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Mr. G. A. Brimberry Passes To His Reward Saturday

Mr. G. A. Brimberry died at his home a few miles east of town last Saturday, January 6, 1923.

Mr. Brimberry had been in ill health for quite awhile and his passing was not unexpected.

Deceased was born in Louisiana December 1, 1843 and was 79 years, 1 month and 6 days old. He came to Texas early in life and was an honored and respected citizen of this community all these years.

He was an ex-confederate soldier and a member of the Houston county camp. He was a regular attendant upon all the reunions, except the last one held in Grapeland, being too feeble to attend.

He has been a member of the Christian church for 59 years.

His remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon in the Davis Cemetery, services being conducted by Eld. J. J. Brooks.

Surviving him is his wife and 5 children, Messrs. Will, Jim, Ben, and Marshall Brimberry, and Mrs. Joe Colkin, all of this community.

ROCK HILL LOCALS

Rock Hill, Jan. 8.—Rev. H. C. Funderburk filled his regular appointment at this place Saturday night and Sunday, and as is his custom at each service, he brought a message which thrilled and inspired. The subject on Saturday night was, "Be sure your sins will find you out" and in the discourse which followed the situation was faced squarely, not an issue was dodged. In fact, he preached the things he believed God would have him preach regardless what men and women thought about it.

Our community continues to lose some of its citizens. It seems



that Grapeland must have some attractions which especially appeal to our people. Since our last letter Mrs. Lucy Willis has purchased a home one mile south of Grapeland and contemplates moving this week. Her son, Willie Willis, will move to the place she leaves.

R. M. Brooks has moved into his new residence and J. W. Taylor has moved to the place where Mr. Brooks formerly lived.

Mrs. Jewell Pearson and Mrs. Jackson Bagwell were guests Sunday at the home of their aunt, Mrs. C. W. Weisinger, who has recently moved to the Ellis farm.

Misses Mamie and Eula Durnell of Antrim attended church

Sunday and at the noon hour were guests at the home of J. W. Taylor; also several of the girls from this community accompanied them. Among them were Misses Ethel and Johnnie Kiser and Mamie Weisinger.

Mrs. Eula Crawford is on the sick list this week. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

John Cook and wife, Mrs. J. L. Nichols and Mrs. J. W. Taylor visited their father, R. H. Cook, in the Enon community Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Steetman has been suffering considerably with something like a spider bite on her arm.

The family of J. F. Martin of Antrim have the sympathy of the entire community as they now have their third case of typhoid fever. The first to take it was Miss Katie, who had a very light spell, then little Estelle became a victim and even now she seems a little better but she has been in a very serious

condition. The third one who is now in bed is their oldest son, Lee. We trust they may each one soon be well.

Report of Liberty Hill Sewing Club

Miss Barnett came last Thursday and organized our girls sewing club. We have eighteen members and think we will like the work fine. We are yet undecided as to what to name our club. Every girl in the class decided to take gardening. We also elected our officers as follows: President, Miss Freddie Ramey; Vice-president, Miss Mary Lou Moore; Secretary and treasurer, Miss Laura Moore.

Reporter, Miss Avalona Scarborough. We hope our club will be a success.

Reporter.

Service Car

Rates cheap. See W. R. Stephens.

1922 Cotton Crop Nearly Doubles Previous Year

According to figures given out by E. B. Hale, statistical cotton agent for Houston county, the crop of 1922 lacks only a few bales of doubling the crop of 1921 in Houston county.

According to these figures there were 23,828 bales ginned from the crop of 1922, prior to December 13, 1922, as compared with 12,618 bales to the same date during 1921.

ANTRIM LOCALS

Antrim, Jan. 7.—There is some serious sickness in the community. Lee and Estelle Martin are very low with typhoid fever, but are slowly improving, and we learned yesterday that Edd Gray has two children stricken with the same malady. It seems as tho' we are going to have an epidemic of it.

There was singing at the church last night, although the crowd was slim on account of so much sickness.

Since our last writing several families have moved into the community, C. W. Weisinger, Floyd Woods, A. B. Keen and Mr. Russian. We are glad to have them with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Durnell stopped off here for a short Xmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell. They were enroute to their home at Laporte.

Rev. W. R. Durnell was away the latter part of the week preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McQueen and children recently visited relatives in the Ephesus community.

Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind help in the sickness and death of our husband and father. May the good Lord remember each and everyone as a reward for your help.

Mrs. G. A. Brimberry and children.

666 Cures Malarial fever.

We are the People that Keep the Price Down in Grapeland

Best grade extra high patent flour for	\$1.85
Best grade high patent flour	\$1.75
12 lbs sugar	\$1.00
Can tomatoes, per can	10c
Best grade Lye, per can	10c
Maxwell House Coffee, per can	\$1.18
Cups and saucers per set	95c
Plates per set	95c
Best grade double bit axes	\$1.75
Ribbon Cane Syrup per can	75c

Best price on chops, bran, shorts, oats, maize and corn meal in town. Don't buy until you see us.

Keeland Bros.

The people that keep the price down

What Do You Say?

With our well selected line of general merchandise, let us supply your entire needs during the present year. We can make it to your interest.

You buy our goods--we'll make the price!

Don't buy anything until you see us.

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DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

Punchettes



by
Rev. M.A. MATTHEWS
D.D. LL.D.

Cheapness of Human Life

Human life is too cheap. In fact, it is the cheapest thing in the world. You spend millions and hundreds of millions to protect your property. You spend millions to protect your cattle, develop your cattle, and to save them from disease and the enemies that destroy their commercial worth.

You permit 300,000 babies to die in America every year because you make no provision to save them. You permit hundreds of thousands to be maimed and diseased and killed by carelessness, inefficiency, because of lack of protection and mechanical provision for their safety. You killed about 13,000 and maimed 53,000 people in America last year with the automobile. What are you going to do to remedy this horrible condition?

You should teach the people the sacredness of human life.

You should demand the recognition of a man's right to live. You should enforce the law and make every store, factory, shop and institution, where men are employed install every safety device for the protection of human life.

You should enact by Congress a law that would guarantee to every new-born babe the substance, milk, medical attention, environment, and the protection necessary to save its little life. You should provide means for the mothers whereby they might have food and nourishment, education, protection and dinction while they are passing through the sacred hours of motherhood. Save the lives of the people.

The birth rate has decreased; the death rate is rapidly increasing.

Let us blot out this carelessness—murderous carelessness, and create in the heart of everyone a love of life, and a willingness to protect the lives of others.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Jan. 8.—8 days this far, but would not know it if it wasn't for the Almanac and we would not know that God lives if it was not for the Bible. Roses are still blooming.

Lots of plowing has been done, but lots more to do. A good number are going to use fertilizer if they can get it. The writer did not make any resolutions but are going to do the best we can, buy as little as we can and work all we can.

By the way, we have one of the wires that gets news through the air. It is at the home of W. S. White's. We had an invitation to hear a sermon yesterday, but could not go; do not think we would enjoy a sermon that way; could not hear us say "Amen."

Mrs. George Allen and family spent the latter part of Xmas with relatives east of the railroad.

Mrs. Mollie Lasiter and Mrs. Cora Eaves and little son, Leon, spent a few days in our midst last week.

Mrs. Gussie Beazley and Mrs. West visited the new bride one evening last week.

J. L. Chiles was a Prospect visitor last week. Now don't think curious; had not been in that country since 1895; went by the site of the old historic spot of old Pleasant Hill where many gallons of good old red whiskey were drunk and many hair splitting stunts were pulled off.

Mrs. Geo. Allen was a visitor at the home of her uncle's yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Chiles visited the home folks at Prospect Saturday and Sunday. They will be ready to receive company by next Sunday.

J. L. Chiles says he likes to do something smart and thinks he did something when he helped a lady get her pension by locating a witness to her marriage 50

years ago. The lady was Mrs. Sue Teague, nee Miss Sue Murchison. The witness was J. A. Davis. John A. seems to be a handy man in many ways. Quite a number who read these lines will remember the occasion, but doubt there is another living witness.

SLOCUM NEWS

(Delayed)

Slocum, Jan. 1. This community was taken on a surprise Saturday night when Miss Mary Lou Denson and Mr. Clyde Miller got married. They will move near Palestine to make their home. We wish them a long and happy life.

There were many people of this community shocked last Thursday when they heard of the killing of Mr. Bascome Jones who once lived here, but moved to Waneta about 5 years ago. He has many friends here who mourn his death. His wife and children and aged parent, Rev. Oliver Jones, have the sympathy of their many friends of Slocum.

Turner Skidmore of Grapeland spent Xmas here with his niece, Mrs. J. T. Kilgo.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stewart, who have been spending Xmas here with his parents, have returned to their home in Teague.

Mrs. John Parker of Kerns is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers entertained the young folks with a musical Saturday night. All report a nice time.

There were several young people of this place attended the singing of Sand Springs Sunday night. Among them were: Misses Lottie Skidmore, Cora Dell Skidmore, Effie Hodges and Mrs. Leona Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kilgo spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Powell Vickery.

Mrs. Green Wood and children visited her mother at Sand Springs Sunday. Mrs. Mills of Texarkana is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Crow.

Mrs. Cammie O'Neal of Palestine visited her mother, Mrs. Gilmore, Saturday.

Shipped Car of Cattle

George Calhoun shipped a car of cattle to the Galveston market the first of the week. The shipment was accompanied by Bob Wherry.

Richard Lloyd Jones tells

How to Get Our Problems Solved

WE have heard much through the last two years about the farm bloc. When this movement began most people looked upon it as a political curiosity. But it drew to its support so many conscientious and earnest men that the nation began to realize that there was something elemental in the idea that must demand serious national consideration.

The Non-Partisan League was a forerunner of this protest. It advocated a right program for its members. But it could prosper only in a state like North Dakota where the larger majority of the people are engaged in just one business—grain growing. It could not spread. We can't have a government of grain-growers. Any one vocation government is oligarchy. There is where this right protest took on impossible political form.

The Populist party back in the 80's and early 90's that flowered in Kansas was the beginning of the present farm bloc movement.

Cities live on the soil. The big city lives on the little city, and the little city lives upon the farm.

Science has come along with the automobile, the telephone and a hundred things that multiply efficiency, speed up industry with economy but always with the economy that costs. We have been learning how to live better. The lesson has gone out to the open acres. Fifty years ago few farm boys had ever tasted ice cream. The soda fountain today is a village need, and the movie a community demand. Minnesota eats Florida fruit. There are a thousand legal, economic, marketing, industrial problems today where fifty years ago there was one. In consequence the cost of administering all government, township, town, county, state and nation, has mounted with the multiplication of the problems that grew out of

our ever increasingly intricate life. All these make taxes.

In a normal farming community in Nebraska the tax rate on tilled land has gone from \$93 to \$494 in just six years. The farmer says he can't stand the gaff. The tax cost is exceeding the profit on production.

The same complaint comes from the city banker and manufacturer. The farmer has no monopoly on tax complaints. Did you ever hear of a popular tax?

It doesn't cost anything to live in a wilderness. We want all things that progress has brought us. We don't want to part with the soda fountain or the telephone. We can't give up the auto or the university extension. Very well then, what are we going to do?

New England had a great idea in the town meeting. Philadelphia with her nearly two millions of people, is now talking the town meeting idea. Out in the corn belt of the middle west the town meeting is again taking hold. And when, in a town of only 300 people surprise was expressed because over 200 were in attendance, the answer came, "We have to go to the town meeting. It's the only way we can ever solve our problem."

That's the only way we ever can.

Public ownership of public utilities and a scientific marketing system of the products of the land will both save our civilization and supply its cost. The only way we are ever going to get there is to get together, talk it over and thresh it out. Find out what we can do, what we want to do, and then send to our state legislatures and to our Congress not a lot of half-baked country lawyers but practical producers—men who know what we want done and who will do it.

PERSONAL ITEMS

(The following personals were intended for last week, but were crowded out.)

George R. Darsey of Houston was home for Christmas day.

Mrs. Tee Dotson of Percilla visited relatives in Houston during the holidays.

Mrs. Ida Totty and daughter, Miss Eola, of Palestine, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mangum and children were over from Alto Christmas day to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray.

Frank Ward and family of Thalia were here during the holidays to visit Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones and son, Harry, spent the holidays at Stamford with Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Chas. Brewton.

Clarence and Olan Denson of Houston spent the Christmas holidays at Percilla with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Denson.

Porter Newman of Durant, Ok. visited his mother, brothers and other relatives and friends here and at Augusta a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wherry have returned from Houston, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wherry and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ursprung.

Arch Murray spent the holidays with relatives and friends at his former home in Mississippi this being his first visit to the old home in quite awhile.

Jot Davis Hollingsworth, who is teaching school near Livingston, was here during the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Murchison of Beaumont were here Christmas day visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Murchison.

Messrs. Clyde and Edwin Davis of San Benito and Kingsville spent a few days here Christmas week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.

Chester Owens, who has been in Little Rock, Ark., for some time in the insurance business, has returned home, and after a short visit expects to locate in Houston.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

(Delayed)

Union Chapel, Jan. 2.—The Christmas tree was right nice and the program by the little folks was splendid. Think old Santa remembered most everyone.

Mrs. Josie Johnston and daughter of Grapeland spent the holidays with her brother, Buck Cutler and family.

Saturday, December 30, the small girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark died and the remains were laid to rest in the Denson cemetery. Their many friends sympathize with them.

Mrs. Alice Pelham had as her guests during the holidays her brother, Mr. S. Shafner and wife and son and her sister, Mrs. McCally and two little daughters, all of Center.

Mrs. Omega Marshall and Misses Nannie and Flora visited relatives at New Prospect during the holidays.

J. T. Skidmore recently visited friends at Alto.

Mrs. G. W. Weisinger and children spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. John Skidmore at Grapeland.

We are facing a New Year which we hope to be a happy and prosperous one for all.

At the Methodist Church

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night 7 p. m. Service at Hays Springs at 3 p m

Public cordially invited to worship with us.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Elbow grease is all right in its place, but the man with the hoe can't compete with the one with a riding cultivator.

LADY GOT SO WEAK COULD SCARCELY STAND

After Suffering From Many Female Troubles This Lady Heard of Cardui and Took It, She Says, "Until I Was Well."

"SOME TIME AGO," says Mrs. Buena McFarland, of R. F. D. 2, Bostic, N. C., "I suffered a great deal with weakness common to women. I had bearing-down pains, my sides and back hurt, and my limbs drew. I would get so weak in my knees I could scarcely stand."

"I was very nervous, and could not rest. I didn't feel like eating. I grew thin, and did not have ambition for anything."

"I had been trying other remedies . . . but did not get any better."

"Some one told us of Cardui, and what it was recommended for. I also



IF STOMACH IS SOUR, FOOD WON'T DIGEST

No stomach filled with sour poisons can digest food. Everything you eat turns into more poison and gas, making you nervous and weak. Simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, expels all sour poisons and gas from BOTH upper and lower bowel. Removes foul, decaying food-matter you never thought was in your system which caused sour and gassy stomach. Adlerika is excellent to guard against appendicitis.—Smith & Ryan. 2

Some people consider the flapper very appealing, while others call them appalling.

took a Ladies Birthday Almanac and read of a case something like mine. I told my husband to get it and I would try it.

"I saw a great improvement after the first bottle (of Cardui), so I kept it up until I was well. Now I am the picture of health."

Thousands of other women have written, to tell of the beneficial results obtained by taking Cardui, and to recommend it to others.

Cardui has stood the test of extensive use, for more than forty years, in the treatment of troubles common to women. Try it.

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organs there is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It is the remedy that men use for purifying the stomach, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

It is claimed the girls clinch their dancing partners too tight, but perhaps they are afraid the boys will get away from them.

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleansed of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Borozone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains neuralgia, can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is a powerful penetrating remedy. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

President Harding broke White House records of several months standing when he shook hands with 1,450 persons in a recent reception.

Kidney weakness, bladder troubles and digestive disorders are all within the curative power of Prickly Ash Bitters. As a tonic for the kidneys and urinary organs it has proved its value. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

BANK STATEMENTS

No. 768 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

at Grapeland State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29 day of December, 1922, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 11 day of January, 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 46,487.66
Loans, real estate	3,931.44
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	40,000.00
Bonds and Stocks	13,297.95
Real Estate (banking house)	3,428.90
County Warrants	1,180.91
Furniture and Fixtures	2,386.70
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	106,502.13
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,284.83
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	3,897.07
Collection	235.00
Total	\$223,632.59
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,628.84
Individual Deposits, subject to check	159,845.49
Time Certificates of Deposit	17,926.37
Cashier's Checks	231.89
Bonds Deposited	12,000.00
Total	\$223,632.59

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Houston
We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
C. W. Kennedy, President.
U. M. Brock, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January A. D. 1923.

Arwine Skidmore
Notary Public, Houston
(SEAL) County, Texas.
CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. C. Kennedy
P. H. Stafford
M. P. Herod
Directors.

Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated, or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price, 60c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

No. 183 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank

at Grapeland State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29 day of December, 1922, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 11 day of January, 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 43,953.59
Loans, real estate	11,217.47
Overdrafts	432.84
Liberty Bonds	11,834.40
Real Estate (banking house)	2,983.03
County Warrants	2,970.20
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	108,932.33
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,396.22
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,302.89
Collection in transit	250.00
Total	\$190,772.97
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,221.68
Individual Deposits, subject to check	121,840.24
Time Certificates of Deposit	21,611.05
Bonds Deposited	11,100.00
Reserve	3,000.00
Total	\$190,772.97

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston
We, Geo. E. Darsey, as president, and W. D. Granberry, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Geo. E. Darsey, President.
W. D. Granberry, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1923.

J. R. Richards
Notary Public Houston
(SEAL) County, Texas.
CORRECT—ATTEST:
T. S. Kent
W. G. Darsey
M. E. Darsey
Directors.

To drive out worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

New Vice-President Of Farm Bureau



Dr. W. H. Walker of California, always active in National Farm Bureau Federation affairs was the unanimous choice for vice-president for 1923. He will be an active assistant to the new president, Oscar Bradfute of Ohio.

LIVELYVILLE LOCALS

(Delayed)
Livelyville, Jan. 1.—Mr. O. P. Brown entertained over forty guests at a Christmas dinner. The table was spread in the back yard and decorated decorations though were the things with mistletoe and holly. The real the hostess had prepared for her guests and the table fairly groaned Mrs. Brown always do entertain most with them. We remember Mr. and royally and with a lavishness that can hardly be surpassed. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Price Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Denson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morris, Bro. Anderson from Grapeland, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Morris and Mr. Raymond Morris from Coleman County, and several others whose names we failed to get.

We really believe old Santa reads the Messenger because his memory of our existence was jarred to such an extent that the mail carrier thought he would have to put on an extra extension to his buggy in order to accommodate the parcels that came our way. It pays to use the Messenger as a medium to reach Santa.

Safety for Your Funds



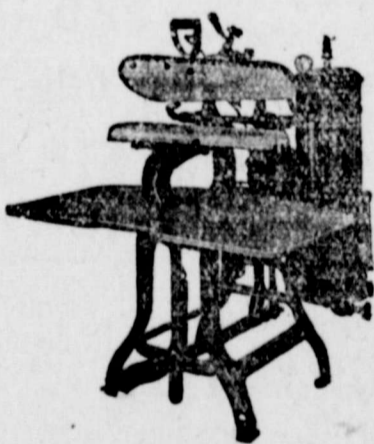
"The non-interest bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank are protected by the Depositors' Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas."

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

M. L. Clewis

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Cleaning Pressing Altering
We Call for and Deliver
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Ladies work given special attention.
Try us.

We have been here a long time and expect to remain in business; the only way to do so is to satisfy our patrons.

Cultivated Corn On Hands And Knees



Warren W. Simpson of Northfield, Minn. set an inspiring example for Corn Club boys and girls when though crippled, he crawled on hands and knees to raise 105 bushels to the acre and win first prize. Now he teaches agriculture at Lewis-ton Minn.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 1923.

LITERACY TESTS

It may have been a bit startling to many persons when Thomas R. Marshall, former vice president of the United States, declared for the literacy for voters.

Mr. Marshall recently said in a public address that all persons who are unable to read and write the English language should be disfranchised.

There is a literacy test for admission of immigrants and again for citizenship papers, but these tests are general in character and have little to do with fitness for voting.

Thousands of persons who become citizens make little effort thereafter to fit themselves for the duties of voters, and are sometimes used by designing politicians because of ignorance.

Aliens are not the only ones who need instruction in the principles and issues of government, but many thousands of native-born Americans are dangerously illiterate.

The suggestion of Mr. Marshall may never be adopted by any state, but it raises an issue that challenges those persons who desire a more intelligent electorate.

Work cures unrest but many prefer unrest to work.

A suggestion for present ills: Buy alarm clocks instead of wrist watches.

Uncle Zeke says: "If a man's face is his fortune, I know many men who are almost bankrupt."

1923 looks mighty rosy so far. Indications point to a year of peace and plenty.

An exchange remarks that "no minister can run a second Lizzie and remain in the ministry."

Adam forfeited paradise for a woman, and while the price is high, millions have bravely and smilingly taken the chance.

Even after prohibition becomes world wide it will be necessary to teach temperance, because a lot of men all over the world are continuing to eat too much and talk too much.

The Texas legislature convened Tuesday morning in regular session. Many important things will come before the body for consideration, not the least of which will be a resolution calling for a constitutional convention.

Brace up, now, for this brand new year of 1923. The big world outside is bright and bustling, and all you have to do is get busy and open it like an oyster. You are not half as wretched as you imagine.

There are many things beside the Volstead law that interferes with a man's personal liberty. The law of gravity is one of these. A man's at liberty to walk off a skyscraper if he so desires, but he will break every bone in his body if he does.

We do not take much stock in Darwin's theory that man evolved from a monkey, but there may be something in the theory that he is descending into something akin to a monkey, if one can judge by the antics of many of them.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Jan. 8.—Rev. Mell King filled his appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. Rev. C. A. Campbell of Salmon was with us and led the singing.

Several families from here, also Mr. Wilcox and the pupils in his room, went to Union last Friday where our boys and girls played basket ball. Score made by the girls was 16 to 17 in favor of New Prospect; boys was 10 to 12 in favor of Union. Our boys also played a game with Grapeland team. Score was 18 to 20 in favor of New Prospect.

J. L. Chiles, Pledger Chiles and wife and Lee Smith all from Reynard were visitors here last week.

Mrs. E. J. Musick went to Reynard Saturday to visit her son, Sam Musick.

Ector Finch and family from Oak Grove visited F. R. Finch's family Saturday and Sunday.

Bob Parker and family from Grapeland were visiting here Sunday.

Watkins—Sadler

From the Jan. 4 issue of the Elkhart Record we take the following:

"Mr. Homer Watkins and Miss Loreta Sadler were married in Palestine last Sunday. These young people are of the Denson Springs community and have many friends in Elkhart who wish them much happiness."

The bride formerly lived in Grapeland and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sadler.

Christian Endeavor Program

The Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 and all the young people of the town are invited.

Following is the program for January 14:

- Leader, Miss Eula Mae Davis.
- Hymn, In the Garden.
- Hymn, Break thou the Bread of Life.
- Prayer, Bro. Hyde.
- Scripture reading by leader.
- Hymn, He keeps me singing.
- Discussion of the lesson.
- Special music.
- Announcements.
- Hymn, The fight is on.
- Mizpah benediction.



People throughout this entire section who appreciate value, quality and style, have chosen this store as their shopping place. Our effort to have at all times the things you want, makes this a convenient place to trade. We want you to take advantage of the many good things we will have for you from time to time and you will be assured of right styles, right prices and service that serves.

**Follow the Crowds to The Darsey Company
Satisfaction Guaranteed**

WE SHOW THE NEW THINGS FIRST

Some of the good things in life are still reserved for men. Among other distinctive mannish things featured at this store, we mention

FLORSHEIM SHOES

The 1923 Models in Florsheim "styles of the Times" are really a season ahead of those shown in other lines. We have received some of the season's most popular numbers in both high shoes and oxfords in black, willow calf, and copper brown.

Other all leather dress shoes
\$4.00 to \$8.50

**Oxfords
\$9 and \$10
Shoes
\$10 and \$12**

STETSON HATS

The most popular styles and colors in Stetson Hats for Spring wear are now featured at this store. This showing includes all novelty, semi-staple and staple hats. We have an extensive line of patterns in men's dress and staple hats.

**\$6.50
to
\$10.00**

STYLEPLUS CLOTHES

The man who buys a suit of Styleplus, is insured of all the name implies, for in addition to Style, you get quality, fast colors, a perfect fit, and a written money back guarantee of satisfaction. Cheap clothes cost more in the long run—yet, Styleplus are not high priced. Now showing:

Blue Serge Suits and
Fancy worsteds in all
models from stubs to stouts

**\$25 to \$35
Other Suits
\$18.50 Up**

FROM HEAD TO FOOT

You will find here for men, correct attire for most any kind of wear. The lines we sell, are in most cases, sold exclusively to us, hence you cannot get the same or as good values elsewhere.

- New Knit Ties .50c to \$1.50
 - New Caps 50c to \$3.00
 - Silk Socks 50c to \$1.00
 - Dress Shirts . \$1.00 to \$5.00
- Standard brands of work clothes, gloves, underwear, work shoes, supporters, and a complete line of men's jewelry.

THE DARSEY Co.
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

Local News

666 cures LaGrippe.

You can save money on Dry Goods at The Darsey Co.

107 for Chills and Fevers. At the Drug Store.

Automobile tubes and casings at Kennedy Bros.

107 for Colds and Fevers. At your Druggist.

Everfast suitings in the best Spring shades at The Darsey Co.

Mrs. J. T. McKnight of Cool-edge is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

WANTED—Farm wage hand. Can furnish good house. If C. A. Campbell, Salmon.

We sell for cash, making the lowest price, the best for the least money. S. E. Howard.

For Sale

1 five passenger Ford in good shape. See W. R. Stephens. 2t

Buy your groceries from us. We have a complete line. Kennedy Bros.

Oats, bran, shorts, corn chops, meal and flour in car lots at lowest prices. S. E. Howard.

Bile Cutters. Take one tonight. They make breakfast taste right. At your druggist.

Mrs. W. W. Gilbert has returned from Lake Charles, La., and is visiting at the home of her son, Hadie Gilbert.

I will thrash peanuts Friday, January 12. Those having any bring them to my place. 1t W. J. Clark, R 4.

Walter Newman of Augusta returned Monday night from Tyler, where he had been on business matters.

If you need a good mule see me. I have a few for sale for cash or good notes. T. H. Leaverton. 3t

Chas. Kent of Alexandria, La., is here spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent.

We have just received a car of fresh flour—La. France and Yukon's best. The best to be had. Kennedy Bros.

Miss Melba Brock has returned from Livingston, where she spent several days with relatives and attended the wedding of one of her girl friends.

For Rent on 3rd and 4th

2 places, good land, good houses and water; some bottom land on one of the places. Close to school and church. See 1t W. J. Willis, R 3.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine

Those who are in a "run down" condition will notice that Catarrh bothers them much more than when they are in good health. This fact proves that while Catarrh is a local disease, it is greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which assists in improving the General Health. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, Ohio.

666 quickly relieves a cold.

Big line of plow goods at Keeland Bros. Best price in town.

Millinery at Half Price at The Darsey Co.

Bile Cutters. No nausea, no griping. At Your Druggist.

Reductions on coats, coat suits and dresses at The Darsey Co.

30x31-2 Goodyear tire \$8.50. Best price in town. Keeland Bros.

Miss Anna Cecil Lively recently visited her friend, Miss Baron, at Lovelady.

Pure Rhode Island Red eggs, \$1.00 per setting. 3t Mrs. Herbert Leaverton.

Garden wire, hog wire and barb wire at Keeland Bros. Best price in town.

Keep that School Girl Complexion with Palm Olive. A complete line at The Darsey Co.

Mr. Dyal of Elkhart has leased the Lively store building and will put in a racket store. He expects to open for business next week.

Peas Wanted

I will buy your whipperwill peas. See me for prices. J. W. Howard.

Wanted to Buy

A few cars of fat cows, calves and bulls. See George Calhoun or Bob Wherry. 3t

Mules for Sale

I have a few good work mules to sell for cash or secured notes. T. H. Leaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray and daughters, Misses Agnes and Ardis, spent Sunday in Alto with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mangum.

Notice—Posted

No hunting, fishing or trapping allowed on any of our premises. Murray & Murray. 3t

Mrs. B. S. Elliott and her charming daughter, Miss Clar-ette, of Crockett were the guests of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Kennedy Sunday.

F. P. Kennedy, who recently sold his farm on the Crockett road to the Streetman's, has declined the idea of moving to West Texas, for the time being at least, and has rented a place west of town.

We have one of the best and most complete stocks of staple and fancy groceries to be found anywhere. You will do well to see us and get prices before you buy. Let us fill your bill. Kennedy Bros.

Hogs Wanted

I am in the market for hogs weighing from 135 pounds up from January 13 to 17 and will ship on the latter date. If you have any to sell it will pay you to see me. J. W. Howard.

To prevent a Cold, take 666.

Rub-My-Tism for Rheumatism

A car of feed and flour just arrived at Long's Cash Store.

New shipment of girl's wash dresses at The Darsey Co.

40 pounds of potatoes for \$1.00 at Long's Cash Store.

Jas. H. Ryan went to Houston Tuesday night on business.

Red rust proof seed oats at Kennedy Bros.

The Baptist church is being recovered.

All sizes in flower pots at Long's Cash Store.

Buy Ruth flour; also the old fashion water ground meal. Sold at Howard's. None better.

R. M. Traylor of New Waverly was here last Thursday visiting his brother, S. E. Traylor.

One more thing this country needs is fewer curling irons and more ironing boards.

We are headquarters for farm supplies. Try us. Kennedy Bros.

Any one desiring a first-class mower and rake see F. P. Kennedy.

Plenty of oats, bran and shorts at the right price. Long's Cash Store.

You can get Palm Olive powders, creams, shampoo, soap, etc. at The Darsey Co.

Corn for Sale

I have a car load of Illinois ear corn. If you need any see me at once. J. W. Howard.

Mrs. Lucy Willis of Rock Hill community moved to Grapeland Tuesday on her place just south of town, which she purchased from Elmo Murdock.

Notice—Posted

I am not going to allow any more hunting, fishing or trapping on any of my premises. Please take notice and stay out. 4t George Calhoun.

A lot of fellows who have been knocking the women for their immodest short skirts, are now getting ready to knock them for their unsanitary long ones.

Hogs Wanted

I will ship hogs again next Wednesday, January 18th. Will buy all hogs offered 135 pounds up, paying highest market price. Henry Dailey.

Get ready for farming. We have all kinds of farming tools, including the famous Oliver line, horse collars in all sizes, collar pads, rope plow lines, in fact, anything you need. See us before you buy. Kennedy Bros.

Bring in Seed

Those having a few cotton seed to sell had better bring them in at once as we are going to make the final shipment within the next few days. J. W. Howard.

666 Cures Bilious fever.

These You Need Now:

Stock and Poultry Tonics

We have the best--DR. HESS' LINE.

Liquid Smoke

We have two sizes: Deam's, per bottle - \$1.00 and the old reliable Figaro Preserver.

Hog Tonic

We have HOGTONE \$1 a bottle, an excellent liquid worm expeller and appetizer.

Smith & Ryan

DRUGGISTS

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

STAR THEATRE

Always Worth While

We have a Dandy Picture for **Friday Night**

including a **Side-Splitting Comedy**

Come and Bring the Kids for an hour of real pleasure and recreation

Another Good Show for **Saturday Night**

At the Christian Church

Bible school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 4:45 p. m. Evening preaching service at 7 o'clock.

Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Morning subject: The Pounds. Evening subject: The Plea of the Disciples. Arthur Hyde, Pastor.

Graveyard Notice

January 1 was the time to put your money in the F & M State Bank to keep up the Parker cemetery for coming year. Many of you failed to do so. If the yard is to be kept the money must be forth coming. Please go to the bank and deposit yours at once.

Jim Musick, C. D. Walling, P. H. Parker, Committee.

Misses Rosalie Howard and Ardis Murray were recent visitors to Lovelady, being the guests of the Misses Hartt.

Rub-My-Tism, an antiseptic.

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

Our purpose is to clean, press and repair your clothes in such a way that you may regard our work better than usual.

And to charge no more for this kind of service than perhaps you have been in the habit of paying for unsatisfactory results.

There is a difference we would like to show you.

Find out yourself.

B. A. FRISBY AND H. C. CAMPBELL Proprietors

Willard Keeland of New Waverly was here for a little while last Thursday visiting his brothers, Messrs. Claude and Bill Keeland, and meeting his numerous friends. He also visited Crockett to look after business interests, being interested in the Herrin Hardware Co.

666 cures Dengue Fever.

THE ROAD TO PEACE

(A Christmas Sermon by Rev. Arthur Hyde)

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Thus reads the first sentence of Lincoln's famous Bunker Hill Oration. May we not in all reverence read a parody to those lines: Nineteen hundred and twenty-two years ago our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ brought forth to earth a new kingdom conceived in love and liberty and dedicated to the task of making all men free and equal. The fundamental task of this kingdom has been and is to establish peace among men. It seeks to set us at peace with God and with all man kind. Peace is the great medium through which the kingdom is advanced and the kingdom of Christ is the greatest advocate of peace that the world has ever known. The two are interdependent. The success of one will help the other. The failure of one will hinder the other. The state of peace has never been more than temporary without the guiding influence of the kingdom of Christ, nor has His kingdom ever been able to advance when surrounded by an atmosphere of war.

It has been declared that war is hell. If war is in any way related to hell it cannot be related to Christ's kingdom. Darkness has no fellowship with light. The two will not mix. When one is present the other is absent. Both cannot occupy the same space at the same time. Try as hard as we may, we cannot harmonize war with the word of God. The closer one follows the teaching of God's word the better man he becomes; the longer one harbors the spirit of war in his heart the more savage he becomes. The fruit of one is love, joy peace. The fruit of the other is jealousy, envy, strife. They are as different as day is from night.

And few are the hearts in America that were not touched by the spirit of the late war. We have but to look around to see what the fruits are. Murders in America have never been so numerous before; bold robberies are reported most every day; vice is running rampant in many places. The spirit has even spread so far as to embrace the churches. Many play politics with their religion, denomination fights denomination, Catholic organizes against Protestant and Protestant organizes against Catholic. I am convinced that these are the fruits of the evil spirit, the spirit of war and that they can never produce peace. The only terms of lasting peace are set forth in the ideals of the kingdom of our Lord and peace will not come until they are practiced among men. The power of force has been thorough-

ly tried and found wanting. For nearly four thousand years God bore patiently with the warring nations. He even went so far as to take a hand in the conflict at times, and at first thought we might be lead to believe that God took pleasure in the slaughter of men. Such is not true, it never was true. When God gave man the power of choice He placed on man certain responsibilities. One of them was that of determining what course he would pursue in life. He offers us salvation through His mercy, but we must accept it. We are even commanded to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. The men of Old Testament times were but little different to men of this day and time. They would not believe that their salvation could not be found in the power of force until they had tried it. We are worse than they if we continue to use the method of force when we have "a more excellent way" besides having their example to profit by.

Rome had her Alexander, France her Napoleon and Prussia her Kaiser William, but they lived by the sword and the y perished by the sword. There is no life in war. 'Only peace produces and sustains life. The result of war is always death; death to thousands of individuals, death to the nation that lives by the sword; death to the spiritual life of many who survive and eternal death and damnation to thousands of souls. Why can we not see it? When will the nations of the earth see the utter folly of war and resolve to live at peace with each other? How long before we shall "beat our swords into plow shares and our spears into pruning hooks and learn war no more?"

When the ideals of the kingdom of heaven become the dominating influence in the lives of the people we may expect peace on earth and not until then. There is no peace without these ideals, there can be no peace until they are practiced. Christ declared that men would know His disciples by the fact that they loved one another. People do not fight that which they love. Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of peace because love is there and where love is peace reigns supreme. If we would have peace on earth those of us who believe in God and want to see right become the forerunner of might must come to have a greater faith in the power of love. Love can save the world and only love can. "Love never faileth." It may appear to fail at times, in fact it does so appear, but if the truth were known we should see that it was lack of love and not love that had failed. The spirit of hate cannot live for a single minute in an atmosphere of love. It is expelled as darkness is expelled by light. "God is love" and he who professes to know Him, whether he be individual or nation and does not love the creation of His hand, human beings, is the worst type of sinner and his whole life is clothed in the raiment of hypocrisy.

And "without faith it is impossible to please God." Nations fight each other because they lack faith in the members of the human family. France wants to cripple Germany so badly that she will never be able to attack France again. Has she forgiven Germany seventy times seven? America holds herself aloof from European problems because she has no faith in Europe to maintain peace. Can America be Christian and refuse to have faith in other nations? Suppose the kingdom that Jesus established had limited its members to those who would at all times keep the faith? Would I have any members today? Would I be eligible to membership? Would you? World peace cannot be realized until we learn to trust each other. Faith is indispensable. And like as the kingdom of our Lord has lived and progressed by practicing the ideal of faith so may world peace be established and assured for all time to come when the nations of the earth learn to believe and trust each other.

Christ declared that it was by knowing the truth that men were made free His kingdom has always been a great exponent of the truth. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and we must turn to Him and ask forgiveness or we are doomed. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" National and world as much as individual salvation lies in Jesus Christ, "for there is no other name given under heaven whereby men may be saved." There can be no salvation in other than the truth. Falsehood can never save. We

must cease to fear the truth, rather we must come to love it with a never dying love. That which will not stand inspection by the search light of truth must pass away. It is as a house built upon the sand; it will not weather the storm. The way of satan has always been a way of deception. His whole system is builded upon a false foundation. He cannot stand before the truth so he fights it from every angle. He comes to us with his soft seducing whispers and promises something for nothing, and the pity of it he has fooled a host of men so badly that they are accepting his offer.

One great difference between the teaching of Christ and the teaching of the Scribes and Pharises was that Christ taught openly in the temple and was always ready to have the subject matter of His teaching questioned, while the Scribes and Pharises being false teachers, were offended when their teaching was questioned. They were afraid of the truth as is always the case with those who are propounding a false doctrine. Their teaching could not stand in the face of the truth which Christ was teaching was sure to prevail. "Heaven and earth may pass away, but the word of God will not pass away" because it is rooted and grounded in the truth. The kingdom of our Lord has withstood the "fiery darts of the evil one" for nearly two thousand years now, and we need have no fear for its safety in the future. Its founder was the way and the truth and the life and a kingdom that stands open and above board for the truth cannot perish from the earth. The nations of the world might well learn a lesson here. They cannot practice deception in their dealings with each other and expect to have peace in the world. Truth, open truth, the whole truth, all of it is what the world needs; then may we expect the peace of Christ's kingdom to compass the whole world.

The kingdom of our Lord is not a selfish kingdom. It teaches that it is greater to serve than to be served. That true greatness comes by traveling the road of service and that it cannot be had by traveling some other road. "He who would be great among you let him be your servant." We see the king stooping to wash his disciples feet. We hear Him ask the question "which is greater, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth?" He declares that "the foxes have their holes and the birds of the air their nests, but the son of man hath not where to lay his head." And when one comes to Him who is aspiring to greatness He commands him to "sell that which he has and give to the poor and come and follow Him." Can it be any wonder that His Kingdom has lived and still lives when it teaches this sublime truth on the subject of greatness? What nation would not live and progress by leaps and bounds if it pursued the same course? World peace can be realized when nations take this altruistic view of their national life. No nation can live to itself and the sooner we come to practice this truth as well as to preach it sooner will peace become possible. The idea of some, "that America is for Americans and Americans for America," if put into practice will corrupt our nation and cause it to perish from the earth. America does not belong to Americans and Americans should not live for America alone. "The earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof," and we are merely stewards in His vineyard. If any nation would be great let it be the servant of all.

The spirit of war is opposed in every way to these ideals of the kingdom of our Lord, therefore war can never produce peace. The war spirit has always been one of selfishness, nations declare war because they want something that some other nation has. They are willing to sacrifice capital, lives and honor in order to gain their own selfish ends. Capitalistic influence is willing to stake its all on the outcome of war, thinking that by so doing their millions may be multiplied. Men are told that the life of their country is at stake so rather than see their country perish they go forth and perish in battle. Treaties that once were considered sacred and binding become mere scraps of paper in time of war. Can there be any relation between these acts of violence and the teaching of brotherly love that Christ gave to the world? Indeed there can be none and when a nation encourages the war

spirit it departs from the spirit of the kingdom that Christ set up.

And if nations have ever had faith in each other their faith is destroyed by the demon war. During the late war the allied troops were taught to believe that Germany was all bad. Every inhumane act that could be thought of was brought against her soldiers. And I daresay that the allied troops were likewise accused in the German camps. We were all bad to Germany, and Germany was all bad to us. The ideal of faith cannot live in such an atmosphere. The world today is facing the greatest crisis of all times and it is brought about by the lack of faith in each other. This condition is one of the inevitable results of war. The longer a war lasts the less faith do we have in each other. If we would have faith in men we must live at peace with all mankind. Taking the kingdom of our Lord as an example let us learn the great lesson of faith that it teaches.

The spirit of war is opposed to love, and war destroys faith but these are not all. It is equally true that the truth is greatly suppressed in time of war. People are kept in ignorance of the truth or a war could not last. Only one side of a question is discussed. Both parties of the opposing forces are right in their own estimation and anyone who dares voice a conflicting opinion is immediately branded as a slacker, traitor or spy. To thus suppress the truth is one of the great dangers of war. People become lopsided. They come to look at only one side of a question and when the other side is presented they either refuse to hear or they become offended. How the ideal of truth has suffered during the last eight years of war. We believe with Dr. Frank Crane that the war is not over, that the conflict is still raging in the hearts of many and that until it ceases there we can know no peace.

If war is opposed to love, if it destroys faith, if it suppresses the truth, it is even greater in opposition to the spirit of service. Listen to a German philosopher who preached the gospel of war. "Life is essentially the appropriation, the injury the subduing of the alien and the weak. It is suppression, compulsion, the enforcing of its own forms—Christianity having taken the part of the weak against the strong having subordinated the instincts which tend to preserve life, is the one great curse, the one great inward corruption, the one great instincts of revenge for which no weapon is venomous, clandestine, subterranean, or mean enough; the one eradicable blot on human nature. Do I counsel you to love your neighbor? I counsel you rather to shun your neighbor and to love those furthest away. Above the love of neighbors stands the love of the distant and future man." These sentences set forth the spirit that war produces in people. I declare that war kills the spirit of service; that it makes people selfish, hard hearted and cruel and that it can therefore be in no wise related to the kingdom of heaven. Peace cannot be had by the sword. If we live by the sword we are doomed to die by the sword. God give us strength through Thy grace to turn to Thee in whom there is peace, sublime, everlasting, eternal peace.

And finally like as the kingdom of our Lord began with one man—Jesus Christ—so also must world peace begin with the individual. Everything when reduced to its final analysis

goes right back to the individual life. The standard of individual life in America determines the kind of nation that we have. If we are law-abiding Christian citizens, America will be a law-abiding Christian nation. We cannot get away from the individual responsibility. Do we want world peace? Then let us contribute our part toward it. It cannot be had for a song. We must pay the price by substituting love for hate, faith for distrust, truth for falsehood, and service for selfishness. With this practical illustration I close. During the conference at Washington for the limitation of Armaments a lot was said in the school where I was, about our national duty in fostering such a conference. All agreed that it was a good thing, but alas the search light was turned on the student body. An article appeared in our weekly bulletin titled "Disarm." The writer of the article quoted a member of the junior class as saying that four members of his class—preachers—each owned a pistol and kept it there in college. He declared that disarmament must begin with the individual and that the preachers should lead the way. The article was not without effect. An investigation got under way immediately and the preachers there did disarm. Do we as individuals still contend that it is necessary to carry a gun as a means of protection? Then why expect the nations to compound the price of peace? If not, why tend for less? Are we willing to expect others to do so? My appeal at this Christmas season when we are celebrating the birthday of the Prince of peace, is that we allow His love to come into our hearts in a greater way than we have ever done before. That we admit it until it shall permeate our very being and dominate our whole life until the recording angels shall among men of good will in whom declare "there is peace on earth God is well pleased."

107 for Colds, Chills and Fever. No cure, no pay. At your Drug-gist.

Must Pay Income Tax On Beauty



Maybell Griffin of Baltimore, won \$500.00 in cash and a dress worth \$1,000.00 in a beauty contest. Now she has been asked to pay Income Tax on her prizes, both cash and dress.

Kaiser and Bride



It is with pride that this newspaper publishes this first picture of the former Kaiser and his new bride. Through the Publishers Autocaster Service of New York, which serves this newspaper, this picture was obtained from a tireless photographer in Holland, who after four weeks snapped this picture from the top of a tree without being caught.

Poem by UNCLE JOHN

That wimmen-folks is human, has been amply demonstrated. No fuder proofs is lackin' if they'd leave the thing to me. The facks is, men an' wimmen has been closely co-related, an' have at their fruits together, under life's sweet-apple tree. . . .

THE SILVER WEDDING

I have done my sheer of ponderin' over that affair in Eden—but never placed my judgement in concordance with the plan. . . . From the outcome of the circumstance and natur' of the pleadin', I could mighty easy figger that his snakeship was a man! I've formed some clear convictions, though I've helt 'em in subjection—and, I've run against some symptoms that was mighty hard to tell. . . . and I reckon there ain't been a day, within my recollection, that a man can't beat a woman in the hurdle-race to hell! I've knocked around consider'ble in this female dispensation, so it's nateral that Cupid somehow, put me up a tree,—and I reckon I am justified to show some ostentation, if my Better Half can celebrate the day she married me!

For your own Uncle John.

THE MESSENGER'S AMERICANIZATION SERIES

THE AMERICAN MIND

The great Americans of the past have nearly all been conservative-liberals. Washington was a good republican; he was also essentially an aristocrat in social and economic relations, who kept slaves and did not believe in universal suffrage. Lincoln, politically was the greatest of English-speaking democrats, but he let the privileged classes exploit the workingman and the soldier, partly in order to win the war, chiefly because problems of wages and unearned increments and economic privilege generally did not enter into his scheme of democracy. Roosevelt fought a good fight for the square deal in public and private life, but hesitated and at last turned back when it became evident that a deal that was completely square meant the overturning of social life as we knew and loved it in America.

And these men we feel were right. Their duty was to make possible a good government and a stable society, and they worked not with theories only, but also with facts as they were. The Germans have argued that the first duty of the state is self-preservation, and that rights of individual men and other states may properly be crushed in order to preserve it. We have crushed the Germans and, one hopes, their philosophy. But no one doubts that it is a duty of society to preserve itself. No one believes that universal suffrage for all, negroes included, would have been advisable in Washington's day, when republicanism was still an experiment. No one believes, I fancy, that the minimum wage, the inheritance tax, and the co-operative management should have had first place, or indeed any place, in the mind of Lincoln of 1863. Few suppose

that Roosevelt as a socialist would have been as useful to his United States as Roosevelt the Progressive, with a back-throw toward the ideals of the aristocratic state; as Roosevelt the conservative-liberal.

Thus the American mind is worth troubling about; and if politically, socially, economically the spirit that we and the foreigners call American has become stagnant in its liberalism, it is time to awake. In liberalism inheres our vitality, our initiative, our strength. Its stagnation, its inertia, its blindness to the new waves of freedom sweeping upward from the masses and on in broken and muddy torrents through the world are poignant dangers. We must open our eyes; we must change our ground; we must fight the evil in the new revolution, but welcome the good. Our own revolution lies before the deluge; it is no longer enough to go on; it is now the sufficing document of a political philosophy. We must not stop with Washington and Lincoln. We must go on where the conservative Washington and the radical Lincoln would lead if they were our contemporaries. Radical-conservation is good, and Toryism or radicalism have their uses; but conservative-liberalism, preserved, desiccated museum liberalism, long continued in, is death to the minds that maintain it.—Henry Seidel Canby.

Advertise and Sell it.

A Messenger ad found the owner of the mule advertised last week by Mr. Blackwell of Salmon and sold Mr. Stephens' Ford car. If you have anything to sell advertise it and get rid of it.

UNION NOTES

Union, Jan. 8.—The farm Labor Union entertained many people Friday at the Union school house. There was speaking in the morning and basket ball playing in the afternoon. There was also dinner spread which was enjoyed by all.

The Union boys matched three basket ball teams Friday and had the honor of winning them all. The girls also matched the New Prospect girls and the result was a tie.

Miss RayBelle Wilson was the guest of the Misses Brannen Friday night and Saturday.

Miss Ina Mae Weisinger, who has been visiting her friends and relatives at Diboll, will be home this week.

Misses Maybelle and Lela Brannen reported a nice time while at Seagoville during Christmas, but Lela was in a car wreck and got her collar bone broken but will be able to attend school next week.

Mrs. Salmon entertained the young people of this community Friday night with a tacky party. Earl Smith got the prize for the tackiest boy and Miss Maybelle Brannen got the prize for the tackiest girl.

Miss Loye Caskey got her thumb knocked out of place while playing ball Friday but we are all glad it wasn't serious.

Ellis Duitch who has been teaching at Rock Hill spent Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duitch.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Caskey was very sick last week but we are glad to report that he is now on the road to recovery.

John Masters has been sick for the past two days but is better at the present.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duitch who is working in Dallas spent Christmas week with home folks.

Mrs. Minnie Caskey was unable to be present at the meeting Friday morning on account of the illness of her son but was present awhile in the afternoon.

Mrs. H. E. Brannen of Westville is visiting at the home of her son, W. O. Brannen.

Little Miss Lois Spruill, who has been very sick for the past month, was able to be at the meeting Friday.

Miss Bertie Weisinger, who is attending the Normal at Huntsville spent the week end with her parents.

Miss Annie Mae Gerrard spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Ruth Smith.

Saturday, January 6th, was Misses Loye and Louie Caskey's sixteenth birthday and of course they were prouder of their sixteenth birthday than any other birthday because all girls are proud when they reach the age of sweet sixteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caskey and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Denman Saturday night and Sunday.

Herbine corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a fine herbal medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price, 60c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

Bob Owens has sold his farm east of town to Will Brimberry and has bought the Bob Kennedy place. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have moved to town.

Where There Is A Will—

Do you read the bank advertising? Some of the most interesting and ingenious bits of reading matter to be found anywhere are coming from the hands of the advertising men nowadays, and the bank advertising has come to hold its own with that of the department stores and the rest of the selling news that makes newspapers and magazines so entertaining.

"They Never Found His Will" announces a big bank in a large city, and tells a story of unnecessary difficulties. He had told his wife about having made a will, but it could not be found. He died after a short illness, leaving the wife and three children.

"The real property which, in the absence of a will, belongs to the children subject to the widow's dower, cannot be sold until the youngest comes of age, 19 years later, unless the mother goes through complicated court procedure. It is going to be difficult, in the interim, if not impossible, for her to educate and keep the three children on the insurance and the income from her third of the property. Yet he meant to leave her in control of the property."

The moral drawn by the bank is—have your will drawn, with the bank named as executor. It's a good plan.

All sorts of complications are likely to arise in case of sudden death, and minor children need to be protected. Wives, also, who have shared in the early struggles, ought to be assured their just share of the later rewards.

No man wants to leave his affairs in a tangle for his heirs to wrestle with, particularly if his means are modest. It might be said that the smaller the fortune, the greater need of a clear and explicit will.

Wills aren't for old people in their dotage to make. They are for young people to help keep their affairs in order.

PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, Jan. 8.—The holidays being past and the money all spent and the people settling down to work, leaves us this week almost without any news to report.

The biggest thing we have had so far this year was the singing at Percilla last night. We know not when we have seen such a crowd at Percilla before. Some of the singing leaders of Percilla were absent, but their places were readily supplied with Profs. Walter Howard of Livelyville and Tucker Campbell of Salmon, and Mr. Campbell's

little sister who is a singing songster. Among the number of out of community persons present were Holland Scarborough of Augusta and our old time school teacher, Miss Eva Pearl Smith, who is now teaching at Salmon.

A. K. Lively, one of Percilla's merchants, and family have moved out on their farm. Mr. Lively is a hustler and you city folks may rest assured that pretty soon there will be some reduction in the cost of living.

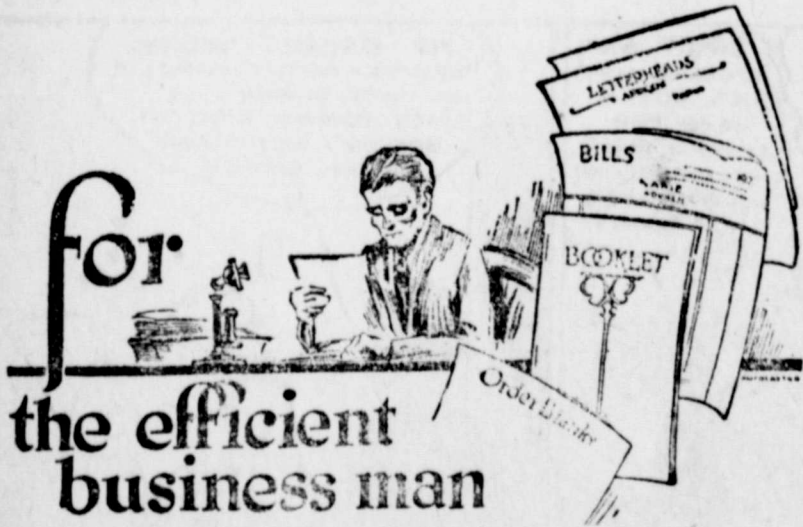
Ellie Hendricks and Clay Henderson have gone to Freepport where we understand they have secured employment.

Five Babies Baptized By Granddad •



Rev. Wm. F. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Oak Park, Ill., officiated at the weddings of five of his children. Now he is baptizing grandchildren. Photo shows five new arrivals for a New Year christening, brought from all parts of the country by famous parents, including the child of Bruce Barton, famous editor.

Good Printing



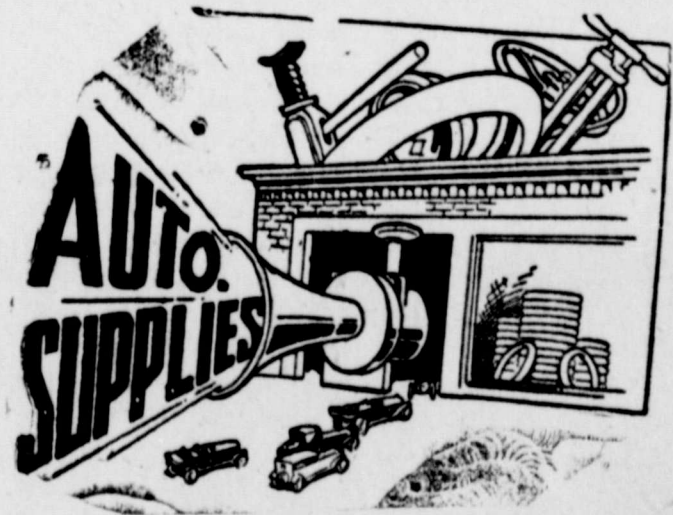
The efficient man would as much think of sending poor, unattractive printed matter as he would an unkept, careless, or ill-bred salesman.

Your printing often introduces you to your business prospects. If it fails to make an acquaintanceship, it's an unsatisfactory job. Particularly does it apply to the stationery you use—as well as other printed matter.

We are equipped to handle any printing job you may want and we take pride in turning out only the best work.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

Booklets, Business Stationery, Office Forms



GAS and OIL

Norman's Garage

J. C. NORMAN, Proprietor

New Prospect Sunday School Report

January 7.—As this is the beginning of another year and also the first quarter of our Sunday school, we will try to give a report of the last quarter. There has been some changes since our last report. Mr. Wilcox was appointed teacher of class No. 1 in P. L. Herod's place, after Mr. Herod was elected superintendent.

Harold Finch, Lela Baker and Travis Rials were promoted from class No. 4 to class No. 3.

Those who were present every Sunday in card class for the last quarter were Dan and Ora Waddell, Edith and Clarnece Bridges. Sunday school was well attended here today, fifty five pupils and all the teachers and officers being present.

Bro. King delivered a good sermon to a large crowd here today.

We are glad Bro. Anderson is with us as our pastor for another year.

Prayer meeting was led by Mr. Rose and was well attended last night.

P. L. Herod was appointed leader for next Sunday night.

Rosa Bridges, Reporter.

A Day to be Remembered

As the last sun of the Old Year reached its zenith and shed its lovely rays upon the scenes around; the sighs of the departing date with only about twelve more hours here, were heard among the wailing pines, as if bidding adieu to the joys and the sorrows it had brought.

In the spacious and beautifully decorated dining-hall of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spence, the table groaned under the weight of delicious viands, cutglass and silver.

To name all the daintily prepared dishes or even to mention the different courses there served, through all of which was plainly seen the artfulness of the hostess, would require too much space; suffice it to say that spring seemed to jump into the lap of winter with her apron full of choicest and most delicious vegetables and pour them into the cut glass dishes awaiting them.

The many delicious meats with the various kinds of relishes and richly seasoned sauces, the pies, the cakes and all the prepared sweetmeats, spoke aloud the skillfulness of our hostess.

We can not afford to linger over the dinner upon paper as tirelessly as we did at that table of good things to eat. We will take a little glance at the guests.

They were brought together from Crockett, Latexo, Grape-land and from Palestine and some from afar.

It seemed that a reunion—a surprise to all parties, had been

Exceeding the Speed Limit

Isn't practiced by us when cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes.

"Quality" is our by word. We serve to serve you again.

To serve you would be a pleasure.

B. A. FRISBY AND H. C. CAMPBELL
Proprietors

F. & M. State Bank Close A Prosperous Year

Stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank held their annual meeting at the bank Tuesday and found the affairs of the bank in splendid condition, the year just closed having been a most prosperous one.

A ten per cent dividend was declared and ten per cent added to the surplus, which brings that fund up to \$16,500. This makes the tenth dividend declared by this bank, which means that all stockholders have been paid back their original investment since its organization in 1907. The stock is worth a little over two for one.

The following officers were elected: George E. Darsey, President; T. S. Kent, Vice-President; W. D. Granberry, Cashier.

W. G. Darsey, M. E. Darsey, E. P. Adams, and Mrs. C. B. Dailey with the officers, constitute the board of directors.

The F. & M. Bank has played no little part in the development of this community, and here's hoping it has many years of usefulness and prosperity ahead of it.

planned; this was of course, enjoyed.

The occasion was in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Spence's father and his little great-grand son, Byron Jr. Maxwell.

The episode, you know there always has to be one to break the monotony, was this: Mr. Cary Spence's car got an axle broken and caused Mrs. Spence to return home; he, however, managed to get there. We wish Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spence many happy returns of such a day.

A Guest.

Statement from Judge Moore

Crockett, Tex., Jan. 8, 1923. To the People of Houston County:—

I have this day appointed Mr. C. C. Warfield of Crockett, as Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. In making this appointment, I have gone outside of the list of twenty seven applicants from various parts of the precinct. Many of these applicants are some of the best citizens of Houston County. Being in position to know the deplorable financial condition of the county, I believe that it is necessary that only the best business men be enlisted, men capable of rendering the most efficient service. It shall be my policy during my tenure in office to refuse to allow any dictation from any person, but shall at all times try to do my duty as I see it, having only the best interest of Houston County uppermost in my mind. In pursuing this course I shall not regard my own personal or political welfare, but will do what I believe my duty. In the near future I shall have published a financial statement of the county's present condition; this statement will be in detail and will be so arranged that all classes can readily understand it. Do not condemn me until you have given me a chance to make good; then if found wanting, I will accept your verdict. I shall at all times be glad to have you call at my office and counsel with me regarding what you consider best for our county's welfare.

Most Sincerely,
L. L. Moore, County Judge,
Houston County, Texas.



Successful Farmers are Rapidly Standardizing with the Oliver Walking Plow

It is a high compliment to any manufacturer to have his product recognized as standard equipment by a large percent of the farmers—the men who grow our crops and insure our national prosperity.

This is the proud position of the Oliver Walking Plow. It is so light of draft, so well built, so easy to operate, that every year more and more farmers have come to accept the Oliver Walking Plow as standard.

If you are not already an Oliver user, come to plow headquarters and we will show you the superior features of design and construction. They are convincing.

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KENNEDY BROTHERS

S. E. Traylor, who has been with McLean & Riall as salesman for the past few years, has resigned and been succeeded by Harry Long. Mr. Traylor has not yet definitely decided what he will do, though he is looking for a suitable location to engage in business for himself.

Keeland Bros. have received a big car of oats, bran, chops, maize, shorts and corn meal. Best price in town.

Ernest Kennedy, young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kenendy, came home Saturday from the I. & G. N. hospital at Palestine where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is getting along nicely.

Odell Denson of Houston was here the first of the week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Denson, and reports the birth of a daughter in his home Sunday, January 7.

Constipation is the starting point for many diseases that end fatally. Healthy regularity can be established through the use of Prickly Ash Filters. It is a fine bowel tonic, is mildly stimulating and strengthens the stomach, liver and kidneys. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan special Agents.

We have a lot of nice alfalfa hay.

Kennedy Bros.

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HERE'S A HOME HABIT FROM MARY B. TEXAS. "MY BROTHER ALWAYS PUTS THE ASHES OUT OF HIS PIPE ON THE WINDOW SILL. PUT 'EM OUT MARY—SRI WE NOW YOU SEND US ONE—WE WILL PRINT IT."

OSCAR: "YOU'RE WRONG—ABOUT HAROLD! HE ISN'T STASBY—HE JUST DOESN'T LIKE TO GOTHER ABOUT TAKING OFF HIS GLOVES."

WHAT? THAT TUCKER'S SON! HE'S GOT A NAME FOR LETTING GELS PAY THEIR OWN OWNERS—HE'S SO SPONGY!

WELL ANYWAY HE HAS A DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT RING—

WELL TELL HIM TO TAKE IT BACK AND GET THE REWARD!

YES AND WHEN HE DOES—I SUPPOSE HE FINDS HIS HANDS CHAPPED AND HE CAN'T GET 'EM IN HIS POCKETS!