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Texas School Aid Bill Report Adopted by Senate

Austin, Tex., March 12.—Conference reports on the rural aid and the vocation education bills were adopted in the senate without debate, as well as in the house.

The rural aid bill, as it goes to the governor, is the same as originally introduced by Senator Floyd of Annona providing that common school districts shall not be less than 9 square miles in area in order to receive the benefits of the \$2,000,000 a year appropriation, was stricken out. The bill had been amended in the senate to strike out regulation of the apportionment, but these sections were reinstated by the conference committee.

The principal changes were made in the Thomason vocational education bill, designed to give the schools of Texas the advantage of the Smith-Huges act of congress. The appropriation of \$30,000 as the state's part of the

total of \$165,000 to be raised in the state for the first year was increased to \$50,000; the \$35,000 to come out of the state treasury as part of the total of \$185,000 for the second year was raised to \$65,000. The remainder of the \$350,000 total for the two years to match the federal appropriation is to be raised locally. The other change made by the conference committee was to eliminate the requirement that the aid go to rural and small towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks, who are at San Antonio attending the Texas Chiropractic College, visited relatives and friends here a few days this and last week. Upon their return to San Antonio they were accompanied by Miss Ellen Logan.

Notice, Woodmen

There will be an important meeting at the W. O. W. hall next Saturday night, March, 19. All members please be present.
J. S. Eaves, C. C.

Jury List for the Spring Term of District Court

The following named persons have been summoned as grand jurors to appear Monday, March 28, 1921:

I. A. Daniels, C. L. Edmiston, Joe Green, Jake Wedemeyer, W. H. Holcomb, Jr., Lang Smith, George H. Denny, J. W. Shivers, J. M. Creasy, Frank E. Taylor, W. F. Rayburn, A. F. Smith, R. L. Turner, Frank Butler, J. M. Owens, Ben A. Speer.

Petit jurors to appear Monday, April 4, 1921 at 10 o'clock:

Eugene Fowler, J. W. Rushing, D. H. Rhoden, R. L. Stubbs, T. E. Callier, S. H. Platt, Eugene Huff, C. D. Click, O. M. Rials, Mattie Satterwhite, J. G. Parker, W. H. Oates, Omy Sloan, W. L. Fox, C. J. Rich, H. H. Hallmark, A. S. Rushing, S. F. Fuller, J. A. Wooley, W. A. Lockey, W. E. Dominy, C. M. Click, G. T. Smith, John Hartt, J. I. Sheptrine, A. M. DeCuir, T. F. Ferguson, J. N. Parish, H. P. Cutler, Harry Long, G. W. Ashby, W. A. Tyer, J. C. Denson, B. G. Parker, Chas. Dickey, L. S. Gentry.

To appear Monday April 11th at 10 o'clock A. M. 1921.

C. P. O'Bannon, N. H. Coon, T. A. Scurlock, R. L. Oliver, J. S. Satterwhite, R. J. Willis, J. F. Tunstall, Mike Younas, Jno. B. Davis, R. E. Hail, Carl Leediker, John Adams, Ed Holcomb, Jim Porter, J. M. Smith, J. A. Lovelady, S. S. Lovel, T. L. Lundy, J. C. Wootters, R. D. Wilson, H. Durst Jr., G. E. Lansford, W. R. Freeman, J. C. Moore, C. L. Steward, J. H. Shaw, C. L. Steed, W. H. Mangum, R. E. Parker, G. M. Dowdy, W. F. Cooper, Ben Woelfley, W. G. Creath, B. S. Kelly, J. E. Petty, Arthur Brooks

To appear Monday, April 18th, at 10 o'clock A. M. 1921.

C. H. Ratledge, W. E. Hale, J. F. Rainey, Chas. Milwee, J. W. Cook, Mal Whitaker, J. C. Brewton, C. F. Myers, Frank Golden, Sam Thompson, J. P. Hail, L. R. Hendricks, T. G. Adams, Hugh Adams, P. D. Blakeway, W. J. Franklin, H. C. Rudd, Jess Green, Jacob W. Moore, Z. D. Driskell, H. A. Anglin, J. B. Musick, W. D. Patton, G. M. Gale, W. W. Dunman, Jim Musick, N. M. Long, J. T. Thornton, O. O. Kellum, G. W. Cupp, A. R. Montgomery, M. M. Moore, R. J. Gee, W. L. Parish, Jno. L. Dean, J. A. Harrison.

To appear Monday, May 2nd, at 10 o'clock A. M. 1921.

B. L. English, R. J. Spence, Lewis Story, D. C. Poe, A. A. Waller, J. M. Tullos, D. W. Hatcher, S. W. Tigner, A. W. Waller, S. C. Mathews, B. L. West, Frank Driskell, Geo. Merrewether, J. D. Heaton, C. C. Chaffin, R. E. Spence, B. F. Musick, W. T. Craig, Vernon Garner, F. G. Edge, B. F. Childress, Bob Yates, C. W. Legory, G. M. Jeffus, Julian Walling, J. R. Hinson, H. H. Griffin, W. S. Tyer, F. N. Lewis, T. S. Minter, Tom Kent Jr. W. J. Wilkins, C. A. Hassell, J. C. Allee, G. L. Brunson, G. A. Walton.

Boss Scarborough of Augusta attended the Woodmen convention at Houston last week.

Two Days' Meeting to be Held at Baptist Church

Beginning Thursday morning, March 17 at 10 o'clock, there will be held at Baptist church a two days' meeting. The meeting will close Friday night with the ordination of four deacons.

An interesting program has been arranged. The speakers will include Dr. Dan Clapp of Palestine, Rev. L. L. Sams of Crockett, and Rev. W. H. Rosser of Crockett.

All are invited and it is hoped that many will attend. The deacons awaiting ordination are Bros. W. D. Granberry, W. E. Keeland, Balis Dailey and Jesse Eaves.

The program will be as follows.

Thursday, 10 a. m.—Devotional, Uncle Ben Rogers of Palestine. Sermon, Missionary Wilingham.

3:30 p. m.—The Baptism of the Master, Rev. L. L. Sams.

7:30 p. m.—The Lord's Supper, Dr. Clapp.

Friday, 10 a. m.—The Duty of the Deacon, Rev. W. H. Rosser.

3:30 p. m.—Organization of Presbytery, examination of candidates.

7:30 p. m.—Ordination sermon, Rev. L. L. Sams.

Fred J. Newland, Pastor.

Mrs. C. G. Lansford and children of Crockett visited her father, Dr. W. D. McCarty, the latter part of last week.

Sanitary Drinking Fountains Put in at School

The parent teachers' association has installed sanitary drinking fountains on the school grounds, thus doing away with the very unsanitary method that was in use heretofore. A shed has been built over the well and four fountains installed, one in each corner, and are filled by the janitor every morning.

Their ultimate aim is to install a pump and engine and pipe water into each room in the building.

The funds to install the fountains were made at their "county fair" at the school building last Friday night, something over \$96.00 being realized. The fair was a great success and furnished a great deal of amusement and merriment for those who attended.

D. N. Leaverton spent several days last week at Breakenridge visiting his brother, H. A. Leaverton. Mr. Leaverton said things at Breakenridge were prosperous, as that country is now producing large quantities of oil and money is easy.

Call at Howard's for Searchlight matches 5c a box; new garden seed 5c a paper; heaviest and best overalls \$1.50; best work shirts 95c.

G. R. Murchison is in Crockett this week attending commissioners' court.

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CENTER GROVE NEWS

Center Grove, Mar., 14.—Mrs. L. C. Smith was the victim of a painful accident, when she fell and broke several of her ribs. We understand she is doing fairly well.

Little Eldredge Brown has had pneumonia, we are glad to say he is now up.

Bro. Willie Campbell preached for us Sunday at 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon we had some good singing. Some of the Salmon and Oak Grove singers were with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Guice and Mr. and Mrs. Graton Streetman visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Walling visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce James visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Steadman Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Tyer visited Mrs. Eunice Ellis Sunday.

Miss Maude Chaffin visited Misses Kate and Mellie Ellis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dickson visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steadman, Sunday.

A large crowd attended the debating society last Friday night a week ago. We will meet again Friday night, March 18. Everybody is invited to come. The question is, "which is the most harmful, the use of tobacco or the use of whiskey?"

BETHEL NEWS

Bethel, Mar., 14.—Mrs. Reagan Lasiter is getting along nice-

ly. She will come home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Alna Tillman spent Sunday with Wordie Tillman near Denson Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Denman visited Mrs. Denman's mother Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Zack Wilson.

Miss Virgie Tillman visited Miss Gracie Tillman Saturday night and Sunday.

Erma Mills spent Sunday at the home of Will Redman.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hodges, Misses Gracie and Virgie Tillman and Joe Willie Redman attended the party at Frank Chaffin's Friday night.

Mrs. Gertrude Brown visited Mrs. Redman Thursday afternoon.

SILVER CREEK NEWS

Silver Creek, Mar., 14.—Little Garret Nolan Dickey has been sick for several days, but is reported better.

Mrs. Letha Hamilton visited Mrs. Lura Woodard Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dillard visited Mr. and Mrs. Edard Crawford near Slocum Saturday night and Sunday.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party at Monroe Lock's near Phillips Springs Saturday night.

Mrs. T. H. Hullan of Rusk is spending the week with Mrs. Joe Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Jackson spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chaffin.

Evin Dillard and John Day Wallace spent Sunday with

Thomas and Oliver Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hodges and family spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Franklin.

Garland Franklin spent Saturday night with Mongo Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaffin entertained the young folks Friday night.

Our school will close this coming Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have done splendid work to the delight of all the pupils and parents. We surely hope they will be with us for many terms to come.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Mar., 15.—Owing to the heavy rains of the past week, farming is at a standstill, the ground being entirely too wet to work.

Rev. W. D. Andrews failed to reach his appointment at this place last Sunday. His home is at Slocum, and the bridges were washed out Friday and the roads were too badly washed to cross with a car, consequently we had no preaching.

Herod Parker and family visited at the home of Webb Finch last Sunday.

There was an entertainment given at the home of Alton Baker last Friday night. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. They left at a late hour, each thanking these good people for the pleasure of meeting in their pleasant home.

Our school is progressing nicely; it will continue about six weeks, the term being longer than heretofore.

Gilbert Cherry and wife are

rejoicing over the arrival of a pretty girl baby at their home.

Mrs. W. P. Kyle is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Musick.

Mrs. J. L. Kennedy is able to be up at this time. She had a very severe case of lagrippe. No other sickness reported at this time.

LIBERTY HILL NEWS

Liberty Hill, Mar., 14.—On account of heavy rains there has been very little plowing last week. Faming on the bottom land farms will be suspended for quite awhile an account of the large overflows.

A large number of people from this community attended the Childrens day service at Enterprise Sunday, while others went to Hickory Grove, where there was an all day singing. Consequently, there was not a very large crowd present at Sunday School.

Misses Varo Mooney and Anna Pearl Ruby were visitors in our community Sunday. We are very glad to see Varo again after a year's absence.

Rev. R. F. Hodges spent Saturday night here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holcomb.

The little tots attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tims Saturday afternoon. They all came back telling what a wonderful time they had.

Our boy's basket ball team defeated Percilla on the latter's court Saturday afternoon by a score of 13 to 4.

Renew your subscription.

Bailey's Observations

(Geo. Baily, in Houston Post)

Well our solons are all safe at home again, and so far as we can see the mudsills of the Temple of Freedom are yet unshaken.

Many of our east Texas friends write us about the blooming dogwood and the exuberant catfish, and we are liable to call upon some of them before long.

The United States Chamber of Commerce says that the "Golden Rule" in business will restore confidence. Even then extra assurances will be necessary, so used have the people become to finding the Golden Rule only a piece of gilded leadpipe.

Some of these days, perhaps, there will be a congress or legislature in which members of all parties will unite and kick the haslets out of the human warts and grafters who hang around legislative halls threatening members with political destruction unless their demands are complied with.

The Case of Judge Landis

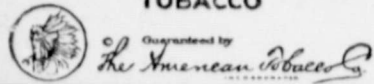
Judge Landis was censured by sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee, at Washington, for accepting the \$42,500 baseball position without resigning as Judge. "Further prosecution of said charges" by the next Congress was recommended.

A standpatter is one who holds point of vantage near the feed trough.—Baltimore Sun.

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Cotton Acreage Reduction Urged

Dallas, Mar. 10.—Endorsement of a plan for marketing Texas cotton in Europe and recommendation for a drastic reduction in acreage were given by a representative gathering of Texas bankers at a conference with the executive committee of the Texas Bankers' Association here. Freight rates alleged to be exorbitant were complained of and a committee was appointed to take the matter up with the interstate commerce commission with a view of getting a reduction. A tentative program for the convention of the association to be held in San Antonio May 10-12, was approved. At the invitation of Eldred McKinnon, president of the association, bankers from every section of Texas met the executive committee of the association to discuss means of disposing of thousands of bales of cotton held by the banks as collateral. The plan proposed by the Mississippi Delta Cotton Export and Trading Company of Clarkdale, Miss., was explained and met the approval of those present. The proposal provides for sending the staple direct to buyers of Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and other European countries where it will be manufactured and the products given in payment. This in turn will be marketed in other parts of Europe. Trust receipts would be held by the banks until the goods are converted into cash.

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Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Mar., 14.—Things aren't going our way now; entirely too wet. However, it is warm, which will keep the corn from rotting that is in the ground. It has rained the good old fashioned way and we are going to have to hustle, but remember that the fellow who works in the mud or dust will get there with some sort of a crop in the end.

The roads have held fine, except in a few places. The dump held fine across the creek bottom, and while the water was all over the bottom, you can cross dry shod and the big rains have helped to settle the dirt and make it harder to move. While we are on the weather will give some records of the past eleven years to the readers to think about. Don't become alarmed, for as to the future the past may not amount to a hill of beans. Eleven years ago Easter came on the same day as it does this year, the 27th, and that same year had a freeze the 25th day of April and have had three since then; all came on Sunday night.

Gardens are about drowned; pastures are getting good and cattle are looking fairly well.

P. L. Fulgham leads in baby calves, having seven. W. L. Fox and T. S. Kent are close competitors, each having a nice bunch, which means more milk and butter and beef.

Heard the first geese yesterday, and every tree is beginning to show signs of life, except the persimmon, which is always the last.

W. W. Pridgen spent a few hours with us yesterday. We always enjoy the old timers; we love to talk and live in the good old times.

The little branches, and big ones, too, are all cleaned out as clean as a last year's jay bird's nest. Water gates are all out.

Next Sunday is preaching day. Let's make an extra effort to give Bro Newland a good hearing.

Do you have spells of dizziness when everything turns black before the eyes? These are symptoms of torpid liver and a clogged condition of the bowels. Take Prickly Ash Bitters and get rid of the misery. It is a man's remedy for correcting such disorders. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Mar., 14.—A very heavy rain fell here Friday, stopping all farm work for a few days. All are now rushing their plows while weather will permit to try to get their corn planted.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his appointment here Sunday. Although the weather was threatening, a good crowd was present.

The young people enjoyed a candy breaking at Mrs. Mary Cutler's Friday night.

Quincy Chandler of New Prospect was in our community Saturday.

Miss Nannie Marshall recently entertained her friends with a singing. All reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baker of Grape land attended church here Sunday.

George Brimberry and little son is visiting his mother, Mrs. Polly Brimberry.

Misses Ruby and Eula Mae Davidson spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. W. D. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pelham of Union attended church here Sunday. We are always glad to have visitors with us.

Major Whitaker and family of Enon were in our community Sunday.

Price Will Not be Lower

As heretofore observed by this paper, if any one is waiting for the subscription price of the Courier to be lowered before entering his subscription, he has a long wait before him. The subscription price of the Courier cannot be moved up and down with the fluctuations of the cotton market. When the Courier's subscription price was fixed at \$1.50 a year cotton was selling at from 8 to 10 cents a pound. When cotton jumped to 40 cents the Courier stayed at \$1.50. Cotton has now gone back to 8 or 10 cents a pound, which is a most unfortunate thing, but it finds the Courier still at \$1.50, and at \$1.50 it is going to remain, whether cotton brings 8 cents or 40 cents. And if the Courier's wish could be made to prevail, the farmers of Houston county would be getting 40 cents a pound for their cotton. The Courier believes in a living price for all commodities, and stands ready to push to completion any movement in the interest of securing better markets for the products of the farmer. Such is the purpose of the Courier.—Crockett Courier.

Cotton Seed

Those having cotton seed to sell, see me and let me buy them. The mills will close down for the season pretty soon, so if you have any, better dispose of them at once.

J. W. Howard.

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For the serious diseases that attack the kidneys, Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy of merit. It relieves backache, dizziness, persistent headache, loss of strength and nervous weakness, symptoms which indicate kidney trouble. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special agents.

Zero in efficiency is shown by those Florida burglars who tried to rob a bank that failed weeks ago.—Denver Times.

ANTRIM NEWS

Antrim, Mar., 14.—It is crop time again and everyone is busy plowing and planting. Everyone is through planting cane and several are through planting corn.

Lee Martin who has been working for Sear & Roebuck at Dallas, returned home Saturday. We are all glad to have him with us again.

Sam Blackwell and daughter, Miss Zelma, spent Saturday at the home of J. F. Martin.

Rev. W. R. Durnell went to Union Chapel to preach Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Durnell and children Misses Emma Charm Edens, Mamie and Eula Durnell were the guests of Mrs. W. M. Durnell Sunday.

Dan Parker, who has been visiting at the home of William Franklin the past week, returned home Sunday.

Mr. Franklin's brother and family spent Sunday at his home.

J. R. Edens has been visiting his son, A. N. Edens, for several days.

The Blind Representative's First Speech

Hon. Chas. C. Rice, Houston County's representative in the present legislature, made his "maiden speech" in that body last Tuesday, the 8th inst., and judging from newspaper reports he acquitted himself well.

In referring to it the Austin Statesman has this to say: "Inasmuch as Mr. Rice, the gentleman from Houston County, is now asking for recognition for the first time this session," said Speaker Thomas, "the chair recognizes him."

And it is so that Chas. C. Rice, the blind representative from Houston County, the only member of the 37th legislature so afflicted, was given preference over all other representatives in the rush of the last minute business Tuesday afternoon, when Speaker Chas. Thomas recognized him to permit him to gain unanimous consent to bring up a measure providing for compulsory attendance, under certain conditions, of blind children at the State School for the blind.

As fast as one member relinquished the floor, the Speaker was being besieged from every part of the room by members seeking recognition to call up pet measures apparently doomed to die because of the near close of the session.

Mr. Rice is one of the youngest members of the legislature, and despite his affliction, he delivered a strong address to the House on the merits of his measure, and proved his parliamentary knowledge by offering certain substitutes and amendments in correct fashion to perfect his bill. The measure was passed with no opposition.

In a special to the Galveston News, the reporter of that paper from Austin has this to say about the event:

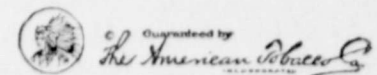
"C. C. Rice, the blind representative from Houston county, made his maiden speech in the House this afternoon and obtained engrossment and final passage of a bill applying compulsory school attendance to the blind, deaf and dumb children of Texas.

"His address was greeted with applause by his colleagues, who accorded him the unusual privilege in the closing days of a session of having constitutional rule suspended so that his bill might



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be passed finally and engrossed on the same day."

The bill requiring compulsory attendance of blind children was introduced by Mr. Rice early in the session. He offered an amendment so as to apply the law to the deaf and dumb as well. Deaf and dumb children from 7 to 21 years of age and the blind from 6 to 14 are required to attend one of the State institutions if there is room for them, and if they cannot be cared for they are to be exempted. Rice said he wanted attention called to the need for educational facilities for these children, even if the State can not provide for all of them at present. Children whose vision is not sufficient for them to attend the regular schools, are placed under the same regulations as those totally blind.

"The 34th legislature made a serious mistake when it exempted the deaf, dumb and blind from the compulsory attendance law. Some people think we are super-human and gifted with finer senses than other people, because we lack one or more senses while others consider us worthless and fit only to be thrown into the dump heap." He declared with emphasis, "we cannot accomplish anything without an education any more than can others who are more fortunate than we are. If an education is a good thing for other people, how can it be expected of blind, deaf and dumb to become intelligent and useful citizens without it? It cannot be done, and only a moment's reflection will show the truth of this statement."

Contributed.

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THURSDAY, MAR. 17, 1921

TOO MUCH CRIME

According to the warden of the Kentucky reformatory, half a million is a low estimate of the number of boys and girls who start each year on a career of crime in the United States. Such conditions are nothing short of appalling, and the thought of a vast army of young people becoming criminals is enough to distress the mind of every respectable man and woman in the land.

And the law, or force or threats cannot cure this condition. Education and parental care alone can reduce the number. The wayward boy or girl must be led in the right paths, and not driven. Around them must be wrapped the arms of fatherly and motherly affection. They demand a display of love, and their lessons must be so plain that they cannot mistake them. More moral examples set before them and fewer threats of what will happen to them is the best remedy, according to the Kentucky warden. "The law is not going to make people virtuous, and it is not going to keep boys and girls from straying into darkened paths," he declares.

These reflections should commend themselves to all Grapeland fathers and mothers, and to the teachers of children in all of our town and rural schools. We read in our daily papers too many stories of crimes committed by mere boys and girls, and we should do all we can to show them without threatening, that the way of transgressors is always a rough road to travel.

It appears that Germany is willing to do anything with her debts except to pay them.

An exchange asks: "What has become of the old fashioned man who used to keep it in a decanter on the dining room sideboard?" Oh, we still have the o. f. man, but the "it" has gone glimmering.

Advertising will create and concentrate public patronage for you in your business. It will create a demand for your goods. Are you telling our readers your store news regularly? If not you are overlooking one of the most potent forces in the up-building of your business.

If it is true that Mr. Wilson is going to devote his life to the task of bringing about world peace, it looks as though it would be a life time job.

Burn the limbs and dead trees that have been removed from the orchard this winter. To allow them to remain in the orchard serves as a breeding place for insects and diseases.

It cost \$10,960,290 to elect Warren G. Harding President, and \$2,237,770 to try to elect Jas. M. Cox. These figures are shown by the final reports of the two national committees. The figures include amounts spent to secure the nominations.

ENON NEWS

Enon, Mar., 14.—Sunday school was well attended yesterday.

Misses Fannie Mae and Bessie Brimberry visited Miss Anabel Oliver Sunday.

Miss Nola Coleman spent Saturday night with Misses Wessie and Cora Hague.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeny Goodnight visited in the Union Chapel community Sunday.

M. L. Whitaker and family went to church at Union Chapel Sunday.

Miss Eula Mae Shaver spent Saturday night with Mrs. Cora Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brimberry spent Saturday night and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Colkin.

Miss Stella Woodard spent the week end with relatives at Grapeland.

Little Elsie Johnson and Ella Cutler spent Monday night with little Mildred and Helen Whitaker.

Our school is getting along nicely and the attendance is good. We only have another month of school and we are going to try to make it the best month of the school.

THE SAM HOUSTON NORMAL is a state senior college for the training of teachers, and has a history extending through over forty years, during which time it has furnished the public schools of Texas with many thousands of efficient teachers.

The spring term opens on March 21, which is a favorable time for new students to enter, as new classes will be organized.

The Normal School has a committee on the placing of teachers, whose services are free to students. This year the committee has had calls for more teachers than it could supply.

For catalogue or information write—

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 Huntsville, Texas

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Use Blue Star Eczema Remedy for French itch, eczema, tetter, ring worm, sores on babies and all skin diseases. Sold on a guarantee by Smith & Ryan, Grapeland, Texas.

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Choice frost-proof cabbage plants, early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Post paid. Prompt shipment. 100, 35c; 300, \$1.00. Jesse Barnes, 4t Trinity Texas.

Few gearless planters for sale here cheap.

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PERCILLA ITEMS

Percilla, March 14.—Church was well attended Sunday, Bro. Henry Holcomb preached for us. Bros. Hodges and Henderson were present. We had several visitors from Livelyville.

The basket ball game was won by a score of 13 to 4 in favor of Liberty Hill.

Mrs. Charlie Hendricks entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. Messrs. Marvin Holcomb, Leamon Langham, Marshall Moore and several others from Liberty Hill attended the party.

Miss Elizabeth Sullivan visited her sisters, Mrs. T. B. Fitchett and Miss Ava Sullivan at Palestine Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Sullivan Marvinvin Herod of Grapeland visited in Percilla Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Henderson and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jones and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sullivan Sunday night.

Messrs. L. C. Henderson, A. K. Lively and Lee Wright went fishing Monday night and had fine luck.

Messrs. Dan and Albert Dickey and families visited Kennie Dickey Sunday.

The pupils are doing fine work in school and we had a fine little program Friday afternoon. We had a debate, several little speeches and two readings. We are also practicing on a program for the close of school, the date of which will be published later.

Cold settled in the muscles of the neck, arms or shoulder makes every movement painful. Use Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relieves the pain and relaxes the muscles. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Some Time

YOU WILL NEED:

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- A good Drug Store
- And careful compounding

Then remember that we await your orders and will faithfully serve you.

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Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Grapeland Independent School District at the courthouse in Grapeland, Texas, the first Saturday in April, the same being the 2nd day of said month A. D. 1921, for the purpose of electing three trustees to succeed Wade L. Smith, George Shaver, and J. W. Howard, whose terms of office expire on said date.

W. D. Granberry,
 President of Board.

Melon Seed

Those wishing the Tom Watson watermelon seed please call and get them at once.

J. W. Howard.

Trustee Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that an election for county school trustees will be held on the first Saturday in April next at the various places in the county where elections are held for district trustees. Each voter may vote for a trustee at large while those in precincts Nos. 2 and 1 will vote also for a county trustee from their respective precincts. The county trustees in precincts (commissioners' precincts) Nos. 3 and 4 hold over until next year.

Nat Patton,
 County Judge, Houston County,
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Fishing tackle at Kennedy Bros.

For wood phone
E. L. Frisby

Good line of groceries as cheap as the cheapest at Howard's.

We want to buy your produce—chickens and eggs. See us before you sell. Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. George Crook of Crockett was the guest of Mrs. George E. Darsey Tuesday.

Rhode Island Red eggs for setting. \$1.00 for 15.
Mrs. R. B. Edens.

W. F. Brooks is right sick at the home of his son C. E. Brooks.

Put shock absorbers on your funnybone for the minstrel Monday-Tuesday nights.

J. H. Leaverton, who is temporarily located at Franklin in the produce business, was here a few days this week on business.

Miss Sarah Mack Crook of Crockett was the guest of Miss Lucindy Darsey a few days this week.

For Sale

Brown Leghorn hens. Price \$1.00 each delivered at Grapeland. W. J. Willis, Route 3.

Willis Goodson of Jacksonville was here awhile Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodson.

Registered Jersey bull for service. Compare pedigree and individual bulls before breeding.
4t C. C. Hill.

When did you have grease put in the rear of your car and the transmission? We have some that's good. Let us fill it up.
Norman & Lively.

Fertilizer

Have a small quantity of fertilizer on hand. Those wishing any, call on me; will make you a special price.
J. W. Howard.

Cotton Seed for Sale

Pure Mebane early Triumph seed for sale. These seed are machine cleaned and machined culled and guaranteed pure. Put in 3 bushel sacks delivered at Grapeland for \$2.50 per bushel.
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Fresh Jersey cow for sale.
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W. W. Gilbert has been real sick, but is reported better.

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Good insurance cheap. Join the Home Benefit Association.

All kinds of sweeps cheap at McLeans & Riall's.

Carl Gainey attended the Woodmen convention in Houston last week.

Bring us your chickens and eggs.
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Jim Ryan has been confined to his room several days, but he is now improving.

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For Sale

Jersey cow with young calf.
2t Carl Jones.

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Miss Linda Turner of Palestine visited her sister, Mr. John Gray, last week.

Join the Home Benefit Association. See their big ad in this issue.

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Norman & Lively.

One thousand laughs at the American Legion minstrel Monday and Tuesday nights. Prices only 55 and 28 cents.

If you don't want to laugh, then don't go to the American Legion Minstrel at the high School Monday and Tuesday nights.

The Cradle Roll

From Houston comes the announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wherry. The young lady has been christened Emma Alice.

For Sale

I have thousands of tomato plants 4 to 6 inches high ready to put in boxes or hot beds. 35c per 100, or 300 for \$1.00.
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tf J. W. Howard.

Alfalfa Hay

A car of choice alfalfa hay due to arrive this week. See me if you need any.
J. W. Howard.

Our Honor Roll

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

Grapeland—E. L. Frisby, W. N. Ferguson, Byron Maxwell, Robert Marshall, W. H. Lively, Eugene Walling, Nathan Guice, J. J. Knoble, J. J. Brooks, I. H. Shaver, Mrs. J. M. Selkirk, J. B. Woodside, T. S. Kent.

Route 1—Alfred Caskey, W. B. DuBose.

Route 2—J. W. Whitehead.

Route 3—Rev. J. E. Bean, C. E. Brooks, B. T. Masters.

Route 4—Luther Warner, J. G. Dickson, G. W. Langham.

Percilla—Davis Denson, Claude Sadler, W. H. Lively, J. E. Shoemaker, J. W. Brumley.

Elkhart—Walter Caskey, J. J. Tyer, Mrs. Jewel Hale, (By R. F. Hale).

Palestine—Mrs. T. B. Fitchett, (By W. W. Sullivan) J. W. Caskey, Joe Cook.

Augusta—J. L. Rush Miss Lizzie Rush, Henry Newman, G. L. Brunson.

Huntsville—Rev. J. B. Davis.

Alto—Arthur Brooks.

Crockett—Deb Hale.

Latexo—J. A. Bynum.

Trinity—Jesse Barnes.

Salem, Ore.—E. M. Kershner.

Wastella—W. H. Whitescarver.

Grove—Miss Mary Anderson.

Thalia—Frank Ward.

Mt. Selman—Mrs. Frank Boone. (By F. M. Boone.)

Ft. Worth—Mrs. Harry E. Bassett. (By Mrs. Jim Sullivan.)

Notice School Trustees

Messenger is requested to give notice to all school trustees in north Houston county to meet at the court house in Grapeland next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mar. 19. This meeting is called for the purpose of selecting someone for trustee at large. It is proposed that the people of this end of the county get together and elect a man to represent them on the county board of trustees from this end of the county. All interested parties are urged to be present.

Parasol Lost

Lost parasol between Grapeland and the Elkhart creek on Crockett road. If found, please return to George E. Darsey, Grapeland.

Maize for Feed

Have some maize heads; they are excellent feed. Those desiring any, get it at once.
J. W. Howard.

Mr. W. D. Granberry of this city left to-day for Crockett to have his Hawaiian costume made for his dance Monday and Tuesday nights at the high school Auditorium.

D. R. Stubblefield with his family has moved to Nacogdoches county where he owns a farm. The many friends of this good family regret to see them leave Elkhart. Mr. Stubblefield is located near Chireno in one of the finest farming sections of Nacogdoches.—Elkhart Record.

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LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Mar., 14.—Many farmers who have planted corn wish they had it back in the crib instead of in the ground, as the big rains of the past week have washed the land so it is doubtful if a good stand will be obtained, and it is still raining, bringing field work to a standstill for several days to come.

We have just learned that several farmers of the Bethel community, armed with mineral rods, picks and shovels, are mining and digging for hidden treasures and gold. We are afraid that the only gold ever found here is that which will come through selling crops dug out of the ground, of course, only in a slightly different way.

Frank Wilson and Jesse Denson, formerly of this place, were married at Elkhart last week to the Misses Brimberry. We wish the young couples happiness in their married life.

We wish to state that Miss Virgie Pate did not undergo an operation for appendicitis, as previously stated. She is taking treatment under a specialist and the operation has been deferred for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morris spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morris.

Paul C. Mac Donald of Grapeland spent Sunday with home-folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Halton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Zack Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alna Tillman visited the former's brother, below Denson Springs Sunday.

GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By the School Reporter)

Several improvements are being made at the school house which are beneficial to the pupils, one of the most important being the sanitary drinking system. This was put in by the parent-teachers' association.

The fair, which was held Friday night was a great success.

Dr. Bagby, from some of the

northern states, visited the school last week in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas. The League is going to present the school with a large United States flag.

The seniors received their class rings this week. They ordered one for Miss Ray, our former superintendent.

A great number of the high school pupils are working to prepare themselves for the county meet. We are sure that by steady working, our school will win first place in everything.

W. D. Granberry, clerk of the local camp W. O. W., attended the Woodmen meeting in Houston last week. He declares there was a "hot time" in Houston, due to the activities of the "insurgents."

The following gentlemen will be seen here Monday and Tuesday nights in "Egyptians Dances:" Fred Newland, Chas. Wall, Virgil Musick, Reagan Long, Sam Kennedy, Dr. Hill. This act was coached by the well known dancing master, Esu. John A. Davis.

Scholarship for Sale

We have a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College, which we will sell to some young man or woman at a discount.
tf The Messenger.

Taken to a hospital in Columbus after falling 35 feet off a ladder, Chester A. Meade, an Ohio painter, was said by surgeons to have suffered only a bruised thumb.

Four \$3 gold pieces, all coined before the civil war, were found recently in the cap box of an old gun that had been purchased for \$12 by Fred A. Stengel, curio collector, from Samuel Bievel, who found the relic when moving a building on his farm near Gettysburg, Pa. Besides the gun, which is a Sharp carbine, patented in 1852, and bearing the number 7843, were found the bones of a man and parts of a union soldiers' uniform.

The SANDMAN STORY

FOX'S HEALTH HINTS

S AID Mr. Fox one night as he ran over the hill to the farm, "Those chickens do not know what is good for their health and I must tell them." Now, the chickens were living in a house by themselves and Mr. Fox knew right well they were foolish and not old enough to know anything about him, so he crept up to the window and looked in by standing on his hind legs.

"You poor little dears," he said in a loud whisper, "it is a sin and a shame the way you are treated."

The chickens were all light sleepers and open came their eyes at once, and there stood Mr. Fox smiling in the most friendly manner, and how were they to know he was not as kind as he looked?

"Peep, peep," cried all the chicks. "We want some mush."

"Of course, you do, you poor little dears," said Mr. Fox, "but don't make



such a noise for all the old hens will eat it all up; now be quiet."

The little chicks stopped at once, for they well knew that the old hens often ate all their dinner when no one was looking.

"You are badly treated, indeed," said Mr. Fox. "Here you are shut up in this very unhealthy place while all the old hens live in a nice, big house."

"You all want to live to be big hens or roosters, don't you? I know you do," he said, without waiting for an answer.

"Now, I will tell you what to do tomorrow when you are out. Just you all creep under the gate by the road and run as far away from the barnyard as you can and I will save you from this unhealthy place and take you where you can grow up big and fat—I mean big and strong."

The next morning after breakfast all the chicks ran for the gate and some of them crept under it and ran down the road, but most of them were seen by the older hens and made to come back.

"We want to live to grow up big and strong," peeped the chicks that were brought back. "We can't grow in that unhealthy place we sleep in."

"Who told you that silly story?" asked Mrs. Old Hen.

"Oh, a nice, kind animal who came to our window last night. He wants to save us and we were going to live in a nice place he has. Peep, peep; we want to grow up."

"I think you will find that it will be better for your health to live here," said Mrs. Old Hen, "for if I am not mistaken that was Mr. Fox who visited you last night and gave you health hints, and those chicks that got away this morning will never come back."

The next night Mr. Fox returned to urge the other chicks to run away the next day. "Your friends are in a more healthful place, my dears," he said. "I want to see you all happy and well cared for."

"We have decided that this place is healthful enough for us," said the chicks, grown wise since the night before, "but it will be very bad for your health if you do not run away at once. Peep, peep, peep," they all cried so loudly that Mr. Fox did not stop a second.

"Now, who has been giving them health hints beside me, I should like to know," thought Mr. Fox as he ran for home.

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GRAVEYARDS

(By Joe Sappington)

The world is filled up with graveyards, but they are not all human burial places. The largest and most populous graveyard in this world has no headstones and is not visible to mortal eyes. It is known as the graveyard of Blasted Hopes and Ambitions and if it had physical existence the entire world would be one vast cemetery and its headstones would dot the earth like stars bedeck the heavens on a cloudless night. Many of us have loved ones resting in that wondrous graveyard and some of these we loved most dearly.

Out in that graveyard lie most of my early aspirations and if they bore headstones would read something like this: "Here lies little Joe Sap's ambition to be a desperado. A stern father and an old fashioned quilt with knots in its tail caused its early decay and death." "Another slab hard by would bear this inscription: "Died December 3, 1876, out at his father barn, at a late hour in the night, Joe Sap's Ambition to become a fiddler. Cause, stern father and quilt." And then these slabs would tell of unrequited love, the death of romance, the death and burial of great expectations and the sad demise of many fond hopes.

It's a good thing it cost nothing to bury our dead in the cemetery of Blasted Hopes and Ambitions, for if it did most of us would go broke paying funeral expenses. In the short space of twelve months I buried three noble ambitions in that vast and universal graveyard. The first of these was the great ambition I had to become suddenly rich by buying in a wild-cat oil well, the second to go beneath the sod was my ambition to make a bob-tail flush beat three of a kind and the third to die on my hands was my patriotic ambition to make eight million Democrats beat sixteen million Republicans in electing a president. If a grave had to be dug at the death of every human aspiration it would require an army of graves diggers that would exceed in number the one we mobilized to whip Germany, and if hearses were used they would be thicker than Fords at a country picnic.

But somewhere in this world is a little plot of ground about four feet by eight, awaiting us all. A little earthly space of that extent will be all the greatest of us will need when life's fitful dream is over.

Somewhere out west stands a stone slab at the head of a lonely grave, bearing the following inscription:

"Here lays Bill Jones

He always done his derndest."

What a splendid epitaph, no matter if it were crudely wrought and badly spelled. What higher tribute could one wish from his fellowmen? What can one do than to do his best? The men who carved that crude epitaph were uncultured, had but little of book learning, but in their unlettered way they paid high tribute to one of their fellowmen. "He always done his derndest." I'll bet Bill Jones never sold his friends oil stock or butted them up against any other game. For all I know he may have played poker with his friends, but if he did, I'll bet he played the game fair and square and never run in a marked deck.



We Must Guard Our Girls

On the threshold of womanhood comes the crisis which means health or invalidism. Three generations ago an old southern doctor wrote a prescription for the ills of women, which has become known to fame as "Stella Vitae;" has been the right thing at the right time for thousands of young girls, down to the present day. Try it for YOUR daughter. Money refunded if FIRST BOTTLE does not benefit. At your drug store

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MR. W. F. NELSON, a merchant of Hixon, Tenn., says: That the daughter of one of his neighbors, Mr. James Roberts, was in such a condition with female trouble that an operation was advised, and the young lady was sent to Chattanooga for its performance. She dreaded the operation, and STELLA VITAE having been recommended, decided to try that first. She has taken six bottles and is happily on the road to recovery. She is able to do her usual work and is in better health than for years before, but continues to use it. She writes: "STELLA VITAE will do all you claim." Her father says "She began to improve at once, after taking STELLA VITAE."

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Desiring to make the world a sweeter place to live in, the department of agriculture has found a way to make sirup from sweet potatoes and is now busy erecting a plant with machinery to manufacture it. Those who have been invited to taste the new delicacy made in the bureau of chemistry say it is fine. It has a rich brown color, is very sweet and has a flavor that will call for large stacks of wheat cakes. It is also good for candy making, for baking and for general table use it is claimed.

The only trouble is that it is not known certainly whether it can be manufactured cheaply enough to compete with cane sirup and others. There is plenty of sugar and plenty of sirup in the potatoes, as everybody knows but just how easy and simple it will be to get this part separated from the rest is the problem. And the government is going to solve that problem.

It has located a factory at Fitzgerald, Ga., right in the middle of a sweet potato country, and it has had the machinery manufactured to fit it up. Operations will soon be started and it won't be long before we shall know whether we can have sweet potato sirup as a regular thing for breakfast if we want it.

To keep some enterprising manufacturer from getting a monopoly on it and setting his personal tax on our liking for it the department of agriculture has patented the process for the benefit of the people. The machinery used in its making is so simple that factories can be built near the source of supply, making only a short haul necessary. And potatoes of all sizes can be used, which is not the case in canning.

It is not generally known that the sweet potato is an American plant, but such is the fact though it is now grown in China, Japan, Australia, South Sea islands and in tropical countries in general. In the United States, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana leads in the production of this new source of sirup.

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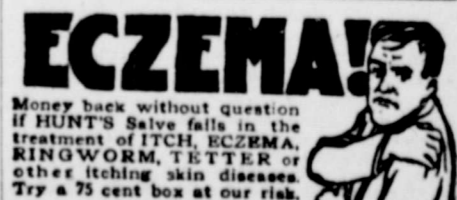
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CAN YOU AFFORD

To overlook the importance of personality as relates to outer garments?

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Severe Sentence for Bandits

The courts are showing a tendency to give the most severe punishment to robbers and hold-up men. At Kenilworth, N. J., three men were captured after terrorizing the country with a series of hold-ups. Within three days after the arrests they had been sentenced, on five different charges, to a total of from 50 to 75 years each—practically for life.

Plant a small home orchard. There is room on every farm for

a small orchard. Plant a list of varieties that will supply the family with fruit throughout the season. This will prove to be the best investment that you can make on the farm. It will supply the family with wholesome food throughout the year

Meal and Hulls

Let me sell you your meal and hulls. I have been in the business here for 11 years, but have never gotten rich yet. Will treat you right and meet all competition.

J. W. Howard

New Prison Sytem in Texas Is Urged by the Committee

Austin, March 12.—The abolishment of the present Texas penitentiary system in its entirety and the establishment of a modern prison system is recommended in the preliminary report of the joint house and senate penitentiary investigating committee made to the legislature today.

"From our investigation so far made we beg to advise you that we are thoroughly convinced that the entire penitentiary system must be changed," the committee report read. "And that a modern penitentiary system be established. We find nothing in the entire system in any department to commend the penitentiary system," the report continued.

A complete report will be ready for submission at the first called session of the present legislature, the committee stated. Full recommendations for the putting into effect of the needed change will be continued in the final report, it was stated.

The preliminary report is signed by all members of the committee, which include Senators Williams, McMillin, Hertzberg and Representatives Teer, Chitwood, Darroch, Seagler and Williams of McLennan.

The committee reported that the investigation made included an inspection of the main penitentiary and the Shaw, Winn, Goree, Eastham, Ferguson, Harlem, Imperial and Blue Ridge convict farms.

Chairman Williams stated this morning that no plans had been made for the continuation of the investigation, but that arrangements for the completion of the probe would be made by correspondence. The investigators will continue their work during the interval between this and the special session of the present legislature, Senator Williams said.

Sweet Potato Pointers

(By E. A. Miller, of A. & M. College)

It is exceedingly necessary that seed sweet potatoes should be carefully selected and disinfected against disease germs before being bedded. There are some serious diseases, especially black rot, which may be easily scattered through infected slips and unless the growers of slips observe the proper care the disease will become worse and prove a ggreat menace to the sweet potato industry. In fact, black rot is already doing a great deal of damage because so many seed potatoes have not been properly selected and treated.

Black rot is carried from the seed bed to the field by infected slips grown from diseased potatoes, from the field it is carried to the sweet potatoes storage house, where it may spread and from there it is taken back to the seed bed unless the potatoes are selected and treated.

At the present time black rot is one of the greatest enemies of the successful operation of the sweet potato storage houses, and this could be almost prevented if the seed potatoes were properly selected and treated.

For these reasons all growers of slips whether for home use or for commercial purposes, are strongly urged to use the following method in order to grow good healthy slips.

FARMERS.....

There are many farmers in Texas today who started years ago as tenants, by saving got out of debt, by saving bought a home of their own, by saving they were able to educate their children, which is the chief desire of every 100 per cent American.

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HOBOKidney & Bladder Remedy

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Before bedding, be sure to carefully select the seed potatoes and discard all that show any black spots or other signs of diseases. Then dip all of the sound potatoes for ten minutes in a solution containing one ounce of bichloride of mercury (corrosive sublimate) to eight gallons of water. This solution will kill the disease germs on the surface of the potatoes, but cannot reach those which have already gone through the skin and hence it is very important to select the potatoes carefully before being dipped.

The dipping can be easily done in a shallow vat or in barrels. Wooden vessels should be used as the bichloride of mercury is corrosive to metal. This solution is poisonous and should not be left where livestock or children can have access to it.

A handy way to do this dipping is to place the potatoes in bushel baskets and then immerse them in the solution for ten minutes. They are then ready to be placed directly in the seed bed, after the solution has drained off. While they are being bedded another lot can be dipped.

This method is very simple and extremely important to keep down serious diseases.

When buying slips from commercial slip growers, a guarantee should be demanded that the potatoes from which the slips were grown were properly selected and treated against diseases as describe above.

If you belch up bitter-tasting liquid, suffer from heartburn and sour stomach, you need the tonic properties of Herbine. It is a purifying and strengthening medicine for the stomach, liver and bowels. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

About the only difference we notice between the old postage stamps and the new pilgram ones is that the latter require about 40 per cent more spit.—Eaton (Colo.) Herald.

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Can't Enforce Lever Act

What's the use of a law against profiteering if it has no penalties?

This question is brought up by the decision of the U. S. supreme Court on the Lever Act. The court holds that the sections of that act which purport to furnish punishment for profiteering cannot be enforced. They do not with sufficient clearness specify the nature of the offense.

The law says: "It is hereby made unlawful for any person wilfully to make any unjust or unreasonable rate or charge in handling or dealing in or with any necessities." The court says this is not enough to set up an 'ascertainable standard of guilt' It does not sufficiently inform persons accused "of the nature and cause of the accusation against them." And the section "forbids no specific or definite act."

Chief Justice White read the opinion. He made comments, in which he called the law "vague and indefinite."

In conquence of the dicion the government's prosecution of profiteering will have to cease.

Plant Sorgum

Orange, Red Top and Amber cane seed at

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Kansas reports a cat that lives on bark. It is no unusual thing to feed the kitty with chips.—Baltimore Sun.

Personally we haven't done much toward helping Mr. Harding select a cabinet, but it is his fault.—Dallas News.

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What is your duty?

It is to prepare for the future welfare of your loved ones while you are in good health.

What does it cost to join?

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Are there any annual dues or stated meetings?

No. When you join you pay the initiation fee of \$2.75. At the death of a member you are notified by the secretary, then you pay \$1.15, \$1.00 of which goes to pay the insurance claim and the fifteen cents to pay expenses incident to mailing notification card, etc.

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Bill to Compel Blind to Attend School Passed

Austin, Tex., March 8.—C. C. Rice, the blind representative from Houston County, made his maiden speech in the house this afternoon and obtained engrossment and final passage of a bill applying compulsory school attendance to blind, deaf and dumb children of Texas. His address was greeted with applause by his colleagues, who accorded him the unusual privilege in the closing days of a session of having the constitutional rule suspended so that his bill might be passed finally and engrossed on the same day.

The bill requiring compulsory attendance of blind children was introduced by Mr. Rice early in the session. He offered as an amendment to his bill a measure so as to apply the law to the deaf and dumb as well. Deaf and dumb children from 7 to 21 and blind from 6 to 14 are required to attend one of the state institutions, if there is room for them. If they cannot be cared for they are to be given exemptions. Rice said he wanted attention called to the need of educational facilities for these children, even if the state could not provide for them at present. Children whose vision is not sufficient for them to attend the regular school are placed under the same regulation as those totally blind.

"The thirty-fourth legislature made a serious mistake when it exempted the deaf, dumb and blind from the compulsory attendance law," said Rice. "Some people think we are super-human and gifted with finer senses than other people because we lack one or more senses, while others consider us worthless and to be thrown into the dump heap. But we can accomplish nothing without an education."

Industrial Crisis Passed

Has the industrial crisis passed? No one is in a better position to speak intelligently on the subject than Mr. W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve

board. If he is sincere in what he said on the subject last week, his statement should be passed on and should give relief and renewed confidence. Here is what he says: "It is generally recognized that the crisis has been passed and that the public has gained a better state of mind, which is of great importance in working back to normal conditions; and looking to the future, a spirit of greater confidence prevails." He also gave figures in his report showing that prices in December were but seventy-one per cent above what they were in 1913. In Italy the increase in given as 535 per cent; in England, 143; in France, 334; in Sweden, 199; in Canada, 114; in Japan, 196; and in India, 180. Mr. Harding denied that the Federal Reserve Board's policy of raising discount rates brought on the price reductions and industrial depression as has been so often charged. He submitted reports showing that bank credits declined but slightly during the year, despite the increased discount rates. He also denied charges of farmers that the reserve board's policy of deflation caused them to lose money on their 1920 bumper crops because they could not borrow money to hold their products for a high market.

A regretful note accompanied a \$25,000 Liberty Bond returned through the mails to the C. D. Gates Company, of Jacksonville, Fla., from whom it had been stolen recently. "It's too big to handle safely," the robber said, but he thanked them for two smaller bonds which he kept.

A Georgia Supreme Court Judge rules that you can steal all the whiskey you can find and still not be prosecuted for theft. This decision was given recently in the trial of an Atlanta detective charged with stealing liquor from a confessed bootlegger. The judge held that liquor has no legal status and cannot be protected by law, consequently one cannot be arrested for stealing it. He said that the owner might prosecute for a violation of the prohibition laws, however.

Heading Off Insanity

Largely as a result of the war, it has been found that timely treatment given to children who are nervous, restless or otherwise abnormal will enable them to readjust their attitude toward life so as to avoid falling victim

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to insanity, melancholia and similar ills. Dr. Loren Johnson speaking in Washington, said: "The work with children is very important, as the roots of the wreckage of human lives in jails and asylums lead back to childhood and infancy. If children were brought to mental clinics, and their parents would take the advice there, in 25 years insane asylums would become almost unnecessary."

It may not be of much interest to any body, but a cockroach has no toe nails. —Arkansas Thomas Cat.

An Illinois man recently lost a fine Holstien heifer and offered as a reward for its return one good drink of whiskey. The next day twelve heifers were brought in. —Colorado paper.

We have a friend who smokes a cigar that will keep on being manufactured if the Kentucky night riders keep tobacco off the market for 1,000 years. —Washington Post.

True, women's clothes still cost a good deal. But then, just think what they have to show for it! —Washington Post.