocum has discriminated against certain religious organizations or churches, and that capital is being made of same by some persons to the hurt of the church, the cause of Christ and the spread of the Gospel.

Therefore, we make known by these presents that prior to the time that the present building was erected all denominations used the school building for religious meetings at their own liberty; further, that when the Baptists of Slocum completed their present building and at the first meeting in same the church, by motion and second, in regular conference, tendered the use of their building to all recognized religious denominations that might care to use it. Done in conference January 4, 1920.

W. R. Durnell, Moderator
S. M. Rains, C. C.

JOHN SPENCE

Lawyer

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Office up stairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

To All Owners of Automobiles

You will find for your convenience at each bank in the county application blanks which you may secure and fill out and return with check to cover the amount of your car tax, thereby, saving you of the unnecessary trouble of coming to Crockett in order to pay your 1920 license fee. It is absolutely essential that your car tax be paid not later than Jan. 31, 1920 and should you for any reason fail to pay until Feb. 1st, there will be an additional cost of twenty-five per cent and keep in mind that if you have a second hand car that before it can be registered you must secure a transfer from the party from whom you purchased car, also bill of sale to same.

Do not forget the date that the penalty goes on for all taxes, and at the same time remember that this year is election year and in order to vote you must pay your tax prior to Feb. 1st.

I am, yours very truly,
C. W. Butler, Jr.,
Tax Collector.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dourough, who moved from Mt. Vernon just a short time ago, left Saturday for Gilmer, where Mr. Dourough has accepted a position with a cotton oil mill.

What Everyone Should Know About 14th Decennial Census

The fourteenth Decennial Census of the United States is on! Under the immediate direction of J. H. Painter, Supervisor of the Seventh Census District of Texas, census enumerators will call at every dwelling house in this community to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the printed census schedules.

Questions covering the following points will be asked of every person in the United States:

Sex; color or race; age at last birthday; whether single, married, widowed or divorced; birthplace of person enumerated and birth places of father and mother, giving names of both country and province if foreign born; occupation, specifying trade or profession, also industry in which employed; whether attending school; whether able to read; whether able to write; whether able to speak English; whether home is owned or rented, and if owned whether home is free of encumbrance or is mortgaged;

Persons of foreign birth will be asked questions concerning these additional points:

Year of immigration to the United States; whether naturalized, and if so the year of naturalization; mother tongue or native language.

Census enumerators also will call at every farm in this community to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the agriculture schedule.

Each farmer will be asked questions concerning the acreage and value of his farm; whether he owns, rents or partly owns and partly rents the land he farms; the value of the buildings, machinery and implements belonging to his farm; the quantity of all crops raised on his farm during the year 1919; and many other questions which cover all possible farm operations.

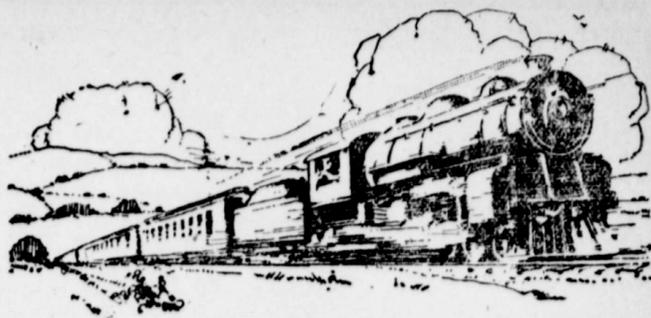
An absolutely accurate and complete census vitally concerns the welfare of this community and of every person living in it. The official population for the next ten years will be determined by the census of 1920.

Be ready with your answers when the census man calls at your house.

Presidential Candidates

Gen. Lenard Wood, Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois and Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio are the three leading candidates for the Republican nomination for President. The first two have issued their "platforms of principles." Harding issued none; he said he would leave that to the National Convention. Some difficulty appeared about Gen. Wood's candidacy, he being an officer in the Army and therefore not supposed to be active in politics. However, there is nothing in the Army regulations to prevent it. In 1880 Major-General Winfield S. Hancock was nominated for President by the Democratic party and did not resign even after he was nominated.

On the Democratic side the candidates now include James W. Gerard as well as William G. McAdoo and Attorney General Palmer. Mr. Gerard was the American Ambassador at Berlin at the beginning of the Great War and until the United States broke off relations with Germany. His



Out of accumulated capital have arisen all the successes of industry and applied science, all the comforts and ameliorations of the common lot. Upon it the world must depend for the process of reconstruction in which all have to share.
—JAMES J. HILL.

The Successful Farmer Raises Bigger Crops

and cuts down costs by investment in labor-saving machinery.

Good prices for the farmers' crops encourage new investment, more production and greater prosperity.

But the success of agriculture depends on the growth of railroads—the modern beasts of burden that haul the crops to the world's markets.

The railroads—like the farms—increase their output and cut down unit costs by the constant investment of new capital.

With fair prices for the work they do, the railroads are able to attract new capital for expanding their facilities.

Rates high enough to yield a fair return will insure railroad growth, and prevent costly traffic congestion, which invariably results in poorer service at higher cost.

National wealth can increase only as our railroads grow.

Poor railroad service is dear at any price. No growing country can long pay the price of inadequate transportation facilities.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives.

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

Our Best Efforts

this year will be put forward to merit your highly appreciated patronage.

We opened our doors January 1 with a determination to serve you better and to do more business than we have ever done.

We solicit your business.

D. N. Leaverton

LEADING DRUGGIST

books, "My Four Years in Germany" and "Face to Face with Kaiserism," helped to solidify American public sentiment in favor of the war. Mr. Gerard says he will withdraw if Mr. Wilson means to be a candidate.

Mr. Bryan Again for President?

It is believed that William Jennings Bryan intends to seek a fourth nomination for President this year. In the last number of his paper, The Commoner, extracts from other papers, favoring his nomination, are printed. The leading article in the paper criticises the Administration and calls on Democrats to rouse the party from its "palsied state." These are regarded as symptoms that Mr. Bryan has a new attack of presidential fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lewis Finch of Alto visited relatives and friends in the New Prospect community a few days last week, returning home Sunday afternoon.

C. C. OFFICER Veterinarian

Telephone the Goodson Hotel or Drug Stores

"I Was So Weak That I Could Not Walk"

Rich-Tone Is Making Me Strong and Healthy.—Says F. Maese.

"I was so very weak and nervous, and lost all my appetite and had become in such a bad physical condition that at times I could not walk. I saw your advertisement on Rich-Tone and am now taking it. I feel so much better that I take pleasure in recommending Rich-Tone to all my friends as the very best tonic in the world."

Take RICH-TONE and gain new energy

Not one penny will Rich-Tone cost you, if it doesn't prove of genuine worth in treating your case. You are to be the judge—try this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy, a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up, then Rich-Tone will be free to you—it will not cost you anything—not one penny. You owe it to yourself to try this marvelous remedy. You owe it to your family and friends to be strong, well, happy, bright of eye, brisk of step, ruddy of cheek, able to go about your work with a smile on your lips! Try Rich-Tone entirely at our risk. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold and guaranteed locally by

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Office 51
Residence 11

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of The Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston County. To aid us in this, every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8, 1920

The ultimate consumer knows a number of other things which are what Sherman said war was.

Beware of gold bricks. They always shines with greater effulgence just before you grab them.

The reds are given too much rope in one way and not enough in another.

Some weather! Wealthy peo-had their ice last summer—we are getting ours now.

Friends and credit are best maintained by not using them too much.

If a boy isn't rough on clothes, his parents should consult a physician.

No one is going to drag your name in the mud if you don't voluntarily get close to the mud hole.

Now be ready to receive the census enumerators with all consideration and consider not their queries as impertinent.

You will probably be subscribing to things until you die. And when you get ready to die you will feel better for having subscribed, because a dollar is poor company in a grave.

Of course it's alright to be frank with the red element and tell them if they don't like things in the United States they may go home, but we have got to the stage where we feel like telling them to go somewhere else.

About these folks who persist in killing themselves by drinking wood alcohol—how about creating a "Hall of Fools"—the man who didn't know it was loaded, the jay who rocks the boat and the idiot who drinks stuff labeled whiskey?

"My new year resolution is to redouble my efforts to secure for Grapeland an electric light and ice plant during 1920," remarked a prominent business man the other day. We have heard quite a number say the same thing, so sentiment seems to favor this project and we see no reason why the matter should be longer delayed.

Your County Newspaper

All through the southwest—in almost every well populated county—are small local newspapers fulfilling admirably their important mission. Filled with the local news of the different communities, they are truthful and interesting chronicles of the lives of the people, their sorrows, their joys, their misfortunes, their progress. From week to week they tell of the planting and conditions of crops, of harvest, of market conditions. Their columns are open to fair-minded discussions by the public of matters of general interest, and they are always in the lead in any progressive undertaking. However harsh and unnecessary sometimes seem their criticism in their zeal for a cause, however impracticable sometimes may be their propositions, candor forces us to admit that nearly always they are honest and their purpose is the furthering of the public weal.

By the very nature of its position, the country newspaper cannot be considered a purely private enterprise. It is essentially a public institution, and as such deserves and must have the support of the people among whom it circulates. If no one else in your neighborhood is sending its news in to your county paper, it is your duty to do it. Every week or two write for it a breezy, truthful, sensible chronicle of the happenings in your community. When you are in town call on the editor and talk with him about your work and his. When you hear the paper unjustly criticised, defend it warmly; when you find a home that does not take it, commend it freely.

The man who does not support his county paper has no right to criticise it, either as to news or moral or general tone. Get yourself intimate with it, and its editor, show him what you are doing on your farm, and what you would like to see done, or not done, in your community and county. When you have thus made your interests his, and his yours, then insist on his making and keeping your paper and his a clean, moral sheet and in every way the great influence for good that should be.

Our newspapers, like our schools, and churches, are just what we want them and make them by our interested support, or lack of it—O. C. Payne in Farm and Ranch.

Notice to Overseers of all Public Roads in Commissioners' Precinct No. 1:

Make out your road commission return and report same at regular term of commissioners' court, which will be the week following the second Monday in January, and also recommend some one for overseer in 1920; also to those who are paying the five dollars to county treasurer be sure and give your name in full and state to what road assigned. This is for the purpose of getting in line with all roads early in the year so the road hands can work them before crop time. Respectfully,

J. S. Long,
44-2 t Commissioner Prec. 1.

George Shaver is erecting two rent houses on his property in Sycamore Addition; also building some barns and other-outhouses.

George E. Darsey & Co.
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

EACH DAY new friends are being made for this large, up-to-the-minute store. Men and women who are particular about their appearance and that of their boys and girls, and who insist upon quality as well as style, know that this is a real store for buying wearing apparel. When they select a coat, dress or suit; hat, suit, overcoat or silk shirt; shoes, hose or a handkerchief, they know that they can feel sure of complete satisfaction.

Of Special Importance This Week

Things You Will Need and that will Give Service

BOYS' SUITS

You can find here a suit or overcoat for that boy of yours made in mannish styles.

CHILDREN'S COATS

We have a big line of sizes in girls' and children's coats that are wonderful bargains. The fact that this line is not complete by far is sufficient reason why you should come at once.



NEW FLORSHEIMS FOR MEN

THE CHESTER—A foot form, straight last shoe in black and brown kangaroo. Widths A to D.

THE BANKER—A roomy broad toe shoe in black kangaroo and kid. Widths D to EE

THE EXMORE—An extreme English toe in brown Rajah calf; plenty of pep and style. Widths A to C.

THE SARANAC—A conservative English toe we are showing in brown kangaroo. Widths A to C.

Other good lasts in John C. Roberts shoes for men.



THE Florsheim Straight Last is a conservative style that never changes—a superior quality shoe that combines dignified appearance with absolute comfort.

One of our many Florsheim styles.



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your Meat wants.

It's our business to please you if we can and every facility of our Market is always at your disposal. Make it your business to trade with us.

CITY MEAT MARKET

T. W. LEWIS, Proprietor

LOCAL ITEMS

Heaters, all sizes, at Darsey's.

Big line of harness and leather goods at Kennedy Bros.

Take your chickens and eggs to Darsey's.

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

Plenty of Bran, Shorts, Alfalfa hay and seed Oats at Kennedy Bros.

Miss Eula Mae Davis has accepted a position with George E. Darsey & Co.

Jack Murchison left Sunday for Sweetwater, where he has a position.

M. D. Murchison and family have moved into their home purchased from C. L. Haltom.

Johnston Freeze Proof for your radiator. Will not freeze. Darsey's.

Jim McLean returned Monday night from a business trip to Houston.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Modern Times

Require MODERN IDEAS. Modern Ideas are not acquired through a general process of absorption, but by PREPARATION. Nowadays, professional men, realizing the necessity, PREPARE themselves before they attempt to serve the PUBLIC or promote their own interests.

With us, our business is a PROFESSION, and believing that the PUBLIC appreciates PREPARATION, we PREPARED ourselves before we attempted to serve YOU. We make NO GUESS in compounding your prescriptions.

"SUDDEN SERVICE"

GOOLSBY-SHERMAN DRUG CO.

Successors to Bishop Drug Co.
GRADUATE PHARMACISTS ONLY

CARL GOOLSBY Crockett, Texas LIP SHERMAN

We handle GENUINE FORD PARTS. Brooks Bros. tf

Car of Orinole flour received this week at Darsey's

Plenty of those good Federal auto casings at Kennedy Bros.

Lard cans in 6, 8, 10 gallon sizes at Darsey's.

Just received a big line of Club House fancy canned goods, Phone us your order. Kennedy Bros.

Miss Eula Mae Riall has returned to Lake Charles, La., after spending the holidays here with her mother.

Our plow repair department is complete. Tell us your wants and we will fill the bill. Kennedy Bros.

Food choppers at Darsey's.

NuWay suspenders guaranteed for a year at Darsey's.

Take your eggs to Darsey's and get the highest cash prices.

Everything in builders and shelf hardware at Darsey's.

666 has proven it will cure malaria, chills and fever, bilious fever, colds and lagrippe.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co. pay highest cash prices for eggs and other produce.

Mrs. N. J. Davis and children of Livingston visited relatives here several days last week.

We have the FORD PARTS that you need.

John Murray of Lovelady was here last Friday visiting his brother, J. M. Murray.

Just received a big car of La France and Luscious flour it pleases everyone. Buy it at Kennedy Bros.

Miss Lois Porter, who has been visiting Miss Lucretia Riall, returned to her home in Tyler Sunday night.

Darsey's stroe is as near you as your telephone. Phone us, tell us when you want it and we'll do the rest.

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Several new models in men's and young men's overcoats received this week at \$17.50. Other at \$15 to \$35 at Darsey's.

For Sale

A 4-burner oil stove and a good refrigerator. See, C. L. Haltom.

666 quickly relieves colds and la-grippe, constipation biliousness, loss of Appetite and Headaches.

We wash cars, charge batteries, fix Fords and repair automobiles. Service Garage.

Miss Lucretia Riall has gone to Sherman, where she will attend school, taking a special course in voice.

Cash For Eggs! You can get highest cash prices for your chickens, eggs and other produce at Darsey's.

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

We are receiving more new hardware every day. Come in and let us fill your bill. Kennedy Bros.

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Corn Wanted
I am in the market for 1,000 bushels of corn. Will pay \$1.00 per bushel delivered. O. W. Davis

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

Mrs. A. A. Allen was called to Palestine Monday on account of the death of her brother's child, which died in a sanitarium.

Grady Scarborough has returned from west Texas, where he has been working the past few months.

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Cheap Convenient Safe

A preparation which imparts a smoky flavor to meat without danger of fire and the trouble of a smoke-house.

Liquid Smoke

Price \$1.00 the Bottle.

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE

HONESTY AND QUALITY

WADE L. SMITH

Hogs Wanted

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

Mrs. Pack Traylor and Miss Dot Scarborough of Cleveland, who spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Geo. Scarborough, returned to their home Friday morning.

Peanuts Wanted

I am in the market for peanuts and will pay top prices. J. W. Howard

McLean & Riall moved their stock of goods Tuesday to the building formerly occupied by W. R. Wherry. Henry Dailey will move into the building made vacant by them.

Fords for Sale

1 1918 model Ford roadster with new top, for \$300.00; 1 Ford racer at almost your own price. C. C. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Finch were over from Alto a few days this week, Mr. Finch coming over after some hogs. They are well pleased in their new location.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July: For District Judge, Third Judicial District:

JOHN S. PRINCE
(Re-election)
For County Clerk:
W. D. COLLINS

Will Buy Your Corn

We are in the market for several hundred bushels of ear corn and will pay the best market price. See us before you sell and get our price. Dailey Bros.

John R. Owens of Trinity visited his many friends in Grapeland Sunday and Monday. John is making good with the Trinity Tribune, just as we knew he would, and the business people of Trinity are giving him strong support.

Pay Your School Tax

The time is growing short in which to pay your school tax. After February 1, 10 per cent penalty will be added. Up to date about 50 per cent of the taxes have been paid, so you'll have to hurry to avoid the penalty. Paul Kennedy, Collector. tf

Stray Pig

Small black sow pig, unmarked. If found, put up and notify me. It Walter Brumley, R 1.

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones of Freeport spent a few days here last week visiting the doctor's sister, Mrs. Goodson.

If the old adage is true that a "bad beginning makes a good ending," the Messenger will go out of this year at top speed with all sales set for a good finish, for this new year has just been one thing after another. We are late again this week, but hope to catch up and hit our regular stride by next week.

Our Fleet Off for South

The U. S. Atlantic fleet goes to West Indian waters this week, for winter manoeuvres.

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 Auxilliary 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, Secy.
 Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon after the second Sunday in each month.
 Mrs. P. H. Stafford, Pres.
 Mrs. G. H. Farmer, Secy.
 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.
 Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon following the second and fourth Sundays at 3 o'clock.
 Mrs. S. E. Traylor, Pres.
 Mrs. Marvin Gilbert, Sec.
 Board of Stewards meet on Monday night following each third Sunday.
 R. B. Edens, Pres.
 Wade L. Smith, Sec'y.

Our Honor Roll

Did you know the price of news print paper has been "histed" by the profiteering paper barons as high as the proverbial cat's back? There is practically no profit now at \$1.50. The Polk County Enterprise has already advanced to \$2.00 a year and others will rapidly follow. We do not guarantee that our price will remain \$1.50, although we'll hold it there if we can. You can help keep it at \$1.50 by renewing promptly. We cannot afford to send the paper on credit at present prices we are forced to pay for everything. Do not wait for us to mail you a statement, but remit by check, money order, bring it in, or send by a friend, just any old way so you get it here.

This week our honor roll is as follows. We hope next week's will be twice as long.
 Grapeland—B. R. Guice, J. E. Buttrill, S. E. Howard, W. R. Wherry, Willis Shaver, Roy Brewton, Ed Parker.
 Route 2—Lee Brown, Mrs. Nora Burden.
 Route 3—David Caskey, N. V. Streetman.
 Route 4—G. B. Kent.
 Percilla—W. Z. Brumley, J. H. Dickey, Luther Dotson.
 Augusta—Jim McLean.
 Elmina—Miss Lucile Hill.
 O. H. Davis, Kemp and C. E. Davis, Goose Creek, both by Mrs. C. T. Davis.

Mrs. Swanson Yarbrough and baby of Houston have been visiting relatives here.

The Years' Weather Forecast

It is an old saying, and perhaps a superstitious one, that the first twelve days after Christmas represent the succeeding twelve months of the new year, each day standing for each month respectively. Below I give my observations for these twelve days, so paste them in your hat and see if it hits this year:

December 26—January
 Sky—cloudy, some sunshine up to 2 o'clock; at 5 p. m. very cloudy.

Temperature—Cold but no ice
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—Cold from the northwest, later from the north.
 Remarks—Bad looking weather for the night.

December 27—February
 Sky—Clear all day.
 Temperature — Moderately warm but frost in early morning.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—Very calm.
 Remarks—Beautiful day.

December 28—March
 Sky—Clear all day.
 Temperature—Somewhat cool to cold.

Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—None.
 Remarks—Beautiful day; sun rose clear.

December 29—April
 Sky—Clear all day.
 Temperature—Cool.
 Precipitation—None.
 Wind—None.
 Remarks—Lovely weather.

December 30—May
 Sky—Clear but some clouds in afternoon in west and east.
 Sun set behind a cloud.
 Temperature—Warm.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—Some wind from west.
 Remarks—A weather breeder; some rain seed.

December 31—June
 Sky—Partly clear; some clouds
 Temperature—Warm.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—None.
 Remarks—Ideal day.

January 1—July
 Sky—Partly cloudy all day.
 Temperature—Tolerable cold, but no ice.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—Gentle north wind.
 Remarks—Day closed threatening bad weather.

January 2—August
 Sky—Clear all day.
 Temperature—Nice and cool.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—Cold from north, and blew hard night before.
 Remarks—Weather was pleasant enough except in the chilly wind.

January 3—September
 Sky—Partly cloudy all day.
 Temperature — Freezing but very thin ice.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—Cold from the north.
 Remarks—Beautiful weather, and moonlight nights in the new moon.

January 4—October
 Sky—Clear nearly all day; late, cloudy.
 Temperature—Cool.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Wind—Some from east.
 Remarks—Weather unsettled and rain prospects.

January 5—November
 Sky—Solid cloudy.
 Temperature—Freezing.
 Precipitation—Rained all day.
 Wind—Moderately from the east.

Remarks—Intensely disagreeable day. Ice formed on every-

thing and brought down trees and telephone wires.

January 6—December
 Sky—Solid cloudy.
 Temperature — Moderately cold; no ice.
 Precipitation—No rain.
 Remarks—Unsettled weather and plenty of mud.
 Respectfully,
 G. H. Black.

Notice to Phone Subscribers of Farmers Union Exchange

At a recent meeting of the stockholders, it was deemed necessary to slightly increase telephone rents to care for the upkeep of the system. When the system was put in a few years ago, the rate was made extremely low without taking into consideration any cost for upkeep and to put the system in good shape we must have more revenue. Even with the increase we are still getting service cheaper than any town we know of. The new rates became effective January 1, and are as follows:

Residence phone to stockholders, per month\$1.00
 Residence phone to non-stockholders, per month\$1.25
 Business phone to stockholders, per month\$1.50
 Business phone to non-stockholders, per month\$1.75

Central closes on Sunday at 9 a. m. and opens at 3 p. m. Please do not call between those hours unless you want a doctor. Central closes at night at 9 o'clock. Please do not call after that hour unless a doctor is wanted.

T. H. Leaverton, Pres.,
 Floyd Waller, Mgr.

W. R. Wherry has sold out his stock of goods and McLean & Riall, who purchased the build- will move into same this week. Mr. Wherry and family will leave for Houston about January 15 where they will reside in the future, and where he has two grocery and one dry goods store. We regret exceedingly to see this splendid family leave us. They have been residents of this city thirteen years, during which time they have endeared themselves to our people. We wish them well in their new home.

There are more businesses in Grapeland than there are houses to accomodate. January 1 Ben Frisby found himself without a house for his tailorshop and a thorough search failed to find a house suitable for his establishment, until he approached the Messenger man and we let him have quarters in our large building until he finds something that suits him better.

Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements, it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for putting the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Will Buy Your Hogs
 I am in the market for all kinds of hogs from 60 pounds up, and will pay you the best market price for them. Be sure to see me before you sell.
 J. W. Howard.

Messrs. T. H. and F. W. Leaverton are putting in a shingle mill a few miles south of town.

Now Gentlemen, Listen

In 1920 you have new and unusual conditions to face and what to do and how to do it is the thing. You can shift along over the road all during 1920 and land out at the end of the year, but the important point is that your OPPORTUNITY IS HERE. Now is your chance to make some money and get ahead. It takes wide-awake, alert, good judgment to get the best results and nothing can hold you back or keep you down. Money has no home; it goes about from place to place and you owe it to yourself, to wife and babies or to your sweetheart (as the case may be) to hold your place, make your mark and a share of the coin of the realm. Somebody may be standing on your foot or standing between you and the opportunity, but you will have your eyes opened. No man before you ever had such a wonderful chance to make money; and, say, you can't do it like pa and ma did. If you have anything to do, DO IT NOW!

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

Ambitious Young Folks

Had it ever occurred to you that you had as well try to be a successful physician without attending a medical school or a successful lawyer without attending a law school, or a successful minister without attending a theological school, as to try to be a successful banker, or merchant, without first being trained for business in the Tyler Commercial College. You would attend a university with a reputation if you wanted to make a first class doctor, lawyer or minister. Why not use the same good judgment in selecting a business school in which to secure your training? The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is the business university of the South; it enrolls more students annually than any other similar school in America. Its students have come from 39 different states and seven foreign countries; its graduates are holding the very best positions in the leading cities of the United States.

If you will spend from \$150.00 to \$250.00 for tuition, board and books for a course of Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Telegraphy, Cotton Classing, or Business Finance, or better still, spend \$200.00 to \$300 and complete any two of these courses, you will have made the best investment of your life. What young man or woman with grit and determination cannot raise this amount? Hundreds of students who borrowed every cent of the money to attend this school, or gave their note for part of their tuition will readily tell you it was the best venture of their lives; they were soon able, through the good positions secured them by the college, to pay what they owed and continue to hold their good positions or go into business for themselves and succeed. If you always remain where you are, you will always be what you are. Think this statement over seriously. More than 300 new students before the month closes, will be added to the fifteen hundred that are now here. Why not you be among the number? You can enter any day and take up the work. For large free catalogue verifying the above claims and more, fill in and mail.

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 Course interested in.....

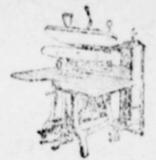
You will find a good selection of heaters, cook stoves and furniture at Darsey's.

We Charge No More for First-class Work than is Ordinarily Asked for Second Class.

Our purpose is to clean, press and repair your clothes in such way that you may regard our work as better than usual. And to charge you no more for this kind of service than perhaps you have been in the habit of paying for unsatisfactory results.

We make your clothes fit you.

There is a difference—we want to show you.



CITY TAILOR SHOP

ABSTRACTS

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

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EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT
 Office: Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6 Ritner Building, 103 1/2 Main St.
 Palestine, Texas
 Office Hours:
 9 to 12 a. m. 2 to 5 p. m.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. C. L. Moore, the dentist, is now in Grapeland, at the Grapeland Hotel, and is ready to do all kinds of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.

Floyd Waller of Salmon has leased the Farmers Union Telephone system and took charge January 1st. Mr. Waller proposes to improve the service just as fast as possible.



Always Plenty of Cash

to loan on bankable securities here. We invite applications for loans from reliable parties and promise prompt consideration and the most liberal treatment consistent with sound banking.



FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

We have increased the efficiency of our grocery department and can give quick, prompt service. Our stock comprises leading lines of canned goods, package goods, coffee, sugar, flour etc. such as you will not find in stores outside of the larger places. All phone orders given immediate

attention and deliveries promptly made. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Can't Keep Prices Down

All the Government's efforts to reduce the cost of living did not avail to prevent an increase of 2 per cent in November, over the October prices of 22 staple articles of food.

People Like to be Fooled

Everybody likes to see a magician perform. All know that the whole thing is made up of trickery and deception but there is something fascinating about being fooled that way and in trying to discover just how the man manages to do his fooling. All of which seems to substantiate Barnum's statement that people want to be humbugged. Moreover, deny it as we may, each of us has more or less superstition in his make-up; anything that savors at all of the supernatural attracts and interests all mankind, whether savage or civilized.

The priests of ancient times were well aware of this peculiar human trait and they did not scruple to take advantage of it in every possible way. They knew something of astronomy but shrewdly saw to it that the masses were kept in ignorance of its scientific principles. Then, by foretelling eclipses and other celestial phenomena, they mystified their followers and convinced them that they possessed wonderful supernatural powers. Thus they wielded a powerful influence which was of considerable selfish advantage to them.

They were also wont to employ various tricks of magic or legerdemain with similar objects in view. For performing these tricks they employed ingenious mechanical contrivances and paraphernalia of various kinds. Remains of ancient temples of Greece and Rome plainly show that such apparatus formed part

of the regular equipment. In the temple of Iris in Pompeii a secret stairway led to the back of the statue of the divinity which was hollow. Thus a priest could slip at will inside the statue and there concealed from view, give voice to oracular statements that appeared to the uninitiated to come from the lips of the goddess.

The statue of a supposed divinity in another temple stood on a base which was hollow. A secret door admitted the priests conveniently to this base which formed a sort of chamber. Tubes were arranged inside it, leading to various parts of the temple. Speaking into any desired tube, a priest inside the chamber could make it appear to his credulous followers in any part of the temple that the god was talking to them.

A Greek physicist who evidently had considerable inside information relative to the tricks of the priesthood described in a book some of the mechanical devices which they employed for deceiving worshipers. From this book which has come down to us we learn that the doors of temples were made to open automatically when fire was kindled on the altar and to close the same way when the fire was put out. The doors, says this author, were controlled by mechanism operated by the expansive action of the heat on the air inside the hollow altar.

He tells also of an arrangement of cords and pulleys which operated when the temple doors were opened. Through this mechanism a large cup with a trumpet fixed in the upper part of it was sunk into a vessel containing water. As the cup was forced into the water the air in it above the water of course was compressed and as it escaped through the trumpet, the latter naturally sounded whenever a worshiper threw open the door.

After setting fire to incense before the statues of their divinities priests in ancient Rome cleverly used concave mirrors of highly polished metal to throw images of the gods onto the rising clouds of incense. Thus the gods were made to appear as if floating about in the air.

Several modifications of this trick have been employed in later times to mystify and deceive the credulous and in most cases separate them from some of their spare coin. At the time of the French revolution an expert in optics fitted up an old Capuchin chapel for performances of this kind. He had the room, already somber as a tomb, lined with black cloth to heighten the awe-inspiring effect and make it perfectly dark. When his audience had assembled he would throw some kind of powder into a brazier and then by means of a magic lantern project figures of skeletons, notable characters, etc., onto the ascending clouds of smoke. The figures seemed to float spookily about in the room, the furnishings and the manner of conducting the performance being well calculated to make everything decidedly weird and hair-raising.

Another variation of this old deception was known as the "talking-head". This trick was performed by seating a man on a stool beneath a table with his head projecting above it. Two mirrors at an angle were arranged to reflect to the audience only the hangings on either side of

the stage. The back of the stage was draped with hangings of the same kind and color. With this arrangement spectators apparently looked right through and under the table. They saw nothing but the table on which rested a human head, apparently not connected to anybody, which talked and answered questions.

Still another variation was known as "Peppers ghost". This was widely exhibited a number of years ago. In the performance of this trick a large sheet of plain glass was placed opposite the spectators, inclining toward them. In front of this glass which of course was invisible was a trapdoor, opening into a chamber under the stage.

In this chamber the actual performer—a man or woman attired wholly in white or perhaps a specially articulated skeleton—stood in the glare of brilliant calcium lights.

The spectators of course could not see the figure but they could see the reflected image of it in the glass above the stage. The "specter" did everything that specters are ordinarily supposed to be able to do and, so far as anyone in the audience could tell, was a real, sure-enough ghost so everybody was pleased and thrilled.—The Pathfinder.

Glycerine Mixture for Gas on Stomach

Simple glycerine, buckthorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka relieves any case gas on stomach or sour stomach. It acts on both upper and lower bowel and removes all foul matter which poisons stomach. Often cures constipation. Prevents appendicitis. The instant, pleasant action of Adler-i-ka surprises both doctors and patients. One man who suffered five years from indigestion and constipation was helped by one dose. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

Pupil's Loyalty Pledge

The New York city school board has been considering a plan outlined by the district superintendents to require a loyalty pledge of every graduate of its high schools before giving him a diploma. The declaration of loyalty is as follows:

"I will support in school and out American ideals of justice and fair play, including the rights of unhampered opportunity under the law for all.

"I will hold the ideal of national patriotism above loyalty to any individual, political party, social class or previous national connection.

"I will actively oppose all revolutionary movements, such as bolshevism, anarchism, I. W. W.-ism or any movement antagonistic to the laws of the United States."

M. E. Darsey, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. George E. Darsey, and his sister, Miss Mary Lou, left Sunday for St. Louis, where he will spend several days in the wholesale market purchasing the spring line of ready-to-wear goods for George E. Darsey & Co. Miss Mabel Ward, milliner for this firm, will meet him there, and will spend two months in the millinery market purchasing the spring line of millinery and studying the latest fashions.

Thoughts and Things

The business of living, when boiled down to its clearest essence and all the froth skimmed off, is just a matter of thinking.

Each of us is continually thinking ideas of our own and swapping them for ideas of others. If there is a famine of outside ideas we shrivel up ourselves. Children with "nobody to play with" are unhappy and unmanageable.

From thinking with our heads to doing with our hands is but a little step and then our thoughts become things.

It is because men of America are so unfettered in their thinking and doing that this country is such a fine place to live in. It is also because these thoughts are freely radiated and spread broadcast, in the distribution of manufactured things and in the distribution of the facts about them (advertising), that this country is such a fine place to live in.

The originator of an idea is not much better off than before he originated it till he gets some one else to absorb it and enjoy it and benefit by it.

The man or woman surrounded by better thoughts and things but who pays not the slightest attention to them is not much better off than the one with "nobody to play with."

Advertising are thoughts—telling you about the ideas that other men and women have thought out for your happiness. Read the ads. They are the voices from hundreds of thousands of looms, shops, foundries, studios, laboratories, where millions of minds are turning pleasant thoughts into worth while things for your comfort.

UNION DOTS

Union, Jan. 5—Everybody thinks that we are having bad weather, but we are expecting to see colder weather with snow soon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Duitch, Misses Adela Duitch, and Norma Lee Pate, enjoyed Sunday with relatives and friends in Grape-land.

Mrs. C. A. Walling and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Walling and children also Mrs. Sam Yost and family spent Sunday with Mr. W. T. Cox and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Yost have moved from Oklahoma, and will make their home in our community. We are pleased to welcome them here.

We are sorry to report little Mr. Foy Walling very ill. He is threatened with pneumonia.

Delma Weisinger and Alford and Olen Brown spent Sunday with Ellis and Bailey Duitch.

There was preaching at Midway last Friday and Saturday nights.

Doc. Guice and family visited J. S. Weisinger and family Sunday.

Last Wednesday night the school house bell rang out for several hours. It rang out the false year and rang in the true, out went the old year and in came the happy new. By Shylock.

Guaranty State Bank Elects Officers for Ensuring Year

The stockholders of the Guaranty State Bank held their annual meeting at the bank last Tuesday and elected the following directors for the ensuing year:

C. W. Kennedy, P. H. Stafford, E. G. Walling, J. R. Pennington, M. P. Herod, U. M. Brock.

The directors then elected the following officers:

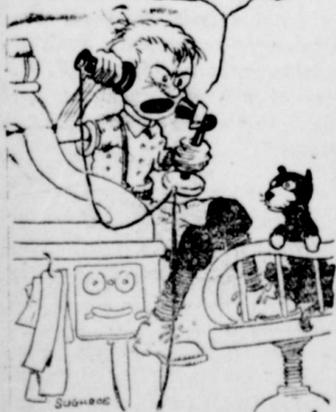
C. W. Kennedy, Pres.; J. R. Pennington, Vice Pres.; U. M. Brock, Cashier; Miss Melba K Brock, Assistant Cashier.

The surplus fund was increased to \$10,000, and a ten per cent dividend was declared payable to all stockholders.

The year just closed has been one of the most prosperous since the bank was organized.

MICKIE SAYS

YESSIR, WE SENT YOU A STATEMENT----- SURE! WE KNOW YER GOOD FER IT AN' INTEND TO PAY--- THE FIRMS WE BUY OUR PAPER AN' INK FROM KNOW WE'RE GOOD, BUT WE GOT TO PAY EM EVERY THIRTY ER SIXTY DAYS JEST THE SAME, SO WE GOTTA GIT OUR MONEY WHEN ITS DUE TOO, ER WE CAN'T PAY OUR BILLS, SEE!



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.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Jan. 5.—It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good and so Grapeland's loss is Tyler's gain in having Mrs. Loye Stowe change her position. My, how we will miss her, but we do wish her success and happiness in her new home.

Rev. J. F. Lively preached to a large congregation Sunday. Some were absent on account of sickness.

Mrs. G. W. Garner and sons, Raymond and Pual, and Mr. and Mrs. John Morris spent several days last week in Henderson county visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Denson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown.

Henry Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keen, Pual and Ruth McDonald and Modelle Garner visited at Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom's Sunday.

Jessie Bishop was at home Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones were visitors in Crockett the past week.

Several of our young folks went to the box supper at Silver Creek, where Miss Virgie Tillman was voted the prettiest girl present and was presented with the cake. That speaks well for Livelyville's pretty girls.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mills gave a musical entertainment to the young people of this community. Many were present and all declared they had a lovely time.

G. W. Garner is confined to his home, suffering with a severe cold.

Eggs Eggs

Try a package of Condimental Poultry Mixture. Every box sold under a printed money back guarantee. More eggs in 15 days of your money back. Condimental is a mineral preparation that acts directly on the organs which produce the eggs and is a general tonic, which will thoroughly renovate the system and the results must be more eggs and healthy chickens. Positively cures roup and sorehead. For sale by Keeland Bros. 44 8t

C. L. Haltom and family moved to the farm Tuesday east of town, Mr. Haltom being manager of the Texas Holstein Farm. This farm, in addition to raising crops of various kinds, will specialize in Holstein cattle and fine blooded hogs.

To ExService Men

All white ex-soldiers and sailors in the recent unpleasantness are urgently requested to meet at the courthouse in Crockett on Saturday afternoon, January 10, at 3 p. m. A Post of the American Legion will be formed. This is "first call;" "reveille" sounds at 3 p. m. on said date. Every ex-service man in Houston county is expected to answer "here" when the "top" calls the roll.

Harvey Bayne, Acting Adjutant. 2t

Mesrs. T. H. Leaverton and W. G. Darsey are improving their property south of town on the Crockett road and have erected a good tenant house. Mr. Hogg from Anderson county, is living on the place.



Lose Something?

Let Us Locate It for You

The surest way of finding the lost animal, the lost pet, or the lost article is to let us locate it for you. A small classified advertisement in our lost and found section will tell of your loss to many more people than you could see in a day.

And the more people you can interest in recovering your loss the sooner will you be successful.

The cost of a small advertisement is very low—much less than it would cost you to make a personal search. Next time let us make your search by means of a little classified ad.

Our Huge Balance of Exports

Secretary Alexander, the new head of the Department of Commerce, estimates the balance of trade in 1919 at four billion dollars. That is, we exported goods worth \$4,000,000,000, more than those we imported. This was in a year which saw no fighting. The Secretary says the year saw "a fabulous growth of American foreign commerce far beyond the dreams of business men five years ago." If we would keep up the figures to these splendid levels he says, "there must be a freer and fuller exchange of commodities and a very large extension of credit to foreign buyers."

Part of Our Big Preparation

Gen. Williams, Chief of Ordnance, says in his annual report that the United States now has shops and machinery for making as many big guns as it would need in case of another war. There are fourteen of these plants, abundantly supplied with machinery and tools, and enough of the later to fit up a dozen new plants.

A Man's Prayer

Teach me that 60 minutes make an hour 16 ounces make one pound, and 100 cents one dollar.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and undaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

Grant, I beseech thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in doing so may not

stick a gaff where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play.

And then when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps and the crunching of the horse's wheels in the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: Here lies a man.—Michigan Tradesman.

Improved Seed

Realizing the importance of improved seed A. K. Short, agronomist Extension Service A. and M. College of Texas, has prepared a list of seed recommended by the County agents as the purest types that have been grown in their counties for the information of those desiring pure seed. However the purity of germination is not guaranteed and owing to the fact that the average germination is low this season it is considered advisable to send samples of seed to Texas Experiment Station, College Station Texas, to be tested. This service is free and will be of great value. A copy of the list of available seed may be had upon application to the Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas

The Race Question

The young lady across the way says she thinks all these race questions might be settled if they would only make the cars so that they couldn't possibly go more than twenty-five miles an hour.

W. A. Shaver expects to move to his farm east of town within the next few days, provided his little girl improves. She has been sick with pneumonia.

Speckle Peas Wanted

I am in the market for about 3,000 bushels of good, sound, speckle peas, and will pay \$2.00 per bushel for same. See me at once if you have any to sell.

J. W. Howard

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