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Prices of Farm Crops Below Prewar Average

The prices of six of the important crops on May 1 of this year were below the prewar average prices for that date, according to figures collected by the Bureau of Crops Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture. These crops are corn, oats, barley, flax, potatoes, and cotton. The report showed that the prices of the three grains—wheat, rye, and buckwheat—were above the prewar average prices. During April the average price of wheat declined from 1.50 to \$1.23 per bushel. The report shows that in general the industrial crops, such as flax, cotton, and broom corn, are the most depressed in price, and that food crops, such as wheat, rye, potatoes, and apples, show relatively less decline.

The prices in various parts of the country vary, with South Dakota being the center of the low-price district, the May 1 report shows. The average price of wheat in that State was 90 cents per bushel, and in some counties it was as low as 70 cents. Corn was selling at an average price of 22 cents per bushel in South Dakota, while the average price for the United States was nearly 60 cents. The price of oats was 23 cents per bushel in South Dakota, the average price for the United States being 38.8 cents. The report showed a big decline in the price of old potatoes, especially in Michigan, where the average was 29 cents a bushel, which was 30 cents below the average for the United States.

Enormous Crop Tonnage Hauled on Country Roads

Eleven principal crops afforded 86,500,000 tons for hauling on country roads in the yearly average of 1915 to 1919, or 27 tons per 100 acres harvested. Among the results of computations made by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, Illinois is far in the lead of States in providing crop haulage, and its fraction of the United States total is one-tenth or 8,855,000 tons. Iowa has 6,590,000 tons, and Kansas somewhat more than one-half of the Illinois tonnage hauled, with 4,862,000 tons. Following in order are Nebraska, Indiana, Ohio and Texas, with 1,050,000 tons in the last named State. The difference between high and low costs of hauling due to poor or good condition of roads reaches a large figure in the hauling of this great tonnage, or a large fraction thereof.

Cotton Conference Held to Combat Pink Bollworm

The pink bollworm conference called by the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington on May 16, for the purpose of considering measures to be taken to eradicate from the United States this newly introduced cotton pest, was attended by representatives from 14 States. A committee nominated by the State delegations formulated a report, which was unanimously approved by the conference.

The conference recognized that the pink bollworm presents the most serious menace that has ever confronted the cotton industry of this country, and believed from the existing status of the pest, and from the evidence presented, that there is a reasonable opportunity, with adequate Federal and State cooperation, of eradicating it. The conference endorsed the policy of the Department of Agriculture looking to eradication.

The conference recommended that, in view of the fact that this pest is a menace to the entire cotton industry of the country, the burden of its control should be shared by the Federal Government with the States actually infested, and, further, that the States concerned and other States provide legislation which will give ample authority through the agency of noncotton and regulated zones for such regional control as necessary to effect extermination.

The delegates from Texas, representing the important farm interests of that State, promised full support in securing adequate legislation and cooperation on the part of Texas.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Farms for Sale

Want to buy or trade for a farm in our section? Let me tell you about a few choice pieces for sale. I am a farmer and know values.

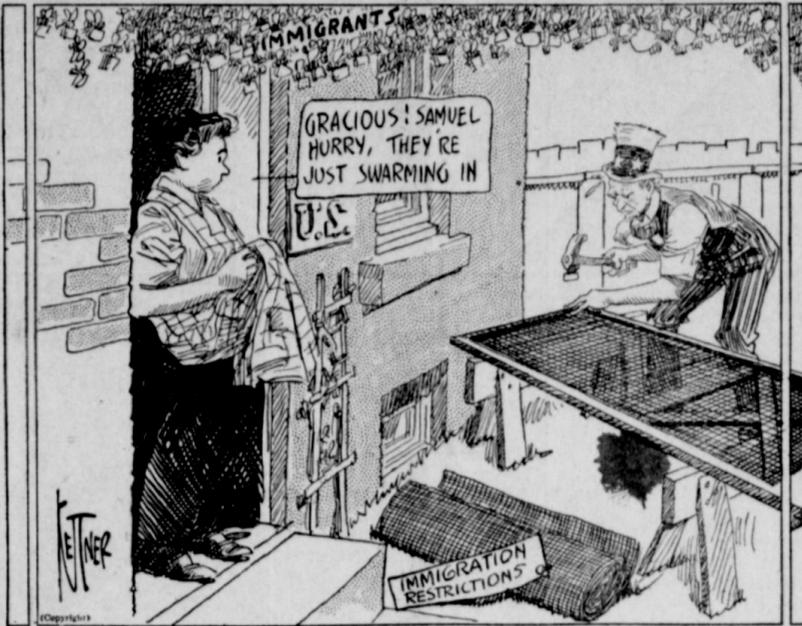
Lothrop Lee Brown, McAllen, Texas, R 1

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leaverton of Breckenridge, who have been visiting relatives here several days, left for their home Tuesday. They were accompanied home by Miss Marjorie Leaverton.

The Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Ila Bean of Oak Grove community announce the birth of a girl Saturday, June 18th.

High Time



Clean-Up Campaign!

"Vice is a monster so frightful and mean To be hated, needs but to be seen; But seen too often, familiar with its face. We first learn to pity, then to endure, and finally to embrace."

Citizens of Grapeland, have we observed the unsightly, unsanitary condition of the streets of our town so long that we can endure it, and let it continue to be a menace to public health and a detriment to the upbuilding of our promising little city?

We earnestly invite every man, woman and child in Grapeland to come to the high school auditorium Monday evening for the purpose of formulating plans to give our town a thorough clean-up. We want to make it shine.

MRS. H. A. TYER,

President Parent-Teachers Assn.,

GEORGE E. DARSEY JR.,

Post Commander, Jas. O. Ritchey

Post 215, American Legion,

J. M. GILBERT,

Scout Master, Troop No. 1.

ENON NEWS

Enon, June 20.—The farmers are just about up with their work, and a good rain would be very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson and children visited at Edwell Shaver's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shaver and daughters, Eula Mae and Evelyn, visited their son, Sam Shaver, at Union Chapel last Sunday.

Misses Fannie Mae and Bessie Brimberry and little brother Earnest Hubert, went to church at San Pedro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson visited their daughter, Mrs. M. L. Whitaker, Sunday.

Miss Velma Whitaker is spending the week at the home of her father, M. L. Whitaker.

Mrs. Norma Allen is visiting her brother, Duffy Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Arwine Skidmore of Grapeland and Mr. and G. W. Weisinger of Union Chapel visited at Chuck Skidmore's Sunday.

Will Brimberry visited M. L. Whitaker Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Paul Williams has been visiting her son, Jim Williams.

Mrs. George Brimberry is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Colkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Moore entertained the young people Saturday night. All report an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Jim Brimberry, Mrs. M. L. Whitaker and Mrs. John Green visited Mrs. Lewis Story Tuesday afternoon.

Ed Bullar and his singing class of Percella sang for us Sunday night, June 12.—We are having singing at Sun Set every Sunday night now.

House Party

Miss Adabel Leaverton is entertaining the following guests this week with a house party: Misses Bell Temple Nash and Dorothy Gaston of Kaufman; Misses Lucia Painter, Marian Foster, Mabel Hassel and Bessie Satterwhite of Crockett.

They have been the honorees of several entertainments. Monday night the host gave a party. "Bunco" was the leading game. Tuesday at 1 o'clock a luncheon was given, and besides the visitors, Misses Melba Brock, Bess Howard, Thelma Lee Clewis and Bess Boykin were present.

Tuesday night Mrs. J. W. Howard gave an entertainment for the visitors.

Wednesday afternoon a swimming party was staged at Myrtle Lake, after which dinner was served, and all spent the night at the boy scout club house.

Tonight (Thursday) Mrs. S. E. Traylor will entertain with a Japanese party.

Profit Records Convert A Man to Poultry Raising

Money talks. A home demonstration agent of the United States Department of Agriculture in Sheridan County, Wyo., tells of a farmer who remained unconvinced for five years that his wife's dabbling in poultry paid. She has now proved to him through the systematic records she keeps that she can make more money with chickens on 1 acre of land than he could by farming 90 acres.

His wife is now raising chickens on a large scale for exhibition purposes, and also sells chickens and eggs for the Pullman diner service.

Reading in the Home

There is no better way for parents to encourage children to stay at home evenings than by providing them with good reading and set the example by spending an hour or two after the evening meal with books, papers, and magazines. In this way, children train their minds by thinking with the best writers.

There's a wealth of information in print today and fortunate are those who like to read. Children that like to read will improve their opportunities for service in society. Regardless of the short terms of school, over-worked and under-paid teachers, reading in the home will give children a start and enable them to become useful and successful citizens of the State and the Nation.

Our schools would be more efficient, our young people find more pleasure and greater interest in the home and be of more service to the community if reading was encouraged and good books and clean, elevating and reliable periodicals provided.—Farm and Ranch.

Baseball Notes

Salmon and Waneta played the Grapeland team last Saturday. Salmon won the game by a score of 16 to 0, but Waneta was defeated by a score of 11 to 0.

The Lovelady team played here Monday, Grapeland winning by a score of 12 to 9. The games for Tuesday with this team were rained out.

Grapeland will play at Lovelady Thursday and Friday, returning for a game Saturday with the general office team of Palestine.

Parasols \$1.00 and up at Darsey's.

Masonic Officers Elected For the Ensuing Year

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year by Grapeland Lodge No. 473 A. F. & A. M., at their meeting held last Saturday night:

M. E. Darsey, Worshipful Master.

T. E. Edge, Senior Warden. Clarence McCarty, Junior Warden.

George E. Darsey Jr., Treasurer.

Harry Richards, Secretary. M. L. Clewis, Tiler.

Herman Murchison, Senior Deacon.

George R. Darsey, Junior Deacon.

W. S. Walter, Senior Steward.

Frank Leaverton, Junior Steward.

Rev. G. H. Farmer, Chaplain.

Took More Than A Rib

According to Hindu legends, the god Vulcan, of Hindu mythology, created the world. When he started on woman he found he had used up all available materials, but knew that the world would be nothing without woman, so he took—

The roundness of the moon,

The undulating curve of the serpent,

The graceful twist of the creeping plant,

The sleekness of the willow,

The velvet of the flowers,

The gentle gaze of the doe,

The frolicsome reflection of the dancing sunbeams,

The tears of the cloud,

The inconsistency of the wind,

The timidity of the hare,

The vanity of the peacock,

The hardness of the diamond,

The chill of the snow,

The cooing of the turtle dove,

All these he combined to form this glorious being—woman.

Get other prices, compare the merchandise and you'll buy at Darsey's.

Mrs. M. A. Lively of Houston is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Josie Taylor. Mr. Lively expects to join her in a few days.

New Immigration Law Threatens A Tragedy

The worst congestion Ellis Island has ever known came this month. Officials there blame the new immigration law for it.

On the second day of June the Italian immigration reached its limit for the whole month, and under the law no more Italians can be admitted until July. But already in harbor are steamers with 5000 more Italians on board, as many as can be admitted in July and August.

Even if no more come, some will have to remain on the steamers until August 1, or else go back to Italy.

"But," says Commissioner Wellis, "my doctors here tell me it will kill these people to stay cooped up in hot, stifling, dirty ships for weeks. A voyage of ten to fourteen days is bad enough, but such a display under the summer sun is unbearable. Unless Congress comes to their aid this will end in tragedy—death or madness for them."

For, Congress having made the law, Congress alone can give relief.

The Commissioner advocates a law to fine the steamship companies that bring immigrants here regardless of the laws of this country. The fine, he thinks, should be equal to what the immigrants have paid, which averages about \$140. This might end the trouble more quickly than anything else.

Although the situation as to Italian immigrants is the worst it is bad in the case of all nationalities that send large numbers of their people here.

We haven't heard much lately about the monkey glands that were to make boys again of our old men, but another scientist says that goat's milk mixed with some kind of dope he takes out of dogs will make folks live forever, or nearly so. We don't pretend to know straight up about such scientific subjects, but have a hunch that most old goggle-eyed scientists like that are getting older and more foolish every day despite their monkey glands, goat's milk and dog juice.—Ex.

We Keep Prices Down

- 14 lbs white granulated sugar for . . . \$1.00
- 5 gallons of best grade coal oil for . . . 65c
- Best grade of pure pickling vinegar per gallon . . . 40c
- 17 lbs best grade full head rice for . . . \$1.00
- Pure country made ribbon cane syrup per gallon . . . \$1.00

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IT WILL PAY YOU IN DOLLARS AND CENTS TO SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR NEEDS

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- 6 pounds of best coffee for . . . \$1.00
- Extra high patent flour, per sack . . . \$2.50
- 1 bottle of Garrett snuff for . . . 30c
- Best grade jar rubbers, 3 dozen for . . . 25c
- 17 pounds best blue Rose Rice for . . . \$1.00
- Best grade of chevots, per yard . . . 15c
- Best bleached domestic, per yard . . . 17 1-2c
- Best grade of gingham, per yard . . . 17 1-2c
- Best grade of brown domestic, per yd. . . 15c

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Phones—Farmers Union System
Office 51
Residence 11

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1921

WHY NOT TRY IT?

All over the country merchants are adopting the three per cent method of advertising, and it is proving so profitable and satisfactory to them that we believe our Grapeland business men would do well to give it attention. Actual tests in hundreds of cases have proved that an advertising appropriation of three per cent of the previous year's gross sales have increased the business 331-3 per cent. This increase doesn't happen the first week after the advertising starts, but in the cumulative effect of a campaign carried on regularly each week for a whole year. If the three per cent were all spent in one grand blow-out it would be wasted. But if distributed over an entire year it is the surest business builder in the world. Big city stores spend 5 and 7 per cent but in towns like this three per cent will do as much, and even more on the capital invested. There is one sure way to prove this, and you can't lose either. And that is to try it out.

Our idea of the end of a perfect day is a cool night.

The divorce news in the average daily paper tells an appalling tale. It seems to be the fashion now to grab the first thing that comes along, marry it and settle for it afterwards.

Wonderful are the possibilities of this section of the state known as East Texas when it comes to diversification. Most any kind of a crop can be grown, yet we stick to cotton and corn, growing poorer each year that goes by.

Grapeland business men ought to get together and organize a Chamber of Commerce with a paid secretary, and get before the world in the proper light. We have wealth enough to do it, and it would pay handsome dividends.

Grapeland needs a thousand and one things, chief among which is incorporation so that something along civic improvement lines can be carried out. Are we always going to be content to drift along with the current? A dead fish floats down stream, but it takes a live one to buck the current. What are we—dead or alive?

BUCOLIC ABUNDANCE

Farm life has its disadvantages of course, but no matter how tight money gets, the dinner bell rings at noon.—Grapeland Messenger.

It does. What is dinner time for the farmer and his family is only midday for several millions of unemployed town folks. Country people, who as a rule are accustomed to plenty of food as to plenty of water, seldom realize how different times become with urban workmen when out of employment and faced by the necessity of meeting unavoidable expenses. In the country, people are so used to abundance on their tables they never understand how difficult it is to be contented in town with bread and coffee, or even bread alone, when there is no work to be had. "If times ever get so hard I can't buy sugar and coffee I'll fall back on milk and molasses," said a certain farmer. Milk and molasses he produced on his own ground, therefore valued them less than the things he bought at the store. If the average wage-earning city family had an unfailing supply of milk and molasses, hard times would have few terrors. State Press hopes to see the day when every farmer in the South can afford to raise a cotton crop for the reason that bread and butter crops make the cotton crop profitable. A cotton crop can be profitable only when bread and butter crops make it so. When first things come first, the cotton crop will always be second in the South.—State Press in Dallas-Galveston News.

The federal reserve banking law needs amending so that the reserve banks will have some restrictions around them but we are opposed to the movement being launched to do away with the reserve banks and substitute in lieu thereof a central bank. Such a step would be a backward move, and Wall street manipulators could cause a money panic whenever they wished it. The government will do well to go slow on any such change, and we do not believe the people would stand for it. The reserve banking system, despite a few faults, has proven itself to be a safe and sane institution, and it is a pretty good idea to let well enough alone.

Mrs. Dock Grounds

The Courier regrets to learn of the death of Mrs. Dock Grounds, which occurred in the family home in the Grounds community north of Crockett Monday night. Mrs. Grounds' death followed several days after an operation. She was known as a good woman and kind neighbor, and the loss to her family and community is one that is keenly felt. The Courier extends condolence to the bereaved. Appropriate funeral services were held Wednesday.—Crockett Courier.

If you have reason to think your child is suffering from worms, take the safe course—use White's Cream Verifuge. Worms can not resist its expelling influence. Price 35c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

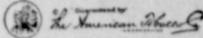
Mrs. S. J. Osborne of Terrell is here visiting her brothers, Messrs. T. H., D. N. and F. W. Leaverton.



Cigarette

To seal in the delicious Burley tobacco flavor.

It's Toasted



SILVER CREEK NEWS

Silver Creek, June 20.—There is very little sickness in the community at present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Raines near Slocum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franklin visited Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hodges Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutchens spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Starkey near Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. Fermon Raines spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Franklin.

Mrs. Eunice Dickey spent Sunday with Miss Lura Germany.

Mrs. Dola Burrow and little daughter of west Texas are here visiting among their many relatives.

Mrs. Lora Franklin spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Edmondson.

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

Ben and Tex Franklin spent Saturday with Thomas and Oliver Edmondson.

Mrs. Letha Hamilton spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Edna Dillard.

NEWS FROM BETHEL

Bethel, June, 20.—There has been a great deal of sickness in this community for the past week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Denman spent Saturday night with Homer Denman.

Mr. and Mrs. Haltom visited Zack Wilson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Stedman and Wallace Clark spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Alna Tillman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Howard visited her daughter, Mrs. Alma Redmond, Saturday night.

Miss Gracie Tillman visited Mrs. Eunice Dickey Saturday night.

Pearl, Joe Willie and Johnnie Redmond and Miss Gracie Tillman visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hodges Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Lasiter visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burrow near Denson Springs, Saturday night.

Mrs. May Bell Denman visited Mrs. Alma Redmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lasiter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Lasiter.

Mrs. Cleve Sadler visited Mrs. Redmond Sunday afternoon.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party at Homer Hodge's Friday night, and all had a nice time.

Biliousness is a condition that breeds diseases in the vital organ and ought to be corrected promptly. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy. It vitalizes the blood, drives out impurities in the bowels, makes you feel bright, strong and hearty. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

For chickens that are infested with stick tight fleas, head lice and mites, use Insectumine. To be given with feed. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ask Smith & Ryan. (Aug. 3.)



Mary had a little lamb;
Its fate we much deplore.
It took its heavy woollens off
And then was seen no more.

Charlie—Do you know when a baby begins to think?
Henri—Why, sure.
Charlie—Well, when?
Henri—Mine began to think that I ought to walk the floor with him the first week he arrived in the house.—Yonkers Statesman.

Two girls unfamiliar with baseball were watching the local nine play a visiting team last Saturday.

"Isn't that fine?" remarked one girl. "We have a man on every base."

"Why that's nothing," said the other, "so have they."—Boston Transcript.

Little Mary was visiting her grandmother in the country. Walking in the garden, she chanced to see a peacock, a bird she had never seen before. After gazing in silent admiration, she ran quickly into the house and cried out:

"Oh, granny, come and see! One of your chickens is in bloom."—The Christian Register.

A Virginia editor threatened to publish the name of a certain young man who was seen hugging and kissing a girl in the park unless his subscription to the paper was paid up in a week. Fifty-nine young men called and paid up the next day, while two even paid a year in advance.—The Labor Clarion (San Francisco.)

The late W. D. Howells while living in Boston entertained Mark Twain, T. B. Aldrich, Bret Harte and other literary celebrities of the day at a sumptuous dinner at his home. While Mr. Howells was carving a duck his knife slipped and the succulent bird rolled out of the platter and fell on the floor.

"Look out! Here comes the cat!" yelled Mark Twain.

"It's all right," said Mr. Howells, "I've got my foot on the duck."—Yonkers Statesman.

Two Methodist preachers, one white and the other colored, served charges in Mississippi which were conterminous. The negro received a considerably larger salary than his white brother, who asked him if it was not his custom to expel his members who failed to pay. "No, boss" he replied, "we would not like to put the gospel on a money basis. We gets them to subscribe and if they don't pay we turns them out for lying."—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach and sluggish state of the bowels. Herbine corrects the trouble immediately. It purifies the bowels, helps digestion, and sweetens the breath. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Improve Marketing

One of the fundamental problems confronting marketing agencies, according to the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, is the education of the public to a point where it will generally realize that the present marketing system is a product of evolution; that improvements must be made gradually by changes in method and procedure and by eliminating specific recognized evils; that it is impossible to set up instantly a perfect efficient and automatically operated new marketing machine, or to cure all economic ills by legislation. The public must appreciate also, say the specialists, that marketing is quite as much a problem for the consumer as for the producer.—Missouri Clip Sheet.

Boys' Wash Suits

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THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

Boys' Wash Suits

Worth While Values

in Summer Apparel

There are a number of lines of Ready-to-Wear, Dress Fabrics, etc., that are especially marked for quick selling. The departments included are—

- White Wash Skirts
- Wash Dresses
- Wash Waists
- Summer Millinery
- Muslin Underwear
- Girls' Dresses

In our dress goods department are several numbers in new summer materials that are specially priced. Every week—almost every day—marks the arrival of new merchandise at this store, always affording you the opportunity of buying at the lowest possible prices.



New Low Shoes
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White reignskin cloth strap pumps and oxfords; Billiken one-strap pumps and brogue oxfords for sport wear; brown and black kid strap pumps, oxfords and plain pumps are offered in our stock of new shoes at \$4, \$5, \$6 and up



Full Fashioned CADET Silk Hosiery, in Brown and White only, at \$2.00
White Cotton Hosiery at 15c to 50c
Most all sizes in Tennis Shoes

Can Congress Change Calendar?

Propositions to have the year consist of thirteen months instead of twelve have been made from time to time in the past.

Now the proposal has gone as far as to be introduced as a bill in Congress. Representative Drane of Florida is the introducer.

Some people have been impressed with the merits of the idea, but it is not likely that Congress will venture to put into effect a change which, if adopted at all, should be done by agreement of all civilized nations. Otherwise it would cause great confusion in dates.

The "reformed" year would have thirteen months of 28 days each. That is the true lunar month as closely as it can be expressed in days without using fractions. In 28 days the moon passes through all of its phases and in the twenty-ninth day begins again. Thirteen months of 28 days each would account for 364 days, one less than the conventional year as we now have it. To correct that discrepancy such proposals usually call for one "dies non"—a day that is not a legal day—to be inserted somewhere in the calendar, between two months. It would be a universal holiday not to be counted in any month or week, or taken account of in business. It would have no name as a day of the week. In leap years there would have to be two such days.

By this plan each month would contain four weeks. Anniversaries would always be on the same day of the week. If you was born on Monday your birthday would fall on Monday.

If you cannot eat heartily with out an attack of indigestion, stomach is weak. You need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine digestive tonic. Besides, it rids the stomach and bowels of the impurities which bring on sickness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.



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Does Contact With Departed Spirits Make the Living More Spiritual?

By WINFRED KIRKLAND, in North American Review.

Does intercourse with departed spirits make the living more spiritual? Psychic research replies with an unequivocal "yes." To reply with an unequivocal "no" requires some courage, and even more of plain common sense.

Common sense is merely racial instinct accounting for itself. It was to secure itself from backsliding into animality that the human race as it has emerged from the savage toward the man has more and more clearly denied itself recourse to the occult. Evolution has obeyed an undeviating principle from the amoeba to the ape, from the ape to Isaiah, and that principle is the development of inner faculties, mental or moral or religious, only by depending on them.

Not the eyes of the body but of the soul, have perceived all the light that has ever affected human progress. You don't strengthen the eyes of the soul by materializing the dead so that the living may see them; on the contrary, you revert to a gross animal dependence on the eyes of the body.

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WIVES
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Stella Vitae is the famous prescription of an old family physician, successfully used in a long, life-time practice. Sold under agreement that if the first bottle fails to benefit money will be refunded. Ask your druggist.

Mrs. D. S. Hamilton, of Milner, Ga., Route 1, writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the benefit which both my daughter and myself have derived from the use of STELLA VITAE. For some time the doctors of our neighborhood had treated my daughter without success. One bottle of STELLA VITAE in three weeks' time completely cured her. My own health has been restored by STELLA VITAE; and no doctor has been called upon to treat any member of my family since I began using Dr. Thacher's Remedies."

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OUR TRIP TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

By A. H. LUKER

The members of the Texas Press Association have more fun and real pleasure than any other profession we know of; that is, we mean those who turn loose their business for a week and attend the meetings each year. The writer has been a member of the Association for twelve years and has missed but one meeting during that time, and each time we have learned something of value to us in running a newspaper and gained some valuable knowledge concerning the geography of our great state.

The meeting held at McAllen June 9-10-11 was a most successful one, being attended by some 250 newspaper men and their families. A special train of Pullman cars was started out of Dallas on the morning of June 7 filled with editors from north Texas. A Pullman was sent out of Houston containing the south and east Texas bunch. We went by way of Houston, joining the special Wednesday morning at Sinton.

The first stop along the route was at Kingsville Wednesday morning. We reached that point in time for breakfast—and such a feed as was spread before us! Alighting from the train, tired and hungry, we were escorted by the reception committee to the Casa Ricardo (in plain old United States that means Richards House) where we did ample justice to the spread. The breakfast was free—compliments of the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce.

No doubt all of our readers have heard of the famous King Ranch. We had the pleasure of visiting the headquarters of this great ranch, where we were cordially received and served refreshments by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kleberg. This palatial home is located three miles west of Kingsville, and is known as Santa Gertrudis. It is a very beautiful and imposing building, the architecture being a mixture of old Spanish and Moorish design, and generally understood to have cost a million dollars with its furnishings. The ranch contains 1,300,000 acres.

Driving back to town, we were shown the site of the South Texas Normal College, which has already been authorized by the Texas legislature, and which Kingsville citizens expect to be built within the next two years.

We were driven out east and shown the gas field. The town has an abundant supply of natural gas. Kingsville had many things to show us, it seemed that their cordiality and enthusiasm never waned at any part of game. At the noon hour we were served more eats, this time the repast consisting of barbecue, with all the trimmings.

Journeying valleyward, the town of Raymonville was reached, and here we alighted and were placed in waiting automobiles and carried for a sight-seeing trip. Raymonville is the county seat of the new county of Kennedy, created by the last legislature. This country just at present is somewhat handicapped on account of being just outside of the irrigated area proper, but they have a wonderful country and grow lots of stuff by the dry farming method. Nat Wetzel, whom many Houston county people will remember for his operations at Latexo, lives at Raymonville and owns a big chicken ranch. We enjoyed a watermelon feast at this place, as well as good music furnished by a Mexican band.

We reached Harlingen at 4 o'clock. Harlingen is a pretty little city, nestling at the gateway to the valley proper. In fact, it is called the "gateway city." The whole town and surrounding country turned out to meet us and a more cordial welcome could not have been extended by any set of people on earth. Standing in the center of the main street was a big arch, representing the gateway to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, profusely decorated with flags and palms. On arrival, we were greeted by the Harlingen band and marched to the large arch above mentioned. We were welcomed by A. L. Brooks, president of the Chamber of Commerce. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. J. E. Cook, President of the Texas Press Association, was presented with the golden key to the valley. Mr. Cook, in acceptance of the key, spoke a few words in behalf of the Press Association and handed the key to Governor Neff, whose response was a most deserving tribute to the citizens of the valley. At the conclusion of the governor's speech, we were given admittance to the "Magic Valley" through the gate by being presented with a badge by the Camp Fire Girls. Attached to the badge was a key. The members of the press were then loaded into waiting automobiles for another sight-seeing trip. The people of the valley have something to show and they are glad of every opportunity to show it. We saw beautiful orange and grapefruit groves and growing crops, which made a wonderful impression upon us. Returning to town we were served luncheon by the ladies of the town, which consisted of several different kinds of sandwiches, salads, ice tea and topped off with ice cold watermelon for dessert. We almost wished the press meeting would be held in Harlingen, not realizing that that other good things were in store for us.

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If new generations did not grow up—

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Would there be no need for advertising.

Because of changing business conditions—

Fluctuations in wages—

And the natural aggressiveness and progressiveness of the normal man—

He is your prospective buyer today who can not use or afford your product yesterday.

These were the reasons pointed out recently by a well known sales manager of a large corporation on why it is imperative that advertising be CONSISTENT AND REGULAR.—Exchange.

some sleep and refreshed for the coming day of strenuous events.

We take it that our readers are not interested in the business session, hence will only say that the association transacted its business in the routine way and upon conclusion of each session the people of McAllen were always on hand with some kind of entertainment.

We were shown all over the valley country; were entertained at the Shary Lake Club House by the owner, Mr. John J. Shary, with a watermelon feast; had dinner one day at McAllen's Club House. This dinner was complimentary of the ladies of the different churches of McAllen. Aside trip in autos was made to Mercedes, an important valley town, where we were treated royally and given another feed.

The trip to Reynosa, Mexico, was very interesting and intensely enjoyed. The Mexican people received us cordially and complimented us with a barbecue. But we must say there is a vast difference in the appearance of the city compared with an American city. The buildings are old and dingy; many of them disheveled and in ruins. It is said that every time a new revolution was started in Mexico, and there were many in the last eleven years, bandits would descend upon Reynosa and shoot up the town. It was here that the boys were given the refreshments for which they had longed. Oh, yes, Reynosa is very wet. The Rio Grande river has the distinction of being the only river in the world that is dry on one side and wet on the other. As to the potency of some of the drinks, just at this juncture we will illustrate by telling a joke on our friend, Owens, of the Trinity Tribune. We crossed the river at Hidalgo on ferry boats. Only a few cars were permitted to go over, and while in Reynosa a hard rain came, turning dust into mud almost knee deep. The approaches to the river are steep, hence the banks were slick, and the cars to be pushed out. Two burly Mexicans were struggling with a car. Some one in the crowd had a quart of this "corn stuff" and opening it accidentally spilled a drop on Owen's foot. He immediately clicked his heels together, threw back his shoulders, and backing up to the car the two Mexicans were unable to move, said: "All right, big boys, let's go."

Reynosa is one of the oldest towns in northern Mexico and is an interesting old city. It is on the Mexican National Railway, between Matamoras and Monterey.

McAllen is a beautiful little city situated in the very heart of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It is a new town, but its builders built wisely and well. The streets are wide and there is a commodious and well planned air about the whole. Its population numbers about 6,000 people. Its hotels are the finest to be found anywhere. The Casa de Palmas is an elegant old Spanish structure, erected in 1919. It has 60 outside rooms, a large lobby and a beautiful court. By the way, it is owned by a north Texas man, Mr. A. D. Rogers, formerly of Wise county. He is a live wire and one of the moving spirits of the valley.

The Clark Hotel is a new hotel opened about six months ago. It has 40 outside rooms, a roof garden and other modern conveniences. We stopped at this hotel.

McAllen is six miles from the Rio Grande river. It is located near the big irrigation projects. To irrigate this land the water is pumped by monster centrifugal pumps and flowed by gravity over the surrounding acreage. This is a very expensive proposition, but the land is very productive and pays well. The people of the valley are handicapped in the way of transportation. This is trying to be overcome by getting deep water at Point Isabel, giving them an outlet to the north. They are also trying to get gravity irrigation to reduce the enormous cost of irrigating with pumps. If they succeed in these projects, and we feel sure they will, California will no longer hold the record of being the world's citrus fruit center. The valley grows everything under the sun, and grows it in abundant quantities.

There is a variety of substantial business concerns in McAllen which would do credit to a town five times its size. There are two banks with a combined capital stock and surplus of over \$200,000. One of them alone reached the million mark in deposits last fall.

Nearly eight miles of the business and residential section of McAllen have been paved with tarvia, gravel and tap rock.

The climate is most delightful. To be sure it gets pretty hot about this time of year, but the breeze from the gulf is nearly always blowing. The nights are invariably cool. Not a night that we did not sleep under cover.

General farming is practiced. Long staple cotton, corn, alfalfa, Rhodes grass and broom corn has netted the farmers of the valley handsome sums of money.

Citrus fruits are grown on a large scale. The grapefruit especially is of fine quality. There are quite a number of bearing groves of grapefruit, oranges, lemons and limes around McAllen. We were shown one grove

of grapefruit that netted the owner \$1000 per acre.

McAllen won the hearts of Texas editors as no other city has. Its palm lined boulevards and miles of paved streets give it a distinctive city appearance. Its hospitable people make you feel at home, glad you came, and sorry when the time comes to go. As an evidence of their foresightedness, a hundred or more cars were at the disposal of the newspaper men. They bore big placards: "Press car. Say where." And they carried you where you wanted to go and no questions were asked.

We cannot refrain from saying a good word about their educational facilities. They have provided a school system that is almost unrivaled by cities many times its size. The property of the McAllen public school is worth around a half million dollars. The magnificent high school building is one of the most stately and dignified buildings of its kind in the entire state. It contains twenty-six rooms, including the beautiful auditorium, in which the association held its meetings. The building is equipped adequately with the most substantial and modern furnishings of every kind. Besides the high school, there are three ward schools, all well equipped.

We left McAllen Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock—for home, but to see more of the valley. At Harlingen we switched to the Brownsville division of the Gulf Coast Lines. A short stop was made at San Benito and a trip through the business district was made. San Benito is one of the oldest and richest towns in the valley. It was here the first of bale of cotton was picked and shipped to Houston the latter part of last May. San Benito can boast of two former Grapeland people—Clyde Davis, who is with the Gulf Coast Lines, and G. R. Whitley, an attorney. Mr. Whitley made the trip to Brownsville with us.

We arrived at Brownsville 4 o'clock, and were met by a reception committee, put in automobiles, showed over the city, then headed for Matamoras, Mexico. We crossed the international bridge which spans the Rio Grande river connecting these two cities.

We were ushered into a large theatre where the mayor of the city welcomed us in his native tongue. We enjoyed his speech very much (after it was interpreted by the Mexican consul.) We were shown the sights over this historic Mexican city, including the city market and the bull ring, winding up with a supper at the famous French restaurant. Returning to Brownsville, we were carried to the Country Club, where we had more eats, and those who cared for the pastime, danced until train time. We left Brownsville at 10 o'clock that night, homeward bound, tired of course but happy in the thought of the good times we had.

The next meeting of the Association goes to Denton—the home of the College of Industrial Arts, and the leading city in north Texas. The valley people set a swift pace for Denton to follow, but we have Bill Edwards' word that Denton is equal to the occasion and will make every newspaper man glad that he attended the Association of 1922.

Officers of the association for the ensuing year are Judd Mortimer Lewis, Houston, President; Denver Chestnutt, Kennedy, Vice-President; Sam P. Harben, Richardson, Secretary; C. F. Lehman, San Antonio, Treasurer; P. E. Montgomery, McAllen, Essayist; Arthur Lefever, Houston, Poet; Clarence E. Gilmore, Austin, Attorney; Lee J. Rountree, Bryan, Orator. Executive committee: T. J. Lillie, San Antonio, (one year term.) Sam Braswell, Clarendon, and A. H. Luker, Grapeland, (three year term.)

LIBERTY HILL NEWS

Liberty Hill, June 20.—A good rain would be very much appreciated. There will not be very much corn made if it doesn't rain soon.

Bro. Marquis filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday. He preached on Christian education, which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Marquis and family left Monday for Rockdale, where they will visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb of Alto visited in this community Sunday. Miss Minnie Mae Ramey returned home with them and will spend a week or two.

Bud Scarborough and family of Waneta visited in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Breeze and family attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell and family of Percilla visited in this place Sunday.

Hard work acts unfavorably on the body that is bilious or constipated; producing low spirits, weakness and loss of energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy that men use as a system cleaner and invigorator. It creates energy good appetite and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.



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NEWS FROM WANETA

Waneta, June 20.—We are still needing rain very badly. Some of the corn would make if we could get a good rain. Gardens are almost burned up. Most every body is about up with their work and have plenty of time to go fishing.

Mrs. Ewell Sheffield went to Palestine Saturday.

J. E. Harrington and family were guests of Will Lively and wife Sunday.

Miss Estelle Monk spent Saturday night with Miss Clara Wilson.

Al Sheffield of Hico, Texas, has been visiting relatives at this place the past week. He has accepted a position with George E. Darsey and Co. and will make his future home at Grapeland.

Jimmie Rich and wife and Gracie spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Cherokee county.

C. P. Rich and Will Mooney left Friday for Ellis county. Mr. Rich carried about 250 gallons of ribbon cane syrup to dispose of. They made the trip in Mr. Mooney's truck.

Lorenza Goff has bought Ewell Sheffield's household goods and has moved in the house vacated by Mr. Sheffield.

Ollie Brumley entertained the young people with an ice cream supper Friday night.

There was a party at Albert Wilson's Saturday night.

A. C. Barnes has been on the sick list the past week.

Carlton Lively and wife spent Sunday at Henry Goff's

UNION DOTS

Union, June 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gaines spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells.

Miss Ina Mae Weisinger spent Sunday with Mrs. Sam Cakesy.

Miss Gladys Beeson and Mrs. Elmer Brumley spent Saturday with Mrs. Bertha Brumley and Mrs. Minnie Gaines.

Miss Annie Lee Mills and Idola Adams visited Miss Gladys Beeson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Georgie Thornton is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beeson.

Dan Herod and family, Mrs. Alice Moseley, Miss Vera Caloway and Mr. Ona Thornton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beeson.

Robert Keen spent Sunday Felix Beeson.

Mr. and Mrs. Den Oliver visited Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gaines Sunday.

Renew your subscription.

For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. Whitley, of Keota, Okla., continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

For over seventy years this purely vegetable preparation has been found beneficial by thousands of persons suffering from effects of a torpid, or slow-acting liver. Indigestion, biliousness, colic, coated tongue, dizziness, constipation, bitter taste, sleeplessness, lack of energy, pain in back, puffiness under the eyes—any or all of these symptoms often indicate that there is something the matter with your liver. You can't be too careful about the medicine you take. Be sure that the name, "Theford's Black-Draught," is on the package. At all druggists.

Accept Only the Genuine.

666 has more imitations than any other fever tonic on the market, but no one wants imitations

Graveyard Working

Everyone interested in the Lone Star graveyard is requested to meet there June 29 for the purpose of cleaning the yard. Dinner will be served on the ground. Mrs. J. N. Tyer.

Itching diseases can be controlled and cause removed by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. The relief is prompt and permanent. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. Leaverton.

LOCAL ITEMS

We carry a full line of Ford parts. Norman & Lively.

A big line of straw and cloth hats for boys at Darsey's.

For wood phone
E. L. Frisby

Clewis represents the best dye works in the state.

Men's Union Suits 75c to \$1.50 at Darsey.

Is your subscription paid in advance?

Ask for KERRY Kut, the improved union suit for men at Darsey's.

B. E. Blount of Palestine was mingling with his Grapeland friends Tuesday.

Bring your auto troubles. We know how to fix them.
Norman & Lively.

Tom Richards has gone to Palestine to work in the I. & G. N. general offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guice have returned home from Oklahoma, where they spent several weeks visiting relatives.

Wood Prices Cut

Oak stove wood, per cord \$6. Pine for \$5.00 per cord.
J. W. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard Millar of Houston are here visiting the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Wanted

4 good tie cutters; will pay extra for good ties.
Frank Taylor.

Mrs. A. S. Porter went to Crockett Monday to visit relatives a few days before returning to her home in Angleton.

Glasses fitted at Dickson Optical Store—the kind that gives satisfaction.

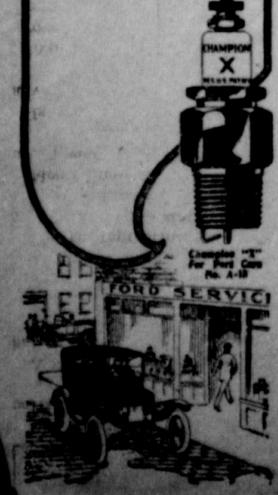
Dickson Optical Store,
Dr. G. O. Dickson,
Crockett Texas.

We are proud of the confidence doctors, druggists and the public have in 666 chill & fever tonic

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.
FRANK J. CHENEY
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1934.
A. V. GLEASON,
Notary Public.
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Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Dependable Spark Plugs

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Renew your subscription today

Kerry Kut Union Suits—the best for men—\$1.50 at Darsey's.

You miss the best news in the paper if you do not read the ads.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCall of Oakwood visited Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCall last week.

We have a good second hand 6 volt battery for sale cheap.
Norman & Lively.

Mrs. Grady Lasiter of Elkhart visited friends in Grapeland several days last week.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor and son returned Friday night from their visit with relatives at Houston.

Mr. Joe Royal of Palestine visited his brother here, Mr. J. P. Royal, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gee have moved to Grapeland from Elkhart.

Horace Goodson and family of Palestine spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodson.

Mrs. W. E. Holmes and little daughter, Mary Ruth, of Palestine visited friends in Grapeland a few days this week.

For Sale

Good Jersey milch cow, now fresh.
T. W. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Boone and baby have returned home from their visit with relatives at Mt. Selman.

Mrs. Della Twilley and two neices of Crockett county are visiting relatives in and near Grapeland.

Mrs. C. B. Keeland and son returned Monday from Huntsville, where they visited relatives.

For Sale

Nice young Jersey cow fresh; also some good cows that will be fresh in a few weeks.
J. W. Howard.

For Sale

1 big-boned Poland China boar, 18 months old, weight about 225.
Herod Parker,
Grapeland, Texas, R. 3.

To the Public

My farm and pastures are posted and all trespassers will be absolutely prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
W. T. Pridgen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leaverton and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leaverton and Mrs. S. J. Osborne visited relatives in Crockett Sunday afternoon.

If you break your glasses, send them to us. We can duplicate any broken lens and return them at once.
Dickson Optical Store,
Crockett, Texas.

Miss Carrie Lois Taylor returned to her home in Evansville last Thursday, after some time spent here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Josie Taylor.

For Sale

Some good Jersey milch cows; also 2 Jersey heifers one year old for sale or trade.
Eugene Walling.

U. M. Brock went to Trinity Sunday, where he met his daughter, Miss Melba, and two little ones, who were returning from Livingston, where they visited their grandmother.

Found

Kit of auto tools, on Grapeland and Elkhart road. Owner may have same by applying to John Lively and paying for this notice.

Swanson Yarbrough of Taylor spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough and his brother, Eugene Yarbrough, who is here from Devers.

The Ku Klux Klan

A great deal is being said in the press about the Ku Klux Klan. Some of the opinions are favorable to the so-called organization and some are unfavorable. Recent editorials appearing in the Dallas News condemn the organization in scathing terms. The editor of the Christian Courier, state organ of the Christian church, published at Dallas, takes a different view. He is of the opinion that if the Klan can aid a community in ridding itself of undesirable citizens, it is a good thing.

The Christian Courier says: "A secret order known as the Ku Klux Klan has rapidly spread over the Southern States recently, and is reported to be very strong in some cities such as Dallas and Houston.

"A Ku Klux parade was staged on some of the main streets of Dallas not long ago with nearly a thousand members in uniform and with numerous banners setting forth the purpose of the order, including protection of girls and women, prevention of sexual relation between blacks and whites, grafting, etc. And especially it is announced that the order stands for the enforcement of the law."

"That there exists conditions following the world war requiring unusual means and methods for their correction all must be aware; and that an order or 'klan' of the type of the Ku Klux would become a right factor in the righting of the wrongs and evil practices which either existing laws do not correct or which peace officers wink at, none could well doubt. Consequently the Courier trusts the Ku Klux Klan of 1921 is of that high order as those following immediately after the Civil war over which General Bedford Forrest ruled. And there is evidence that only the best men of the community are solicited or invited to become KuKlux. Indeed it must be so, if the Ku Klux expects to be a real service to the country; for it offers an opportunity for the cowardly, white-livered ruffians found in every community to perpetrate crimes and get even on personal grudges under the cover of the Ku Klux Klan, and the Klan ought to admit none but the best into its ranks; but also should make it so hot for any cowards operating under its guise that it and the public may be protected.

"At first blush one feels, upon the mention of the Ku Klux Klan that it is an aggregation of law-defying men; but not necessarily so at all. On the other hand, in crisis hours like the present, such an organization is as necessary for the protection of society as are the secret service men in the regular employment of the government. There are many things the law cannot reach and that cowardly or grafting officers will not touch, many evil doers are deterred from their vile practices by the knowledge that they may be pounced upon and summarily punished regardless of their political pull, money or social standing.

"The Courier is for the Ku Klux or any other organization that stands for true Americanism, high moral ideals, and clean government—for the enforcement of the law."—Tyler Courier-Times.

My friends, reading your paper, will doubtless be interested to note my good fortune manifested by the following:
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I will return home July 1.
Yours sincerely,
J. L. Willis.

2 dozen purebred, Single Comb Brown Leghorn Cockerels. Price \$1.00 each.
Mrs. W. W. Finch,
Grapeland, Texas, Route.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Ellis' sisters, Mrs. C. E. Dockery and Mrs. Bob Scarborough for a week's visit.

A few good values in bathing suits left at Darsey's.

Rev. Willis in Colorado

The Messenger is in receipt of the following letter from Rev. J. L. Willis, pastor of Wills Point circuit, written from Ft. Collins, Colorado, Colorado Agriculture College, Rural Pastors' School).
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SALMON NEWS

Salmon, June 20.—Sunday school was pretty well attended yesterday, and it was decided that our singing school will begin the third Monday in July. We hope that everybody will get behind it and help to make it a success.

Our ball team played a shut-out game with Grapeland Saturday. The score was 16 to 0 in favor of our boys. Jeff Denson did some excellent pitching, getting about 18 strike-outs.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Walling and children attended church at Oak Grove Sunday.

Misses Maybelle Murdock, Myrtle Moseley and Hattie Stevens, and Messrs. Alton Davis and Otis Salmon were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hopper Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith spent Sunday with Mr. Smith's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Campbell and Miss Maggie Campbell attended church at Grapeland Sunday.

Next Sunday is our regular preaching day. We invite all to come. We understand that Rev. W. J. Starkey of Rusk will fill the pulpit for Bro. Morrison.

Meeting Closed

The revival meeting at the Baptist church closed Sunday night, after being in progress two weeks. Five new members were added to the church.

The singer, Mr. Parish of Ft. Worth, remained here a few days after the meeting closed, and was given a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent Tuesday evening.

Jot Davis Hollingsworth came home last week from Georgetown, where he has been going to school at Southwestern University.

If you need some new casings or tubes, we have some cheap. We also sell a guaranteed puncture proof casing.
Norman & Lively.

Madam Hen-----

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- 45 lb cans Compound for \$4.75
- 13 lbs granulated sugar for \$1.00
- 7 lbs of good roasted coffee for \$1.00
- 17 lbs Blue Rose Rice for \$1.00
- White Cooking Oil, per gallon 90c
- Garrett Snuff, per bottle 30c
- 6 oz. bottle Rooster Snuff, per bottle . . . 30c
- 2 cans of tomatoes for 25c
- 2 cans good corn for 25c
- 2 cans of Chum Salmon for 25c
- 5 gallons of coal oil for 70c
- Very best grade of flour, per sack \$2.50
- Red Karo, per gallon 75c
- White Karo, per gallon 85c

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If so, your are missing a treat by not patronizing our fountain.

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