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## MAYOR WOODARD

On the Corporation. Replies to the Messenger's Editorial.

I notice in the Messenger an editorial "Abolish Corporation," which should not pass unnoticed. I admit it sounds hard but declare it is cold facts. The corporation is denounced in general terms as a menace to the town, but specifies nothing except that there is a petition before the commissioners' court sufficient to insure an election, and the city script is only worth 65c on the dollar. The first is true, the latter is not. Denouncing anything in general terms is cowardly and is seldom to be relied upon. I will say but very little before the present administration. I will say this: that after we had organized and tried to regulate matters to the best advantage we found that a marshal had been elected and hired, or a nightwatchman, at \$40 00 or \$50.00 per month to be paid out of the general corporation tax to nightwatch for the business part of the city and said himself that he had nightwatched the best he could but had not pretended to perform the duties of a marshal, a good sum of which this administration had to pay, while levying no greater per cent (one fourth of one per cent) of taxation than had been before. Now, we will notice some things that have been accomplished, for up to the present administration the officers themselves acknowledge they had done nothing and doubted the legality of the corporation.

When we began men and boys both were jumping on and off of freight and passenger trains every day and night. This is not the case now.

Men were getting drunk and cursing and swearing in all parts of the town. They do not do that now.

Guns were being shot and all kinds of birds were being killed for the amusement. That is not done now.

There was lots of trash and filth in all parts of the town. There is some yet and will be so long as filthy people live in the town, but it has been wonderfully improved.

Roads and streets have been worked with all the tax that the city allowed.

We have made the Grapeland Messenger our city paper and give it all the advertising and printing we had to have done and I doubt very much whether it has received much less than 99c on the dollar for its work. (The Messenger has never been able yet to find a dollar in the treasury when it had script to cash, although kept on file for months.—Ed.)

We have caused a nice respectable depot to be erected which the railroad company refused to build.

We have built a respectable calaboose and had it declared legal by the attorney general. (If our memory serves us right the Messenger agitated the construction of a calaboose until action was taken by the citizens of the town and it was built by private subscription. The editor owns stock in the thing which he will sell for less than 99c on the dollar.—Ed.)

We have written and signed agreement for the opening of the streets and alleys of the town to take place in the near future. Those who fence other people's property without permission are imposing upon the private and public alike.

We have stopped ball playing on Sunday outside of enclosures.

We have stopped the shooting of guns, canon crackers, roman candles and torpedoes on legal holidays as well as all other days. It is true some who have no respect for law or order shot them secretly but not openly.

## SHIPPER'S NEW SHOES ARRIVED

We just received our new spring stock of shoes and slippers this week which we invite your most critical inspection. For the benefit of our lady customers who wear low cuts almost twelve months in the year, you will find some thing to suit each season of the year. We want you to see our line of low cuts in black and light colors, either gray or white. Also children's sizes in white. Remember if you buy our shoes you will walk on stars. Look up in our shelves and on every cartoon you will see stars. A star on the heel insures best quality. Our prices are RIGHT, our styles CORRECT. WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS. Come walk on stars.

### SHOES AT A PRICE

We find it necessary to make prices on a lot of shoes that we have discontinued the line and feel sure that you can find something to suit you at a BARGAIN PRICE. Following is the number of pairs we have:

30 pairs	mer's buckle and lace,	former price \$1.75,	reduced price.....	\$1 40
32 "	" " satin calf lace	" " 1.75,	" " .....	1 40
6 "	" " congress single lace	" " 1.75,	" " .....	1 40
12 "	" " kid cap toe blucher	" " 2.25,	" " .....	1 50
10 "	" " kid cap toe lace	" " 2.00,	" " .....	1 40
8 "	" " satin calf blucher	" " 1.75,	" " .....	1 35
15 "	" " ladies' kangaroo lace	" " 1.50,	" " .....	1 25
12 "	" " ladies' vici blucher	" " 1.75,	" " .....	1 25

We have a number of other shoes on our Bargain Counter that we will be glad to sell you at a BARGAIN PRICE. We are not going to advance the price on these Shoes, but continue to sell at the last price as long as the shoes last. Come early.

Don't be last as this price lasts as long as the shoes last.

Your shoe friends,

## J. G. Shipper & Son,

Grapeland, Texas.

Ad Next Week will be on Business Methods.

(How many citizens can remember the very "quiet time" that prevailed last Christmas? Even now we can hear the echo of combustibles resounding in the distance. A special police force was on duty too. We believe more fireworks were discharged then than years before.—Ed.)

We have put a great check on the delivering and dividing up of the whiskey business, and forced them to go into the store rooms of their friends to divide up.

We have investigated every complaint that has ever been made to the city court. Every person so far as I know who have been summoned to appear before the court have had respect sufficient to appear. On hearing of violations the court has summoned witnesses and when complaint was sufficient, always investigated the matter. Many times on hearing of ordinances being violated witnesses were summoned who would, say on their oaths that they knew of no violations.

Our financial condition is as good as the financial condition of our school. Our script is worth 99c on the dollar. Any man is at liberty to see our treasurer. It is a wonder that this can be when the tax has never been but 1/4 of 1 per cent, and then many not giving in their property at its taxable value. It takes time to regulate this tax business. Some of the taxes have not yet been paid, but it has been collected by law, and can be again. I would like to say much more but must desist.

What then about this haphazard? It is true some have brow-beat and bluffed off our marshal sometimes, but they have not bluffed the court.

And that brick school building—a building that would cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000 to fasten on this corporation. A tax at least one per cent for 20 or 30 years. The scholarships of our

students from the old hull are not inferior to those in this county in brick buildings. That would be fine financing and the tax of the incorporation would be a great hindrance. Trade morals and order for a school house. (Why certainly not, mayor, but look here. We should place a value on the lives of our students and teachers. The old hull is going to fall on them some day. A brick school building such as we need would cost about \$5,000. You say the corporation is in as good condition, financially as the school district. Our teachers are always paid promptly and their checks are not discounted. The school district is much larger than the incorporation. Now consolidate the two, issue bonds for \$5,000 on as much time as is necessary and see how much the tax would be. Other towns are building brick school houses, and we can too, and never feel it. Ed.)

In conclusion: I, as mayor, have done the best I knew how. The majority of the council have always been ready to assist in everything that we thought for the best interests of the town. I need not speak for them. They are competent to speak for themselves. I do not believe that the people of Grapeland are worse than people of other towns, but when all restraint is withdrawn, I am sure that many of you will see that any town of much importance should be incorporated. I would not be surprised if the corporation is abolished. It will be a long step backward for Grapeland. That half-threat that it would be dangerous to try to enforce law emanates from a perverted judgement.

Every thing is not as good as many of us desire, but it has been growing better, and it would not be long before law and order would be firmly established.

F. C. Woodard

P. S.—Allow me to say that

## Married in Crockett.

Their many friends were surprised Monday afternoon to learn of the marriage of Mr. Howard Guice to Miss Bessie Brown, which occurred in Crockett, County Judge Spence officiating. No one had the slightest idea of the coming event, hence it came as a great surprise, but the many friends of the contracting parties hastened to extend congratulations.

Mr. Guice is a member of the firm of B. R. Guice & Son, druggists, and is a popular and straightforward young man, with a bright future before him. The young lady whom he has chosen for a helpmeet is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, who reside in the Hays Spring community, and is very popular among those who know her.

Messenger extends best wishes for a happy married life.

## A Habit to Be Encouraged.

The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of uneasiness and anxiety. Coughs, colds and croup, to which children are susceptible are quickly cured by its use. It contracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and if given as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains nothing injurious and mothers give it to little ones with a feeling of perfect security. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son.

the present administration is nearly out. Would it not be better to change officers than to break up the corporation?

F. C. W.

## TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES.

Correspondent Zack Barats Forth With all the News From Reynard.

Reynard, Feb. 12.— As I am going to your town and am a good friend to the editor and want to help him all I can, will drop in a communication. I always think of his paper and must say that it is a good one. Don't see how I could do without it.

Forty three days are numbered in the past of the new year, and not one of them but what a fellow could work and plow. The weather is fine at this writing and Sunday eve I heard a dove cooing. The wasps have come out and guess the boll bugs have too. I am hopeful we will not have any severe weather this winter, however I am no prophet, but claim to be some better than G. W. Aller. When he says it is going to rain the wash women all begin to wash.

G. B. Kent was in your town Saturday and brought his little daughter home, as she was sick. She was attending your school. She had been exposed to measles. Nearly all children, and a great many grown folks are subject to it. We will have a measles crowd.

J. L. Chiles attended church at Hays Spring last Sunday and enjoyed Bro. Cameron's sermon very much.

My how busy folks are; first one thing then another, but all tending toward farming.

Health is generally good. Homer and Oscar Beazley were up at Hays Spring last Sunday. Homer came home, but Oscar stopped at ———.

Glad to learn that Mrs. Tom Dailey, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

Had the pleasure of shaking hands with Dr. Paxton of Elkhart last Sunday. He was my doctor about 14 years ago when I had a long seige of fever. He stood by me and pulled me through, and of course I have a warm feeling for him. Cordially, Zack.

## Rest and Sleep.

Few escape these miseries of winter—a bad cold, a distressing cough. Many remedies are recommended, but the one quickest and best of all is Simmon's Cough Syrup. Soothing and healing to the lungs and bronchial passages, it stops the cough at once and gives you welcome rest and peaceful sleep.

Wm. M. Patton of Crockett sells:

5 gals Sunburt oil, like brilliant.....	55c
5 gals Lusterlite, like Eupion 85c	
Red Cross high patent flour in wood.....	\$4 00
Red Cross high patent flour in sacks.....	1.00
McEree's Wine of Cardui, dollar size.....	75c
Grove's and McGee's chill tonic, per bottle.....	25c
5 25c packages Threadford's Black Draught.....	75c
18 lbs best granulated sugar.....	\$1.00
19 lbs fancy Y C sugar.....	1.00
25 lbs Louisiana brown sugar.....	1.00
25 lbs good clean rice.....	1.00
10 lbs " green coffee.....	1.00
50 bars Greenville soap.....	1.00
10 5c pepper and garden seed.....	25c
6 lbs good Dixie soda.....	25c
Dollar bucket coffee, cup and saucer.....	\$1 00

## The Best Physic.

When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and pleasant in effect, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Every box warranted. Get a free sample at B. R. Guice & Son's drug store and try them.

Mrs. Felix Marx is here from Houston on a visit to the family of her father, Rev. W. H. Caldwell. Mr. Marx was here Sunday and Monday.

**AILING WOMEN.**

**Keep the Kidneys Well and the Kidneys Will Keep You Well.**

Sick, suffering, languid women are learning the true cause of bad backs and how to cure them. Mrs. W. G. Davis, of Groesbeck, Texas, says: "Back-aches hurt me so I could hardly stand. Spells of dizziness and sick headaches were frequent and the action of the kidneys was irregular. Soon after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I passed several gravel stones. I got well and the trouble has not returned. My back is good and strong and my general health better." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

And people who stand up for their rights usually want to sit on the rights of others.

**But Who Can Conquer Fate?**

"The best way to defeat and conquer danger is to march right up to it and strike it between the eyes," says the Baltimore American. The man who is about to be run down by an automobile should remember this.—Kansas City Journal.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**POTENT LIQUOR IS SAKE.**

Lafadio Hearn's Testimony as to Strength of Japanese Wine.

There is no liquor in the world upon which a man becomes so quickly intoxicated as Japanese sake (rice wine), and yet none of which the effects last so short a time. The intoxication is pleasant as the effect of opium or hasheesh. It is soft, pleasant, luminous exhilaration, everything becoming brighter, happier, lighter; then you get very sleepy.

At Japanese dinners it is the rule to become slightly exhilarated, but not to drink enough to talk thickly or walk crooked. The ability to drink at banquets requires practice—long practice.

There are banquets of many kinds, and the man who is invited to one at which extensive drinking may be expected is careful to start in upon an empty or almost empty stomach. By not eating one can drink a good deal. The cups are very small and of many curious shapes. One may be expected to empty 50. A quart of sake is a good deal; two quarts require iron nerves to stand. But among the Japanese there are wonderful drinkers. At a military officer's banquet a captain offered me a tumbler holding a good pint of sake. I almost fainted at the sight of it, for it was only the first. But a friend said to me: "Only drink a little and pass it back," which I did. Stronger heads emptied cup after cup like water.—Letters of Lafadio Hearn.

**MAY BE COFFEE**

**That Causes all the Trouble.**

When the house is afire, it's like a body when disease begins to show, it's no time to talk but time to act—delay is dangerous—remove the cause of the trouble at once.

"For a number of years," says a Kansas lady, "I felt sure that coffee was hurting me, and yet, I was so fond of it, I could not give it up. I paltered with my appetite and of course yielded to the temptation to drink more. At last I got so bad that I made up my mind I must either quit the use of coffee or die.

"Everything I ate distressed me, and I suffered severely almost all the time with palpitation of the heart. I frequently woke up in the night with the feeling that I was almost gone,—my heart seemed so smothered and weak in its action that I feared it would stop beating. My breath grew short and the least exertion set me to panting. I slept but little and suffered from rheumatism.

"Two years ago I stopped using the old kind of coffee and began to use Postum Food Coffee, and from the very first I began to improve. It worked a miracle! Now I can eat anything and digest it without trouble. I sleep like a baby, and my heart beats full, strong and easily. My breathing has become steady and normal, and my rheumatism has left me. I feel like another person, and it is all due to quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee, for I haven't used any medicine and none would have done any good as long as I kept drugging with coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a Reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. All grocers.

**DAILY HELPS.**

A pinch of salt improves cakes, candies and almost everything that is cooked.

Salt on the fingers when cleaning meat, fowls and fish will prevent the hands from slipping.

Starch made with soapy water prevents the irons from sticking and gives a better gloss to the linen.

If a teaspoonful of vinegar is added to the water in which fish is to be washed a most delicious flavor will be imparted to it.

Cold baked potatoes, sliced thin, then put in a baking dish with salt, pepper, butter and milk, make a better scallop than raw potatoes.

Food articles that are damp should never be left in ordinary paper. Paper is made of wood pulp, rags, glue, lime, and similar substances intermixed with chemicals. When damp, it should not be allowed to come in contact with things that are to be eaten.

The small stone crocks used by many for holding butter should always be well washed and freshened before being refilled. The best way to freshen them is, after washing, to fill them with boiling ammonia or borax water, allowing a teaspoonful of ammonia to a quart of water. Let the water remain all day and then fill the crock with sweet milk and let it stand over night.

**TO COOK BRAISED STEAK.**

**Vegetables and Meat Used Together For This Dish.**

Have about two pounds of steak cut very thick; melt one ounce of butter or dripping in a small stewpan, then put in a layer of mixed vegetables, carrot, turnip, onions, etc., cleaned and sliced, making a layer of about three-quarters of an inch deep; lay in a bunch of herbs, and on all this arrange the meat, cover down the pan and fry its contents for about 12 or 15 minutes, only shaking it occasionally to prevent this burning; now pour in just enough stock or water to reach to the bottom of the meat, cover this with a piece of white paper brushed over with butter or dripping, then cover down the pan, and let the meat simmer very gently till it is done, basting the meat occasionally. The time of cooking varies with the kind and quality of the meat; for two pounds of fillet or rump steak 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours is about the time. Serve the meat on a hot dish surrounded by the vegetables and gravy, which should be thickened with corn flour.

**Useful to Know.**

Mut stains on dark clothes should be allowed to dry before any attempt is made to rub them off. Very often after drying the mud will come right off with a good brushing, and leave little or no mark.

Meat that is highly roasted or "well done" is not as easy to digest as that which is "underdone" or "rare" or boiled.

When a pet canary's feet become distorted, perches of various widths should be placed in the cage, for the change in the grip as the bird hops from one to another improves the deformity not a little.

A tight collar, a tight belt or tight shoes, one or all three, will produce a red nose even more rapidly than when that member is touched by Jack Frost.

**How to Make Eyelets.**

There's a new way of making those troublesome eyelets, discovered by a girl who is locally famous for inventing labor-saving ideas.

It consists in running the eyelet around and then cutting it from end to end, and buttonholing it, making the stitches as deep as those upon the usual buttonhole, but reversing the stitch so that the edge stitches back upon the material instead of around the open edge of the eyelet.

It is about one-fifth as hard to do as the usual way; and the difference in length of time is even more marked.

**Good Home-Made Mucilage.**

A mucilage that will keep well and will remain elastic even when it has dried may be made by dissolving one part of salicylic acid in 20 parts of soft soap and three parts of glycerine. This mixture should be shaken well and then added to a paste of gum arabic and water.

**About the Eyes.**

Light-colored eyes will stand the greatest strain on the sight. Light blue eyes are generally most powerful, and next to those are gray.

**Imperial Sandwiches.**

Cream two tablespoonsfuls butter and add one-third cup grated Roquefort cheese. Work until smooth and moisten with brandy until of the right consistency to spread; then season with salt and cayenne. Spread mixture between butter thins.

There are two American quarter dollars of the year 1853. The first was the type of the preceding year, and is rare. The second has arrow points at the sides of the date, also rays behind the eagle, and is very common.

Big Springs, Texas, Dec. 13, 1906.

J. L. Ward Medicine Co., Big Springs, Texas.

Gentlemen: I take great pleasure in recommending Ward's Kidney Pills to all persons suffering from kidney or bladder troubles. A great portion of the past 16 years I have been a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble and have taken so much medicine without any good effect that I almost gave up. I feel I can't say too much in favor of them.

Very respectfully,  
MRS. E. L. ROWLAND.

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It is great folly not to part with your own faults, which is possible, but to try, instead, to escape from other people's faults, which is impossible.—Marcus Aurelius.

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**Boy in Misery 12 Years—Eczema in Rough Scales, Itching and Inflamed—Cured by Cuticura.**

"I wish to inform you that your wonderful Cuticura has put a stop to twelve years of misery I passed with my son. As an infant I noticed on his body a red spot and treated same with different remedies for about five years, but when the spot began to get larger I put him under the care of doctors. Under their treatment the disease spread to four different parts of his body. The longer the doctors treated him the worse it became. During the day it would get rough and form like scales. At night it would be cracked, inflamed, and badly swollen, with terrible burning and itching. When I think of his suffering, it nearly breaks my heart. His screams could be heard downstairs. The suffering of my son made me full of misery. I had no ambition to work, to eat, nor could I sleep. One doctor told me that my son's eczema was incurable, and gave it up for a bad job. One evening I saw an article in the paper about the wonderful Cuticura and decided to give it a trial. I tell you that Cuticura Ointment is worth its weight in gold, and when I had used the first box of Ointment there was a great improvement, and by the time I had used the second set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent, my child was cured. He is now twelve years old, and his skin is as fine and smooth as silk. Michael Steinman, 7 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., April 16, 1905."

When a man makes a show of himself he's not always comedy.

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At the marriage altar he agrees to endow her with all his worldly goods and she promises to love, honor and obey—but do they make good?

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## KITCHEN COMFORTS

LITTLE THINGS THAT WILL LIGHTEN LABOR.

**Folding Settle One of the Greatest Conveniences—High Chair That Will Be Much Appreciated by Hard Worker.**

A kitchen which must serve as a maid's sitting-room in the evening should be made as comfortable and attractive as possible. It can be a blue and white room. Around the hearth have blue and white tiles, though the rest of the floor is of wood and covered with a blue and white linoleum. The walls may be painted in buff, and the woodwork white, with a hard enamel finish; the sink of white porcelain. At the windows have white muslin sash curtains.

A folding settle will be found of great convenience. When the back is turned down, a table is formed, but turned up a seat is made with a high back, long enough to accommodate two persons. The top makes a good ironing table. Beneath the seat is a box large enough to hold ironing sheet, holders, etc.

This table is of pine wood, and takes stain readily, and is therefore useful on the veranda or in the living-room of a simply furnished house. If the kitchen is large enough, have a rocker in it.

Another comfort in the kitchen is a high chair. It should be about three or four inches higher than the ordinary chair. In it one can do all her vegetable and fruit peeling, and some of the ironing. This sort of a chair will be greatly appreciated by many a tired maid.

In addition to the furniture already mentioned, the well-appointed kitchen should contain a cabinet, which is really a portable butler's pantry, and for apartments where the space is limited it is most valuable. In the cabinet is room for all sorts of cooking crockery, various drawers for the materials used for baking and for food that is to be cooked.

Very useful for the kitchen are the brass or enameled candlesticks. They are provided with large glass chimneys to keep the flame from flickering.

Useful also is a table or wide shelf covered with zinc, where hot cooking utensils may be placed when taken from the fire. It will be a great saving to your enameled sink. Zinc is easily kept clean by daily washing with soap and hot water.

### FOR IVORY-HANDLED KNIVES.

How They May Be Cleaned Without Being Harmed.

Ivory-handled knives may be cleaned in this way: coat the steel with wax or paraffin, and immerse the handles in a solution of chloride of lime and water, in the proportion of one part of lime to four parts of water.

Leave the knives in this bath for a day, then wash well with warm water and wipe dry. Remove the wax if the bone is perfectly white and free from stains.

Another way is to dip the handles in a saturated solution of alum and water for from one to three hours, then wash and wipe dry. This latter method is far preferable unless the handles are very much darkened and discolored. Polish the blades with putty powder, using a buffer wet with alcohol. This will not stain the ivory.

### To Dry Clean Fine White Lace.

Lay the lace out quite evenly on clean white paper, cover it with powdered magnesia, then put another paper on the top. Leave it inside the leaves of a book for two or three days, when it will look as fresh as when new.

After being cleaned, if the lace is not in use, keep it in blue paper, as this has a preservative influence over its whiteness.

### French Dressing.

For a French dressing to go with the lettuce and celery hearts: Put into a bowl half a teaspoonful salt and quarter of a teaspoonful paprika. Add four tablespoonfuls of oil and stir until the salt is dissolved and the pepper distributed through the oil. Beat in gradually one tablespoonful vinegar.

### Enough to Keep Factories Busy.

About 3,000 pieces of glassware and crockery are broken on each voyage of a first-class ocean steamer.

### Potato Puffs.

Mash four potatoes, thoroughly beat in one egg yolk, pepper, one teaspoon chopped parsley, few drops onion juice and a grating of nutmeg, then add white beaten stiff and 1½ teaspoons of cream. Drop by spoonful into smoking hot deep fat. They will swell and look like fritters. Drain on paper and serve on a napkin.

### Frog is Fish in French Law.

The French law treats the frog as if it were a fish, and declares all fishing for it by night to be poaching.

## MOTHERHOOD

The first requisite of a good mother is good health, and the experience of maternity should not be approached without careful physical preparation, as a woman who is in good physical condition transmits to her children the blessings of a good constitution.

Preparation for healthy maternity is accomplished by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is made from native roots and herbs, more successfully than by any other medicine because it gives tone and strength to the entire feminine organism, curing displacements, ulceration and inflammation, and the result is less suffering and more children healthy at birth. For more than thirty years

### Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

has been the standby of American mothers in preparing for childbirth. Note what Mrs. James Chester, of 427 W. 35th St., New York says in this letter:—Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—"I wish every expectant mother knew about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. A neighbor who had learned of its great value at this trying period of a woman's life urged me to try it and I did so, and I cannot say enough in regard to the good it did me. I recovered quickly and am in the best of health now."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is certainly a successful remedy for the peculiar weaknesses and ailments of women. It has cured almost every form of Female Complaints, Dragging Sensations, Weak Back, Falling and Displacements, Inflammation, Ulcerations and Organic Diseases of Women and is invaluable in preparing for Childbirth and during the Change of Life.

### Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free.



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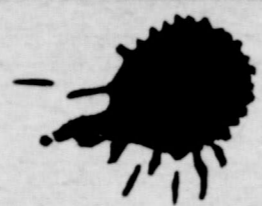
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## READERS

of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

W. N. U., HOUSTON, NO. 6, 1907.



## Splotches On Your Skin

Poor blood is easily told, by splotches, pimples, boils and other defects in the skin. Poor blood is bad blood, diseased blood, poisoned blood, caused by imperfect liver action. To regulate your liver, purify your blood, cleanse your system from all poisons and impurities, take a course of

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It is a purely vegetable remedy, safe, reliable, prompt and without bad after-effects, and is sold in 25c and \$1. packages. Insist on having Thedford's Black Draught. It is the most widely imitated vegetable liver medicine in the world--WHY? A2

# Heart of the Home

### WRITE US FREELY

and frankly, in strictest confidence, telling all your troubles, and stating your age. We will send you FREE ADVICE, in plain sealed envelope, and a valuable 64-page Book on "Home Treatment for Women." Address: Ladies' Advisory Department, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. G 98

## A Little Child

carries with it the possibilities of great happiness, into the heart of a childless home. Women who wish for children, should understand that sterility is not so much of a disease, as a symptom of female weakness, and, that in 90 cases out of 100, when the female weakness has been cured by

## WINE OF CARDUI Woman's Relief

the longed-for visit of the stork comes. Dr. J. J. Livingston, of Freeman, Ind., writes: "I prescribed Cardui to a lady patient, who had previously had three or four mishaps. She took 6 bottles and was soon made the happy mother of a well-grown boy, who is still living and doing well. I think that Wine of Cardui is the sole cause of her being able to have this child." Whatever may be the form of your female trouble or weakness, try Cardui. It is a reliable remedy for all the diseases peculiar to women.

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### Big Task for Engineers.

Engineers have never doubted the possibility of transmitting power from the Victoria falls of the Zambesi river to the great gold fields of the Transvaal, 750 miles distant, but they have questioned the economic soundness of such an undertaking, on a commercial scale. Nevertheless, contracts have been let which show that the work will be undertaken. It is the most extraordinary electric power scheme ever attempted.

### "Nails."

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch and less than one box cured me entirely."

J. M. WARD, Index, Texas.

Observe what direction your thoughts and feelings most readily take when you are alone, and you will then form a tolerably correct opinion of yourself.—Bengel.

Heart failure and cash failure often go together.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists a refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Men never fully appreciate the blessings of poverty until after they break into the millionaire class.

Garfield Tea, an unusually practical household remedy; take it for constipation, to keep the liver normal, to purify the blood, to dispel colds, to cure rheumatism, to keep well!

There are more ways than one by which a woman can get even with a man. One way is to marry him, and another is not to.

### Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Wm. C. Little* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

The best man at a wedding cannot always prove it.

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## ELECTION ORDERED.

In response to a petition presented to the Commissioners Court asking for an election whether or not to abolish Grapeland's incorporation, the same was ordered to be held March 2. Following is the order:

The petition of the citizens of Grapeland incorporation asking that an election be ordered to determine whether or not said corporation shall or shall not be abolished, is in all respects in accordance with the law governing same, and it is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed, that an election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held in the corporate limits of the city of Grapeland on the 2nd day of March, 1907, to determine whether or not said corporation shall or shall not be abolished, and J. M. Selkirk is hereby appointed to manage and hold said election and make due return thereof to the county judge of Houston Co. John Spence, County Judge.

The legislature has not yet passed a law, compelling people to read the testimony in the Bailey investigation.

Do you want to know how to be happy? The secret of true happiness lies in making others happy. Try it.

Gov. Campbell's first proclamation to the people of Texas is to observe Arbor Day, which is Friday, Feb. 22.

How many husbands are guilty of kissing their wives every time they leave home, and then kiss the hired girl every time their wives leave home?

The good farmers wife cuts a big figure in the industrial prosperity of Texas. She has her poultry, eggs, butter, etc., that brings in lots of change during a year.

Several indictments have been filed against citizens of Palestine for violating the Terrell election law, in lending money to parties for the purpose of paying poll taxes.

If Harry K. Thaw is saved from the electric he has his wife to thank. That frail little woman testified things on the witness stand that would make the dead blush. We predict Thaw will be acquitted.

The hog business has grown to enormous proportions. Those who have tried it find it pays better than cotton, and this has caused others to branch out in the business. Let the good work go on.

If you are selling all the goods you care to, then your advertising is sufficient; but if not your business needs a few doses of advertising and remember that Messenger advertising advertises.

The bill imposing a \$5000 tax on express companies at each and every station where C. O. D. whiskey is delivered, has been signed by Gov. Campbell and is now in full force, and is having the desired effect. Hereafter when whiskey is ordered the cash, or its equivalent, must accompany the order. The law will prohibit the filling of perpetual orders. The whiskey element have filed several suits to test the law.

"Investigate yourself, and see if you belong to Cemetery Association."—Shelby Co. Champion.  
 "Not yet brother, and we are in no hurry to 'jine.' Too much Quakerism in that Circle at the Cemetery."—Gregg Co. News.  
 But sooner or later every one will have to take a lay off to attend his own funeral.

Every baby is the sweetest baby in the world and it can be proven by its mother. Babies are allright so long as they belong to a friend and don't spend nights in your neighborhood. They are supposed to come from heaven, but what the angels ever do for sleep has never been inquired into. Boy babies are sweetest at four; girl babies at eighteen.

As we understand it the anti-pass platform demand does not mean to prohibit the newspapers for contracting with railroads for so many miles of tickets for so much advertising. It calls for a law to prohibit public officials from riding on free passes tendered them by railroads for the sole purpose of gaining their influence. If free passes are not given public officials for the purpose of influencing legislation, then pray what is it for? Do the railroads make a habit of dishing out free passes to any and every body who ask for them? Nay, nay, Pauline, not on your life, if you don't believe it, try it. The average politician hasn't got much love for the country press, because the searchlight is thrown on too often, and they are now trying to get revenge by including newspapers in the anti pass law. Never mind, there'll be a day of reckoning.

## How Much Fertilizer To Apply.

The question, "How much fertilizer should be used per acre?" cannot be answered definitely, but only in a general way. It is sometimes put in this form: "What is the most profitable amount that may be applied per acre?" Neither can the question in the amended form be exactly and accurately answered. The soil, its character, condition, preparation, ect., may be well known or controllable factors, but we know not what the seasons may be, says Hon. R. J. Redding, Director Georgia Experiment Station, Department of Agriculture, in the Virginia Carolina Fertilizer Almanac.

We know that some crops will bear larger amounts of fertilizer with reasonable assurance of profitable returns than may be expected of other soils. A crop that occupies the soil from the fall season until spring, or early summer, will bear its plant in the spring and ripens for harvest in midsummer. The first case is illustrated by oats, wheat or some other small grain, or grass, especially when sown in the fall of the year. Such a crop occupies the soil during the late fall and winter and early spring—during which periods the rains are usually abundant—ripening for harvest in late spring or very early summer, before the burning summer heat and possible drouths of June and July. Oats and wheat therefore are ideal crops for liberal fertilizing.

Corn is rather an uncertain crop on the ordinary dry uplands of the South. It has but a short period in which to develop its flowers—tassels and and silks—covering but a few days. If very dry weather shall prevail when this critical period is approaching and for some time after it is passed, the crops may prove a greater or less failure. There can be no second effort, no second period of blooming.

It is different in the case of cotton, which commences to bloom and make fruit in June (or even earlier) and continues throughout the summer until checked by a severe frost in November. It has a number of "chances."

Cotton is therefore another ideal crop for liberal fertilizing. A small amount of fertilizers applied per acre will no doubt yield a larger percentage profit on its cost than will a larger amount. To illustrate: An application of

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I will not only be able to sell it—some time—but will be able to sell it quickly. I am a specialist in quick sales. I have the most complete and up-to-date equipment. I have branch offices throughout the country and a field force of men to find buyers.

I do not handle all lines usually carried by the ordinary real estate agents. I must sell real estate—and lots of it—or go out of business. I can assure you I am not going out of business. On the contrary, I expect to find, at the close of the year, that I have sold twice as many properties as I did the past year, but it will first be necessary for me to "list" more properties. I want to list yours and sell it. It doesn't matter whether you have a farm, a home without any land, or a business; it doesn't matter what it is worth, or where it is located. If you will fill out the blank letter of inquiry below and mail it to me today, I will tell you how and why I can quickly convert the property into cash, and will give you my complete plan **FREE OF CHARGE** and terms for handling it. The information I will give you will be of great value to you, even if you should decide not to sell. You had better write today before you forget it. If you want to buy any kind of a farm, house or business, in any part of the country, tell me your requirements. I will guarantee to fill them promptly and satisfactorily.

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I KEEP 'EM ALL THE TIME. IF YOU WANT ANY REMEMBER

# Uncle Polk

Can Trade With you.

\$2 worth of fertilizer per acre may cause an increased yield of cotton (at 10 cents per pound) of the value of \$6 to \$8, or a profit of 200 to 300 per cent on its cost. I have frequently had such results. But it does not follow that twice as heavy an application will produce twice as large results, or that three times as great an increase in the yield. In other words, the rate of increase in the yield of cotton will not be in proportion to the increase in the amount of fertilizers applied. Two dollars' worth of fertilizer per acre may yield an increase in the crop of \$6; but \$6 worth would not therefore bring an increase of \$18.

But careful observation has shown that an application of \$5 to \$6 worth of fertilizers (properly balanced) is a safe amount to apply per acre on cotton. Many farmers in Georgia have secured satisfaction returns from an application of so much as 800 pounds per acre. I think 600 pounds a perfectly safe limit on upland in fairly good condition, well prepared and properly cultivated in cotton. For corn, I would limit the amount to 200 to 300 pounds per acre on old uplands.

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Several cases of small pox are reported in the Salmon country.

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Plenty of wheat bran and chops at Faris'.

The shoes we sell don't hurt your feelings (feet.) Shipper.

Your dinner for 25 cents at Owens Hotel.

Joe Bob Oliphint had business in Crockett Saturday.

F. A. Faris wants all your eggs and chickens.

The Ben Ton now sell Hiawatha.

Prof. Sam Kennedy was here from Augusta Saturday and went down to Crockett.

Lee Clewis wants your beef hides and bees wax. He will pay spot cash.

Try one can of Louisiana coffee at 25 cents per pound.

J. J. Guice & Son.

Miss Julia Lewis is down from Elkhart this week visiting relatives.

Some new Gingham and linens and other seasonable goods at Shipper's.

The best place to buy your new shoes and slippers is at F. A. Faris'. He's got the best line.

If this spring like weather continues much longer we'll be bound to go fishing.

W. D. S. Chill Tonic is "IT" for curing chills.

B. R. Guice & Son.

Claude Alexander came in Sunday from Austin and is visiting the family of Dr. F. C. Woodard for a few days.

Buy your dress goods, waist goods, zepher, gingham, A F C gingham and silk novelties from F. A. Faris.

S. L. Gentry and family have moved back to the Grapeland country from Denton. They are residing on route No. 2.

We are looking for a large shipment of pants, dry goods, crockery and glassware.

J. J. Guice & Son.

Wright Whitley was down from Elkhart Saturday and while here renewed the subscription of F. M. Leopard of the same place.

**For Rent.**

400 acres of land for rent; good water, fence and houses. Will let it out in small or large quantities. Call on or address W. T. Pridgen, Grapeland, Texas.

All headaches go When you grow wiser And learn to use An "Early Riser." Dewitt's Little Early Risers, safe sure pills. Carleton & Porter.

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Hall's Chill Tonic, a new supply of many kinds of groceries, coffee, Rooster Snuff, Nine O'clock Washing Tea, Wood and Zinc water buckets, green and roasted coffee, Flour, Salt and the best axle grease on the market; goes twice as far as any other kind of grease.

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Ribbon cane syrup in barrels and jugs

Go to Howard's when in town.

That Golden Blend Java coffee at F. A. Faris' can't be beat.

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The best at lowest prices at Howard's.

If you want a new suit get it from Faris.

The Famous Kleckly Melon seed at Howard's.

Try our new soda fountain for soft drinks. We are ready to serve you B. R. Guice & Son.

For Thorough Bred Brown Leghorn eggs, apply to W. A. Dunnam.

F. A. Faris always leads in the best groceries at the lowest prices.

Men's all season underwear and ladies' muslin underwear for sale at Shipper's.

If you are not satisfied with your deal at Howard's, he will refund your money.

Car of best flour just in at F. A. Faris'. Guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money back.

Big line of Friedman's shoes at J. J. Guice & Son's, we can fit your feet.

Carhartt suits suit for service. But Bing's suits for dress. Shipper.

The young folks enjoyed themselves last Saturday night at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk.

F. A. Faris is closing out some good tobacco, worth 35c per pound at 25c per pound.

Miss Myrta Richards left Monday at noon for Dallas to purchase her spring and summer line of millinery.

Wm. M. Patton's wholesale department has just received one car each bran, chops, meal, oats, hay, sugar, oil, flour, Portland cement and rock lime.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eaves are entertaining, (and of course are being entertained) a young lady who arrived at their home last Friday.

Try our W. D. S. Chill Tonic. Positively guaranteed to break chills. If not bring it back and get your money.

B. R. Guice & Son.

Mr. J. W. Wilson, who lives 7 miles southwest of Elkhart had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents by fire last Sunday night. The loss is total as he carried no insurance.

Mr. R. H. Cook left Wednesday for Terrell to place his daughter in the hospital for the insane. Mr. Cook's many friends are hopeful that the change will be beneficial and that his daughter will be permanently restored to health.

A liquid cold relief with a laxative principle which drives out the cold through a copious action of the bowels, and a healing principle which lingers in the throat and stops the cough—that is Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. Safe and sure in its action; pleasant to take; and conforms to National Pure Food and Drug Law. Contains no opiates. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

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Twenty-five acres of choice unimproved land, just a half of a mile from the depot in Grapeland. It joins Dr. Woodard's land on the south and faces the right of way of the I. & G. N. railroad on the east, and is beautifully situated for a desirable homestead. Just the place for the man who wants a good home convenient to town, with fine school and church privileges. If you are interested, see W. S. Johnston, Grapeland, Texas.

For garden seed and seed potatoes, Howard has them.

Flour has advanced but F. A. Faris will sell you the best at the old price.

W. D. S. Chill Tonic is sold under a positive guarantee. B. R. Guice & Son sell it.

The Messenger wants a correspondent at Daly's, Percilla, Augusta and Crockett. Write for stamps and stationery.

County Judge John Spence and Sheriff Jno. C. Lacy were up from Crockett Tuesday on some business matters.

Misses Adelle Davis, Loye Darsy and Anabel Davis went up to Palestine Tuesday returning Wednesday night.

Dr. Williams, a veterinary surgeon of Alto, was in town this week alleviating the pain of sick horses.

**ITCHING PILES.**

If you are acquainted with any one who is troubled with this distressing ailment, you can do him no greater favor than to tell him to try Chamberlain's Salve. It gives instant relief. This salve also cures sore nipples, tetter and salt rheum. Price 25 cents. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Mrs. J. N. Sory has gone to Palestine to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Moore. Mr. Sory is contemplating moving to Simonville, a new town in Southwest Texas, provided he can dispose of his property here.

**DON'T PUT OFF**

until tomorrow what you can do today. If you are suffering from a torpid liver, or constipation, don't wait until tomorrow to get help.

Buy a bottle of Herbine and get the liver working right. Promptness about health saves many sick spells. "Mrs. Ida Gresham, Point, Texas writes: I used Herbine in my family for six years, and find it does all it claims to do." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

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This week we publish an article on "How much fertilizer to apply" by R. J. Redding, of the Georgia experiment station. Next week we will publish "When fertilizer should be applied." These articles are instructive and should be carefully read.

You ought to know what you are giving your baby. You will know if you use CASCASWEET and take the trouble to look at the wrapper. Every ingredient is shown there in plain English. CASCASWEET is best corrector for the stomachs of babies and children. Sold by Carleton and Porter.

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Washington, D. C. Feb. 25, 1907.

In the National Library here, I have examined carefully every system of shorthand copyrighted in this country. I have been convinced that Byrne Simplified is the best system in use. F. H. Kuns, Asst. Post Master General U. S. Treasury Dept. Washington, D. C. March 7 1905.

Without any previous knowledge of bookkeeping or shorthand, I entered your school and studied both the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand and Practical Bookkeeping, then without one day's experience as a bookkeeper. I passed the Bookkeepers examination as given under the United States Civil Service, am now employed in the U. S. Treasury Department here. After leaving school I did not use my shorthand one day for more than two years, then I went into an office and took business dictation, transcribed my notes without the least difficulty. I will state to my young friends, the Byrne systems are all that is claimed for them. If you are contemplating a business course, take no other. Will Barnett.

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# The Messenger.

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## The Worship of Diamonds.

A McGill professor, lecturing on the diamond the other night, demonstrated dramatically the well-known fact that a diamond is merely crystallized carbon, by burning a couple of small stones in an electric arc. Flakes of graphite fell from the sides, and the whole became a mass of coke. Yet what has not been bought and sold for diamonds? It requires an expert to tell the difference between some of the imitations and the real stones. Paste diamonds are worn to great assemblies by great ladies while their genuine jewels repose safely in the vaults at home. Still, says the Montreal Herald, this does not induce other ladies, who cannot afford the genuine, to be quite as content with the paste. If some one were to discover a "mine" of diamonds and flood the world with them—if a scientist should learn how to make them—if, it is said, the present diamond miners were to put on the market all they could—the value would go down. In the two former cases it would well-nigh disappear. Yet to-day people will coin the toll of many men for long years into diamonds and wear them as symbols of wealth. This is a curious world in some ways. Yet, perhaps, not so curious. We generally want chiefly to have what other people cannot have.

## Japan's Knowledge of the World.

The fact is, we suspect, that the Japanese understand the rest of the world better than the world understands them, for the reason that since the "opening" of that country it has been a very serious part of Japanese public and private business to study the rest of the world and to learn as much as possible about it. Japanese students have been numerous in almost every civilized land, acquiring not only the general arts and sciences but also and particularly the especial knowledge which was to be gained of the individual countries thus visited. This knowledge, says the New York Tribune, has in turn been imparted to and has been eagerly sought by the entire Japanese people. While the world at large has interested itself in Japan largely because of its picturesque charm, the Japanese have interested themselves in all the world in the most practical, systematic and businesslike way. While we have looked at Jirnikishas and cherry blossoms they have studied constitutions and industries.

## Paint and Ocean Travel.

"The worst feature of ocean travel is never mentioned in steamship company prospectuses or in books of travel," said a returning tourist. "It is not seasickness, for only a few are taken that way in the new ocean greyhounds, that neither rock nor pitch. It is not the narrow quarters or the inferior cooking or the tipping habit. It is paint. There is always wet paint on an ocean steamer, and there is never a sign on it to warn passengers. The modern sailor is a painter, constantly wielding the brush, always painting some part of the ship or other, says the Philadelphia Record. There is hardly a passenger on the ocean that does not land from a voyage with some article of apparel damaged by paint. A sailor told me once that every ship is entirely repainted inside and out at least three times a year. The work goes on constantly in port and on the sea, and the passenger can never escape."

## Exposing the Fast Set.

The fast woman in society in France compromises herself because she falls under the spell of passion; the fast woman in society in New York, on the other hand, compromises herself to pay for her bonnets and gowns. In this comparison the French fast woman has much the advantage of the American fast woman. They are both essentially vulgar, declares the Outlook, judged from the strictly social point of view. The men and women of the fast set always force the note. They overeat, overdrink, overdress and overact their parts. They are to people in really civilized society what sensational journalism is to high-class newspaper work. They represent the "yellow" in morals, dress, manners and style of life. It is a mistake to treat them too seriously. Irony, ridicule and sarcasm are the only weapons that touch them.

# SAYS HUMAN RACE IS DYING OUT.

## French statistician observes a remarkable decrease in world's birth rate and sounds the alarm.

Philadelphia.—The latest estimate of the total population of the world is 1,487,900,000, yet a French statistician, Dr. Meslier, has just published some figures by which he strives to prove that the human race is dying out.

Limited to the birth rate in European and a few other countries of white population, Dr. Meslier appears to have established his case. His figures, at any rate, are startling, but, as he leaves out of consideration some of the most populous countries and prolific peoples—the Asiatic races—it is doubtful if he maintains his position.

Taking the years of 1881 to 1903, he says that for every thousand married women from 15 to 55 years of age taken from different countries the births have decreased in England 18 per cent., ten per cent. in Scotland, ten per cent. in Bavaria, seven per cent. in Italy, seven per cent. in Sweden, 11 per cent. in Russia, 17 per cent. in France, 17 per cent. in Denmark, 18 per cent. in New Zealand, 24 per cent. in Saxony, 25 per cent. in the state of Victoria and 33 per cent. in New South Wales. As the census returns of the United States for 1900 are as yet incomplete, there are no satisfactory figures upon which Dr. Meslier can carry his comparisons to this country.

If the birth rate figures are missing, the mortality statistics of some 36 of the principal cities of the United States show that there is an appreciable decrease in all but two cities—New Orleans and Columbus—between 1890 and 1900.

## Birth Rate of Past.

The ancients did not leave any very authentic records of the population of their cities or countries, but such fragmentary information as has descended to our times shows a steady and continuous growth in the number of the world's people, says the Philadelphia Ledger. While the birth rate, proportionately, was perhaps greater in some parts of the world 2,000 years ago than it is to-day, long years of warfare and convulsions of nature, to say nothing of accident, assassination and disease, kept the growth of population within a narrow rate of progression.

Only the barest estimates of the population of the world are possible before the nineteenth century. Even now a universal census is wanting, but the present means of estimating lead to more reasonable results than were possible so recently as a hundred years ago.

The cry that the human race is dying out was not unfamiliar in ancient Rome and in Sparta. Efforts were made in those states to rectify the falling birth rate by enacting various laws. In the meantime a new world has been discovered and the globe's population, despite innumerable natural and artificial drawbacks, has grown probably a hundredfold.

Many misconceptions of the size of the population of the ancient monarchies and people, it seems, have

number are better able to produce good ones, and if the animal must feed and protect the young, the drain is too great if many offspring are produced. There is then a selection or survival of those which are the most vigorous—that is, those having the fewest offspring. In time this process results in a very small birth rate. Some seabirds, for instance, lay but one egg a year.

These are the rules operative also in the case of man. There was a time when he was struggling for existence in a far different way than he now does. He could not give much care to his children, and when they contracted diseases he simply watched them die, for he was ignorant of the ways of curing them. The infantile death rate was enormous, as it is at present in the savage races.

The brain of primitive man increased in size from the survival of the most intelligent in each generation during this awful early struggle with a severe environment, and then civilization gradually arose by reason of this increased brain. Men were able to raise children which formerly perished.

## Families Grow Smaller.

The human race—at least in its civilized branches—is gradually becoming confined to the lines of small families.

The resulting types will be somewhat feebler than prior ones, but that



The greatest increase in the world's population was observable during the nineteenth century, which, with its scientific spirit and remarkable inventions, spread the benefits of hygiene and sanitation. Yet wars and railway accidents surpassed the ravages of any hundred plagues known to history. In the United States alone, during the last ten years, there has been an average of 7,000 persons killed and 65,000 injured a year. The Napoleonic wars depopulated France and the civil war in the United States and the recent Russo-Japanese war far surpassed in extent the casualties of the greatest conflicts of antiquity.

## SURVIVAL OF MAN

(By Charles E. Woodruff, M. D.)

So much popular attention has been given to the diminishing birth rate in civilized races that it is astounding there has been so little said as to its real significance as a natural law which has been operative in all species of plant or animal, man included, whenever the conditions of existence demanded it. In the struggle for existence there are thousands of factors determining survival, and the number of offspring from one pair of parents is strictly regulated by these factors. In the long run a species must remain stationary numerically or diminish, for it cannot increase to overrun the earth. Hence the death rate is exactly equal to the birth rate as a rule, and there is a death for every birth. It may be stated in other terms. No matter how many offspring there are, nor how long the parents live, nor how often they produce, all the offspring perish except two on an average, and these two take the place of

is an advantage also. Feeble children are now raised which invariably perished in prior ages. Survival is the proof of being the fittest for survival, of course. If future man is to be much frailer than present man, it will be a natural process. Present types are much different from the powerful brute of prehistory and keep themselves alive by intelligent forethought. They are fitter than the stupid man of great physical strength, and are driving him to the wall.

The same journal which gives a highly sensational account of the terrific reduction in the birth rate will in another column describe the awful famines in far-away lands involving millions of people.

The Russian peasants have huge families, in which the infantile death rate is tremendous, because they live under very unsanitary conditions which none except the most vigorous children can survive. All the weaklings are killed off, and the survivors are those remarkable men who, when drafted into the army, are able to accomplish such marvels of endurance. On the other hand, the English baby, no matter how frail, is saved; no matter how sick, it is cured and grows up. The nation is known to be far less robust, as far as muscle and brute force is concerned, than it was a couple of centuries ago. It is difficult to get soldiers strong enough to carry the gun and ammunition, while in Russia nearly all are able soldiers.

## Most Intelligent Live.

Now, the English are able to survive simply because they have the intelligence to avoid the causes of death. Thus in one end of Europe the most intelligent are being selected for survival, in the other the most robust though lacking in intelligence. It is the rule which has guided our development since man was created; increasing intelligence selects for survival the more frail who are not burdened with unnecessary bone and muscle.

The alleged deterioration of the English nation is the normal evolution and not the disaster which sociologists are so prone to think. It is part and parcel of the high growth of Democratic civilization in Great Britain, which is impossible in Russia, where there is not sufficient intelligence. The social organization of these frailer but brainier English types is therefore wholly unsuited for the robust but stupid mujik, and the men who are trying to graft these forms upon the Russian organism are merely doing harm.

The average family is now about four, and if they all survive it means doubling of population each generation, which in a few centuries would not leave standing room in the United States. In another two or three centuries, if our death losses continue to diminish at present rates, the birth rate will drop naturally to a fraction over two children per family.



been popularly held. At the time of the exodus it is doubtful if the then narrowly prescribed world contained more than 15,000,000 of people. Prof. Filanders Petrie, the eminent Egyptologist, in a recent work, has called attention to what he considers an error in translating the original Hebrew Scriptures. He maintains that instead of 600,000 Hebrews leaving Egypt there were really about 5,500. His interpretation and demonstration are ingenious and need not be refuted here.

## Some Unreliable Data.

It is only by estimates based upon questionable figures that any idea of

the parents to keep the species numerically steady.

It is evident that if new encasements of the young appear, the species will perish unless more offspring are produced, and there is a survival or selection of the types breeding the most. This process goes on until we reach such cases as the fish, which produce millions of eggs to enable two individuals to survive.

## Struggle for Existence.

On the other hand, it frequently happens that sheltered breeding places are selected where there are no enemies, and all the offspring are raised. Those which produce the least

# THE WHITE PLAGUE

## SYSTEMATIC WARFARE WAGED TO WIPE OUT CONSUMPTION.

### Warning That Intemperance Increases the Liability to Contract Disease—Neglected Colds a Prolific Source.

Organized effort is now being made throughout the United States to fight consumption. A warning is given against intemperate habits, which increase the liability to consumption, while spitting in public places is deprecated, as the disease is frequently contracted from dried sputum.

Colds should not be neglected, as they leave the lungs in a peculiarly receptive condition for the tubercular germ. The following simple formula will break up a cold in twenty-four hours. A leading authority on lung trouble says that when prepared from pure ingredients, it will cure any cough that is curable.

Take half ounce Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure); two ounces glycerine and half pint good whisky. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses every four hours.

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## Eleven-year-old Sportsman.

The heir apparent of the Sirgusa State, a boy of 11 years, has developed a remarkable aptitude for shikar. He began to use a gun when only seven years of age and up to the present time has accounted for seven tigers, six panthers and two bears, not to mention other large and small game.—Allahabad Pioneer.

## The Infinite.

From every point of view and from everything that the human mind touches we are in touch everywhere with the infinite, and the infinite is just as absolute a fact as the most finite thing touched by the mind or the physical being of man.

# NERVOUS HEADACHES

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# March of the White Guard

By SIR GILBERT PARKER.

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## CHAPTER IV—Continued.

And Jaspar Hume was left alone with the starving Indian, who sat beside the fire eating voraciously, and the sufferer, who now mechanically was taking a little biscuit sopped in brandy. For a few moments thus, and his sunken eyes opened and he looked dazedly at the man bending above him. Suddenly there came into them a look of terror. "You—you—are Jaspar Hume," the voice said in an awed whisper.

"Yes," and the hands of the Sub-factor chafed those of the other.

"But you said you were a—friend, and come to save me."

"I am come to save you."

There was a shiver of the sufferer's body. This discovery would either make him stronger or kill him altogether. Jaspar Hume knew this, and said: "Varre Lepage, the past is past and dead to me; let it be so to you."

There was a pause.

"How—did you know—about me?"

"I was at Fort Providence; there came letters from the Hudson Bay Company, and from your wife, saying that you were making this journey, and were six months behind—"

"My wife, my wife! Rose!"

"Yes, I have a letter for you from her. She is on her way to Canada. We are to take you to her."

"To take me—to her!" He shook his head sadly, but he pressed the letter that Jaspar Hume had just given him to his lips.

"To take you to her, Varre Lepage."

"No, I shall never—see her—again."

"I tell you, you shall. You can live if you will. You owe that to her—to me—to God!"

"To her—to you—to God. But I have been true—to none. To win her I wronged you doubly—and wronged her too; and wronging—both of you, I wronged That Other One. I have been punished. I shall die here."

"You shall go to Fort Providence. Do that in payment of your debt to me, Varre Lepage. I demand that."

In this sinning man there was a latent spark of honor, a sense of justice that might have been developed to great causes, to noble ends, if some strong nature, seeing his weaknesses, had not condoned them, but had appealed to the natural chivalry of an impressionable, vain, and weak character. He struggled to meet the eyes of Jaspar Hume, and doing so he gained confidence and said, "I will try to live. I will do you justice—yet. But, oh, my wife!"

"Your first duty is to eat and drink. We start for Fort Providence to-morrow morning."

The sick man stretched out his hand: "Food! Food!" he said.

In little bits food and drink were given to him, and his strength sensibly increased. The cave was soon aglow with the fire that was kindled by Late Carscallen and Cloud-in-the-Sky. There was little speaking, for the sick man soon fell asleep. Varre Lepage's Indian told Cloud-in-the-Sky the tale of their march—how the other Indian and the dogs died; how his master became ill as they were starting toward Fort Providence from Manitou Mountain in the summer weather; how they turned back and took refuge in this cave; how month by month they had lived on what would hardly keep a rabbit alive; and how at last his master urged him to press on with his papers; but he would not, and stayed until this day, when the last bit of food had been eaten, and they were found!

## CHAPTER V.

The next morning Varre Lepage was placed upon a sled and they started back, Jacques barking joyfully as he led off, with Cloud-in-the-Sky beside him. There was light in the faces of all, though the light could not be seen by reason of their being muffled so. All day they traveled, scarcely halting, Varre Lepage's Indian being strong again and marching well. Often the corpse-like bundle on the sled was disturbed and biscuits wet in brandy and bits of preserved venison were given.

That night Jaspar Hume said to Late Carscallen: "I am going to start at the first light of the morning to get to Gaspé Toujours and Jeff Hyde as soon as possible. Follow as fast as you can. He will be safe if you give him food and drink often. I shall get to the place where we left them about noon; you should reach there at night or early the next morning."

"Hadn't you better take Jacques with you?" said Late Carscallen.

The Sub-factor thought a moment,

and then said, "No, he is needed most where he is."

At noon the next day Jaspar Hume looks round upon a billowy plain of sun and ice, but he sees no staff, no signal, no tent, no sign of human life: of Gaspé Toujours or of Jeff Hyde. His strong heart quails. Has he lost his way? He looks at the sun. He is not sure. He consults his compass, but it quivers hesitatingly, and then points downward! For a while wild bewilderment which seizes upon the minds of the strongest, when lost, masters him, in spite of his struggles against it. He moves in a maze of half-blindness, half-delirium. He is lost in it, is swayed by it. He begins to wander about; and there grow upon his senses strange delights and reeling agonies. He hears church bells, he catches at butterflies, he tumbles in new-mown hay, he wanders in a tropic garden. But in the hay a wasp stings him, and the butterfly changes to a

uncovered his head for a moment. "Gaspé Toujours is a Papist," he said; "but he read me some of that book the day you left, and one thing we went to sleep on; it was that about 'Lightenin' the darkness, and defendin' us from all the perils and dangers of this night.'" Here Gaspé Toujours made the sign of the cross. Jeff Hyde continued half apologetically for his comrade, "It comes natural to Gaspé Toujours—I guess it always does to Papists. But I never had any trainin' that way, and I had to turn the thing over and over, and I fell asleep on it. And when I wake up three days after, here's my eyes as fresh as daisies, and you back, Captain, and the thing done that we come to do!"

He put the book into the hands of Jaspar Hume, and Gaspé Toujours at that moment said, "See!" And far off, against the eastern horizon, appeared a group of moving figures!

That night the broken segments of the White Guard were reunited, and two months. The people of the Fort Varre Lepage slept by the side of Jaspar Hume.

## CHAPTER VI.

To conquer is to gain courage and unusual powers of endurance. Napoleon might have marched back from Moscow with undecimated legions safely enough, if the heart of those legions had not been crushed. The White Guard, with their faces turned homeward and the man they had sought for in their care, seemed to have acquired new strength. Through days of dreadful cold, through nights of appalling fierceness, through storm



He Moves in a Maze of Half-Blindness, Half-Delirium.

curling black snake that strikes at him and glides to a dark flowing river full of floating ice, and up from the river a white hand is thrust, and it beckons him—beckons him! He shuts his eyes and moves toward it, but a voice stops him, and it says, "Come away! come away!" and two arms fold him round, and as he goes back from the shore he stumbles and falls, and

What is this? A yielding mass at his feet! A mass that stirs! He clutches at it, he tears away the snow, he calls aloud—and his voice has a far-away unnatural sound—"Gaspé Toujours! Gaspé Toujours!" Yes, it is Gaspé Toujours! And beside him lies Jeff Hyde, and alive! ay, alive! Thank God!

Jaspar Hume's mind is itself again. It has but suffered for a moment what comes to most men when they recognize first that they are being shadowed by the awful ban of "Lost."

Gaspé Toujours and Jeff Hyde had lain down in the tent the night of the great wind and had gone to sleep at once. The staff had been blown down, the tent had fallen over them, the drift had covered them, and for three days they had slept beneath the snow; never waking.

Jeff Hyde's sight was come again to him. "You've come back for the book," he said; "you couldn't go on without it. You ought to have taken it yesterday;" and he drew it from his bosom.

"No, Jeff, I've not come back for that; and I did not leave you yesterday; it is three days and more since we parted. The book has brought us luck, and the best! We have found him; and they'll be here to-night with him. I came on ahead to see how you fared."

In that frost-bitten world Jeff Hyde

been since Jaspar Hume had gone with his brave companions on this desperate errand.

Already the handful of people at the Fort had gathered. Indians left the store and joined the rest; the Factor and Sergeant Gosse set out to meet the little army of relief. God knows what was in the hearts of the Chief Factor and Jaspar Hume when they shook hands. To the Factor's "In the name of the Hudson Bay Company, Mr. Hume," there came "By the help of God, sir," and he pointed to the sled whereon Varre Lepage lay. A feeble hand was clasped in the burly hand of the Factor, and then they fell into line again, Cloud-in-the-Sky running ahead of the dogs. Snow had fallen on them, and as they entered the stockade, man and dogs were white from head to foot.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## KEEP YOUR DESK CLEAN.

Business Untidiness Sign of Lack of Order and Concentration.

"There's one piece of advice," said the senior partner, "that I'd like to give every young man taking a business position with a desk attached to it. It's this: Keep your desk clean. What I mean by having a desk clean is keeping everything possible off it except that which is related to the matter in hand. I've observed in my time a good many men in their offices, and I can say that with very few exceptions the real men of affairs are those who are free from clutter.

"With a lot of paper in front of you, it's almost a certainty that some hour in the day you're going to be flustered and very likely it will be just when you want a clear head. The old idea that a mass of material every whichway on the desk is a sign that a person is full of business is pretty well outworn. Such a collection not only indicates a lack of order, but also a sign that nervousness may be expected from the man in the chair. What with filing cabinets and other devices no excuse can be offered nowadays for confusion.

"A well ordered desk means a well ordered mind—a mind taking up one thing at a time and giving it the proper attention. It denotes regularity and concentrated, effective effort."

## Expected the Captain.

Passing the pantry of his boat one day, Capt. Birch of Gloucester, Mass., overheard one of the cabin boys indulging in animadversions on the officers and crew. He turned a very severe countenance upon the boy and said: "Young man, hereafter when you have anything to say about anyone about the boat, please except the captain."

A few days later, when the captain happened to be on deck, the same cabin boy carried past him a dish of food prepared for the table, and a pet hog running between the boy's legs upset him, scattering the food.

Picking himself up, with a most rueful countenance, the boy commenced berating the hog. "You are the miserablest hog I ever seen," he began, when, catching a view of the old man, and remembering his injunction, he added, "except the captain."

The boy has had a secure berth on Capt. Birch's boat ever since.

## Black Walnut.

Black walnut is produced in this country at an annual rate of about 33,000,000 feet. The larger portion of it now comes from southwestern Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian territory, although there is some scattering growth still picked up in Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia. The most considerable stand of the wood remaining east of the Mississippi river is on the upper waters of the Guyandotte river in West Virginia, says a writer in The Southwest. The home demand for black walnut lumber is only for comparatively small quantities. Its use is largely confined to gun stocks, novelties, electrical work, etc. The chief demand for walnut comes from Germany and Hamburg is the commercial center of the market.

## Had the Same Result.

In a Georgia town where prohibition prevails a man was arrested three times in one day, charged with being drunk on the streets.

"Where did you get the whisky?" asked the mayor.

"I didn't drink no whisky," was the reply. "Nuthin' in the worl', yer honor, 'cept cane juice, liver regulator, hair tonic, an' red ink!"—Pittsburg Press.

## Everything Her Own Way.

He (after a spat)—I sometimes think you women court domestic quarrels.

She—We do not. If we had our way there'd be none.

He—Oh, exactly—if you had your way.

## Standing for a Good Deal.

"What, my friends," dramatically demanded Thomas Bott, "does the old party stand for?"

"Well, you, for one thing," replied a pessimistic voice from the back of the hall.—Peck.

## "Soap Sense."

The difference in cost between a poor toilet soap and a good toilet soap such as Buchan's soap, is a cent or two per week. The difference in results, though, cannot be measured in money. The cheap soap made from impure fat and powerful alkali, irritates the skin and results in all kinds of skin trouble. Buchan's Antiseptic Soap, however, is not only absolutely pure and a fine cleanser, but it contains Phenol Absolut, an ideal antiseptic protecting the user against contamination. If your dealer does not keep it send his name and address with 18 cents to Buchan's Soap Corporation, New York, and they will send you a full size cake.

## Thinks Little of Chinese Army.

Dr. Morrison, the well-known correspondent of the London Times at Peking, went to see the recent maneuvers of the modernized Chinese army in the neighborhood of Chang-te-fu. He describes them as a repetition of the performance of 1905—a set piece carefully prepared long beforehand by a number of Japanese advisers. The inefficiency of the officers is still conspicuous and the field training of the men inadequate, but the material is good. Dr. Morrison hints that without Japanese officers to direct affairs the contending armies would have been little better than a rabble.

## "We Have Many Similar."

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. H. H. Meyers, of Stuttgart, Ark.: "You would greatly oblige me if you would introduce Hunt's Lightning Oil at Millidgeville, Ill., as I have many friends and relatives there, in whom I am much concerned, and I understand the Oil is not kept there. I can recommend it as the best medicine I ever had in my house. It cured me of a bad case of the Bloody Flux in less than one-half hour, and it cured my grand daughter of a bad case of Cholera Morbus in a very short time."

## Where It Really Does Rain.

There is one man in San Francisco who is not bothered by the rain. He is F. S. Morris, of Portland, who is at the Imperial. Morris came in dripping with water yesterday afternoon, and somebody remarked: "Gracious, isn't this rain a fright?" "Naw, nothing much," said the man from Portland. "You just ought to live in my country. Why, at home," and the Oregonian swelled with pride, "in my country the rain falls so fast that the rivers frequently fill up two feet above their banks."—San Francisco Chronicle.

## Caution.

Imitations have been placed upon the market so closely resembling Alcock's Plasters in general appearance as to be well calculated to deceive. It is, however, in general appearance only that they compare with Alcock's, for they are not only lacking in the best elements which have made Alcock's so efficient, but are often harmful in their effects. Remember that Alcock's are the original and only genuine porous plasters—the best external remedy known—and when purchasing plasters the only safe way is to always insist upon having Alcock's.

## Economy as the Boy Saw It.

Paul Morton, in a recent address on insurance, said of a certain proposed economy:

"That would not be an economy, but an extravagance, in the long run. It reminds me of the boy and the jam."

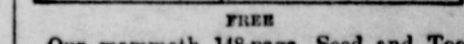
"My son," said this boy's mother, "isn't it rather an extravagance to eat butter with that superb jam?"

"No, ma'am, it's an economy," the boy answered. "The same piece of bread does for both."

## Oats—Heads 2 Foot Long.

The John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., are bringing out a new oat this year with heads 2 foot long! That's a wonder. Their catalog tells!

Spetz—the greatest cereal hay food America ever saw! Catalog tells!



Our mammoth 148-page Seed and Tool Catalog is mailed free to all intending buyers, or send 6c in stamps and receive free samples of new Two Foot Long Oats and other cereals and big catalog free.

John A. Salzer Seed Co., Box W, La Crosse, Wis.

## Ownership of National Banks.

The ownership of the national banks of the United States is not in the hands of the rich few, as is commonly supposed, because fully one-half of the banks have a capital of less than \$100,000 each. Twelve per cent. have capitalizations of from \$100,000 to \$250,000, while only seven per cent. range between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000.

## Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best.

One box of Hunt's Cure is unflinching, unqualifiedly and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of SKIN DISEASE. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of ITCHING known.

ECZEMA, TETTER, RINGWORM and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

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A SPECIALTY

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Palestine. All work guaranteed  
to be the best

A weeks treatment for rheumatism and bladder troubles for 25 cents. That is what you get in a small box of DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Nothing else so good for all troubles caused by impure blood. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

**WOMAN'S WOES**

**A Certain Cure for Female Trouble and That Tired, Nervous, Depressed Feeling That Makes Household Work a Dreary Burden.**

Work, work; Nothing but work; Tiresome drudgery! Work used to be a pleasure, but now a few minutes effort leaves you weak, discouraged and irritable with a feeling that everything has gone wrong. The liver and bowels are responsible for this. The symptoms are, heart palpitation, faintness, suppressed, excessive or irregular periods, bad digestion, bearing down pains in the side and back, nervous weakness, poor appetite, costiveness. Prickly Ash Bitters sweeps away these troubles like magic, because it strikes at the root of the disease—the stomach, liver and bowels. Women who take medicine for female troubles that does not benefit these organs are wasting money and valuable time. The liver is diseased because the stomach is unhealthy, and both have produced a constipated habit. This stoppage of healthy action in the liver and bowels has filled the system with impurities which have brought on irregularity in the female organs; it follows therefore, that a medicine which will correct the liver, strengthen the stomach and promote healthy bowel operations is the remedy for menstrual difficulties. The poor, tired, discouraged woman who has suffered silently and so long with the ailments of her sex soon feels the strengthening and exhilarating influence of Prickly Ash Bitters. It does its work thoroughly, beginning with the stomach and extending its purifying and stimulating influence to the liver and bowels. When the stomach, liver and bowels are active and working in harmony, there must be health and regularity in the female organs. As a result of this improved condition the patient takes a renewed interest in her household duties. Appetite and strength return, the eyes are brighter, the complexion clears, and before long she is transformed into a bright, happy woman with rosy cheeks and cheerful spirits.

"I suffered much from indigestion and constipation. I had a drowsy tired feeling and nervous headaches all the time. I began using Prickly Ash Bitters and it has helped me wonderfully. I now have a good appetite, sleep well and can do a greater amount of work than ever before."  
MRS. MARY WORTHINGTON,  
Adel, Mercer County, Mo.

Sold by druggists. Price \$1 a bottle  
Sold by Carleton & Porter.

**JURY LIST.**

Grand and Petit Jurors for the Spring Term of District Court.

Grand Jurors to appear at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday, March 11th, 1907:

Henry Holcomb	D T Adair
Bunk Bradley	W T Harrison
R B Edens	W S Johnston
Jay Mainer	Geo Murray
J H Breazeale	J A Morris
Chester Kennedy	Billie Campbell
F C Edmiston	R S Pridden
A W Phillips	M Bromberg Jr

Petit Jurors, 2nd. week, to appear Monday at 9 O'clock a. m. March 18th, 1907.

J T Rhines	J P Raines
Chas Arnold	Marvin Steed
R A Parker	R A Shaw
E M L Shaw	S M Best
W N Manning	G N Hodges
J W Daniel	Jno T Tucker
J G Matlock	Ford Newman
T R Cook	J E Dominy
W H Burden	J F H Turner
Tom Shivers	Alton Lively
J W Shivers	J O Kelly
Jas Langham	Bob Minter
L T Cook	J K Jones
J L Cordor	E S Dawson
H P Hewitt	J R Baker
Starling Boykin	W J Clark
Major Lively	Tom J Patton
W B Dubose	R P Teal

Petit Jurors, 3rd. week, to appear at 9 O'clock, a. m. Monday, March 25, 1907.

T B Gilbert	S E Harrison
D J Knox	W E Ivey
B W Kilgore	Jno Shiekds
T C Dickerson	T A Rich
Cal Beeson	J F Murray
A B Calvert	R E McPhial
Jimmie Caskey	Ed Musick
J N Fowler	N W Wells
A D Bynum	J W Driskill
J C Cummins	J L Christian
L W Gayle	W M Brown
J L Sullivan	N J Cochran
J S Lansford	J B Simmons
D M Herrod	J D Woodard
Geo Scarbrough	J M Davis
W A Ford	T F Clayton
H A Rice	J M Saxon
J D Bynum	J T Lundy
A P Shirley	D H Rhoden
Ed Linderman	Jesse Eaves

Petit Jurors, 4th. week, to appear Monday, Apr. 1st. at 9 O'clock a. m. 1907

N L Smith	A E Buffington
R G Morgan	R H Hide Jr
W R Brown	Walter Bennett
Will Blaia	Johns n Arledge
J J Collier	DC Francis
J E Driskill	W R Campbell
GMCunningham	H W Beeson
S A Cook	J T Morrow
Jeff Payne	R F Hall
T S Tunstall	W A Stubblefield
J D Beavers	C E Brooks
Fount Kelly	J L Reynolds
W F Mason	Allen Newton
J L Albright	H E Gee
Jno T Simmons	J R Hedgepeth
W E Roe	R R Harvin
F M McDougald	J N Snell
G M Walton	N B May
G W Beathard	W R Cannon
P M Boatwright	K T Thorn

Petit Jurors, 5th. week, to appear Monday, Apr. 8th., at 10 O'clock a. m. 1907.

John Manning	B T James
J W Stubblefield	H J Phillips
B T Jordan	J D Hill
J W Scott	J H Green
B J Ward	S G Oliver
J B Ash	W L Allen
E J Curry	Z D Driskill
W F Hallmark	T A Butler
J W Allen	J E LaRue
G B Calloway	G R Turner
Ace Speer	M B Creath
C M Parker	B L Dominy
J F Arnold	E S Adkins
T J Maples	W L Spruill
H W Weidemeyer	Phil Robinson
G W Starling	C W Tollar
Jasper Simpson	O W Turner
J S Cook	E H Speer
J T Darsey	Ed Weisinger
W F Rayburn	W W Sullivan

**Don't Be Irritable.**

"An irritated skin makes an irritable person, and an irritable person gathers much trouble unto himself or herself, as the case may be. Moral: Use Hunt's Cure, one box of which is absolutely and unqualifiably guaranteed to cure any form of skin trouble. Any kind of itching known is relieved at once and one box cures."

Miss Maud Oliver and Mr. J. A. Mason were married last Monday at the home of the bride's father Mr. R. M. Oliver, Squire Jno. A. Davis officiating. Messenger extends congratulations and best wishes to the young folks.

**Our Stock is Complete.**

We have received car after car of new goods and you will find our stock complete with the biggest assortment of John Deer plows and plow goods. Kelly plows and Fixtures, Georgia stocks, corn and cotton planters, plow shapes, sprouting hoes, collars and collar pads, hames, traces, lines, Axes, files, and in fact you can find in our stock almost any and every thing that is used on the farm.

**Seed Potatoes and Fertilizers.**

We are now taking orders for seed potatoes and fertilizers, see us for what you want and get your order in time, for either potato or cotton fertilizer.

**We Want to buy 1000 Bushels of Peas.**

Bring us what peas you have for sale, it don't make any difference how many or how few you have we want to buy them, and will pay the top price for them.

**SEE US FOR** furniture, bed springs, mattresses, sewing machines, cooking and heating stoves, dry goods, clothing, shoes, salt, flour groceries leather goods, saddles, ect.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY THING** to sell or buy see us and get our prices. We will appreciate your trade and will at all times give you the bargains that we can.

Yours for business,

**GEO E DARSEY**

**A Household Necessity.**

I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used, for both man and beast, it is the quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and fresh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it is a household necessity.

Yours truly,  
S. Harrison,  
Kosciusko, Miss.

Tom Parker dropped in Saturday and had the Messenger sent to his sister, Mrs. Nettie Music, and to his friend Jno. Martin both at Forest. We appreciate the aid of our friends in extending the Messenger's circulation, and if they keep on it won't be long until it will cover the world.

**"It Knocks the Itch."**

It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what its called, where the sensation "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, ringworms, are cured by one box. Its guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

Constable S. C. Sponce last week arrested a negro named Walter Davis who was wanted in Palestine on the charge of stealing a watch. He was carried up and turned over to the officers.

**Lame Back.**

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm two or three times a day and rubbing the parts vigorously at each application. If this does not afford relief, bind on a piece of flannel slightly dampened with Pain Balm, and quick relief is almost sure to follow. For Sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

**Do Not Neglect a Cold.**

Every cold weakens the Lungs, lowers the Vitality and makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding cold, thus paving the way for more serious diseases.

**CAN YOU AFFORD TO TAKE SUCH CHANCES?**

**BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP**

**PERMANENTLY CURES**  
**Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Sore Lungs.**

EVERY MOTHER SHOULD KNOW THAT BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP CONTAINS NOTHING INJURIOUS, DOES NOT CONSTIPATE CHILDREN AND WILL POSITIVELY CURE COUGH AND WHOOPING COUGH.

MRS. SALLIE LOCKBAR, Goldthwaite, Tex., says: "We have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my family for several years, and it always gives satisfaction. When the children had Croup and Whooping Cough it always relieved them at once, and I would not be without it in the house, as it is the BEST MEDICINE we know of."

**Best Remedy for Children. Every Bottle Guaranteed.**  
THREE SIZES: 25c, 50c and \$1.00.  
**BALLARD SNOW LINIMENT CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.**

**SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY**  
**CARLETON & PORTER.**

**A BUBY**

should be sunshine in the house, and will be if you will give it White's Cream Vermifuge the best worm medicine offered to suffering humanity. This remedy is becoming the permanent fixture of all households. A mother with children, can't get along without a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge in the house. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

**Wanted to Buy.**

**500,000** NUT CRACKER TOBACCO TAGS.

I will pay 50c per 100, so bring them in to me as fast as possible.

**...F. A. FARIS...**