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THERE IS SOMETHING DOING AT SHIPPER'S STORE. THE DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

Our Stock of Mohairs and Brilliantines, and Panama Cloth is complete and prices are cheap; just a few that exceed 25c per yard; also our Percales, Gingham and Flannelettes to cost 10c per yard is complete.
SOME NEW PATTERNS TO SELECT FROM.

<p>Outings, Flannels.</p> <p>Storm outings, flannels, heaviest on the market, per yard,10c Daisy cloth, blue, pink and cream, per yard.....10c Camera flannel, a flannel that everybody sells for 9c and 10c, our price per yard..... 8 1-3c Sweep stake, 24 inches wide, suitable for floor covering and quilt lining, per yard.....4c Outings are in demand. Fortunately we are prepared and can give you the best values in outings....</p> <p>Prints.</p> <p>We are selling all standard prints at per yard..... 5c New lot arrived this week,</p> <p>Ubleached Domestic.</p> <p>A A A, heaviest on the market, 12 yards for..... \$1.00 L L, extra standard, 16 yds.\$1.00 We have nothing cheap in domestic, but standard goods and best quality.....</p> <p>Canton Flannel.</p> <p>Bidford B, best for the money, 10 yards for..... \$1.00</p>	<p>Lighter grade, 24 inches wide, 20 yards for.....\$1.00</p> <p>Bleached Domestic.</p> <p>The best we have in stock at present, 36 inches wide, 12 yards for.....\$1.00 Lighter grade, 7-8 yard wide, 17 yards for.....\$1.00 3-4 yd wide, 20 yards for..\$1.00</p> <p>Shoes.</p> <p>Men's Walk Over Shoes in patent leather.....\$4.00 Vici kid, valoura and box calf, per pair.....\$3.50 Friedman's Atlantic vici kid, box calf and valoura calf.....\$3.50 We have a lot of medium price shoes for \$2.50, \$2, \$1.50...\$1.25 Our stock is complete, having a new lot to arrive this week. In Ladies' Shoes we have almost any style of shoe you would want for \$1.50, a medium price. New all patent leather arrived this week. Call and see them. Price.....\$3.50 Ladies wanting Walk Overs will be glad to take your order in either lace or button tops.</p>	<p>Children's glove grain school shoes, sizes 13 to 2 price...\$1.00 Same as above in small sizes 90c Boys' shoes in box and valoura calf for \$1.75 and \$1.50 are good values. Our entire line of shoes are the best we can buy and we feel sure that you will be satisfied with the quality.</p> <p>Hats.</p> <p>In men's hats we have almost any shape, style or color, at prices from \$2.25, \$1.75, \$1.50 and...\$1.00 Nothing higher price than \$2.50</p> <p>Ladies' Hats.</p> <p>Very neatly trimmed in latest shapes and colors for fall and winter, you choice on these goods (special prices) \$2 and.....\$1.50</p> <p>Underwear.</p> <p>Ladies' heavy ribbed shirts with sleeves for.....25c Ladies' ribbed shirts without sleeves, 10c each or 3 for.....25c Boys' heavy fleeced per suit 50c Men's heavy fleeced shirts 40c a garment or a suit for.....75c</p>	<p>Men's extra heavy fleeced shirts 50c a garment or a suit for....90c</p> <p>Drugs.</p> <p>Our line of patent medicines and strple drugs is complete. We have enough drugs to keep everybody from dying and at the same time have everybody dying.</p> <p>Hardware.</p> <p>Our hardware consists of air tight heaters, stove pipes, elbows, rain proof, flat files, single trees and traces, nails and staples.</p> <p>Groceries.</p> <p>Our stock of groceries is always complete consisting of flour, sugar, coffee, rice, salt, bacon and lard; snuff and tobacco; flavoring extracts and canned goods, in fact everything in the staple and fancy grocery line.</p> <p>We call special attention to our different brands of flour:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Texas Pride.....</td><td>\$1.25</td></tr> <tr><td>White Wave.....</td><td>\$1.25</td></tr> <tr><td>Mascot (Cat Brand).....</td><td>\$1.25</td></tr> <tr><td>Cuckoo, extra high patent.....</td><td>\$1.45</td></tr> <tr><td>Salt No. 1 fine 100 lbs.....</td><td>.45</td></tr> <tr><td>Bran.....</td><td>\$1.10</td></tr> </table>	Texas Pride.....	\$1.25	White Wave.....	\$1.25	Mascot (Cat Brand).....	\$1.25	Cuckoo, extra high patent.....	\$1.45	Salt No. 1 fine 100 lbs.....	.45	Bran.....	\$1.10
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Leaders in Lowest Prices on Good Merchandise.

LA TEXO NEWS ITEMS.

All the News of this Hustling Little City Gathered by Correspondent.

La Texto, Texas, Nov. 20.—“God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.”

These lines suggest that nothing occurs in this world that is hidden from the all seeing eye. With all of our ups and downs in this life He is performing some of his mysterious wonders. Some people get discouraged because the seasons are not right and they fail in their crops; others fail in business; others fall short of their ideals and are tempted to give up, but who knows but these are some of the wonders He is performing? All will yet work out to our advantage. Let those who are discouraged and trying to sell out stop and think for they may ruin themselves. Stay at home, work, plant, study and we are sure to win in the long run.

Mr. Carthan Mills leaves today for Navarro county where he will work next year.

Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Lambert and Miss Freddie Luker went to the carnival at Houston last Friday.

They report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Briscoe have moved into their new home on the Tom Taylor place.

Mr. Buck Stanley returned last Friday from Jones county where he had gone to live. He says he got enough of the west mighty quick and will stay at home now.

Mr. J. N. Ford is harvesting his potato crop now and will get about 100 bushels for which he has been offered \$1.00 per bushel.

Mrs. J. H. Knight has been quite sick this week, but is better now. REX.

FIXING UP.

Messenger man dropped in Carleton & Porter's drug store one day this week and found them both very busy unpacking and marking their Christmas goods. Mr. Carleton, who bought the line of holiday goods, told us he purchased a very select line of stuff, getting nothing shoddy or useless. To verify this he let us take a peep at some of the stuff and we can say it's alright. We are sure the children will be pleased with the line of substantial toys. Watch these columns for their holiday announcement.

THE DEPOT QUESTION Is Settled. 60-Foot Crossing on North End. All Addition on South End.

After much wrangling the citizens of Grapeland and the L. & G. N. railroad officials have come to an understanding about the kind of a depot Grapeland needs.

The original plan, as described last week, has been abandoned. The plan now is to make a sixty foot crossing, clear of all obstructions on the north end. All the additions will be added to the south end. The freight room will be made forty feet long; the ticket office will be thrown to the center, and separate waiting rooms will be provided on each side of the office. This is the kind of depot Grapeland needs and the amount of business done through this place demands it. This is the shipping and receiving point for five other towns. Had the citizens remained silent the old plan would have been carried out, so on last Thursday night, they had a meeting for the purpose of petitioning the officials and this was done Friday. This seemed to have no effect and a man was here Tuesday morning tearing out the south end. Then the city council got their heads together and took quick action in

the matter. An ordinance was passed condemning the depot and mailed a copy to Mr. Trice, upon the receipt of which he wired for a committee to meet him in Palestine Wednesday. J. M. Selkirk was authorized by the council to act, and on his return reported the new plan.

The people of Grapeland appreciate the way in which the railroad officials considered their wants and needs, and they should also be thankful for the concerted action of the city council.

The company's carpenters are here now and the work has begun.

HIGH PRICE.

Messrs. S. U. Johnson and T. C. Lively, farmers and stockraisers from near Augusta, are here with fine mules to sell, and will bivouac in the old town a few days. They tell us that horses and mules bring high prices. They have spans valued at \$225 to \$250 each. A trader yesterday bought a crack mule team for \$350 and sold the same for \$400. We would think it a “good thing” to raise mules and for feed have plenty of alfalfa and corn.—Palestine Advocate.

Wm Sheridan of Augusta was here Monday.

BUSBY WAS CONVICTED

Jury Found Him Guilty and Sentenced Him to Three Years in Pen.

Crockett, Texas, Nov. 21.—The jury in the case of A. S. Busby, which has been on trial at this place for the past week, after being out about four hours brought in a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at three years in the state penitentiary.

Henry Daily came in from Huntsville Saturday night, where he has been attending school, and went out to his home at Daly's to recuperate a few days. He has been on the sick list.

Buck Clark came in from Vernon Tuesday, where he has been working for the past several months, and will visit homefolks and friends in the Hays Springs community. Buck says it's cold as Klondike in north Texas.

Hon. A. W. Gregg of Palestine was in the city Saturday afternoon shaking hands with his old friends and making new ones. Col. Gregg stands for re-election and as yet has no opposition. He says he prefers to make the race alone.

Every Day Is A Bargain Day.

The Time for Considering is Past, the Time to Buy is Now.

We are receiving new goods every day. We spot cash every purchase and always keep our stock filled with the best goods money can buy, and sell you good goods at the smallest margin. Our space is too small to enumerate every article and prices, but we ask you to come and compare our prices, and be convinced that ours are the lowest. Big stock of dry goods and shoes received this week. Prettiest line of knit goods in town; shawls, shoulder wraps, fascinators, dress goods, trunks, gingham, etc. We are up-to-date on groceries. Special invitations given you to trade with us.

W. B. FARIS, GRAPELAND, TEXAS.

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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 1905.

ABOUT THE CORPORATION.

It seems there is dissatisfaction among some of the citizens of Grapeland concerning the corporation, and a petition signed by the required number of voters was presented to the commissioners' court asking for an election, and the County Judge has ordered an election to be held Saturday, December 2, for the purpose of letting the voters decide whether or not the corporation shall be abolished.

The Messenger "stands pat" to maintain the corporation. 'Tis true the city dads have been slow in their work, but we must cultivate the virtue of patience and the good things will come in due time. Only those who have kept in close touch with the council are in a position to know the difficulties with which they have had to contend with and these have been met and overcome as fast as possible. The corporation is just now getting to where it can and will do much good. We should maintain the corporation because of the fact that Grapeland is a growing, bustling little city and needs the council to transact business without which would go unheeded. We should maintain the corporation because it gives us a good name and causes a good impression away from home. In conversation with a prominent man, who was visiting in our city recently with a view of locating here, he asked us if the town was incorporated; replying in the affirmative, he said he was glad to know it and that it had been his observation that no town ever amounted to much that was not incorporated.

The benefits derived from the

corporation are many and we believe to abolish it is to strike a detrimental blow to the town.

Study well these matters before casting your vote.

The Brownie Balloon Co. is holding forth with a carnival in Crockett this week.

Read the advertisements in the Messenger—every one of them.

A dentist in New York charged Prince Louis \$1000 for filling four teeth. He was very modest in his charging.

For an off year 1905 has been a hot one politically speaking. It's only a forerunner of what's to happen in 1906.

The dove is the bird of peace, but the turkey is the bird of plenty.—Houston Chronicle.

The turkey is the king of birds.

We have just finished printing 500 subscription receipts. They are worth 50c each and entitle you to 52 copies of the Messenger. Buy one and tell your friends to buy.

The North Texas policy holders of the big insurance companies held a meeting in Dallas last week for the purpose of discussing ways and means for better protection of the policy holders. The rot, graft and corruption recently unearthed in the Equitable, New York Life and Mutual companies caused this step to be taken and a similar meeting will be held in San Antonio on the 24th.

Along about this time of year it is well to take into consideration the best way to avoid the rush in the shipment of Xmas booze. No doubt the railroad company has an eye single to this in enlarging the depot.

There is dissatisfaction among the human family in every quarter of the globe. Adam and Eve set the example in the garden of Edon and it's been handed down with time until the present day and will prevail as long as time shall last.

It is said that it takes at least \$10,000 for any man to be elected to a state office in this state.—Italy News-Herald.

If a candidate does not spend money lavishly and makes a close campaign, \$10,000 is a very low estimate when you take into consideration the enormous size of Texas.

Judge Parker defeated W. R. Hearst in the St. Louis convention last year, and is now trying to keep him out of office in New York. The judge must have some deep-seated antipathy to the millionaire-editor-statesman.—Exchange.

No doubt the judge is envious of the position he occupies—editor.

Nacogdoches had a mad dog scare and the mayor has ordered all stray dogs shot. Five children of that city are now in the Pastuer Institute at Austin being treated for mad dog bites. The old theory that dogs go mad only in the summer time has been abandoned and the legislature may be asked to pass a law governing the running of dogs at large.

Nine-tenths and perhaps nineteen-twentieths of the booze that is shipped in here is very rotten stuff. Perhaps it is made out of rain water and tobacco juice.—Italy News-Herald.

We feel perfectly safe in saying that there is almost as much money goes through the express office here for that kind of booze as is spent with our merchants for five cent calico.

The loafer should be chased off the face of the earth, and the sooner the better.—Jacksonville Reformer.

And along with him the calamity nowler and the knocker. They should be given a kick on the caboose end that would land them somewhere between the deep blue sea and the aurora borealis.

Although it's quite awhile until July 9, yet candidates are bobbing up all over the state. The latest one is Hon. T. S. Garrison of Timpson, who has announced as a candidate for State Treasurer. Mr. Garrison is president of the National Bank at Garrison and is widely known as one of the foremost financiers of that part of the state.

27 inch Durban cloth a fancy suiting warranted fast colors at 15c per yard. Brooks.

Mrs. Etheridge Payne of Crockett spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves.

W. M. Brown and Wm. Jeter returned from Crockett Tuesday, where they had been serving as jurors in the Busby case.

Don't fail to see our line of Star-5-Star shoes if you want shoes that will stand the winter. Geo. E. Darsey.

If the Plaster Automatic Gate was a fake I would not advertise it. I would want to keep it a secret, but I know they're all right and that's the reason I am telling you about it. Want one? Wyley Caskey.

Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade of profession. Read the display advertisement of six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn telegraphy and be assured a position.

FRUIT TREES.

I still have several thousand fruit trees, peaches, plums, apples, pears, dew and black berry plants, grape vines, figs, ever bearing mulberries, ect. Will sell out cheap. Send in your orders. Will take some corn in exchange for trees. Address, John F. Brill, Grapeland, Texas.

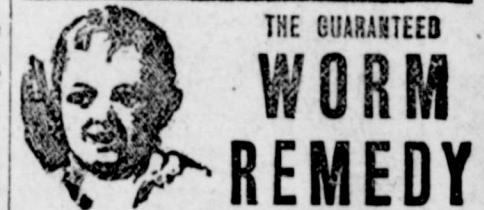
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W. E. Hollingsworth went up to Palestine Wednesday.

Major J. F. Martin was in Crockett several days this week on important business.

J. B. Cunnington called Saturday and renewed the subscription of his daughter, Mrs. S. C. Allison of Alto. Mrs. Allison visited at San Pedro last week.

Johnnie Harkins and Ed Douglass of Crockett were in the city last Friday distributing advertising matter for the Crockett carnival.

Jim Saxon gave his friends here the high ball last Friday as he passed through on his way to Lytle, to look over the situation there. We hope he will do well wherever he goes.

W. L. DOUGLAS

\$3.50 & \$3.00 SHOES FOR MEN
W. L. Douglas \$4.00 Gilt Edge Line cannot be equaled at any price.



W. L. DOUGLAS MAKES AND SELLS MORE MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES THAN ANY OTHER MANUFACTURER.

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W. L. Douglas Strong Made Shoes for Men, \$2.50, \$2.00, Boys' School & Dress Shoes, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50. **CAUTION**—Insist upon having W. L. Douglas shoes. Take no substitute. None genuine without his name and price stamped on bottom. **WANTED**—A shoe dealer in every town where W. L. Douglas Shoes are not sold. Full line of samples sent free for inspection upon request. **Fast Color Eyelets used; they will not wear brassy.** Write for Illustrated Catalog of Fall Styles. **W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.**

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These two diseases are the result of an awful poisoned condition of the blood. If you have aching joints and back, shoulder blades, bone pains, crippled hands, legs or feet, swollen muscles, shifting, sharp, biting pains, and that tired, discouraged feeling of rheumatism, or the hawking, spitting, blurred eyesight, deafness, sick stomach, headache, noises in the head, mucous throat, discharges, decaying teeth, bad breath, heaving gas of catarrh, take **Hotpic Blood Balm (B. B.)**. It kills the poison in the blood which causes these awful symptoms, giving a pure, healthy blood supply to the joints and mucous membranes, and makes a perfect cure of the worst rheumatism or foulest catarrh. Cures where all else fails. **Blood Balm (B. B.)** is composed of pure Botanic ingredients, good for weak kidneys. Improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia. A perfect tonic for old folks by giving them new, rich, pure blood. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing **Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga.** Describe trouble and special free medical advice sent in sealed letter.

In New England the fringed gentian is a shy, rare plant. In the fields around Chicago it grows like clover.

At Strobeck, Prussian Saxony, chess is a part of the regular school curriculum, and every boy and girl carries a board and men.

Lost 10,000 Towels.
During the prosecution of a man who had stolen a towel belonging to an English railway company, it was stated that in the last two years the company had lost 10,000 towels.

Best in Existence.
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FROM DR. ROBERTSON. GUM SPRING NEWS.

Former Editor of The Messenger Writes a Very Interesting Letter.

Lytle, Texas, November 14.—Dear "Kid":—I promised several folks before I left that I'd let them hear from me occasionally through the columns of the Messenger, so with your permission I'll submit the first installment.

Now that I have begun, I hardly know what to say. The trip from Grapeland to this place was made without incident worthy of mention. We arrived here Saturday a little weary but otherwise none the worse for the rather long and wearisome trip. At present we are all enjoying fine health except a few cases of home sickness, this, however, it's hoped will not prove fatal, or even serious. Nevertheless all the bridges are up between here and Grapeland and walking we understand is not all taken up.

Of course you are expecting me to say something about this country and I hardly know what to say or how to say it. As a matter of course I think it is a better country than that else I'd not be here. I didn't leave Grapeland to get away from the people. God knows I never lived among a better people or a people that I thought more of. The good people of this little town have been lavish with their kindness and everything possible has been done to make us feel at home and impress upon us the fact that we are welcome to the community and all the fullness thereof, all of which is duly and truly appreciated, but still this by no means effaces the memory of loved ones of other days. It's in my heart and perhaps I'll find no better place or appropriate time to say that no matter where I go or what my success or failure may be, the dear old friends at Grapeland will always hold first place in my heart and I hope some day to be able to show them how much I appreciate their many acts and words of kindness while I lived at Grapeland. I tried to live for Grapeland and the Grapeland people. Now that I have severed my relations with the town and its folks, my sorest regret is that I was not able to do more for a people so worthy and so deserving. So you see I have no fight against Grapeland or any of her people and if it were possible for me to do so I'd suffer this strong right arm taken off before I'd do either an injury. I hope you good folks will bear this in mind always and whatever I may say in commendation of this country is not intended in any sense to injure Grapeland or the Grapeland community.

Well, well, I have occupied all time and said nothing about the country either, so less I make this letter too long I'll leave that for another occasion. My better half and the girls are off tonight at a party having a good time I'm sure. Me and the boy are at home having a good time; at least I am and as he's asleep guess he is too.

Well, Mr. Editor, if this hits the spot I'll try it again. Poco tempo, see I'm learning Mexicano, Goodbye to the whole bunch. H. S. ROBERTSON.

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Newsy Local Dots as Gathered Up by Our Regular Correspondent.

Gum Springs, November 18.—We are enjoying very good health now, but oh, how long we had to wait!

Mr. J. W. Walling and family are preparing to move to Elkhart. Mr. Walling has been in ill health for two years and thinks the change will do him good. We hate to give him up.

We are having a time with Mr. Smith. He has been called grandpa only three times in the last month. He wears his hat on one side and walks very well without a stick. But just think, three boys all in one month! The Smiths are all good people so when we hear of a young Smith we know it will add to the better class.

Our school is still in good shape and climbing the ladder at very good speed, and it would be a pleasure for anyone who loves good order, and one of the most competent teachers, to visit New Prospect school and observe J. D. Campbell's method of teaching.

Mr. Editor, turkeys are scarce up this way but if will come up we will try to have good things such as beef, pork and home made bread, and buscuit to taper off on, so don't wait too long or you might miss your thanksgiving dinner. (After all, the good substantial food prepared at home comes nearer "hitting the spot" and sustaining life than the high falutin' stuff found on swell bills of fare in big hotels and restaurants. You can't tell whether you are ordering steak or a piece of a fat pug dog.—Editor.)

Miss Jennie Oliphint is having a tussel with a chill to-day, but she says it takes something more than a chill to keep her out of the school room.

C. A. Campbell is kept very busy going to school every day and preaching almost every Saturday night and Sunday. If the rope don't break he says he will pull through some way.

As it is time for all honest people to crawl in, I will close.
SCHOOL BOY.

A sweet girl graduate thus described the manner in which a goat butted a boy out of the front yard: "He hurled the previous end of his anatomy against the boy's afterward with an earnestness and velocity, which backed by the ponderosity of the goat's avourdupois, imparted a momentum that was not relaxed until he landed on terra firma beyond the pale of the goat's jurisdiction."—Exchange.

Take it the world oyer and the man that knows a little of everything is proficient in none. A trade or business can only be mastered by undivided attention. The farmer who studies the farm will succeed when his neighbor, who farms, deals in politics and poses generally as the community leader, will fail. This rule holds good in every trade, business or profession. The "jack of all trades and master of none" is in evidence everywhere.—Schulenberg Sticker.

Howard Anthony came in from Ft. Worth Monday, where he had been to market a car of hogs. He left Monday night for Troupe, where he will buy up some hogs.

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MISS JESSIE SHERIDAN.

From The Crockett Courier.

Miss Jessie Sheridan passed to her eternal rest at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, after about two years of patient suffering. Young in years, her life was full of promise, and not until a few weeks of the end did she cease to hope for a return of strength and health. She was a Houston county girl, born and raised here, and until two years ago considered among the county's prettiest daughters. She was popular and many hearts are made sad by her untimely demise. The second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sheridan, she was educated in the public schools of our city, those thrown most with her speak of her as embodying all that is true and lovable. During the few years of her life after graduation, she gathered around her many dear and close friends who join in paying tribute to her spotless life. She leaves father, mother, sister and brother to mourn a sad and irreparable loss.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. F. Tenny at the family residence Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment followed in Glenwood cemetery.

In closing it may be said that all the skill of the physicians, together with a change of climate, were employed in an effort to successfully combat the fatal malady, but all proved of no avail and the end came with a calm resignation to the will of Him who doeth all things for the best.

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Dr P. H. Stafford and wife have recently moved to our town from Ponta, and are occupying the residence formerly occupied by Dr H. S. Robertson. Dr Stafford will begin the practice of medicine here, and we extend him a hearty welcome and hope he will do well.

Let me sell you a farm right for the Plaster Automatic Gate. You can then put up as many gates as you want at very small cost.
Wyley Caskey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Faris and Miss Eva Lou visited relatives at Percilla Sunday.

Government Aid in Horse Breeding

We notice that some people are inclined to criticize the government department of agriculture for having appropriated some twenty-five thousand dollars for the carrying out of a horse-breeding experiment in Colorado, but we are not of this mind. In other countries the governments do far more for this important industry than has ever been the case here. Our government has done practically nothing, with the exception of taking some interest in the matter of regulating the importation of breeding stock. Yet there is much that might be done to help farmers improve their stock, and the most necessary work, perhaps, would be to help them obtain the services of the best class of stallions each year.

As an example of what is being done abroad we may cite the case of Austria-Hungary. It is reported that in 1897 the Austrian ministry expended \$851,500 for the encouragement of horsebreeding. Of this sum \$166,500 was for state studs, \$460,000 for stallion depots and \$125,000 for purchasing new stock from breeders. As regards receipts from service fees alone \$140,000 was received. Great care was taken, says a recent British speaker on the subject, that every stallion was suited to the requirements of the district. The management of the state stud was entrusted to a military department, and the other studs to civilians. In addition to this, in several districts where the Minister of Agriculture thought necessary, stallions were supplied free of charge.

They also paid \$61,500 the same year for prizes for private owners raising foals. Every stallion had to have a license, which was granted free after a veterinary examination. Where actually necessary mares were sold much below their value on the condition that they were to be kept for breeding purposes only. The number of stallions owned by the state was 2,138 in that year. The same authority gave it as his opinion that there was no state where the legislature had given so much encouragement on sound lines, and there was no doubt that the Hungarian horses were of good quality. From time to time surplus stock was sold, but stallions were acquired, firstly, by buying yearling foals, which were kept upon the foal farm for three and one-half years; secondly, by buying fully developed stallions; and, thirdly, by agreement made with about one hundred private farmers, who bred the foals and turned them over when three years old. The total number of state stallions two years ago was 6,014. They served 119,000 mares and the service fee amounted to about \$165,000. In 1895 a little over 33,000 horses were exported and in 1903 the number had increased to 50,000. This is certainly a good showing for Hungary and should furnish an example for other governments to pattern after.

We do not mean to say that in this country such measures could yet be adopted, but others of somewhat similar purport could be gradually taken up under the auspices of the department of agriculture, and the experiment started in Colorado may be taken as an indication that our government intends to do something along this line for the benefit of farmers. What the next move will be we cannot say, but it will doubtless be associated with some more general interest than that of carriage horse production, and will deal with the improvement of our horse stock in general rather than in an attempt to manufacture a new and unnecessary breed of any kind. We have plenty of breeding stock of a kind in the country. What we want most is to direct the mating and management of these animals in the most sensible, intelligent and practical manner. We want more supervision of the soundness of imported stallions and this is a matter which the government can well afford to consider and undertake. Pedigree inspection is not sufficient. Soundness is of vital importance and some plan by which the soundness of every imported stallion and mare could be assured before entry to the country would be a good move in the right direction.—A. S. Alexander in Farmers' Review.

Farm Pickings

If you are thinking of leaving the farm and moving to town, first figure the expenses which you will have there. Figure the fuel, rent, taxes and the hard cash for every bite you eat.

Spend a little more time in putting the ground in better condition and you will surely get your pay in the increase of the crops.

What is the value of the manure produced on your farm in the course

of a year? And are you making use of it so as to get the full value? The manure produced by a horse in a year is worth about \$25, and probably a little more for each cow. If you have several horses and cows would it not pay to take care that none is wasted?

Remember in feeding your work horse that the horse has a very small stomach. The stomach of the average cow is fourteen times as large as the stomach of the average horse. This means that the horse that is worked hard must be fed a limited amount of roughness and enough grain to supply the needed nutrition.

I do not know when I have enjoyed reading the farm paper as I have tonight. I have been plowing all day, and I was figuring how I would manage some of the crops. As I look over the paper I see another man's way of handling the same crops, and it makes me wonder if I cannot improve on both of our ways. This is what we get from farm papers—reminders.

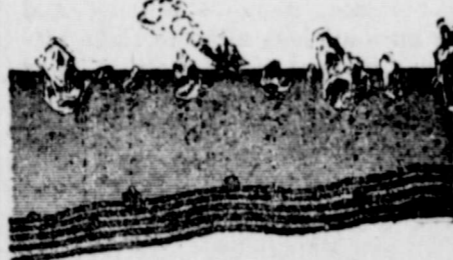
What pays the most farm mortgages? Many will say at once that it is the hog. This I very much doubt. What I believe has helped most men out is the raising and selling of good colts and the poultry yard. The poultry yard is worth the best attention, and is a source of profit every time.

The farmer is coming to the front. In some places I notice that there are farmers' railroads. If this keeps on, in a few years a man will not be in fashion unless he is a farmer.

Experiment and try new seeds on your farms, but go easy on new sorts. You may find that a certain plant will do well in your locality and will be a benefit to all the farmers in your neighborhood. The only way to learn is to try.—E. J. Waterstripe, Shelby Co., Mo., in Farmers' Review.

The Work of Icebergs.

Nature never seems to hasten, but her processes all work to the desired end, though they may take a million years of time. Our illustration shows how the great banks of Newfoundland were formed. These banks are 500 miles long and 200 miles wide, thus having an area of 100,000 square miles. Icebergs have deposited debris over



these banks to an estimated depth of five miles, which would give a total of 500,000 cubic miles of deposits. What innumerable years must have been required for this work!

From Baffin's Bay come the icebergs that make these deposits. These bergs are broken ends of glaciers that are being constantly pushed off by the ice rivers. At their feet they have laid hold of stones and earth and these they carry south to deposit them as they melt in the warm waters of the Gulf Stream.

Agricultural Conditions

(Excerpt from Farmers' Review report of Illinois round up Institute held at Joliet.)

Dean Davenport talked on the changing conditions in the agricultural world. He said that Illinois was the only state in the Union and the only place on earth where the fertility conditions of the soil have been worked out. In this state we know what soils are deficient in potash; what soils are deficient in nitrogen and what soils are deficient in phosphorus. It is therefore the only locality on earth where a permanent system of agriculture can even be talked about. We are now on the road to solving the problems of keeping up indefinitely the fertility of our soils. There is not yet a permanent agriculture being established anywhere. When that time comes, agriculture will be far more difficult than it is at the present time. There is now a great danger confronting the owners of farms here, and that danger is that the owners of these farms will not increase their knowledge of how to handle their farms fast enough to keep the land from slipping away from them and into the hands of moneyed men who see the opportunity. The crisis concerns the man more than the land. The skill of intensive farming is not going to be easily learned, but it must be learned. A great help to this is the Illinois Agricultural college, which is now the largest agricultural college in the world. There are now more teachers in that institution than in any other agricultural institution in the world. The farm boy has not had the training that belongs to him, and with the increasing intensity of modern financial enterprise it becomes necessary for the farm boy to catch up with the procession. A banker known to the dean declared to him that "agriculture is the coming profession."

Quality of the Farm Horse

The farm horse is in this country one of the most important factors of national prosperity. The same applies to the farm horse wherever he is extensively used, as in Great Britain and the European countries. In some nations of the earth the ox takes his place and in others the ass is the leading factor. But in the United States, the horse leads on the farm, though the mule and the ox are used. Too little attention is paid to the quality of the farm horse. This animal supplanted the ox mainly because the latter was a slow animal, and the amount of work that could be performed by an ox in a day was comparatively small. The ox held on a long time in spite of the horse, his owner arguing that if his ox broke his leg he could make beef out of him, while if his horse broke his leg he had to bury him. But in spite of this the ox had to go in time, as even his one superiority was not great enough to compensate for the loss of time in using him. Yet there is about as much difference in the quality of farm horses as there was in quality between the horse and the ox when they were in competition. We have on our farms to-day multitudes of horses that are so slow in movement and have so little draft power that they are hardly superior to the ox of a past generation. Yet because a horse is a horse he is kept without the owner figuring out how much he is losing in his keeping. Every farmer that reads these lines will be able to think of some farm horse that is noted for slowness. The problem is a large one and one not so easily settled as it might be with some other class of farm animals. With dairy cows the poor ones can be fattened and sent to the butcher, and the farmer that disposes thus of the poor cow loses little, but we can't make meat of horses, not in this country. The men that have inferior farm horses generally hold on to them, though now and then one man "works off" a horse on some other man of confiding nature, making the point for his animal that he is as "gentle as a lamb." So he is and anyone can drive him, provided he is willing to go at a "moderate" pace. There are several ways of improving the quality of farm horses. One of these ways is by breeding to better sires and in some cases refraining from the use of mares that are slow and otherwise of poor quality; but the breeding up process is a slow one. Speed is not the only thing to be looked out for in the use of mares as dams. There are many thin-necked, poor-feeding, unthrifty light weights that are not fit for farm work anyway and should never be used as progenitors of the animals we expect to give good returns for the food put into them and the time of the man given to drive them. It is the practice now to breed to any kind of a mare that can bear a colt, the horseman saying that if the colt has the proclivities of his mother he can sell him before he is grown up. This is so, but the farming interests are injured, whether the original owner sells the colt to another farmer or keeps it himself. There is another way of very slightly improving the situation and that is by giving the horses we have better food; but that is a matter of education of the horse owner. Many of our horses are being very badly fed and so cannot produce in themselves the energy we desire. We can tell of horses that have been fed timothy hay and corn about all their lives. Such a food does not develop the muscle needed in the work horse, as the ration is overbalanced on the side of the starches. Such a horse if given a ration of oats in the place of the corn will develop more energy. This is so in spite of the fact that the starches are mainly sources of energy; but energy cannot be created beyond a certain development of muscle. The writer has seen a horse that had received for years a steady ration of timothy hay and corn changed onto a ration of timothy hay and oats and the increased energy was noticeable in two weeks. While on the first combination of feeds, the whip had to be frequently used when the animal was in the shafts of a buggy, on the second ration, the horse went willingly and with manifest spirit.

Wool Dresses

The thought of work dresses always calls to mind a woman of my acquaintance who all through one long, hot summer, wore for her every day dress an old-fashioned brown flannel basque and a faded blue flannel skirt. As a rule the skirt and waist had parted company. She was a young woman, not more than thirty, and passably pretty. She was also a hard

working woman, but her husband was one of the wealthiest men in that section of the country. Worst of all, her twelve-year-old daughter was following in her mother's footsteps and I scarcely ever saw the child presentable except when dressed to go out or when company was expected.

For a dollar or less the material for a work dress can be purchased. The more simply it is made the better. If it is in wrapper form it should be belted in at the waist for the loose mother-hubbard always gives a slovenly appearance. Three dresses are necessary if one would always look the pink of neatness. This will probably mean the expenditure of three or four dollars a year for work dresses. Is this an extravagance when there are old waists and skirts which were once used for best service, lying about the house? Hardly, indeed. There is nothing more disgusting than soiled finery, and if the old waists and skirts cannot be cleaned, pressed and cut into garments for the little folks they should be made into rugs, sewed into carpet rags, or sold to the ragman.

More than half of a housewife's waking time is spent in her kitchen. It seems utterly careless in her to dudge around in any old clothes she happens to have about, thinking anything is good enough for the kitchen and the home people. Of course if unexpected company comes there is a wild scramble to make a presentable appearance but to her great mortification she is sometimes caught. If there must be self denial somewhere in the wardrobe it would seem wiser to have it in the clothes which are donned once or twice a week than in those which are worn every day. But at all costs, the resolution that the working dress will always be neat and clean even if it must sometimes be faded or patched, will pay. These little attentions to the home toilet will increase the love and respect of the children and will remind the husband of the sweetheart of his young manhood.—Katherine Herrick.

Transporting Milk

I read somewhere the other day that in different sections of the United States milk is being carried on the electric lines, and I believe that is a good way to transport it. At the present time we farmers have to ship our milk at a disadvantage, having to haul it many miles to a railroad station even when we live just beside the railroad track. Of course we cannot ask the railroads to stop their trains except at regular stations. Yet that does not make it any easier for us. The electric cars stop at every street and this is a main reason why they should be used in the transportation of milk, which may be thus delivered with great comfort from many farms. Up to the present time a large number of our electric lines are not equipped for the carrying of milk and so are not taking it. But I believe that if the farmers would begin a campaign for the service they would get it. The railroads do not furnish refrigerator cars for much of their milk trade, and it might just as well go to an electric line as not.

I believe that it would be also to the interest of the people in the cities to secure the carrying of milk by the electric lines, as it would increase very greatly the supply. Ultimately the amount going by the steam roads would not be greatly decreased, but the total amount of milk sent in would be greatly increased, as the electric roads would open up new territory. The transporting of milk is the greatest factor connected with its sale, and a good many farmers find it pays them better to keep their milk at home and make butter out of it than it does to hitch up and haul their milk several miles to a railroad.—John Stinson, Bureau Co., Ill., in Farmers' Review.

A Poppy Story.

Here is a poppy story that comes from Laurium, Italy. The slag was taken out of a mine and with it was found some poppy seed of a species that has been out of existence for about 2,000 years. The ground from which the slag was removed was also covered with the seed and in a few weeks the poppies were growing, and a little later were bearing flowers. Put this story with the stories of wheat grown from seeds found in the pyramids.

A Cat and Squirrel.

In Danbury, Conn., a cat that had a family of five kittens was deprived of them as it was thought best to drown them. The same day the children found some little gray squirrels in the woods, and they didn't seem to have any mother. The children took them home and gave them to the cat. At any other time the cat would have eaten them, but this time she took them in the place of her kittens and went to nursing them as if they were her own.

To borrow is human—and to forget to pay back is more so.

If you are going to the Old States during the holidays go via the Southern Pacific-Sunset Route. Cheap rates to all points in the Southeast and North Central States. Round trip tickets on sale Dec. 21, 22 and 24, return limit 30 days. For further information consult nearest Railroad Ticket Agent, or write to T. J. Anderson, G. P. A., Jos. Hellen, A. G. P. A., Houston, Tex.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 2-4 pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then, again, because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Florio's Idea of Restitution.

Signor Vincenzo Florio, who recently committed suicide at Naples, left a fortune of four million lire. His will was found on a table in his room: "I took this money from the rich by advancing loans on interest. The rich took it from the poor, and to the poor I wish it to be restored." Before taking his life Signor Florio threw away the key of the safe which guarded his fortune, from a fear that the money might be stolen.

Where Others Failed.

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by, but the trouble has not returned."

Mrs. Kate Howard,
Little Rock, Ark.

Infested by Insects.

The worst insect infested neighborhood in the world is the coast of Borneo. The streams of that region are, at certain seasons, un navigable because of the clouds of insects which fill the air and make life unbearable.

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Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz in a package, which they won't be able to sell first. Because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

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HOSPITALS CROWDED

MAJORITY OF PATIENTS WOMEN

Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Saves Many From this Sad and Costly Experience.



It is a sad but true fact that every year brings an increase in the number of operations performed upon women in our hospitals. More than three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow white beds are women and girls who are awaiting or recovering from operations made necessary by neglect.

Every one of these patients had plenty of warning in that bearing down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, leucorrhoea, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the womb or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb, and if not heeded the trouble will make headway until the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation, and a lifetime of impaired usefulness at best, while in many cases the results are fatal.

The following letter should bring hope to suffering women. Miss Luella Adams, of the Colonnade Hotel, Seattle, Wash., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"About two years ago I was a great sufferer from a severe female trouble, pains and headaches. The doctor prescribed for me and finally told me that I had a tumor on the womb and must undergo an operation if I wanted to get well. I felt that this was my death warrant, but I spent hundreds of dollars for medical help, but the tumor kept growing. Fortunately I corresponded with a aunt in the New England States, and she advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it was said to cure tumors. I did so and immediately began to improve in health, and I was entirely cured, the tumor disappearing entirely, without an operation. I wish every suffering woman would try this great preparation."

Just as surely as Miss Adams was cured of the troubles enumerated in her letter, just so surely will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure every woman in the land who suffers from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, nervous excitability and nervous prostration.

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WE HAVE TEXAS COMPANIES.

It Is Up to the Citizen to Keep His Money at Home.

The Richmond Times-Democrat, discussing what we regard to be one of the most important phases of the life insurance problem, says:

"We introduce the subject today by way of giving a timely hint to the people of the South, and especially to the people of Virginia. We have been paying enormous sums of money every year in the way of premiums to these Northern companies, sending the money away and the money which we have contributed in this way has been used to promote the private interests of the managers of the Northern companies. It were bad enough under any circumstances for us to pursue such a suicidal policy, and now that we know that our confidence in such concerns has been outrageously abused and the funds which we have contributed outrageously squandered we ought to turn our attention to our own companies.

"There are in the city of Richmond several insurance companies and fire companies, and there is no whisper of suspicion against them. They have been honestly and discreetly managed, they have taken good care of the money which the policy holders have paid, they have met their obligations promptly and they are entitled to the confidence and support of the Southern people. Why should we continue to send our money to the North and patronize these Northern stock jobbing concerns when we can buy insurance at home from companies whose management is above suspicion? We have committed a blunder, we have withheld our patronage from home institutions and given it to Northern institutions and we are now paying the penalty. It is high time we were changing our ways and bestowing our patronage upon our own institutions, thereby keeping the money at home and using it for the upbuilding of our own section."

The Record has been the pioneer in urging Southern people to patronize and build up Southern insurance companies, and so long as Southern people refrain from doing so, so long will the economic independence of the South be deferred. If insurance merely had to do with providing for one's dependents, it would make little difference where the company was located. But insurance has become the agency which actually controls both the finance and development of the country. The New York companies drag the entire nation and concentrate in New York annually a sum equivalent to more than one-third of the circulating medium of the country. The result is that the trustees of these hundreds of millions finance almost every great enterprise of America and many of those of foreign countries.

It explains why the North has enjoyed a more rapid development than the South and why cheap money is abundant there and not abundant in the South.

There is no question about the pre-eminence of the South as a field for investment. Then why should not Southern money be invested in the South? If Southern premiums were concentrated in the South, cheaper money would follow and great development and prosperity would follow cheaper money.

We have in the South some promising life insurance companies. If these were patronized as they should be they would be great agencies for Southern development within ten years, and within a generation we would be entirely independent of the frenzied financiers of New York.—Fort Worth Record.

Raising Peaches in Texas.

Since it has been shown that the peach can be produced in Texas earlier than in Georgia, which for years has taken the lead in the commercial production of early fruit, and that certain standard varieties grown here possess higher color and superior quality than the same sorts in other sections, great companies have been formed to exploit this industry, enormous plantings have been made, ranging from 500 to 3,000 acres of peaches in single blocks. It frequently occurs that 1,000 acres are planted to one variety. Everything is done on a "big" scale, and as Americans we are proud of the "bigness," but there is

an element of risk, and even serious danger, in these 1,000 acre plantings of one variety. In a general way the peach tree ripens its fruit through a period of two weeks, and during that time must be picked over at least three times. Even when picking, sorting and packing are systematized perfectly, it is estimated that one man per acre is needed at this time. The pickers must be somewhat better than common labor, as they have to decide from appearance alone when the peach is in the right condition, neither too green nor too ripe for long shipment to distant markets. For a thousand acres of one variety, a full regiment of these intelligent and somewhat skilled workers will be needed. They must be had at once, but then only for a few weeks, after which there can be no work for so large a number. It will be found that this problem will prove much more difficult in Texas than it ever has in Georgia. Our negroes, on whom we must depend for labor, are neither so intelligent nor so numerous as in the older states, and such as they are, they are controlled and practically owned by the large cotton planters, or the village farmer whose tenants they are. Taken by and large, the managers of the big orchard companies have some stiff propositions ahead of them.

The small orchardist need have little fear of not being able to hold his own in competition with these big concerns. They look formidable, with their extensive equipment, their managers, superintendents, bosses, sub-bosses and overseers, the mystery surrounding them, and the power of money behind it all. But in these very things exist their weakness. Some are over-equipped from the standpoint of economy, some are suffering from too many too expensive bosses, mystery is suitable to shroud uncertainty, and the power of money behind the concern is what makes the management careless, wasteful and extravagant. The small grower, though he may lack some distinct advantages, has the necessity of practicing close economy ever with him, and with ordinary skill he can make his orchard produce greater dividends than the companies. The small orchards always have and always will make the highest records in net returns per acre.—National Fruit Grower.

Old Things Have Passed Away.

It is regrettable to hear that so many farmers have ceased to cure their own meat and are depending, just like us poor city folks, on packing house products. Is it possible we are threatened with the calamity of seeing the country-cured ham and bacon go out of fashion and be added to the list of lost arts? Heaven forbid! Some years ago all farmers had their smoke houses and raised and cured their own meat. In those blessed days nobody had heard of the "cure-while-you-wait" abominations of this age, but now it is hard to get the old time luxuries anywhere. We should think it a good custom to revive on a large scale, for purposes of profit alone, to say nothing of once more being able to enjoy that inimitable tidbit—the country-cured ham. The latter, properly put up, will bring double the price of the packing-house product among the well-to-do in all the large cities and the patent process breakfast bacon cannot compete with that smoked and cured as in the earlier days. We have suffered enough by modern innovations without being asked to give up the most cherished dish of our childhood—the inimitable country ham, side meat, shoulder and "streaked middling."—American Farmer.

"A Little Field Well Filled."

Some of our correspondents have made mention of patches of unusually good cotton in their communities. In each instance the correspondent says the good yield is due to persistent and intelligent cultivation. A case of unusual interest is that of Dr. Lewis of Como. We are told that he has cotton which will yield a bale to the acre. When such results are obtained in years like the present, it should be conclusive proof to the cotton grower that his salvation lies in small acreage well tilled. It requires less work and the returns are greater. Why should a person cultivate fifty acres of cotton when he can gather more lint from twenty acres?—Sulphur Springs Gazette.

TO KILL GRAFTING.

Is to Vote For Men Who Are Not In "Machines."

The great political parties of America will soon be dead for lack of an issue. Or it might be said that there is one great issue which is confronting the American people that overlaps the bounds of party politics and goes to the very root of the right and the wrong of the matter. Graft is the one great source of this country's peril. It is as old as the ages and sounded the death knell of many a historic nation in times long gone by.

The Greeks feared the dishonest and unprincipled speculator when they passed their corn laws making it an offense punishable with death to corner the wheat market and cause the people to suffer. Rome was honeycombed with graft of all forms and varieties and it was graft that proved the ultimate cause of her ruin. Graft has been with this nation long. During the Civil War, the fortunes of many of the most prominent of modern multi-millionaires had their foundation in graft. In the notorious administration of Grant, the United States mails were made the source of unlimited, unlawful profit and illegal gain. There never was a time when there was so much corruption in public offices. Here and there a man of incorruptible honesty and unswerving loyalty to principle, like Folk of Missouri, Jerome of New York, Weaver of Philadelphia, and the President, stand out as leaders against the legions of graft. The campaign of publicity that is waged by the leading papers and magazines against all forms of dishonesty and thievery is growing fiercer. The smaller papers of the land, the country weeklies, are united in their opposition to the dangerous tendencies of the age.

The thinking people are being gradually aroused, and though such movements are necessarily slow, they are sure as fate. When the reaction begins it will come with a force and intensity that will be irresistible. The signs of the times are decidedly hopeful. Graft is a noxious thing that cannot endure the light of publicity. The time is fast coming when graft must go. The present political parties are too much alike to make a contest necessary, and in the last election, the man was the primary issue. It was so in Missouri when the intrepid Folk carried the state as the democratic candidate for governor by a tremendous majority, while the state went republican overwhelmingly. This very thing was repeated in two other states, and in all three cases, the men were chosen because of their uncompromising attitude toward graft and machine government. The time will come when the campaign will be a national one and the issue will be graft and anti-graft, and a man instead of a puppet will head the ticket. But we need not wait for a national campaign to begin the fight on graft. It is the duty of every good citizen to do everything in his power to prevent graft in every phase of public life. He has his vote and his influence, two most powerful weapons. Let him see that his city government is clean, that he sends honest men to the legislature and congress, and the back of the machine will be broken and the first telling blow struck the grafters whose name is legion. If there is any graft in Texas, let us be rid of it and then we will be ready for the great national contest of graft and anti-graft.—Lampasas Leader.

Why He Howls.

Our reason for publishing the old story below is that it is good enough for re-telling, and to point a moral that may hit several of the "best people in Texas:"

"Yes," remarked the country merchant to a newspaper man, "I certainly have a snap. The wholesale houses send me duns every month and draw on me at sight; but if I send a bill to a neighboring farmer he comes in swearing mad and quits trading at my store. While I am hard up for ready money many of those who owe me are sending cash in advance to mail order houses. If I contribute money to any cause people say I am bidding for trade; if I don't they say that I am a hog. Every day I am expected to dig up something from a raffle ticket to a church fund, by

people who say I ought to do this because they do a part of their trading here, but my friend, Montgomery Ward, neither buys raffle tickets nor helps the church fund. And yet he gets the cash in advance business! and if I were to circulate a subscription paper among the city wholesale houses where we trade, I would get the horse laugh proper.

If I sell a pair of pants I must treat the family to candy or cigars. If I buy a load of potatoes I must do the same thing. Customers who are able to pay, hang on to their money while I pay 10 per cent at the bank to get cash. I have a big business during hard times and poor crops, from people who are willing to trade with me, providing I can duplicate catalogue house prices and wait until after harvest for our money. My scales weigh too heavy when I buy butter. I am a thief, a liar and a grafter. If I smile I am a soft soapy hypocrite; if I don't I am a gump. Yes, this is a regular snap." And then he looked over \$10,000 worth of book accounts, all good, and wondered how he would raise \$350 to pay a sight draft due tomorrow.

There Is One Big Enough.

The world is standing aghast at the corruption in high places. Investigation of men and methods in the highest financial and political circles, shows a degree of rottenness and shameless piratical dishonesty that would cause Captains Kidd and La Fitte to grow green with jealousy. When the books were examined, men who have stood at the top notch in public estimation for honesty and integrity, have been shown up as 18-karat tricksters and thieves of the purest ray serene. If they were poor men they would hit the ceiling in half an hour, with head and heels down, and be sent to prison for life. Nothing has been too dastardly dishonest for them to do in order to accumulate money. Whales and sardines all look alike to these modern financial pickpockets. They scooped in the rich man's millions and the poor man's nickels. They have wrenched the roast turkey from the rich man's grasp and choked the cold stale bit of bread from poverty's mouth. They are hellions from the word go, and the whole world knows it, but they will never, never be punished by human court. They will buy court and juries like men purchase chickens—by the dozen. It would never do to send one of these delicate aesthetic birds to a prison cell. He couldn't stand it, you know. Jails and penitentiaries were intended for little petty thieves and poor white folks. The man who steals a twenty-dollar Spanish pony ought to be sent to prison, but the big Wall Street financier who robs men of millions of dollars is a social lion and immune from punishment. These very conditions, which no sane man will deny, is what makes me hope there is such places as the old-fashioned, orthodox Methodist hell. If there is no hell, the good Lord ought to take a week off and create one.—Harpoon.

Get the Spelling Habit.

One of the most essential features of a good education, and one that is of most importance is spelling. To be a good speller is an accomplishment, and to be a good speller is necessary in several avocations. Any person who has to handle the English language needs to be a good speller, and when it comes to writing, transcribing or copying, the poor speller falls down and the good speller goes on. Learn to spell. Reading, riting and rithmetic may be a good curriculum, but spelling is one of the essentials, and if you do not learn to spell you'll never be a good reader, your riting will look bad and your rithmetic will go at a discount. Learn to spell. If the reading public knew how much bad spelling the printers have to contend with it would marvel that so few typographical mistakes appear in the paper.—Leonard Graphic.

The National Ginners' Association is preparing to issue a report on the cotton ginned on November 17, which is three days in advance of the issuance of the Government report.

The International and Great Northern has commenced the erection of a new passenger station at Rockdale.

Great Chinese Inventor.

Dr. Gian Shimose, the chemist-inventor of that wonderful explosive, Shimose powder, used by the Japanese army and navy, was born in the very humblest circumstances in the province of Hiroshima, some 47 years ago, when railways and steamships were practically unknown in the island empire. Very early Shimose determined to win an education, made his way to the capital, borrowed books to study and, though often on the verge of starvation, was graduated from the imperial university with the highest honors. His first invention was a curious ink, now used in Japan for bank notes. The secret of its composition is absolute and counterfeits are instantly detected. Recognizing that the powder in use in Japan was extremely unsatisfactory, Shimose turned his attention to the invention of a new powder and spent 11 years in perfecting it, often working entire days and nights in his laboratory.

Roasted a Dnks.

The Duke of Norfolk's dislike of pomposity has given rise to many stories. A school treat was being held in Arundel park, his splendid ancestral home, and the duke was crossing one of the lawns, when a teacher, unaware of the duke's identity, rushed across to him and shouted: "Come off the grass at once! It is people like you whose behavior gets parks shut to the public!" On another occasion, it is said, the duke went to a convent to preside over a gathering. The sister who opened the door thought the unobtrusive stranger was seeking assistance and gently told the duke there was nothing for him.

Fooled the Gamblers.

The London Tattler tells why no hymn with a number less than 37 is sung at the English church at Monte Carlo. A member of the congregation once used the hymn sung at a morning service, No. 32, as a tip, and left the church to put the maximum on 32. It turned up. Gossip about the "inspiration" led a number of persons the following Sunday to play the number of the last hymn. Again it won. The next Sunday the church could not accommodate the crush of worshippers, but their intent was frustrated, as the highest number on the roulette table is 36, and 37 is now the lowest number ever given out in the church.

Protection for Ruins.

Great Britain's government has decided to secure and protect for the nation the ancient ramparts erected by Edward I, around the town of Berwick-on-Tweed. These ruins are of great antiquarian and historical value. They form one of the most interesting monuments of the bitter strife that existed for centuries between England and Scotland, as they are situated right on the border. The walls include the old bell tower from which a flaring beacon gave warning to the English farmers of the approach of the bands of marauding Scots.

Sultan's Costly Dinners.

Five thousand dollars is about the average cost of dinner in the Turkish sultan's palace. The meal comprises fifty or more dishes daily and the sultan generally partakes from five or six. Every dish, before it reaches the royal table, is tasted in the kitchen by the grand vizier to guard against poison. It is then sealed and taken to the sultan. The vast cost of these repasts comes from the fact that guests and retainers who dine at the sultan's daily expense number several thousand.

Alice a Second Choice.

Boston is somewhat ahead of Washington in furnishing the sultan of Sulu with a desire to possess an American girl for a wife. Marie Sweet, daughter of Colonel Owen Jay Sweet, U. S. A., who subdued the Moros in the sultan's territory, is the one first coveted as a bride. Miss Sweet, who is now Mrs. Wm. H. Baker of Boston, is the proud possessor of some rarely beautiful pearls sent by the sultan in 1899, at the time he sought her in marriage.

Society of Teachers.

New York complains of the scarcity of teachers in up-state districts. The college and normal graduates will not work for the salaries the country districts are able to give.

Grazing—Spring Pastures

When the grass comes lush and green in spring time there is a great temptation to pasture it too close with wintered cows or feeding cattle that simply luxuriate on this welcome change of food. There is very little feeding value in the first grass comparatively speaking. As the grass matures a bit it improves greatly in feeding quality and animals put on flesh in consequence. The mare with foal at foot or cow with calf derive benefit from the lush spring grass. It brings on a big flow of milk and cools the system, but it does not build up the nursing mother and she should have additional food. The feeding steers that have been on a full corn ration during winter will at first lose flesh if allowed to pasture the new grass without other food. It is poor policy to do so with these animals. They should be fed hay and grain while the grass is quite young and even later some grain will keep them making better gains than come from grass alone.

But it is for the sake of the pasture itself that we have broached this subject. The over-grazing of young pastures is simply fatal to the future success of such fields. Yet most pastures, new ones, are overstocked and too close bitten in the early weeks of spring and summer, the consequence being that by the time the dry weather comes their strength and cover is gone, and they soon burn brown in the hot sun. Many a pasture fails to recover when fall rains come, and even if these rains restore greenness they fail to resurrect the plants that have had their hearts eaten out of them early in the season. The pasture should be treated with more common sense.

The young grass plants should be given a chance to grow while being lightly grazed. After a while they will stand closer grazing, but there is no sense in overstocking the field from the start, allowing the cattle to go on the grass day and night until there is nothing left but struggling, parched, injured plants that are apt to die out in hot weather. Were pastures left alone during the daytime and pastured at night they would give better results than they do now. As it is they are often the poorest paying areas on the farm and commonly the most abused.

Utilizing Flooded Lands

The farmer, more than almost any other man of business, is liable to have his calculations upset by conditions that he can not control, and that he can not by any means forestall. It is important therefore that he be able, when his plans are so interrupted, to shift to some other scheme of profitable ration with as little inconvenience, expense and loss of return as possible.

The recent tremendous downpour of rain, and in some cases hail, over considerable portions of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas has caused one of these interruptions. In some cases the interruption will be quite serious, owing to the extensive flooding of the lands by overflows. On lands not so flooded much work will be necessary, to again put the soil in good condition.

It has been pounded down and run together until a complete and thorough reworking is in many cases necessary for the production of a good crop. If we should have an extended dry spell during the summer such land, without reworking, would suffer very greatly. On some of these lands planting had not yet been done, and where it had been done it will, in very many cases, have to be done over. In either case the crop will have a rather late start, even if it have no further setback. For the planting of these lands with corn the earlier varieties should be secured so as to insure, so far as possible, their maturity before frost. Among these are: Farmer's Reliance, Pride of the North, King of the Earliest, Early Huron Dent, Dakota Dent, Early Longfellow Dent and Minnesota King. Also the early flint varieties will mature in a short time.

These varieties can be planted as late as the middle of June with reasonable assurance of their maturity. On some of the lands that have been so badly inundated by the overflow water it may not be possible to get in a crop of grain so as to secure a crop of grain. A good crop of forage may, however, be secured from this land if it is properly handled. There are many crops that may be used for this purpose. Corn, sweet-corn, kafir corn, sorghum, millet and cowpeas are among the best for this purpose. Rape may be sown to use in the green state, or a crop of buck wheat may be grown.

The results obtained will depend

much upon the judgment used in the treatment of the ground as it dries out. The working of it must not be left too long nor yet begun too early if it is to be worked up in the best condition and large results obtained. When the land has been put in good condition these crops can be seeded broadcast and covered with a disk harrow, or, what is better, seeded with a grain drill or with a disk that has a seeder attachment for delivering the grain in the furrow made by the disks. With the latter much the same result is obtained as with the drill.

If the seeds must be deferred as late as the first of July sorghum, millet or cowpeas will usually give better results than corn or kafir corn, as they come on faster and mature in a shorter time. Even for forage it is better that the crop be fairly well matured before it is cut. Sown broadcast, the corn, kafir corn or sorghum may still be cut with the corn binder, as when planted in rows, and the bundles put in shocks to cure. They may also be cut with a mower, partly cured, and then put into large cocks to finish curing and await their use in the winter, but the first method will preserve the forage in much the best condition, and is to be recommended wherever it is practical.

J. J. Edgerton.

Catch Crops With Corn

Where corn has been harrowed persistently as we have recently advised and consequently is practically free from weeds in the hills at the time when the cultivator is usually employed, there is no good reason why a catch crop should not be sown when the cultivation is complete. Some still consider the pumpkin the only proper crop to grow in the corn field, but many have had good results from seeding with Essex rape which affords a fine bite for sheep in fall and early winter. There are some, however, who complain that rape is apt to grow so rank that it becomes a nuisance at husking or cutting time, and especially in wet weather or when the frost is thick upon the ground.

There is a good deal of truth to this statement, but the trouble could be largely obviated by pasturing with lambs, which do not hurt corn when there is a full bite of rape and keep down that crop in fairly good shape. But rape is not the only crop that can be successfully raised in corn. Clover is just as good if not better and it certainly is far more valuable as a fertilizing agent, and fertilization is badly needed on most farms that have been worked for many years. In order to obtain a good crop of clover seeded in the corn field the land must be worked flat from start to finish, and this can only be done where harrowing has been resorted to before the plants came through the ground.

Level cultivation is best in clean land and makes a fine bed for clover seeding. Unless the soil is very well pulverized, however, it is well to give the field one thorough cultivation with shallow toothed harrows (drill harrows or scuffer) before seeding the clover. One experienced man says he uses ten pounds of clover and five pounds of timothy for seeding in the corn field. After seeding he cultivates very shallow to cover the seed not over an inch and a half and the clover comes up well, covers the ground, mulches it, conserves moisture and affords a fine feast for lambs in fall and again in spring when it may be turned under if corn is again to be grown or left to form a hay meadow. The clover is a cheap and valuable fertilizing agent as well as a good food and should be put in wherever possible on every farm each year.—A. S. Alexander in Farmers' Review.

The Little Creamery.

The little creamery is always at a disadvantage when compared with the large creamery, and this is the more the case when the two are drawing milk from the same territory. Under equal conditions it would seem that the little creamery must go down before the competition of the large creamery. The little creamery cannot afford to pay as much for butter fat as can the large creamery, and if both are cooperative the patrons of the large creamery will get more out of their milk than will the patrons of the little creamery. The little creamery generally receives so little milk in the winter that during the worst time it can churn only twice a week, which means that the quality of the butter will be lower than it will in the creamery that churns every day.

Let not the country boy that has reached the age of fifteen with little schooling despair. His mind has become so mature that he can in a very few years accomplish all that the others have accomplished in eight years of school life. He only needs to accustom himself to study. He will be aided if he can get the district school teacher to direct his studies.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

The negro Masonic Lodge of Marlin is erecting a lodge hall at a cost of \$1,200 on Commerce street.

Con Webb, of El Paso, drank wood alcohol, thinking it was ordinary alcohol, and died from the effects of the poison.

A business block at Joaquin was burned last week, destroying property in stocks and buildings valued at about \$30,000.

A movement has been instituted by the Collin County Medical Association looking to the establishment of a sanitarium for the county, to be located in McKinney.

The first rural mail route was started out of Jacksboro last week. The route goes east of town and takes in the town of Cundiff. It takes in quite a large territory.

Charles Decantor, a negro laborer, while working on a side track at Ennis helping to get out a freight car, had his right arm caught under a wheel and cut off at the elbow.

Tom DeArmon who was sent to the penitentiary from Hill County, last spring for a term of two years on conviction of burglary, has been pardoned by Gov. Lanham through the intervention of friends.

Paul Morgan, a lad, 14 years of age, died at Abilene from the effects of a wound on the head caused by being struck with a rock thrown Tuesday on the school grounds by a boy about the same age. The blow caused a fracture of the skull.

J. H. Briscoe, a furniture dealer, of Miles, is under arrest charged with having shot and instantly killed W. P. Cox, a grocery dealer, at that place. Both men came here recently. The weapon used was a .45 calibre repeating rifle.

Wm. Hutton, an old pioneer and early settler of Palo Pinto County, died at his home in Mineral Wells, Wednesday night. He was about 87 years old. He was buried with Masonic honors this morning in the City Cemetery.

J. H. Carlton was killed by a freight train on the Santa Fe Thursday between Rogers and Buckholts. He was in a wagon, and one of the mules hitched to the wagon was killed. Deceased was moving from Bell to Milam county.

C. C. Davis, a passenger on the Sunset Express, was touched for his pocketbook, when containing nearly \$300 and some valuable papers. Mr. Davis is a conductor on the Pennsylvania System and is on his way to Lafayette, La.

The Commissioners' Court of Walker County, heard the petition of several voters asking for an election on the local option question. It was granted and the date of the election set for Dec. 6. Walker County has been in the dry column for a little more than two years.

Preparations are going on for building a gin at Rhone, around which place considerable former wheat land will be put into cotton next season.

Dr. David F. Houston, president of the University of Texas, was presented to the President Friday afternoon by President Wheeler of the University of California.

Taylor's leading citizens, pro and anti, have organized a law and order league, having special reference to the enforcement of prohibition and to clearing the town of immoral women.

Bonham claims to be the turkey center of North Texas. A local firm has advertised for 10,000 turkeys, and half that number have been delivered. A corps of fifty persons is at work dressing the fowls.

Capt. J. C. Marshall, among the oldest citizens of Howe, died there Thursday night after an illness of three or four days. He leaves an estate valued at \$200,000. He was a liberal contributor to churches and educational institutions.

The Board of Trade has decided to have a census taken of Bonham and work has already begun under the supervision of J. N. Lane. The census is to be complete in every detail.

George Evans, about thirty-eight years old, a cook, single, died Thursday morning in Dallas from an overdose of cocaine. He was found in his room the evening before in an unconscious condition, from which he never rallied.

Farmers' Co-Operative Union of America.

GROWLERS ABOUT DUES.

We want to talk to you a few. If we ask you some straight questions, for the good of the cause, will you try to let them "soak in," so that you may absorb the idea we desire to emphasize?

You have heard members kick about the dues, haven't you? In fact, you have occasionally indulged in that sort of leg-service yourself, have you not? And you pay the sum of five dollars per month—no, we mean five cents per month—as dues, do you not? That's a mighty heavy strain on your purse isn't it? And you never spend a cent foolishly, do you? Those dues would buy your tobacco and cigars and snuff and licker for a long, long time, wouldn't they? Your dues for a year cost you almost as much as the sum you spent that afternoon whacking away "like a good feller" at that fake "strength testing" machine, in your ambition to show the gaping crowd how much "stouter" you were than your neighbor, Bill Jones, eh? The money you donated to that clever shell game man at the show last fall wouldn't have paid your dues ahead for more than twenty years, think you? And when your local secretary once suggested, after you sold your cotton, that you pay your dues ahead for the year, so as to have it settled before you run short, you intimated that you were afraid the union might accidentally "go dead," and lose your whole investment, didn't you? You didn't want to take any chances, did you? Well, you are consistent; for when you bucked the shell game you took no chances at all! None whatever, sir.

Suppose the dues were doubled, for instance: Do you think you could stand it? Wouldn't it paralyze you, though? Do you suppose for a moment that the members of the city trades unions ever pay a nickel in dues? Well, they do not. They never think of starting with a nickel.

Had you ever dreamed that the printers' union, for instance, has almost a million dollars in their treasury? And that each printer at work pays one-half of one per cent of his total wages into the treasury? And that the union printers who walk out on a strike in any city draw \$7 to \$10 per week until they get a job under union conditions? Now, suppose the seven million farmers—or even a few hundred thousand—were to pull together like that; wouldn't they make the other fellows "come across," though? If the printers and painters and other craftsmen can do this, why not the farmers? Are we not made of the same clay? Don't you see that we must become less "skittish," more determined, more willing to do whatever may be necessary to do in order to make this union of the farmers strong, influential, and irresistible?—Mercury-Password.

Referring to the discussion in New York over the sex of angels, the London Standard remarks: "In old English paintings and stained glass, in the works of Orcagna, and in the engravings of Albrecht Durer, the angels are depicted as robust masculine figures, magnificent in their sturdy strength, irresistible power and unspeakable solemnity."

The current pun is to the effect that a machine has been invented for milking the cows, but that the "machine" for milking the people has been in full operation for some time. The pun is a good one, but loses point when we consider what a miserable failure the cow milking machines have been, while what a glowing success the men milkers have made. Still, who's to blame? If a set of hulks are a mind to drift around and run about sunken rocks, just let 'em sink, and if a lot of chumps are pleased to be the constant dupes of every fool scheme that comes along, what is to be done about it? So far as the farmers are concerned, they have an organization that is educational, and good common sense with a little education will fix things mighty quick, and it won't be very long till the milkers of men will go to limbo with the patent milking machines.

Well we have reached the "minimum."

ELIMINATING THE SPECULATOR.

Slowly but surely the whole cotton world is coming to recognize the immense significance of organization among the farmers of the southern states. There have been many organizations of farmers in ways, principally because of the speculator, never was such a movement attempted along practical lines, hence, not until 1905 were practical results ever attained.

Viewed from old standpoints, the situation today is remarkable in many ways, principally because the speculator has been very largely eliminated as the dominating price making factor. This has been brought about solely through the logical effect of the intelligent marketing of the crop by the farmers themselves, the consequent pressure on the spinners, and the natural fear that in future raw cotton supplies will not be so easily obtainable as in the days when the farmer's first thought was the disposition of his crop to the first comer who had the cash to buy it with.

This is all just as it should be and will inevitably work wonders in the upbuilding of the cotton growing states, provided the farmers do not get sidetracked or over-do the thing.

There is now no reason to fear the development of other cotton growing fields in other parts of the world, but should the healthy growth of the world's spinning and weaving industry be checked by the American farmer the development work of the British Cotton Growing association will receive an immense impetus.

The practical course for the south is, beyond a doubt, the raising of ample cotton each year, the marketing of that cotton slowly and to the best possible advantage, the diversification of crops, the raising of all farm supplies possible, and the avoiding of all such schemes as that proposed by Mr. Sully for the cornering of the cotton market and the gambling in cotton futures.

In spite of the fact that hedge selling usually depresses the price of the speculative market in the fall of the year, the intelligent marketing of spot cotton this season has exerted such a powerful influence on the trade generally that both spots and options have advanced nearly two cents a pound.

As to the future of the staple, cautious operators as a rule now agree that with the world's trade in manufactured goods at high water mark, no very serious inroads in the price are likely before new crop considerations next spring begins to affect the views of operators and spinners, and not then unless new crop prospects are bright.

Meanwhile, according to the Times-Democrat, there is an excellent prospect of shortage in the better grades of cotton, and a tendency among spot men to hold such grades for wider differences, or to dole such cotton out in small lots as an inducement to buyers of the low grades.

The Farmers Union ought to come out good and strong for good roads—roads that can be traveled every day in the year. Then you would see every would-be candidate lining up for the very best roads it is possible to build.—(Palo Pinto Star.)

GET SOME BACKBONE.

There is a large element of our population that has been as silent as the grave on the subject of holding cotton for high prices. This element is composed of men—influential men, too—so situated that they could better afford to watch the game than to help play it: By personal interrogations and otherwise we have broken into this silence on several occasions recently, and to our surprise found that where opposition or indifference was expected, men have been secretly hoping that the farmers would stand pat for their 11 cents and win out. Farmers have no idea of the support that would soon come to them if they would only exhibit the necessary backbone.—Farmers Journal.

For our wagon that is worn out in this country, there are a dozen that are rotted out. What are you doing with yours?

WASTED TO A SHADOW.

But Found a Cure After Fifteen Years of Suffering.

A. H. Stotts, messenger at the State Capitol, Columbus, O., says:



"For fifteen years I had kidney troubles, and though I doctored faithfully, could not find a cure. I had heavy backaches, dizzy headaches and terrible urinary disorders. One day I collapsed, fell insensible on the sidewalk, and then wasted away in bed for ten weeks. After being given up, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. In a couple of months I regained my old health, and now weigh 188 pounds. Twelve boxes did it, and I have been well two years."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

The Public Ledger, Philadelphia, says that Philadelphia is losing its right to be called the typical American city—that thirty-one daily and Sunday papers are published there in foreign languages.

Earns Title of Baron.

The late Sir D. M. Pettit, a parsee of Bombay, who founded numerous cotton mills in India, gave \$2,500,000 to benevolent projects and was created a baron, an honor conferred on only one other native.

Bernhardt May Be Knight.

Sarah Bernhardt's name has been proposed by the minister of public instruction and fine arts for the Cross of Knight of the Legion of Honor. The grand chancery of the order, with which the final decision rests, is now considering the list of nominations.

Every one hopes that the decoration will be conferred on the famous actress this time. It is an open secret that she has been more than once before proposed for the Legion of Honor. But the minister's nomination in her favor has been each time rejected by the grand chancery, which, strange as it may seem in that land of dramatic art entertains Old World prejudices against the stage.

Hitherto not one French actor or actress has been decorated as an actor or actress, but in every case as a professor at the Conservatoire, or else for charitable work.

Old Excuse Is Rejected.

A married Italian couple who left their lodgings at Avellino without paying their rent because they thought the house was haunted have been fined \$100. The judge ruled that modern science does not recognize the existence of ghosts.

Shoes which would bring \$2.50 in this country are sold for \$10 a pair in parts of Northern Brazil; the ad valorem duty is 120 per cent, while the consumption tax is 17 cents.

The dressed skins of wild animals constituted the earliest known form of currency, and they are still in use in some parts of the uncivilized world.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.

PASSING OF PORRIDGE

Makes Way for the Better Food of a Better Day.

"Porridge is no longer used for breakfast in my home," writes a loyal Briton from Huntsville, Ont. This was an admission of no small significance to one "brought up" on the time-honored stand-by.

"One month ago," she continues, "I bought a package of Grape-Nuts food for my husband, who had been an invalid for over a year. He had passed through a severe attack of pneumonia and a gripe combined, and was left in a very bad condition when they passed away."

"I tried everything for his benefit, but nothing seemed to do him any good. Month followed month and he still remained as weak as ever. I was almost discouraged about him when I got the Grape-Nuts, but the result has compensated me for my anxiety."

"In the one month that he has eaten Grape-Nuts he has gained 10 pounds in weight, his strength is rapidly returning to him, and he feels like a new man. Now we all eat Grape-Nuts food, and are the better for it. Our little 5 year old boy, who used to suffer from pains in the stomach after eating the old-fashioned porridge, has no more trouble since he began to use Grape-Nuts, and I have no more doctor's bills to pay for him."

"We use Grape-Nuts with only sweet cream, and find it the most tasty dish in our bill of fare."

"Last Monday I ate 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, nothing else, then set to work and got my morning's work done by 9 o'clock, and felt less tired, much stronger, than if I had made my breakfast on meat, potatoes, etc., as I used to. I wouldn't be without Grape-Nuts in the house for any money." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs.

MUD IS CITY'S CHIEF STAPLE.

Houses and Utensils of Yezd All Made of the Earth.

"One of the most extraordinary cities in the world is Yezd, in central Persia," writes a traveler. "It is situated in the midst of a vast salt desert which stretches for hundreds of miles in all directions. The nearest inhabited place of any size is Ispahan, and that is 200 miles away. The inhabitants of Yezd who have been away from Yezd during their lives number, perhaps, two or three score, and the bulk of these have not extended their travels further than Shiraz or Kirman in the one direction, or to Ispahan in the other. Yet between 50,000 and 60,000 people make the place their home. For ninety-nine out of every 100 of these the great outside world has not merely no interest—it has absolutely no existence at all."

"Yezd is a city made almost entirely out of mud. Not only are the houses built of this material, but the very furniture, the firepans, the barrels for grain, the children's toys, the bread receptacles, even the beds, are simply mud, molded into a rough form and dried in the sun."

"In the Yezd shops the goods, mostly mud, are displayed on tiers of mud ledges, and there is a mud room behind. The bakers' ovens are of mud, down to the very doors. Many of the Yezdis even eat mud and develop an unwholesome muddy complexion in consequence."

Bound to Beat.

At the junction of two highways in a certain county in Iowa I found the directions on the guideboard all faded out, and, noticing a farmer at work in his field, I hitched the horse and went over to him and asked:

"Will you kindly tell me how far it is to Painsville?"

"Have you asked anyone else?" queried the farmer, as he leaned on his hoe.

"Yes, I asked a man back here about a mile."

"Was his name Bill Scovel?"

"Yes, I think it was."

"What'd he say?"

"I understood him to say that it was nine miles."

"Well, then, it's 'leven."

I took his word for it and went on, but found the distance only seven miles. Returning that way next day, I encountered the farmer mowing weeds along the highway and said:

"Why did you tell me yesterday that it was eleven miles to Painsville? You must have known that it was only seven."

"Bill Scovel told you nine, didn't he?"

"Yes."

"Well, Bill Scovel thinks he's the biggest liar around here, and I told you 'leven to show him that he'd got a hard man to beat when he set out to git the best of Jim Watson."—Baltimore American.

When Peggy Pokes the Fire.

When Peggy pokes the kitchen fire She makes a picture fair; I linger till I miss my car To see her working there. She takes the poker half way up, Perhaps a little higher, Falls on her knees before the range And starts to poke the fire.

Her slender arms are fair to see, Bared to her elbows white; Her graceful movements as she jabs Just fill me with delight. Left handed? Oh, but what of that? I never could quite tire Of seeing Peggy on her knees While poking at the fire.

What tho' the coal comes tumbling down, And one side all goes out? She says a man can't poke a fire, She knows what she's about, And so she pokes and jabs away, While I can but admire The warlike picture she presents While poking at the fire.

I often wish to move away Upon a better street, Where Peggy could attain the set She always yearned to meet. But one thing ever holds me back From promenading higher; Poor Peg would find the gas ranges there, And couldn't poke the fire. —New York Times.

German Kaiser an American Citizen.

The commissioner general of immigration has the legal papers making Emperor William of Germany a citizen of the United States. The certificate is signed by Judge Thayer Melvin and Charles H. Henning, clerk of the court of Ohio county, West Virginia. Several years ago Jacob Ohlinger came to the United States, and, as he thought, took out his papers. Recently he made a visit to the fatherland and when he returned an immigration inspector confiscated his papers and sent them to Washington. The blank containing the applicant's name was filled out by the clerk of the court so as to read: "It is thereupon considered, ordered and adjudged by this court that the said emperor of Germany be and he is hereby admitted a citizen of the United States."—Chicago Chronicle.

Machines Swallow Nickels.

Since the Nevada legislature legalized slot machines there have not been enough nickels in circulation, outside of the slot machine bazars, to buy 5 cents' worth of gum for a six-year-old school girl. A keg containing \$1,500 in nickels was recently received hot from the factory by a Reno bank.

DANGER IN SNAKE BITE REMEDY

Was Almost as Fatal as Poison and Nearly Killed the User.

After the unlimited use of whisky as an antidote for the bite of a copperhead snake Henry Baur, aged 60, lapsed into a state of coma and narrowly escaped burial alive, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Baur, who is a retired business man of Pittsburg, has spent the summer in a cottage on the ridge bordering the Foughlogheny river, ten miles below Connellsville. He was bitten on the left hand by a large copperhead snake recently. Being a firm believer in the efficacy of the whisky cure he at once began the treatment.

William Worme, his only companion in his isolated home, was hastily sent to Dawson for whisky. On his return, as so unfavorable symptoms had developed, the treatment was continued. Later Worme was overcome by sleep while watching at the bedside, and when he awoke, soon after midnight, he was horrified to find Baur cold and rigid.

Supposing that he was dead, he washed and shaved him and prepared him for grave, straightening him out on a board. He then waited until daybreak and started to report Baur's death.

Meanwhile a physician, who had been sent for just after Baur was bitten, arrived. Investigation disclosed the fact that the supposed dead man was in a comatose sleep. Antidotes were given and consciousness returned.

Trees in Schoolyards.

In Germany many school yards have a nursery in which trees are raised in quantity. The children raise them from seed and cuttings, and they graft and bud them. They acquire valuable knowledge of tree culture, take a deep interest in it, and are full of enthusiastic love for plants and the care of them.

BABY CAME NEAR DYING.

From an Awful Skin Humor—
—Scatched Till Blood Ran—
Wasted to a Skeleton—
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"When three months old my boy broke out with an itching, watery rash all over his body, and he would scratch till the blood ran. We tried nearly everything, but he grew worse, wasting to a skeleton, and we feared he would die. He slept only when in our arms. The first application of Cuticura soothed him so that he slept in his cradle for the first time in many weeks. One set of Cuticura made a complete and permanent cure. (Signed) Mrs. M. C. Maitland, Jasper, Ontario."

Artificial Camphor.

Herr Callenberg has produced pure artificial camphor in Germany, the product being designated scientifically under the name of chlorhydrate of turpentine. It is said to be soluble in nitro-glycerine, and to lower considerably the temperature of explosion of this substance, and at the same time its congelation point.

The Century in 1905.

The lavish promises of a year ago were splendidly fulfilled in The Century during 1905—its verse and essays, its pictures and fiction, its articles of timely interest and permanent value, went beyond all promise and expectation. The feast in 1906 will be even richer than in 1905. There will be the new novel by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, "Fenwick's Career," a new humorous serial by the creator of "Susan Clegg," and short stories by the ablest and most popular writers of the day. There will be authoritative accounts of such wonderful work as our construction of the Panama Canal, W. S. Harwood will tell of "Saving California's Crops." The director of Cornell's School of Agriculture, Professor L. H. Bailey, will discuss the important problem of the young man and the farm. There will be many other articles of kindred value and interest.

AUBURN HAIR AND INTELLECT.

Reddish Tinge Said to Be Sign of Possession of Brains.

"Did you ever notice," asked an observant woman, "how many intellectual people have auburn hair? At the theater the other night I don't remember noticing a single reddish head of hair among the hundreds of uncovered heads spread out before me. They were the well-coiffured heads of the average nice woman. The next night I attended a meeting of a very learned society, at which there were perhaps two or three hundred of the brainiest thinkers and educators around town. And without turning my eyes I picked out at least a dozen auburn-haired women in the few seats in front of me. Now, that was more than a coincidence. It argues something for the possessor of auburn hair, I should think."

When a man is devoted to you can't you enjoy his society without having him spend all his money on you?

Mistakes are easily made, but never quite so easily repaired.

Needs "lou."

Robert Christy, a venerable Britisher, now visiting this country, reminiscently tells of his long acquaintance with the Prince of Wales, now King Edward, and narrates the story of his christening when a baby. All of the stores of the empire were illuminated that night, and Albert Edward's initials, "A. E." were displayed in all the windows, when one of the courtiers remarked, "Before he wears the crown the lad will need the three other vowels."

The Stomach's Tribulations.

The chief of the Paris Laboratory, who has been lecturing Parisians upon their digestions, put it this way: "When a man takes milk for breakfast, preserved with formic aldehyde, when he eats at luncheon a slice of ham kept by borax, with spinach or French beans made green with sulphite of copper, and when he washes all that down with half a bottle of wine cleared with an excess of plaster of Paris, and that for 20 years, how is it to be expected that such a man can have a stomach?"

Don't Do It.

Should you have a cough, cold or sore chest, do not rely on time and nature to cure. They may do so—they may not. Use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It is a balm for sore lungs and will cure you at once.

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DISTRESS AFTER MEALS

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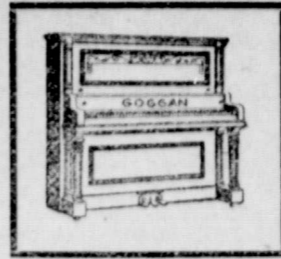
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ABOUT BANKING.

Exchange.

The popular idea that banks are created for, and useful only to the rich, is a fallacy that is fading away, with other foolishisms that have been preached during the past few years. Every man in business knows the necessity for and the convenience of a bank account. All business is done on credit and banks are founded to furnish such credit and by its operation one dollar does the work of ten, and provides the oil to lubricate the wheels of commerce. The rich and the poor alike are extended in the ratio of their responsibility and the stockholders of the bank become the ones who assume the risk. The man in business for himself understands the methods and needs of banks. The wage earner would do well to have a bank account. Instead of carrying his surplus in his pocket, or storing it away in his room, he would be less likely to lose it, and still less likely to spend it, if he deposited his earnings in a bank and paid his current bills by checks.

Many banks have been started and many have established their branches in districts not directly in business centers to cater to the depositors who are in salaried positions. The result has been gratifying, as banks have added largely to their deposits, and the pride in having a bank account has been a stimulus to the small depositor to add to his balance, and to economize where he could in order to gratify this ambition. When the ambition is fired a man becomes a new being, and when ambition points to added wealth it is a potent force. Every young man in a clerical position hopes to some day start in business for himself. If during his clerkship he has a bank account, he forms an acquaintance which will be of great help to him when he is ready to start for himself, and if his character and habits are good the officers of the bank will be too glad to aid him in any legitimate way by extending credit and also by advice if needed. The laborer of today may become the contractor of tomorrow. If while he is saving his limited resources, he has an account, he is receiving a rudimentary education in finance which will fit him for the responsibility of higher plane to which he is to be lifted.

R. L. Aldrich of Crockett was here on business last Saturday.

BOUGHT THE HOTEL.

By a deal just consummated Miss Elizabeth Flick has become the owner of the hotel property at Elkhart mineral wells, and we understand the property will be greatly improved and be again made a popular resort. In past years this resort was very popular and entertained a great many guests.—Palestine Herald.

N. J. Tims and family have moved from Waneta and are occupying the residence vacated by Jim Saxon. We welcome them among us.

Zack Harman came in from Valera, Coleman county, Sunday on a business trip and to see his old friends. He moved from here about two months ago and says he is satisfied with his new home, and is doing well.

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TIME TABLE.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 2 Arrives.....3:15 P. M.
No. 4 Arrives.....8:39 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 1 Arrives.....1:37 P. M.
No. 5 Arrives.....8:05 P. M.

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The Messenger.

ALBERT H. LUKER, Editor.

GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Greenville citizens are waging a persistent fight for street paving.

Recent dispatches from Manzanilla tell of an uprising in that part of Cuba to quell which a body of troops has gone forward.

The cross-country runner Ganesevoort was killed by breaking his neck at the seventh jump in the steeplechase Monday at Baltimore. Jockey Walcott was badly injured.

John H. McGraw has given up the idea of taking the Giants to California for training this coming spring, and has determined to go either to Savannah or Memphis.

It is publicly announced that Judge Charles C. Parker had resigned the office of United States Commissioner at Durant. C. H. Elting of Caddo succeeds him.

One sporadic case of yellow fever was found in New Orleans Thursday, after eight days of clear report. Cases of this character may be expected here and there succeeding an epidemic of the disease.

Oak Cliff Odd Fellows are arranging to erect a hall to cost \$15,000, which will be arranged for business uses down stairs, offices on second, and lodge rooms in third floor.

T. M. Parkinson, a Kaufman county farmer, is making a specialty of raising Japanese persimmons, and has exhibited specimens weighing a half a pound.

Waco's tenth annual Chrysanthemum Show was opened Wednesday morning by the Waco Lodge of Elks. Hon. O. L. Stribling delivered the oration.

A dispatch from San Francisco, Cal. says: "Fitzsimmons and O'Brien signed articles the other day and the third party to the agreement was Eddie Graney, acting for Promoter Croffoth, who is still in the East."

A Fort Worth mule driver, Young Yates, was killed in a Louisiana town Sunday. He purchased mules for the government. He leaves a wife and children.

Monday morning Tom Carter, a fireman on the Mineola local, fell from his train on a bridge near Dixon. He was dead when found. He leaves a wife and two children.

At the A Overholt distillery at Bradford, Pa., Sunday \$10,000 gallons of whisky furnished a spectacular fire, entailing a loss of \$4,000,000, fully insured.

An estimate of \$16,000,000 for continuing the work on the Panama canal has been sent to the treasury department from the war department to be sent to congress.

A movement is on foot to organize New York City newsboys for a bettering of the moral character and standing of the "newsies," and for mutual protection and material advancement.

A cable has just been completed by the Dutch company between Guam Yap and Shanghai, China, connecting at the former island with the Commercial Pacific cable system. The new cable obviates the route via Manila for messages from this country to Chinese points.

A fireman on a local freight, T. O. Carter, fell from his engine close to Lone Oaks, Monday morning, breaking his neck and mashing his face and head very badly. Deceased was 26 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

The most terrible fire that has occurred in Great Britain in many years broke out in Glasgow Sunday in a cheap lodging house for men in Wall street, and resulted in the loss of thirty-nine lives.

The encampment of the Texas National Guard is slated to be held next month. The encampment will be held at Camp Mabry near Austin, and from reports from that place it is believed that a large number of soldiers will be present.

Governor W. L. Douglass of Massachusetts headed a delegation of boot and shoe and leather manufacturers that called at the White House in behalf of a movement to secure a repeal of the duty on hides.

Prayer

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world's dreams of. Wherefore,
let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and
day.
For what are men better than sheep or
goats
That nourish a blind life within the
brain?
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
prayer,
Both for themselves and those who call
them friend?
For on the whole round earth is every
way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of
God.
—Tennyson.



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When Harry Emmerson came home crowned with success and honor, the uppermost thought in his mind was of Helen Ashton. It was not only uppermost, but all-pervading. Sweet as were the anticipations of his parents' pride and joy over his accomplishments, even these were secondary to the welcome he expected to receive from his boyhood sweetheart.

To be sure, no formal engagement existed between them, but it had been tacitly understood when he went forth into the world that when he attained a sufficient measure of success he would return and claim her for his own bride.

The struggle had been fierce and consuming. Success had not descended upon him like a gentle dove. It never does in real life. He had wrested it from an unwilling world by desperate energy, self-abetting persistence, tireless persistence: With no backing of money or influence the young engineer had found it very hard to get a foothold in the slippery path to achievement.

It had seemed at first that he never would be given an opportunity to show what he could do. But with iron determination he had forced himself to be thorough with the inconsequential things he was set to do and to wait patiently the opportunity he resolutely believed would come to him. Nor was a moment wasted. Every leisure hour was devoted to perfecting himself in all the branches of his profession.

So when the opportunity came he was thoroughly prepared and able to avail himself of it. His performances had startled the engineering world and his resources and mastery of principles surprised the older engineers. Then, of course, opportunities crowded upon him and he rose rapidly, until at last he saw an assured career before him and felt his feet upon the rocks of safety.

Then he turned back to the old town and the friends of his boyhood. Then did he feel that he could go back to Helen and lay his heart and his achievements at her feet. Then did he permit himself to go back and hear the old father say, "Well done," and to see the light of pride beam in his mother's eyes.

Now, all this had taken much time. Ten years had gone by since he left, a lad of 20, to do battle with the world. He had not taken time from his strenuous work to so much as visit the old home. Indeed, he had no desire to do so until he could take with him the laurel wreath. He had corresponded with Helen, but not very regularly, and had kept out of his letters all the tender sentiment he felt, because he felt that she must come to him only as the crown of success. Nor did he feel justified in paying court to her until he had proven himself worthy. Now he hastened to her with the consciousness of his deserts and eager for his bliss.

But the absorbed young man had forgotten that the years had brought

man, the heir to the Nieman millions. At first he was full of unreasoning anger and rushed off post haste to accuse her of fecklessness and reproach her for broken faith. But she received him with such evident cordiality and pleasure and her clear eyes looked so honestly into his that his purpose failed.

Besides, it was a very different person into whose presence he was ushered than the laughing, mischievous, vivacious girl of 16 from whom he had parted ten years ago. As she came forward to greet him in the full



Nieman was to take her to the opera.

glow of young womanhood, tall, serene, self-poised and beautiful as a Greek goddess, he felt a shock as from a bucket of ice water, and instantly it came to his clear intelligence that while he had been growing in his life she had been growing in hers. He realized also that he had established no claim upon her excepting in his own consciousness. He saw the injustice and selfishness of his years of silence and he saw the poetic justice of the losing of the main prize of his efforts, after all, as a result of his blind pride.

More than this, as he talked with her he felt the power of her personality and began to wonder if he was not presumptuous in aspiring to his beautiful creature, despite all his successes.

In fact, as he walked the floor that night he began to doubt the measure of his own accomplishments when viewed relatively. Why, indeed, should this glorious creature, upon whom the luxuries of the world would sit so well, choose a life of ordinary domesticity when the treasures of the world were laid at her feet. After all his success meant only the privilege to keep on working hard, tunneling more mountains, baffling more of the difficulties of nature. He never could hope for great riches. Indeed, he never had coveted them. A liberal increase he was assured of—but palaces and yachts and leisure and travel and princely luxuries he could hope for, if at all, only after many years more of work and then only by changing his motives and his ideals and his methods.

On the other hand, there was Nieman with all his millions inherited from both his father and his mother, invested in securities which brought an income beyond the hope of spending—he could give her every heart's desire and permit her to shine as she was meant to shine. With him she could become but a part of his life, and radiate only his achievements. With Nieman her own world opened before her. Emmerson admitted this to himself with great bitterness.

Manlike he accepted his conclusions as established facts, and even in his repentance failed to declare his love. He showed it plainly enough and called to her at his ill-fortune. She was provokingly inscrutable and teasingly coquettish. Emmerson was driven distracted by her and the love he had felt for the girl sweetheart he had left seemed puny beside the great passion he conceived for the woman he found.

"When are you going to Midas' Castle?" he asked savagely one day. "When he asks me—maybe," she replied.

"Are you engaged to him?" he persisted.

"That's rather impudent," she replied.

"Well, if you are not, it is all understood, I reckon," he went on, disregarding the danger signals in her eyes. "The Lord knows I don't blame you. What has a poor devil like me to offer you excepting a decent living and a heart full of love?"

Just then a servant announced Mr. Nieman.

"You never offered me anything as yet," she said audaciously, as she arose and turned toward the door.

Emmerson leaped to his feet and started toward her. Just then Nieman entered, tall, cadaverous, his dead-white complexion accentuated by the monocle he affected and Miss Ashton received him warmly, while Emmerson sank back into his seat with a surly nod.

Nieman was to take her to the opera, so it seemed, and soon they went, leaving Emmerson still sitting gloomily in his chair.

"Curse the luck. What did she mean?" he muttered. "Have I missed still another chance? That fellow looks like he was going to propose to-night."

He was right. On the way home in his carriage, Nieman formally laid himself and the Nieman millions at her feet.

When they returned she found Emmerson still there, greatly to her surprise.

"Well," he said, "I thought I would wait and learn the worst," he said. "Did he ask you?"

"Yes," she replied demurely, flushing deeply.

"And when are you to become a happy bride," he persisted.

She walked straight up to him and looked into his eyes mischievously.

"Whenever you ask me, you great goose," she said.

Law's Extremities.

Mr. Percival Fitzrusher wore a frown and his automobiling costume when haled into the justice court on a charge of exceeding the speed limit.

"It's an outrage!" he asserted, vehemently and repeatedly, but the only friendly glance he got was from Mr. Footloose Freddy, who was taking things easy in a swayed chair and watching the proceedings with interest. Mr. Footloose Freddy was also under arrest. His case was called first, and he was fined \$20 for vagrancy. Then the charge against Mr. Fitzrusher was on, and he, being guilty, was also fined \$20 and costs.

"It's an outrage, a miserable outrage!" he repeated.

"It is, fer a fact," agreed Footloose Freddy.

Which gratuitous consolation so pleased Mr. Fitzrusher that he paid the fine of Footloose and walked with him from the justice court, continuing his comment upon the outrageousness of the proceedings.

"There's no such thing as justice in this community," asserted Mr. Fitzrusher.

"I should say not, pard," agreed Footloose Freddy. "Why, look. Dey rabs you for movin' an' me fer sittin' still. Where does a man get off?"—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

Yielding All.

"Our wills are ours to make them thine."

Laid on Thine altar, O my Lord divine,
Accept this gift to-day, for Jesus' sake,
I have no jewels to adorn Thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make.

But here I bring within my trembling hand
This will of mine—a thing that seemeth small.

And Thou alone, O Lord, canst understand
How when I yield Thee this, I yield mine all.

Hidden therein Thy searching gaze can see
Struggles of passion, visions of delight;
All that I have or am or fain would be,
Deep loves, fond hopes and longings infinite.

It hath been wet with tears and dimmed with sighs,
Clenched in my grasp till beauty hath it none.

Now from Thy footstool where it vanquished lies,
The prayer ascendeth—may Thy will be done.

Take it, O Father, ere my courage fail,
And merge it so in Thine own will, that 'e'en
If in some desperate hour my cries prevail,
And thou give back my gift, it may have been
So changed, so purified, so fair have grown,
So one with Thee, so filled with peace divine,
I may not know or feel it as mine own,
But gaining back my will may find it Thine.

Was This in New York?

A short time ago Mayor McClellan, when requested by a visitor to make a certain appointment, put this pertinent inquiry:

"Is your friend honest?"

"Naw! Naw!" replied the visitor.

"That doesn't go. He'd steal the hinges off a safe, but he's a good feller, a right good feller, your honor."

"Nixie," replied the mayor.—New York Sun.

Senator Clark's Mansion.

The wonderful mansion built by Senator Clark of Montana, in Fifth avenue, New York, is nearing completion. Its total cost will be about \$5,000,000. It is not so large as one or two others in the neighborhood, but is by far the most costly of any of them.

PERUNA

OF CATARRH
HEAD OF THROAT LUNGS STOMACH
KIDNEYS BLADDER FEMALE ORGANS

Colonel Arthur L. Hamilton, of the 7th Ohio Volunteers, 259 Goodale street, Columbus, O., writes: "As a remedy for catarrh and stomach trouble I can fully recommend Peruna." Mrs. Hamilton, wife of the gallant Colonel, is an ardent friend of Peruna also.

PERUNA

THE GREAT TONIC

HALF ACTUAL SIZE.

Diaz Is Not Rich.

Contrary to the general opinion in Mexico and abroad, President Diaz is not a very wealthy man. Intimate friends of the Mexican executive, who have knowledge of his affairs, declare that his fortune does not exceed \$1,000,000. He owns a plantation in the state of Oaxaca, some property in the City of Mexico, and a house in Paris. This latter was purchased during his first term as President of Mexico, when he feared that he might be compelled to leave the country hurriedly and seek refuge in a foreign land. The salary of President Diaz is now \$50,000 a year. For many years it was only \$30,000, and, in the early days of his administration, when Mexico was weak financially, he drew out only enough for his necessary expenses, leaving the remainder in the treasury. He is now serving his twenty-fifth year as President of Mexico.

Lion Afraid of Ostrich.

There is only one thing of which the lion is afraid, and that is the ostrich. The bird is more fleet than the quadruped, and it can deliver its terrible kick with the impact of a pugilist's blow and spring away till it gets another opening. Such tactics naturally disgust the superior being.

Convincing Evidence.

Winthrop, Cal., Nov. 20th (Special)—A plain and straightforward story is always the most convincing. And that is what has impressed us most in reading the testimonials in regard to Dodd's Kidney Pills. The experience told by Davis Lewis of this place bears the ring and stamp of truth upon it. He says:—

"I was troubled for six months with dull heavy pains in the small of my back, sometimes it passed into my stomach, at other times up between my shoulders. When it was in my stomach I was doubled up, and hardly knew what to do for the pain. I was advised to take all kinds of remedies, and did so but without getting any relief. Then some one told me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I got a box and began taking them. The first few doses gave me relief, by the time I had finished them all the pain was gone and I have been well ever since."

I can do nothing without the help of God, and that even from moment to moment.—St. Athanasius.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

In Michigan three sisters are living whose combined ages are 275 years. All have been married.

Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best or money refunded. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

A kind word now is better than a floral emblem hereafter.

Bean cake is the chief commercial fertilizer in China.

Bishop Potter favors twenty-minute sermons.

The word "banquet" formerly meant dinner.

SEASONABLE TALK

From Darsey's Dress Goods Department.

Realizing that from now till Xmas ever woman will want a new dress, we have added considerably to our stock of dress goods, which was already good, and are in a position to show you a very strong line of bright new dress goods in the latest cloths and colors, and you are invited and urged to come and let us show you this line whether you are ready to buy or not.

Danish Cloth at 25c the Yard.

Is a half wool open weave, soft goods, 36 inches wide and we think the strongest line to be had for the price. Colors, black, brown, tan gray, blue and white. Price..... **25c**

Suiting or Cheviots at 37 1-2c the Yard.

A good heavy suiting or cheviots for coat suits, shirt waist suits, or extra skirts for serviceable or dressy wear, colors green, gray, and black mixture. Price..... **37 1-2c**

DRESS GOODS AT 50c PER YARD.

As 50c per yard is a very popular price Dress Goods and the price at which the body of our Wool Dress Goods business is done, we made this line very strong.

Fancy Brilliantine at 50c the Yard.

A light weight, soft cloth that has that supple drapy effect, so you can give a garment that fullness so stylish this season without its having any bulky appearance. Colors blue, brown and black with white mixtures. Price..... **50c**

Fancy Suitings and Flannels at 50c the Yard.

We are showing an elegant line of Fancy Suiting and Flannel Dress Goods that has that soft, pliable nature and is for either serviceable or dressy suits or skirts. Colors, blue, brown, black and tan with white mixtures. Price..... **50c**

Black Dress Goods.

Black Brilliantine, 36 inches wide.....50c
 Black serge, 36 inches wide.....50c
 Black Cecillian; 44 inches wide.....75c
 Black broadcloth, 48 inches wide.....\$1.00

Repelant, or Waterproof.

Something for a good serviceable skirt or suit 56 inches wide, colors, black, blue and wine.

Price 50 Cents.

Do Not Fail

To see our line of Dress Patterns in assorted goods, styles and colors at 75c and \$1.00 per yard.

—NEW WAISTING—

Our line of waisting in white and dainty patterns at 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c and 50c a yard are popular sellers. Ask to see them.

Wear Brown's Star-5-Star Shoes

If you want good comfortable shoes that will wear and give you good service and satisfaction. Our line is complete from the smallest to the largest and from the cheapest to the best in the newest styles and lasts, and we can fit you in just what you want at

—OLD PRICES—

You can buy your entire bill complete from us, which means a big saving to you on your fall and winter purchases, including furniture, mattresses, bed springs, comforts, sewing machines, cooking stoves, heaters, crockeryware, sugar, flour, bacon, lard, doors, windows, brick, lime, hog fencing, shingles, wagons, in fact we handle everything used on the farm or in the home and you will miss it if you fail to get our prices before you buy.

RESPECTFULLY,

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

We Buy Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs, Wax, Hides,
 Speckle Peas, Cotton and Cotton Seed.

A Proclamation
By the
Governor of Texas Says
Thursday, November 30, shall be observed as
Thanksgiving Day.

Among other things which you should be thankful for is that there is a confectionery store in Grapeland where you can buy all the good stuff you want that is always clean and fresh. In keeping with the custom of observing this red letter day of course you will fix up an extra dinner, and we have all the ingredients necessary to make this dinner one that would delight the gods. We have just received a fresh supply of

SHREDED COCOANUT GRATED PINE APPLE
SLICED PINE APPLE CITRONS CRANBER-
RIES PICKLES JELLIES CURRENTS AP-
PLES SEEDED RAISINS ORANGES BANANAS
GRAPES ALL KINDS OF NUTS. : : : : :

You are welcome. Come buy your goods, and we will charge you a price consistent with hard times.

Yours for business,

... The Bon Ton ...

Odell Faris, Prop.

LOCAL NEWS.

Shipper sells Walk Over shoes.

Darsey buys peas.

Salt 45c per sack. W. B. Faris.

If it's to be had Darsey has it.

Rubbers, men's, ladies' and children's for sale at Shipper's.

36 inch wool filled Cecilian at 35c per yard. Brooks.

Ask the first man you meet about Plaster's Automatic Gate.

D. R. Stubblefield of Elkhart was in the city Sunday afternoon.

Best flour \$1.25 a sack. W. B. Faris.

Galveston News and the Messenger one year \$1.25. Want em?

27 inch Mohair luster at 20c. Brooks.

Hamp Huff of Daly's was in the city Monday trading.

We have bought 792 pounds of turkeys in 7 days. W.B.Faris.

Heart shingles, doors and windows at Darsey's.

For flour, bran, chops, salt, buy at Howards.

Big lot Hereford brand shoes just in at W. B. Faris'.

J. B. Lively wants your beef hides and bee's wax.

Good coffee 8 lbs. for \$1 at Darsey's.

30 inch Gayso crepe at 20c per yard. Brooks.

Rev. W. N. Mainer of Lovelady was in the city Tuesday.

Young men, see those new brown hats at W. B. Faris'.

Best pure wheat bran \$1.10 per 100 pound sacks at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Whitley and Miss Clara Yarbrough visited at Salmon Sunday.

For boys dress suits we are showing a beautiful line of dotted and figured madras. Brooks.

Prettiest line of knit shawls and fascinators at 50c to \$2.00. They are beauties.

W. B. Faris.

Brick and lime at Darsey's.

Mohair Castilian in leading colors at 30c per yard. Brooks.

Wyle Caskey and Chas Story went down to Crockett Monday.

27 inch wool filled Cosmos fancies at 15c per yard. Brooks.

Shipper has the newest shapes and colors in men's hats.

5 pounds of Anvil brand soda for 25c at W. B. Faris'.

Cooking stoves, heating stoves and stove pipes at Darsey's.

For the latest thing in ladies neck wear see Brooks.

Ask your neighbor about the Plaster Automatic Gate.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis visited at Augusta Saturday and Sunday.

Double width wool filled Cashmere at 17 1/2c to 25c per yard. Brooks.

Miss Jewel Taylor went down to Crockett Monday returning Tuesday night.

A big lot of men's and boys' over coats just arrived at Darsey's. See them.

Our staple dry goods in any and all times is complete. Call and inspect prices and quality. Brooks.

Roberson Bros., the bankers of Palestine, were in the city last Friday on some important business.

Use Texas Stock Food. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Sold by Nat Davis.

Let me put up a Plaster Automatic gate for you or sell you a farm right and you can put up as many as you want. Wyley Caskey.

The Messenger has a scholarship for sale in the McKinney Business College valued at \$40 and goes for 25 per cent discount. Who wants it?

TO THE TRADING PUBLIC.

I have purchased the stock of goods of Jim Saxon and am now in charge and would be glad for you to visit me and get my prices on good groceries. I will exchange goods for produce or pay you cash. N. J. Tims.

See Howard for groceries.

Big lot new goods this week. Come and buy at W. B. Faris'.

Buy buckskin breeches from Shipper.

New dress goods this week at W. B. Faris'.

Plain black satine 10 and 15c per yard. Brooks.

Big lot iron bedsteads this week. Darsey.

F. M. Leopard of Elkhart will hereafter be a reader of the Messenger.

Slickers, men's heavy blanket lined coats and rubbers at Shipper's.

Miss Alice Sullivan, a teacher in the Enon school, went to Crockett Saturday.

Darsey has another car of brick ordered.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Elliott and Mrs. Jessie Elliott of Percilla were here Monday trading.

I have the completest shoe stock in Grapeland. See them before you buy. J. J. Brooks.

Mote Walton, Oscar Edge, H. H. Walton and Dan Harmon went up to Palestine Monday.

We represent the best merchant tailors in Chicago. W. B. Faris.

Follow the crowd and buy your meat from Howard and Bob. Phone 31.

Little Rowland Perry of Houston is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnston.

Write us about that scholarship we have for sale in the McKinney Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shipper and the "Little Madam" left Monday for San Antonio to see the sights at the fair.

Wear the Brown Shoe Co's. Star-5-Star shoe for comfort and durability, for sale at Darsey's.

Ney Sheridan has accepted a position with J. G. Shipper & Son and would be glad to have his friends call on him.

Write to Wyley Caskey, Grapeland, Texas, for information about the Plaster Automatic Gate.

Hand knit shoulder capes—newest thing out for misses and ladies, \$1.25 to \$1.75. W. B. Faris.

Iron bedsteads from \$10.00 to \$2.50, oak bedsteads from \$7.50 to \$1.90, also bed springs, mattresses, etc., at Darsey's.

Ben Singletary of Rusk passed through Saturday en route home from Crockett, where he had been as a witness in the Busby case.

Miss Maud Sory arrived Monday from Grapeland and is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Prestridge.—Lufkin Tribune.

Get our prices on domestic, calico, canton flannel and outing. Best goods in town for the money at Darsey's.

BOARDERS WANTED.

Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Nannie Boykin will take boarders at Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth's residence. Nice rooms and warm meals. See them at once.

TO DELICATE WOMEN

You will never get well and strong, bright, happy, hearty and free from pain, until you build up your constitution with a nerve refreshing, blood-making tonic, like

Wine of Cardui
It Makes Pale Cheeks Pink

It is a pure, harmless, medicinal tonic, made from vegetable ingredients, which relieve female pain and distress, such as headache, backache, bowel ache, dizziness, chills, scanty or profuse menstruation, dragging down pains, etc.

It is a building, strength-making medicine for women, the only medicine that is certain to do you good. Try it.

Sold by every druggist in \$1.00 bottles.

WRITE US A LETTER

freely and frankly, in strictest confidence, telling us all your symptoms and troubles. We will send free advice (in plain sealed envelope), how to cure them. Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

"YOU ARE FRIENDS

of mine," writes Mrs. F. L. Jones, of Gallatin, Tenn.: "For since taking Cardui I have gained 35 lbs., and am in better health than for the past 9 years. I tell my husband that Cardui is worth its weight in gold to all suffering ladies."

Don't fail to see Buster Brown.

Dr. and Mrs. McCarty are visiting in Crockett this week.

Extra good coffee 8 pounds for \$1.00. W. B. Faris.

See my dress gingham 10 to 25c per yard. J. J. Brooks.

Good tobacco 28c per pound. W. B. Faris.

Take your choice, Electric Light, Cat Brand or White Wave flour at Darsey's.

S. E. Howard went down to Crockett Wednesday night to see the carnival.

If you have any speckle peas to sell take them to Geo. E. Darsey. He will buy them.

At Darsey's store they are continually receiving new goods and you will always find something new there.

Life is too short to waste time with a dull razor, buy a guaranteed Shrumate from Howard for \$1.00.

Cold weather is here—we are the shoe people W B Faris

J. B. Lively will pay you cash for beef hides and bee's wax.

Rev. J. E. Morgan and family left Wednesday for their new home at Eagle Pass. We wish them well.

See the Hereford brand shoes. Every pair guaranteed. W. B. Faris.

See our dress goods department for plain suitings, also 30 inch Pino crepe cloth in all colors suitable for skirts, shirtwaist and skirt suits. J. J. Brooks

We have just received a shipment of fancy candy, sweet chocolates and bon bons. Call and see our decorated show case. Bon Ton.

Plaster's Automatic Gate is practical, durable, inexpensive and convenient. You ought to have one. See Wyley Caskey.

Ladies wanting something a little heavier than lawns and linsens for childrens dresses should see our line of white madras. Brooks.

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At home to visitors Nov. 18 to 29 inst., will gorgeously entertain with their great

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30 inch Gayso mercerized satine in black and colors 20c per yard. J. J. Brooks,

Mat Welch a typo of Palestine passed through Saturday going to Houston on some business.

Misses Zuma and Corine Anthony went to Crockett Tuesday afternoon to take in the carnival.

G. R. Murchison went down to Crockett Tuesday afternoon on business.

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Walter McMeans and Geo. Wright were down from Palestine Sunday afternoon.