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The Small-pox Situation— There is no Cause for Alarm

Dr. R. E. Dillard of Crockett, county health officer, in company with County Judge Nat Patton, went out to Percilla last Thursday to look after the small-pox situation.

Dr. Dillard reported that there is no cause for the people to become unduly alarmed. He has the situation well in hand and hopes to stamp out the malady in a sort time. He reported about forty cases, stating that there had been as high as one hundred cases. All houses have been quarantined where cases exist, and he made it plain that if the disease keep spreading a more drastic quarantine would be put into effect.

Judge Patton is incorporating with the health officer and carried out a lot of disinfectant for the people to use.

Sheriff Battles With Bootleggers in Neches River Bottom

Palestine, Tex., July 1.—A battle with shotguns was staged in the Neches River bottom east of Palestine late last night, when Sheriff Rogers and two deputies raided and captured an alleged still. Deputy Sheriff Dick Huffman received some slight scalp wounds and a man who gave the name of Jack Fletcher received a wound in the hip. Another man was detained.

Sheriff Rogers claims forty-five stills captured in Anderson County.

TO CANE GROWERS AND BUSINESS MEN OF HOUSTON COUNTY:

All are not only invited, but urged to be in Crockett July 10 at 2 p. m. to hear Mr. V. G. Thomas speak on the great move of making ribbon cane syrup a commercial product, a staple, the same as cotton, in this county. Mr. Thomas has just returned from Alabama where he put the cotton sign-up over and, incidentally, they doubled their quota. He is a wonderful speaker and any farmer or business man who fails to hear him will miss a real treat.

Every county that we have been in has shown the greatest interest and enthusiasm; commercial clubs and business men's associations are right behind this move for they realize that it has real merit and they are going to see to it that every grower in their county joins it.

Let us have a large delegation from every town and school district at the court house Monday, July 10, at 2 p. m., and show this committee that Houston county can equal any other county in East Texas.

S. M. Monzingo, Chairman, State Organization Committee, Syrup Growers' Association.

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Bodies of Dead Man and Woman Indicate Death by Lighting

Palestine, Texas, June 29.—Charley Burt and his wife, residing 12 miles southeast of Palestine, near Slocum, were found dead in their field late Wednesday. Officers of the sheriff's department here made an investigation with a physician and the statement was made Thursday morning that the bodies had every appearance of having been struck by lightning.

However, people in that neighborhood say there was no lightning there Wednesday. Further investigation is being made.

WANETA LOCALS

Waneta, July 3.—We had a good rain this morning which was needed badly, and the farmers are smiling over it.

Mr. Zuber of Lufkin is visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Wilson.

Mr and Mrs Joe Lively are both very feeble at this writing.

Will Lively, wife and little son spent Sunday with W B Moore and wife.

Miss Lillian Lively spent Sunday with Miss Grace Moore.

Mrs. Mack Reed and children of Lateo are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Lou Ferguson.

Clarence Goff left Saturday for Rusk where he has a job at the asylum.

Several families went to the river fishing last Tuesday and report plenty of fish to eat.

Mr and Mrs Jimmie Rich, who have been visiting in Cherokee county for the past month, came home last Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Lively spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Ramey.

Grandma Moore spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Arnold, near Grapeland, who has been very sick.

Swelling caused by insect bites can be reduced by using Ballard's Snow Liniment. It counteracts the poison and relieves the irritation. Three sizes: 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

UNION DOTS

Union, July 3.—The revival meeting at Midway, which is being conducted by Rev. A. M. Lemons, has started with a good attendance. It will continue for two weeks and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Union Literary Society, which was scheduled to be held Friday night, will be postponed on account of the revival at Midway.

Monroe Weisinger and family visited Fred Wright and family Sunday. Thomas Stockbridge paid Earl Smith a visit Sunday.

Mrs W B DuBose and children visited her mother, Mrs. Powell, Sunday.

High Points in Gov. Neff's Opening Speech



HON. PAT NEFF
Governor of Texas

Governor Pat Neff opened his campaign for re-election recently at Plainview. The main points in his speech are as follows:

There is no office of honor unless that office be honorable filled.

I have advocated homespun economy.

We can save the taxpayers money by closing the doors of the institution for lunatics, feeble-minded, orphans, deaf, dumb, blind and turning all other unfortunates out to "root hog or die." But who is there among us who would be willing to do that?

I recognize the common school as the foundation of good government; that the perpetuity of our institutions depend upon the education of the masses. I shall regard it as the crowning service of my public life if I can inspire and aid legislation that will insure to the youth of Texas educational opportunities and facilities equal to those obtainable anywhere in the world.

During the past year the entire penitentiary system has been greatly improved. Many leaks have been stopped, inhuman punishment has been abolished, a system of education established and the entire system permeated with the idea of obedience to law and service to humanity.

Texas streams carry annually into the Gulf of Mexico enough water to completely irrigate 12,000,000 acres of land. Not one bucket of flood water should ever reach the gulf.

I am for checking Texas from one end to the other with enduring highways. Differences between labor and capital should be settled in peace around the council table. Above the employer and employee stand at all times, to be respected and obeyed, the law of the land.

Our farm products must not rot in the field and our fat beef cattle must have an open drive to the markets of the world.

The state should establish parks, both large and small, throughout her broad borders.

If the state is to be respected, her laws must be obeyed. From the hour of my inauguration, I have stood for law and order in Texas.

When county officers protest against the state sending rangers and officials to a county to enforce the law, the protest is always made for the benefit of the criminals and not the law abiding people.

The loose idea in regard to the prohibition law and its lax enforcement are responsible more than any other thing for the crime wave that is sweeping the land.

Before many pardons are granted, we must create in this state a respect for and an obedience to the law of the land.

Mrs Bradshaw spent Sunday with Mrs John Carter.

Mrs Dora Wells of Lamesa is visiting relatives and friends here now.

Mr and Mrs Bertice Kolb visited the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Jimmie Caskey, Sunday.

Dorothy Wright visited Fannie Bell and Ima Lee Weisinger Sunday night.

S W Dutch left for Dallas yesterday in response to a telegram stating that his son-in-law, Mr. Matteson, was seriously ill.

A very much needed rain fell here this morning.

Miss Lucile Hodge, accompanied by Miss Zela Keen, returned to her home at Buffalo Gap.

Grandmother Phillips spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ola Bynum.

Since the above was written a message was received stating that Mr. Matteson died during the night.

NEWS FROM SLOCUM

Slocum, July 3.—Quit a sad affair happened last Monday afternoon at about 1:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burks were killed by lightning. They were taking shelter under a hickory tree from a shower of rain when the lightning struck. They had been chopping cotton in the field nearby. Willie Reed found them Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Their bodies were badly decomposed. They were buried at the Denson Springs graveyard Thursday morning. They are survived by a little girl four years old.

Jack Dismuke and Miss Letha Collins spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Alton Baker at New Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneed Taylor of Dallas are visiting his parents at this place.

Mrs. Della Skidmore and children of Tyler are visiting relatives here. The Slocum Normal begun this morning. There is a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Carter are the

First Patient to Enter New Hospital Was Shot

Palestine, Tex., July 1.—The first patient received at the New International & Great Northern Hospital today was Section Foreman Kay, who was shot by a negro at Henderson. His condition is said to be serious, and it is reported that considerable excitement prevails at Henderson over the incident. The hospital was formally opened tonight.

AUGUSTA HAPPENINGS

Augusta, July 3.—The farmers have their crops practically laid by with the exception of June corn and some late cotton. As we have just gotten a good rain think everything will soon be looking fine.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Grounds of Armarillo are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. I. I. Bradshaw.

Mrs John Sloan spent the week end in Alto with Mr and Mrs Silas Holcomb and Mrs Mary Sloan.

Miss Mary Belle Holcomb spent a few days with her parents, Mr and Mrs W H Holcomb.

Miss Verna Holcomb of Alto spent the first part of the week with Miss Annie Pearl Ruby.

Curtis Scarborough of Crockett spent a few days last week with home folk.

John Sloan visited his mother in Alto Sunday, who has been ill for some time.

Miss Corine Scarborough visited in the Liberty Hill community Sunday.

A large crowd of young folks from here, accompanied by Will Mooney, visited relatives and friends in Alto Sunday.

Tom Moore went to Alto Sunday to bring his mother and sister home, who have been gone two weeks.

Miss Katie Cook spent Saturday with Miss Stella Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Moore, who are attending school at Huntsville, are at home on a short vacation.

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"Freddie has a fortune in politics. He knows the ropes," declared the admiring friend.

"Yes, I judged that from the campaign cigar he gave me."—Chicago American.

Political Orator (after two-hour speech)

"I have spoken at great length, my friends, in order that I might make my position on this matter clear.

Voice from gallery—Now you might tell us just where you stand.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"A feller has a right to hold his own political opinions, hain't he?" sourly demanded a neighbor.

"He has—if he holds 'em!" replied the gaunt Missourian. "It's only when he gets to slinging 'em at me that I object."—Kansas City Star.

"You don't display your old-time eloquence in public."

"Not in public," admitted Senator Sorghum, "but you ought to hear me

in my office when I'm explaining to a group of influential constituents why I haven't been able to carry out some of their ideas.—Washington Star.

"Men," she declared contemptuously, "are absolutely lacking in self-control, judgment, and good taste."

"Possibly, my dear," he responded; "but just think how many old maids there would be if they were not!"—London Tit-Bits.

Johnny hated his early bedtime. In the course of one of the nightly arguments his mother told him how all the little chicks went to sleep with the sun. For the moment he was silent, then he piped up: "But the old hen goes to bed with them, you know, mamma!"

The extra half hour was conceded.—Country Gentleman.

The roughneck politician burst into the lawyer's office and in an excited manner asked: "What would you do if a paper should call you a thief and liar?"

"Well," said the lawyer scrutinizingly, "if I were you I'd toss up a nickel to see whether I'd reform or pay no attention to the statement."—Argonaut.

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Denies Democrats Run Treasury

That the treasury department is under the influence of Democratic employees as alleged in a memorial circulated among members of congress was denied by Secretary Mellon, who declared that the department is governed by Republicans. It was claimed that 150 treasury employees were Democratic and that the officials of certain departments were under the influence of Joseph Tumulty, former secretary to President Wilson. Commissioner Blair of the internal revenue says he will not remove the Democratic employees in his bureau.

Mars Pays Earth a Visit

The planet Mars has been speeding toward the earth at a rate of hundreds of thousands of miles a day. Now the neighbor planets are only 42,000,000 miles apart, which is almost as close as they ever get. There are times when this distance is reduced to only 35,000,000, but these occasions are very rare. The earth travels in a path roughly 93,000,000 miles from the sun. The orbit of Mars, the planet next outside the earth, is about 140,000,000 miles from the sun. Thus when the two planets are at opposite sides of the sun they are some 230,000,000 miles from each other, and Mars looks like a very ordinary star. But when they are on the same side of the sun they are only 47,000,000 miles apart on the average.

But their distances from the

sun vary a good deal, and as a result of this they are sometimes considerably closer, as in the present case. Mars at this time is the brightest it has been for a dozen years. But as it happens to be pretty low down in the south it cannot be seen to very good advantage. Nevertheless the astronomers, both professional and amateur, all over the world, are keeping their telescopes aimed at this nearest and most interesting of all our planetary neighbors so as to learn as much about it as possible.—The Pathfinder.

Woman Nominated for Senate

For the first time a woman has been nominated by the Democratic party for the U. S. senate. She is Mrs. Anna Dickie Olesen of Minn., and in the primary contest she defeated two male opponents. Mrs. Olesen is 36 years of age. She has been prominent in public life for some time as an active official in various women's organizations and as a lecturer. During the World war she was a patriotic speaker for the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and for liberty loans. In 1920 she was the Democratic woman speaker at the Jackson day dinner at Washington. Her Republican opponent for the senate will be Frank B. Kellogg, the present junior senator from Minn., who was renominated.

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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Prominent Candidate Pays

Grapeland a Visit Last week

W. A. Johnson of Memphis, Texas, candidate for lieutenant governor, was a visitor to Grapeland last Wednesday, spending a few hours here meeting the voters.

Mr. Johnson held this office one term, being defeated two years ago by Lynch Davidson. He made a splendid officer and his record is without blemish. Prior to being elected lieutenant governor he served his district in the senate for ten years.

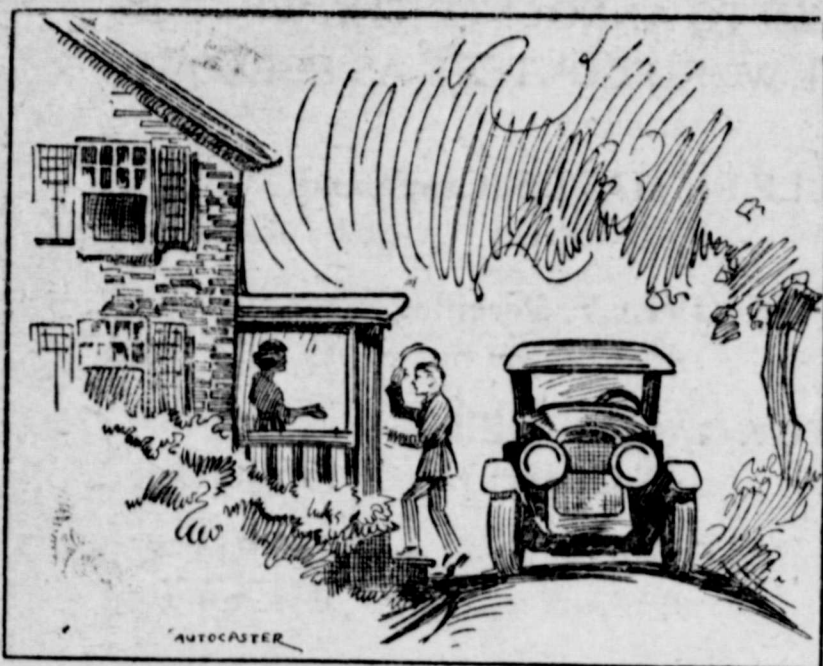
On the reverse side of his cards he hands out is the following:

"My record for ten years as a mem-

ber of the senate stands foursquare for economy, efficiency and law enforcement. I am the author of the law raising the age of consent for girls, the law which put pool halls out of Texas, and the first resolution to investigate Jim Ferguson. I am for prohibition and equal suffrage. A ruling by me, in the chair of the senate, made it possible to ratify the equal suffrage amendment in Texas."

He is a good man and worthy of your support.

If you are pleased with this edition of the Messenger, send us your subscription.



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For either purpose, you know the necessity for keeping your car in good running condition.

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NEWS FROM NEW HOPE

(Delayed)

New Hope, June 26.—Boyd Dickey and a part of his singing class went to Liberty Hill Sunday and sang. Boyd will teach a singing class at that place some time this summer. He will also teach one at Ephesus. We wish him success, as he is a young teacher, this being his first time to teach. He says he is going to learn music to the finish.

Miss Pearl Dickey spent the week end at her brother's, Alton Dickey of Livelyville.

Ross Sammons is on the sick list.

The children of Babe Dickey, some of his brothers and friends, gathered at his home Wednesday of last week and celebrated his 52 birthday. All his children were present but two, Mrs. Willie Mae Teems of Ft. Worth, and Allie Dickey of Palestine. Ice cream and cold drinks were served, and all enjoyed the day. Mr. Dickey has 11 children, all living, and needless to say, a crowd of just his children and their families, not to mention the other relatives that were present at the old home, made a gay throng and helped to eat the sumptuous dinner that was spread at the noon hour. The day will be long remembered by all who were present.

The small-pox is raging quite a bit in the Percilla community. Hope the disease will not come among us.

Miss Mae Wright visited Mrs. Mary Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Babe Dickey and children visited her daughter, Mrs. Price Brown, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Brumley of

Livelyville spent Sunday with their son, John Brumley.

OAK GROVE NEWS

(Delayed)

Oak Grove, June 27.—Mrs. Nannie Bean has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Starkey at Rusk, who died Tuesday morning. The family and relatives all have the sympathy of the people of this community.

Oakley Bean came home Monday from the navy on a several day's furlough to visit his parents, relatives and friends.

Teachers for the coming school term are Albert Gainey, principal, and Graton Streetman, assistant.

Harvey Collins and Leslie Bridges are enjoying a few days on the river this week.

"Yes sir," said Mr. Gallagher, "it was funny enough to make a donkey laugh. I laughed till I cried."

Stop! Look! Listen!

Why does a dog turn around before he lies down?

Answer: Because he cannot help himself.

Why does Frank H. Butler want the OFFICE of COUNTY TREASURER?

Answer: Because the office pays \$2,000 per year. Pretty good pie, isn't it? Well, I believe I would like this kind of pie.

Will you help me get the office?

Study the proposition closely and see if you feel that I am worthy and well qualified, and if you find that I am, then vote for me and use your influence in determining my success.

NOW, IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, I want the OFFICE of COUNTY TREASURER and have endeavored to see all the voters of the county, but this is an awfully big county and no doubt I have failed to see all the voters, but please give me your fair consideration before rendering your verdict which will determine my success or failure.

If HONESTY, SOBRIETY and INTEGRITY recommend a man to you for this responsible position, I feel that I shall receive your unbiased verdict. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT I WANT THE OFFICE AND WANT IT AWFULLY BAD.

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THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1922.

OUR SPECIAL EDITION

It is with just pride that we present this edition of the Messenger to the people of Houston county. It was gotten up at considerable expense and effort, but we feel that it is not only a credit to the little city in which the paper is published, but to all of Houston county. And we say that without any intent to boast. It is something unusual to issue a sixteen page paper published in a town the size of Grapeland.

To the business men of Grapeland and Crockett and to the candidates who made this edition possible by their liberal use of the advertising columns, we tender our sincere thanks.

Several hundred copies are being mailed out to people in different sections of the county, who are not subscribers. We hope they will take it as an invitation to subscribe and become a regular member of the Messenger's large family of readers.

In this edition will be found many special articles worth the subscription price, not to mention the local news, the news from communities surrounding Grapeland and other items of interest.

Every wide awake citizen should subscribe for all papers published in his county in order to keep well informed on county affairs from every section.

NEW DESIGNS FOR COINS

There is one serious objection to the well known eagles on our coins, and that is his habit of flying away upon the slightest provocation and remaining away indefinitely.—Grapeland Messenger

How would it do to replace the eagle of our coins with a tortoise? The tortoise is a slow-going bird without any wings at all. Fable tells us that he has a habit of staying in the race till he wins; and we have been taught all our lives that once he gets hold of a thing he holds on till it thunders.—Troup Banner.

The men are not supposed to criticize women's clothes—their sole function is to pay for them.

What soviet Russia needs is brains but it killed nearly all the men in that country who had them.

J. H. Padon has sold the Elkhart Record and removed to Kilgore and purchased the Kilgore Chronicle. We wish him success.

The Grapeland country has room for more good farmers—men who can take 50 to 60 acres of land, till it well, diversify, raise chickens, hogs, blooded cattle, etc. If you are thinking of changing your location, investigate this section. Grapeland offers a market for practically everything grown on the farm.

Evolutionists, who are trying to explain the origin of man, would command more respect with more facts and fewer theories. Let them produce the missing link and show just where and when the evolution business stopped.

Harry Warner's campaign for governor is like a jazz band—all noise and no music. Tell us, Harry, what you have to recommend you to be governor of this great commonwealth except that you are a ribald, foaming-at-the-mouth anti-Ku Kluxer and want to ride into office on this so-called issue. Having known your past political affiliations, we'd just like to know.

The puny efforts being put forth to defeat Governor Neff will come to naught on July 22. The people are fair-minded and just and will return the governor to his office by an overwhelming majority. Mr. Neff has made a splendid official; he has been conscientious in his efforts to be of service to the people of Texas; he has taken them into his confidence by open and frank statements concerning the workings of their government and the people appreciate all this and will give expression of it in the election.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, July 3.—We are all up with our work and ready to go fishing.

We had a good rain this morning and everybody is feeling good. Three weeks ago last Saturday we had the last rain and the pasture grass had begun to suffer but no crops had suffered to amount to anything.

Miss Callie Mae Lasiter spent last week with Miss Mary Kent.

Miss Ruth Clinton spent a few days with Miss Julia Eaves.

Some of our folks enjoy a fish fry on the creek Saturday and had plenty of fish to fry.

Mrs. Jessie Middleton and children of Crockett spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Tom Kent.

Douglass Beazley and family and Miss Maude Fulgham spent yesterday at Latexo, the guests of Mr. Brown and family.

H. & G. Beazley are moving their sawmill to a more convenient location.

Homer Beazley has a position at the Taylor grading camp near Porter Springs as cook.

Mrs. Chiles' condition is no better and our crippled boy, Frank Fulgham, is not able to walk yet.

Vote for Lee Kirgan and Joe Edmonson and feel good the rest of your life, to use W. L. Fox's expression.

At the Christian Church

Bible school at 10 o'clock. There will be no preaching service in the morning or evening on account of the revival services at the Methodist church. All members are urged to attend these services as often as possible.

We are having a meeting at 4 p. m. of the men only. All male members of the church are requested, urged and expected to be present.

Arthur Hyde, Pastor.

Masonic Notice

Officers for the coming year will be installed at the next regular meeting of Grapeland Lodge No. 473, A. F. & A. M., Saturday night, July 8th., 1922. There will be other important business to attend to. Brethern will please attend; visiting brethern welcome.

M. E. Darsey, W. M.
Harry Richards, Secy.

Quarterly Conference

Rev. C. U. McLarty will hold our third quarterly conference at New Prospect Friday afternoon at 2:00. He will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. Let us have a good attendance.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

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Contest Winners

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS IN OUR RECENT WORD CONTEST AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st. MISS LUCILLE RICHARDS, Grapeland.
58 Correct out of 62 submitted
- 2nd. MISS DOTTIE LIVELY, Percilla.
45 Correct out of 45 submitted
- 3rd. MRS. PEYTON GAMAGE, Elkhart.
44 Correct out of 45 submitted
- 5th. MISS RUTH MACDONALD, Grapeland, Rte. 1.
44 Correct out of 50 submitted

MISS RICHARDS' CORRECTED LIST FOLLOWS:

DRESSES	CRASH	SHOE LACES
SERGE	YARN	SPOOL THREAD
ORGANDY	PATTERNS	SOAP DYES
LACE	ERASERS	CORSETS
SANDALS	CAPIES	TAPE
SPORT HATS	COAT HANGERS	PENS
HOSE	PERCALE	RATTLERS
SHADES	DRAPERY	SHEETS
NEEDLES	PANTS	CANTON CREPE
TASSELS	SATCHELS	DRESS NET
PEARLS	HOOPS	HATS
NETS	EAR DROPS	HAT PADS
APRONS	SOAP	CORSET LACES
PONGEE	CREEPERS	RED GOOSE SHOES
SATEEN	GARTERS	OTHER SHOES
COATS	GEORGETTE CREPE	CROCHET THREAD
CAPS	COTTON CREPE	CROCHET NEEDLES
SHOE SOLES	CHEESE CLOTH	COLOR CRAYONS
SHOE SPOONS	SNAPS	
PARASOLS	HAT SHAPES	

We congratulate the winners and thank each and everyone who took part in this contest. In the store name and slogan there are a total of 38 letters, using only 14 letters of the alphabet, and by using these letters in different combinations, no more than they appear in the name and slogan, something like 70 different names of articles sold in this store can be spelled. We want you to know that not only will you find here a large list of articles that can be spelled by the letters in our store name, but hundreds of others, things you need every day, that will give you service and add to your comfort. We hope you will get "better acquainted" with every line we sell and join the ranks with hundreds of other satisfied customers, who, when they think of things they need—GET IT AT THE DARSEY CO'S.

EVERFAST SUITING—New shades received this week in, Everfast Suiting are: Veronica, Coral, New Blue, Brown, Yellow and Pongee. EVERFAST is guaranteed never to fade, is of suitable weight for summer and early fall wear, and is sold at a popular price. **45c a yard**

SPORT HATS—Another shipment of combination felt and straw Sport Hats for mid-summer wear received in our millinery department. These hats come in combinations of bright colors and range in price from . . **\$2 and up**

STRAP SANDALS AND PUMPS—Early arrivals in fall footwear at this store for the women folk include many easy wearing, graceful styles in strap pumps, Grecian strap sandals, oxfords, etc. These are shown with Spanish and low heels and come in the following materials:

Black Satin, Patent Leather, Brown Calf, Black Suede, Brown Kid, Patent gray combination. Also silk hosiery.

We Show The New Things First

Local News

Flyer Overalls for men only \$1.25 a pair at The Darsey Co.

Buster Shipper of Arlington is here visiting relatives.

All Leather shoes at The Darsey Co.

Miss Eura Woodard has gone to Palestine to take a course in a business college.

Misquito bars and net at The Darsey Co.

Mrs. Orey Heath of Houston is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards.

Marechal Neil flour\$2.10
Corn meal, per sack55c
Long's Cash Store.

Your favorite face powder, talcum, cream etc. at The Darsey Co.

Mrs. S. R. LeMay and little daughter of Crockett were the guests of Mrs. George Calhoun this week.

Jas. O. Bean, in the naval forces located at Hampton Roads, Va., is here on a few day's furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bean.

WANTED—Several teams to haul gravel on west San Antonio road about 12 miles west of Crockett. Apply to Sprandley & Holt on road, or Smith Bros office Crockett, Texas. 2t

Hall's Catarrh Medicine

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

Plenty of alfalfa hay at Long's Cash Store.

A New lot of Pep caps at The Darsey Co.

Ed Lockey is down near Houston on a business trip.

Slip-Ova Middy blouses only \$1.00 at The Darsey Co.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips of Palestine was the guest of Mrs. C. B. Keeland last Thursday.

A car of feed due to arrive Friday.
Long's Cash Store.

Genuine Lemon soap at The Darsey Co.

Miller Walter of Oakwood is here visiting his brother, Col. W. S. Walter.

Miss Beatrice Parker of Troup visited relatives and friends here this week.

Miss Lileene Brown came home from Huntsville to spend the fourth of July holidays.

Misses Lucile and Rosalie Howard left Saturday for an extended visit with relatives at Houston and Beaumont.

Mrs. Jas. Ellis and son returned to their home in Crockett Sunday after a several days visit here with relatives.

Messrs. Walter Scott and Otto Sens of Houston came in Sunday night and will be the guests of Jim McLean for a few days on a fishing trip. The party left Monday for Tubb's lake on Trinity river and were joined by others from here on the 4th.

Good Tennis shoes for everybody at The Darsey Co.

Miss Lucille Henthorn of Sherman is the guest of Mrs. Sam Kennedy.

Pebeco, Pepsodent and Colgate tooth paste at The Darsey Co.

Miss Dora Williams of Troup is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Selkirk.

Mrs. Chas. Kent and children came in Monday from their home at Alexandria, La., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Owens.

Mr and Mrs. J. L. Reynolds of Latexo spent Sunday in Grape-land as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard.

Mrs. Ed Parker of Reynard has been real sick several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Owens.

While away on his vacation, Dr. C. C. Officer attended the state meeting of the veterinarians, which was recently held at College Station.

Dock Weisinger and family and Mrs. Omega Marshall went to Rusk last Thursday to visit their sister, returning home Sunday.

Jot Davis Hollingworth, who has been in Houston with his parents since school closed at Georgetown, came in Sunday night to visit relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Boone and little daughter have returned home from San Marcos, where they went several weeks ago for Mr. Boone to take special work in the normal school. Mr. Boone was forced to give up the work on account of a break-down in health. He is now under the care of the doctors, and his many friends hope that he will soon be strong and well.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR LIVE STOCK

If it is flies that annoy your stock, we have COW EASE for spraying.

If it is fleas, lice, ticks or any skin disease, we have KRESO DIP in all sizes and in bulk.

If it is a tonic they need, we have the best.

If it's poultry, use INSECTIMUNE for stick-tight fleas and head lice, and PAN-ACEA as a tonic.

We are Headquarters for Livestock Remedies

"Try our Drug Store First."

Smith & Ryan

DRUGGISTS

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

Tombstones and Monuments

I am local representative for the Etowah Monument Company, of Atlanta, Georgia. They are manufacturers of high grade monuments and tombstones of highest quality. I will be glad to submit my samples and prices, and your order will be appreciated.
J. H. LEAVERTON, Grape-land, Texas

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, July 3.—Mrs. J. F. Martin and children and Mrs. A. B. Keen and children of Antrim spent the week end with R. E. Martin and family.
G. W. Weisinger and family and Mrs. Omega Marshall visited relatives at Rusk several days last week.

There will be services at the church next Sunday afternoon. It is hoped a good crowd will be present.

Chester Tyer and family of Grape-land were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson Sunday.

W. P. Davidson and son and Wilburn and Olan Smith and W. D. Ferguson are on the river fishing.

Paul Weisinger and family and Misses Nannie and Flora Marshall attended church at Shiloh Sunday.

Mrs. Josie Johnston and daughter visited relatives at Grape-land last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garrett spent last week end at Lone Star as the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. John Clark.

Mrs. Wilburn Smith is visiting Mrs. W. D. Ferguson while Mr. Smith is away fishing.

Mrs. S. J. Martin spent Friday with Mrs. Bessie Brimberry.

Bro. Durnell will fill his appointment at 3 o'clock the third Sunday instead of at night.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, July 3.—Rev. Bratton of Jacksonville filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife. They will remain in the community several days visiting friends.

Peter Bridges and family of Elkhart visited P. L. Herod and family Sunday.

Mr. Ellis and son of Houston

are visiting at the home of Fred Bridges.

Argie Finch spent last week in Grape-land with relatives.

Lura Finch visited at Oak Grove several days last week.

Carrol Estelle spent several days last week with friends at Grape-land.

Oscar Brown and family were visiting their son, Burlus, last Sunday.

Web Finch went to Alto last week to visit his brother, L. A. Finch.

We would be glad to see a large crowd at quarterly conference Friday.

J. D. Kyle has been sick with fever but is improving at present.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Herod are the proud parents of an eleven pound boy.

The Revival Meeting

A revival meeting is in progress at the Methodist church, which begun last Sunday and will probably continue for two weeks. The meeting is being held in the open on the school campus.

Rev. E. J. Harris of Trinity is doing the preaching and the song service is ably lead by Mr. Seale of Floresville. Both preacher and singer are putting forth earnest efforts and Bro. Harris has delivered some very able sermons.

Two services are held daily, at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:45 in the evening.

A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend the services.

For Sale

One good Jersey milch cow with young calf, also Jersey bull 3 years old See Bob Bobbitt for particulars.

O. B. Hale

CANDIDATE FOR

SHERIFF

OF HOUSTON COUNTY FOR A SECOND TERM

I have tried to faithfully perform my duty in the sheriff's office in a fearless and impartial way.

I believe in the strict enforcement of all laws and if re-elected promise to do my full duty.

If you believe in the square deal and think I have done my best, then—

GIVE ME A SECOND TERM

(Political Advertisement)

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2:
G. R. (Ross) MURCHISON
(Re-election)
CHAS. A STORY
J. G. (GID) WEBB

For Tax Collector:
HARRY LONG
JOHN L. DEAN
R. S. WILLIS
JOE GREEN

For County Treasurer:
WILLIE ROBISON
(Re-election)
FRANK H. BUTLER
MRS. GEO. BRAILSFORD

For County Clerk:
W. D. COLLINS
(Re-election)

For District Clerk:
V. B. TUNSTALL
(Re-election)
A. B. (Poor Albert) SMITH
Mrs R D (ETHEL) CALHOUN

For Tax Assessor:
WILL McLEAN
(Re-election)

For Public Weigher:
VIRGIL MUSICK
JACK MURCHISON
JACK BEAZLEY
C. E. LIVELY (Re-election)

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:
JOHN C. LACY
WILLIE HOLCOMB JR.
W. J. BRANCH
E. W. HART

For School Superintendent:
J. H. ROSSER (Re-election)
J. A. BYNUM
MRS. GERTIE SALLAS

For County Judge:
NAT PATTON (Re-election)
LEROY MOORE

For County Attorney:
EARLE P. ADAMS
(Re-election)

For Sheriff:
O. B. (DEB) HALE
(Re-election)
W. A. (WILL) HOOPER

For Justice Peace, Prec't No. 5:
JOHN A. DAVIS
(Re-election)
F. P. KENNEDY

For Representative:
MRS. J. A. McCONNELL
CHAS C. RICE (Re-election)
C. M. ELLIS.

A SICK, SOUR STOMACH

Indigestion, foul gasses, head ache, coated tongue, bad breath, horrible taste, yellow skin—what causes it? Simply bad liver and bad bowels.

BILE CUTTERS

Quickly regulate the bowels, stop fermentation, liven the liver and get the machinery going. A 25c box will prove what Bile Cutters will do. Try this simple remedy and see. At your Druggist.

You are invited to become a regular reader of this paper.

PRIEST'S OATH

As promised last week, I submit herewith for your perusal and consideration, the oath of a Catholic priest. Respectfully,
W. R. Durnell.

"I, Peter Alphonsus Seguin, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael, the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and the Saints and Sacred Hosts of Heaven and to you my Lord, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation, that the Pope is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given his holiness by Jesus Christ, he has power to dispose of heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the Sacred Mother, the Church of Rome.

"I do renounce and disown any Protestant king, prince or state or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrines of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable and those to be damned who will not forsake the same.

"I do further declare I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the Protestant doctrines and to destroy all their pretended power, legal and otherwise.

"I do further promise and declare that notwithstanding I may be permitted by dispensation to assume any heretical religion (Protestant) for the propagation of the mother church's interests, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels as they entrust me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly by words, writing or circumstances whatsoever, but to execute all which shall be proposed, given in charge or discovered unto me by you, Most Reverend Lord and Bishop.

"All of which, I, Peter Alphonsus Seguin, do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed Sacrament which I am about to receive, to perform, on my part to keep inviolable, and to call on all the Heavenly and Glorious Host of Heaven to witness my real intentions to keep this my OATH.

"In testimony whereof, I take the most holy and blessed sacrament of the Eucharist and witness the same holy bishop and all the priests who assist him in my ordination to the priesthood."

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public of Portage County, Wisconsin, Peter Alphonsus Seguin, who swore the oath printed on the back hereof at the city of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wis., the 25th day of October, A. D., 1912.

Signed before me, JOHN S. McDONALD, Notary Public, Portage County, Wis.

Rosser for Superintendent

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I am a candidate for the office of County School Superintendent because I believe the county still needs a straight-from-the shoulder business administration and a superintendent who is not politically afraid of anything or anybody, who believes from the bottom of his foot to the top of his head in absolutely a square deal and who has the nerve to see that the school children get it.

My candidacy has never been and will probably never be in any sense a case of the office seeking the man. It is the deliberate seeking of the office by the man who does so because of his inherent right as an American citizen and because he sincerely believes that his mental, moral, physical, political and professional qualifications are such as enable him to perform his proper and just functions with credit and honor to himself and with safety for the ten thousand school children of this county.

I come before the people absolutely free. I am carrying no political burdens or obligations, and I don't propose to assume any. I am not entangled or involved in any deals, trades, cliques or political bargains of any description whatever. I am utterly free from political encumbrances and taints. I have made no promise or assumed allegiance to any individual or organization that is not consistent with and contributor to the public school interests of this county.

During my time in office I have deliberately avoided frivolity, equivocations and politeness and have exercised in their stead frankness, truthfulness, service. I have deliberately cut out slush, gush and deception and have exercised and required genuine modesty, genuine efficiency, genuine pride and progress.

Since these policies and principles have surrounded and accompanied my past official career and have not reflected unpleasantly upon my conscience or my character, they shall serve me so long as you choose that I shall serve you. I freely confess errors of the hand, and head but I shall have no time to waste with the political slanders and gossipers who, out of personal disappointment, may see fit to ply their trade. As a general thing the people and teachers have been extremely courteous and forbearing with me and have thus contributed greatly to my official success and to the personal pleasure of myself and prosperity of the schools.

With the kindest feelings for everybody, with the deepest and sincerest respect to other aspirants and with grateful recollections of your former assistance and courtesy, I again solicit your civil and political confidence and esteem.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. ROSSER

(Political Advertisement)

Society

Last Wednesday evening, Mrs. Sam Kennedy delightfully entertained many of Grapeland's young people, honoring Misses Lucille Henthorn of Sherman, and Miss Edna Rankin of Arlington. After the guests were received, several tables of progressive "42" were played, after which a delicious ice course was served. Then Miss Henthorn favored the guests with several musical and vocal selections, which she rendered very charmingly, after which the party broke up with many expressions of the enjoyments of the evening coming from every one present.

Wednesday morning a real "early" sunrise breakfast party went out to Darsey's Lake, where a very pleasant hour or so was spent in boating, swimming and eating. This party was also in honor of the visiting young ladies, Misses Henthorn and Rankin.

Friday evening, Mrs. M. E. Darsey, Mrs. D. N. Leaverton and Mrs. M. D. Murchison, assisted by Mrs. Sam Kennedy, entertained the week's visitors with a very pleasant moonlight picnic and swimming party. Swimming was the first pastime, which was earnestly pursued 'til the "supper" call was sounded. After the "eats" the young folks "spread" themselves for awhile and a big freezer of sherbert was opened and "raided." Then several snappy outdoor games were played, and at a late hour another feast, this time watermelons, the party was brought to a very pleasant conclusion.

Never in the history of Texas political campaigns has there been so little interest manifested by the great mass of voters. It is not too late yet, however, to arouse the natives, provided the candidates for the various county offices shall get out on the hustings and debate among themselves the vital issues of the times. More than half of the voters at a general election are induced to go to polls to vote for favorites for county officers, caring very little for can-

VOTE FOR

W. J. Branch

CANDIDATE FOR

Commissioner

Precinct No. 1

It has been impossible for me to make a close canvass to see all the people, but that does not signify that I do not want your vote in the primary.

If elected, I am committed to a program of economy in the county's affairs and a reduction in the tax rate, if such a thing is possible.

I earnestly solicit the vote of every man and woman in Precinct No. 1.

(Political Advertisement)

didates for State offices. It is true that indifference upon the part of American citizens to exercise to the fullest extent the right of suffrage is a poor commentary upon their patriotism, and shakes our faith in popular government, but no better system has yet been devised. Popular education may finally solve the question. We have tried all forms of government, and all of them have failed, and our boasted Republic will not last any longer than the people shall vote honestly and intelligently. The people ought to be the source of all political power, and would be if they appreciated to the highest degree the ballot.—R. T. Milner in Rusk County News.



TIRES & TUBES
As good on your automobile as they were on your bicycle

HENRY DAILEY & CO.

We're on the job every week printing "Houston County's Leading Newspaper." Send us your subscription and join our large family of readers.

A NATIVE TEXAN who believes that the sacred obligations of the Public Schools is to make GOOD AMERICANS.



Ed R. Bentley

—Candidate for—

State Superintendent OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

What He Stands for:

A square deal for the country child.
A stabilized income for schools.
Better trained teachers for elementary and rural schools.
Expert county supervision of rural schools.
Simplification of school administration.
Economy in school finances.
Improvement and economical handling of free textbooks.
More efficiency in the whole system from the one-teacher school to University.

Elimination of waste and red-tape. Local control of local matters, state control of state affairs.

Take the schools out of politics!

WHO HE IS: Born on a farm in Cooke county, Texas, 33 years ago. Attended rural school, later village school. Graduated from North Texas Normal, Denton. Student University of Texas. B. A. Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

WHAT HE HAS DONE: Taught 2-teacher school Savoy, Fannin Co. High school principal 3 years, Van Alstine, Grayson Co. Student-teacher University, Ft. Worth, 3 years. Superintendent Alpine Public school 4 years. Superintendent McAllen Public schools 3 years. Conductor and instructor Summer Normals, 7 years. Practical experience in banking and newspaper work.

A successful young man who puts practical business sense into school administration.

(This advertisement paid for by JOHN B. ZIMMERMAN, of Dallas, who heartily recommends the candidacy of this splendid young man to his numerous friends in Houston county.)

Nation's Eggs Next

To Corn Crop In Value

Three hundred million hens in the United States last year produced 1,700,000,000 dozen eggs, valued at \$1,250,000,000 and ranked next to the value of the Nation's corn crop.

There are 13,669,645 hens in Texas according to the latest figures obtainable from the Census Bureau.

Out of 417,770 farms in Texas 357,363 have a flock of hens. That leaves some 60,000 farms without a hen.

The value of the poultry products of Texas last year totaled \$43,000,000 California leads with \$850,000,000

One Texas poultry farm has 6,000 laying hens. It is owned by Moses Johnson of Bowie.

There are 700 exclusive poultry farms in Texas.

Texas averages thirty-three hens to the farm. Some States

average anywhere from 100 to 200 hens to a farm.

If every flock in Texas were increased to an average of 100 hens the increase in poultry products would be not less than \$70,000,000.

It is possible to add this wealth to the income of the farmers of Texas if they would give more attention to poultry raising and not leave it all to their wives.

No farm flock should be less than 125 birds, authorities say. —Pecos Enterprise.

If Henry Ford runs for president we hope he will put into his platform a pledge to include a door on the lefthand side of his flivvers in future.—The Pathfinder.

A teaspoonful of Herbine will produce a copious and purifying bowel movement, improve appetite, restore mental activity and a fine feeling of vigor and cheerfulness. Price, 60c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

The last census shows Texas not only the leading turkey state, but producing more than three times as many turkeys as any other state. Missouri and the Middle West and East are rapidly declining as turkey producing sections.

"Turkeys can and will make every farmer in Texas and the great Southwest independent," says F. W. Kazmeier, poultry expert. He thinks it would be better for our farmers to cease worrying about drouths, more of which are sure to follow from year to year, and raise a few turkeys.

AFTER EVERY MEAL

WRIGLEY'S

P-K

It's a DOUBLE treat —Peppermint Jacket over Peppermint gum

10 for 5c

Sugar jacket just "melts in your mouth," then you get the delectable gum center.

And with Wrigley's three old standbys also affording friendly aid to teeth, throat, breath, appetite and digestion.

Soothing, thirst-quenching. Making the next cigar taste better.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

THE FLAVOR LASTS

C30

AFTER EVERY MEAL

Turkeys will thrive in dry weather and can do with less water than any kind of live stock. The turkey is certainly the "golden goose" of Texas, especially in

Southwest, West and North Texas. A farmer near Goldthwaite recently sold twenty turkeys for \$127.00 on the common market at regular market prices.

YOU MUST DO YOUR PART

"God sends every bird its food, but he does not put it in the nest."—Spurgeno.

Opportunity, daily knocking at your door, does not break the door down and force entrance.

There are thousands of opportunities for profitable investment awaiting the coming of the man with the cash.

And there will always be opportunities open for an engagement with the man with money.

If you haven't the cash necessary now to take advantage of present-day opportunities, do not get discouraged, but get busy with your savings account and be prepared for some of the later-day opportunities.

We have an absolutely safe institution for taking care of your savings, and will pay you a reasonable rate of interest.

The Guaranty State Bank
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

More Cars are Ruined by

Neglect than from hard service

If repaired by men who understand their business your car will give you very little trouble at any time

No tinkering, no blacksmithing, no guessing--just straight forward and efficient workmanship at reasonable prices.

Bring your car to us when you want it to "stay put"

Overland Garage

L. V. Jacobi and Tom Clinton, Proprietors
CROCKETT, TEXAS

Chas. C. Rice for Re-Election

Fellow Democrats of Houston County, Men and Women:

Availing myself of the opportunity offered by the good editor of the Messenger, and because of the fact that the candidates are deprived of the pleasure of visiting a large portion of the county, I beg to submit to you the following statement with reference to my candidacy for re-election to the office of Representative of your county, viz:

You honored me with this position two years ago and I served as your Representative during the last legislature. We had a regular session and two special sessions, and in all of them I did my best to represent you honestly, faithfully and efficiently. I sought to carry out the pledges I made to you in my canvass of two years ago, which embraced economy in the expenses of the State government, good roads, a limitation on delinquent tax suits, the cause of education, law and order, aiding the unfortunate deaf and dumb and the blind children of the State, and the welfare of the people of Texas generally. I did not forget my pledges so made, and I succeeded in helping along all these causes by my vote and labors, but lost on the delinquent tax proposition. I cheerfully and zealously supported a bill to limit tax suits, but the legislature failed to pass it. I still think this is a good measure and shall renew my efforts in that direction if I should be returned as your next member of that body.

The public schools received my earnest support at all times, and I voted to appropriate four million dollars to aid in the promotion of the interest of the rural schools. This bill failed to pass and the amount was cut down to two and one-half million. I felt that the public rural schools would need the four million dollars in order to extend the school term and pay the teachers proper salaries, and the experience of these schools this year showed the correctness of that belief. The reduction was made on the alleged ground of economy, but I believed the education of the children of Texas was paramount to almost all other questions, and did not refuse to favor the larger appropriation. In addition to this, I also supported the appropriation of three million dollars to supplement the available school fund which sum of money went to the aid of all the public schools alike. In fact, I neglected no opportunity for the advancement of the public schools of this State. I further sought to aid the unfortunates of the State by introducing, pushing and having passed a bill providing for the compulsory education of the blind and deaf and dumb children of Texas. I regard this act as being one of monumental service to these unfortunate people.

Furthermore, I supported a bill seeking to reform the penitentiaries of the State and make them more self-supporting and prevent scandals. This law looks to the employment of the convicts in the operation of various sorts of factories and efforts of an industrial character quite extensively. I regard it as a very important law. I also had the "levee district law" so amended as to remedy a constitutional defect by taking from the supervisors of such districts the appointment of the tax commissioners and placing such appointment in the hands of the commissioners courts. I also supported a bill to establish a tuberculosis sanitarium for disabled soldiers in the war with Germany, and to erect a monument to the memory of the soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses who went from Texas to that terrible war and made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of their country. These bills

had the active support of the American Legion, and I was only too glad to assist them in their passage. I also gave my earnest support to all of Governor Neff's "law and order" measures, believing that they were of a very meritorious character and would tend to the reduction of crime and the promotion of respect for and the enforcement of the laws of the State.

In short, my fellow citizens, if I had the space without too much cost I could tell you of many other measures of general interest that I favored, but I will have to forego that pleasure at this time. I hope to tell you more in the course of my campaign. I promise if re-elected to continue my activities along lines similar to those outlined above, and any other measures of public interest. The public schools, the public health, the public morals, the cause of law and order, the matter of good roads, the reduction of taxes, a low state tax rate commensurate with efficient government, economy in the public expense, and all constructive legislation looking towards the future progress, happiness and prosperity of the people shall have my earnest and undivided support. I believe much can be accomplished along lines of economy by not only putting a stop to the creation of useless offices, but also by the elimination of friction and duplicated work by means of abolishing and combining certain departments of the State government. Governor Neff advocates this reform.

Now, my fellow citizens, in view of what I have said, I INSIST that I am at least JUSTLY entitled to a SECOND TERM. You know that a second term means BETTER service than can be rendered by a NEW man or a NEW woman. My opponents evidently do not want to grant me that privilege—a privilege accorded by DEMOCRATIC custom—but I am going to trust YOU to "do right" by me, and send me back to the next legislature. Even Mrs. McConnell, my own dear aunt, says by her opposition to me, that I do not merit re-election. But, with all due respect to her, I cannot agree with her in that conclusion, and I am hoping that the democrats of this county will show her that she is mistaken by giving me a SECOND TERM. I got into this race FIRST, and in all good faith, without knowing that she had any idea of running, and I am not going to GET OUT first if I can possibly help it.

I conclude this article with every assurance to you that I can not command language sufficiently adequate in strength to tell you how DEEPLY grateful I am to you for the trust and confidence you have reposed in me in the past, and I hope I have so fulfilled that trust as to merit the same confidence by your suffrage at the polls in the approaching primaries, when I shall again be under lasting obligations to you.

Yours for loyal and efficient service,

CHAS. C. RICE.
P. S.—I overlooked to mention a law I very much favor, and which I shall try to have passed if I go back to the legislature, and that is this: Under the law and the present ruling of the State Comptroller, if you buy 100 acres of land out of a tract of 1,000 acres and there are back taxes against the 1,000 acres, you cannot pay the taxes on your 100 acres without paying on the WHOLE 1,000 acres. The utter injustice of this is plain to any one and it should be remedied. The tax collectors cannot help it, for they are under instructions from the Comptroller to require the tax on the WHOLE amount. We want to get rid of a law like that.

Chas. C. R.
(Political Advertisement)

LIBERTY HILL NEWS

Liberty Hill, July 3.—An election was held here July 1st to vote on bonds for a new school building. They were carried 31 for and 14 against. We are very much rejoiced to know that we are to have a school, which will be of so much benefit to the community and will, we hope, mean that our community is to grow fast from now on.

We had a nice rain this morning, which was very much appreciated by all.

Mrs. R. H. Draughon and sons, Robert and Donald, of Sumerall, Miss., are visiting her sister, Mrs. L. A. Avera, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ramey left Sunday afternoon for Alto to spend the summer with their daughter.

Rudolph Kellum, who is visiting his parents, is quite sick.

Mrs. Jim Tims, Emma Moore, Marshall and Rayford Moore, who are attending school in Huntsville, came home to spend the holidays with home folk.

Miss Tommie Holcomb entertained the young people with a social Saturday night.

Eugene Holcomb and family of Alto, visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Miss Verna Holcomb returned to her home in Alto Sunday, after a brief visit here with her cousin, Miss Laura Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rush visited his mother Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Corine Scarborough and Annie Pearl Ruby of Augusta attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Misses Tommie Holcomb and Ruby Lee Young are visiting their grandmother in Alto.

PERCILLA

Percilla, Texas, July 3.

Mrs. Ora Harrison, who was operated on some four weeks ago at Speegle sanitarium, returned to her sister's Mrs. A. K. Liveley Wednesday. She is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Henderson and daughter, Roberta, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross returned to their home in Oklahoma Friday after several weeks visit here with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Coleman.

Miss Ava Sullivan returned home Friday after visiting friends and relatives at Ironton and Palestine the past three weeks.

Jim Tom Liveley spent Friday night with Marvin Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Ryan went to Centerville last week end and remained over for the fourth of July celebration and home coming.

Eugene Walling left Wednesday for Dallas, where he expects to remain for several months doing carpenter work. Mrs. Walling, who is now visiting at Midlothian, will join him there later.

Miss Esther Darsey, who is attending school at Huntsville, visited home folk here from Friday until Tuesday. She was accompanied by her student friend, Miss Nettie Bland.

Norman Hooks and Miss Mabel Hollingsworth of Crockett were married in Grapeland last Friday evening, June 30, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. B. C. Anderson officiating.

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1 Lot of Ladies' white Skirts, were \$5.00, now \$2.00

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LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, July 3.—The long looked for rain arrived this morning, and while some folks are much pleased, others claim we did not need it. Anyway, it is fine on corn and potatoes.

We thank the editor for his information in regard to our tomatoes, but we fear it is too late, as the vines are dying fast, the new blooms are falling off and the fruit, what is left, is badly damaged.

Livelyville folk are deeply grieved at the death of Mrs. Gertie Starkey, as she was a Christian in all that the word implies. Livelyville extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and we hope to meet her again in the sweet bye and bye, where we know she awaits our coming.

Mrs. Will Ball is very sick having been confined to her bed for over two weeks. She has been in ill health for over two years. She returned recently from Mineral Wells, but the improvement derived there was of short duration.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman visited John Masters Friday and Saturday.

G. W. Garner and children, Ruth and Jimmy, left Sunday for Palestine whence they motored

to Athens to be the guests of V. T. Garner and to attend the big picnic there on the 4th given in honor of the candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shipper of Mendota, Ill., write that they cannot visit here this summer, but report Frank Jr. to be a fine baby, weighing 18 pounds. We hope they will be able to make that visit Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters.

Mrs. G. W. Garner visited Mrs. J. F. Fulton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore of Palestine announce the birth of a fine boy to their many friends here. Congratulations.

Frances, Marjorie, Dave Nunn, Edward and Joe Leaverton left Saturday for Galveston to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

Miss Thelma Whitley and brother, Clarence of Ft. Worth are here to spend the summer with their aunt, Miss Kittie Yarbrough.

Let Graton Streetman take your subscription to the Farm & Ranch, Holland's Magazine, Semi-Weekly Farm News and Houston Chronicle. Phone me your want.

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Let Us Make Texas a Self-sustaining State

(By Henry Edwards, Editor of
The Troup Banner)

Daily news reports and opinions of "experts" contain much evidence that cotton will command a good price this fall and winter. We trust that it is so; and we trust that these reports, if they do no other thing, will stimulate the cotton growers to do everything they possible can in the matter of cultivating their crops and combatting the boll weevil pests.

The Banner said a few weeks ago that this thing of all cotton has enslaved the South and fastened upon the South the credit and mortgage system as a cankering, festering sore upon the commercial and industrial body. We have been told that this utterance excited some apprehension—and that the propaganda has been uttered thus: "Say what you please cotton is the only money crop of the South." Despite this timeworn delusion, which has been repeated year by year since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, we deny it. Cotton, it is true, can always be sold at some price; but by no means very often at a price that represents the cost of production. This very fact is the rivet that eternally binds the shackles of the chattel mortgage upon the people of the South—binds them down under the yoke of mortgage slavery and financial dependence despite the fact that the soil and the climate and the favorable natural conditions of the cotton growing section ought to make this Southland the richest, happiest, most prosperous agriculture section on earth. We go further and say that cotton, even at \$1.00 per pound would not free the South of the chattel mortgage, if cotton was grown

to the exclusion of all other crops.

We indict the all-cotton, chattel mortgage slavery by which the South has been bound for two and a half generations as an economic error, which throttles, hinders and paralyzes industrial, commercial, material, social and intellectual progress. Endowed with the richest soils and the finest climate of the whole nation, the South is the poorest—and the most ignorant, taking the masses as a whole. Burning words, shameful confessions these—but no fallacious propaganda of "cotton is the only money crop in the South" can refute them in the mind of The Banner. Our neighbor, Jacksonville, is not an all-round cotton community; it is a more prosperous community than any of its neighbors of the all-cotton ranks. Lindale failed with cotton, but diversified farming is rehabilitating that community. Winnsboro and Mount Vernon were paralyzed till their people had the good sense to make cotton their surplus, or money crop, and diversified farming. And thousands of instances thruout Texas and the whole South might be cited to confirm our position.

Take this community, or any other community which you know. Can you point out a single successful, financially independent farmer who has stuck to cotton exclusively, or even as a major activity on his farm? Can you point out even one such farmer? Take any town or village that is the center of agricultural activities, given in a major way to cotton: The merchants, the bankers and other professional people, the tradesmen and farmers alike are paralyzed. Even the churches, the schools, the average intelligence of the masses—and their every

hope and ambition—are below par.

Why Rich Texas is Poor

Texas has but three-twentieths of a hog per capita for a year's pork supply.

It produces less than one pint of milk per day, and only one egg every other day, for each man, woman and child in the State—and the Nation imports butter from Ireland and eggs from China!

There are 27,000 farms without domestic animals of any kind; 123,000 farms are without horses, 154,000 are without mules and 101,500 are without cattle; 130,000 have no hogs, and 150,000 are without milch cows.

If Texans are to live at home, sification of crops, increased acre yields, livestock and poultry on every farm, and more orchards and gardens.

Let us make Texas self-sustaining.

Washington's Diary Discovered

The personal diary of George Washington, which was written during the last years of his life and has been missing for many years, has just been found. The discovery was made by George R. Prowell, librarian of the New York County Historical Society. While looking through some "unclassified documents" in the library of the State Department in Washington Mr. Powell discovered the diary, covered with dust.

It is in the handwriting of Washington and was begun while he was still President. The last entry was made the day

before his death. The diary contains an account of the celebration of his birthday with military maneuvers, in Alexandria, Va. This occurred on February 11, 1799, for the calendar of that day was different from ours. Virginia continued to celebrate Washington's birthday on February 11 until 1810.

The diary is of much historical value. It gives new light on the private life of Washington and shows what sort of things interested him in his later years. There are many entries about the little details of life at Mount Vernon. The Father of his country carefully wrote down each change of the weather year after year.

The Old South.

Those who have been in storms are often heard to speak of the calm and quiet that reigns before hand. In the bright morning of a happy experience many are heard to tell about the gloom and impenetrable darkness before the dawn. Nations, as individuals, have their varied and checkered experiences. Just before the war between the States, the South for example, had reached it's period of greatest prosperity. Our fathers were never weary of telling of these days of charm and happiness which made the Southland ring with joy. Those days even grow brighter with the telling. Looking back across the bridge of three quarters of a century, it seems that the old South was a great garden of contentment.

In speaking of this period of our national life, the Birmingham

ham News says:

"Those were the days! Great plantations lined the river banks and great houses with their white columns reached to light-steps and lighter laughter, and from the quarters of the slaves there came, at night, the sound of voices singing to the tinkle of guitars and banjos.

Cotton was the staple crop in those days, and in the fall when the "cotton picking" was over there were great celebrations by the masters and slaves alike. The steamboats tied up at the plantation landings, and the cotton was piled upon the decks. Negroes lined the levees and landings, singing and dancing in a sort of harvest festival, and the "white folks" packed their valises and carpet bags, and boarded the steamboats along with the cotton, to go to the nearest city for entertainment. It was the Old South of romance the South that but a few years later became the field of operation of great armies—the South that vanished in the war.—Ex.

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man and woman.

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STYLES, PAST — PRESENT.

In my opinion there is a lot of silly babble going on in both press and pulpit about the styles now prevailing in women's attire. I'm not so old as I look by a blame sight, but enough to remember the bustle, the hoop skirt, and the wasp-like waist, which fashion decreed some several decades ago, and the shedding of my milk teeth and the "Grecian bend" are contemporaneous events. Of all the crazy styles ever to comply with fashion's behest that of the Grecian bend was the craziest, if I have been correctly informed. There is a little jingle lingering in the back part of my mind descriptive of the Grecian bend of the early '70s that goes like this:

Throw up the chin and out the chest,
Assume the form of the letter S,
Like a kangaroo your arms extend,
And then you'll have the Grecian bend.
It's nothing uncommon now to hear some old toothless fossil decry the short skirts and other abbreviated women's apparel now in vogue; but just suppose some woman should come waddling down the street wearing a dress with a five-foot trail, hoop skirts eight feet in diameter, topped off with a bustle seven feet in circumference, wouldn't she create a sensation?
I'm not particularly holding up for modern styles, and really think the skirt is too short to meet the drastic rules of fem-

nine modesty observed from time immemorial and really believe the girls of today would be more healthy, and I know more comfortable, if they would wear their furs in winter instead of the hot summer months. But no matter if they do wear their skirts short and furs out of season, they look a blame sight better than their grandmothers did with their wasp waist, bustle and long-tail skirts.
I once had a sweetheart, a large, fat girl, back in the days of big bustle and tight lacing, and shall never forget the serious and most tragic thing that happened to her the time I escorted her to that picnic. It was an extremely hot day and I noticed on the way that she seemed to be not quite herself, but attributed it to the hot weather and badly crowded buggy seat, and did all I could to cheer her up by making love to her and holding her hand. But when we arrived at the picnic she was leaning at half mast against me and her eyes had a glassy look and when I started to assist her from the buggy she collapsed in my arms, and I lost my footing and fell to the ground, still holding her limp body in my gallant embrace. Luckily for us some elderly ladies saw her when she collapsed and rushed to the rescue. That afternoon I took Jim Heflin, the husband of one of the ladies who so kindly came to the rescue, to one side and asked him what the trouble was with the young lady. He said his wife thought it was on account of tight lacing for she recovered soon after they unlaced her. I'm sure Jim's wife was right about it, for on our way home late that evening I could tell she had increased in girth.
Also we hear a great deal said by this crowd of ancestor worshippers about girls bobbing their hair and trying to look like movie stars. In my opinion bobbed hair is becoming to most girls. Those long flowing tresses, idealized in song and story in ages past was purely of the imagination, the length of a woman's hair is not its greatest glory. At one time a long mustache was greatly coveted by men, both young and old, but not so today, and it will be but a few years when no one will wear such a thing, but if he does he will wear it bobbed.

If I were a girl the very first thing I would do would be to bob my hair and put on some comfortable clothes, easy to get around in and the first old male fossil that criticized my style of beauty I would hold my chin at an angle of 45 degrees and pass him by just as though I had never seen him.

Most men are hypocrites at heart and do a lot of cheap talk just for effect. I never hear one of these old posers ranting about modern style in ladies' dresses that it does not occur to me that he is talking to hear himself gabble or he's in mortal fear of his wife. Let's all give the women a rest and let them wear what they darn please. All that keeps most of us men from displaying our bodily charms is because we have no bodily charms to display. Hairy, old knotty legs look best under strong cover.—Joe Sappington.

Half a dozen politicians buzz around a man and ask him to run for office, and he announces he is in the hands of his friends.

To the People of Houston County

I very much regret that it will not be possible for me to see every voter in the county and place my candidacy before them, but limited time following the close of my school and the first primary will make this impossible.

In view of this fact, I call your respectful attention to the following endorsement from my home people, and wish to assure you that I will be very grateful for any and all favors rendered me.

Respectfully,
MRS. GERTIE SALLAS
Candidate for School Superintendent

A STATEMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

with reference to Mrs. Gertie Sallas, who is a candidate for County School Superintendent, from those who have known her from childhood:

"It affords us pleasure to say to the people of Houston county that Mrs. Sallas is a woman of high moral character, rare educational attainments, well fitted by education and training to administer the school affairs of Houston county in a most efficient and satisfactory manner. She was born in this neighborhood and reared in an humble home by a pious mother and father, who have always been among our most respected and useful citizens. She is thoroughly abreast of the times and possesses energy and administrative ability equalled by few and excelled by none in her chosen profession. She has taught school very successfully for the past eleven years, and it is the universal opinion of all her students and patrons that she is pre-eminently qualified to conduct the educational interests of our county in a safe, sane and satisfactory manner.

"We make this statement of our own volition and feel that the educational interests will be promoted by her election. Bespeaking for her your support, we are, respectfully,"

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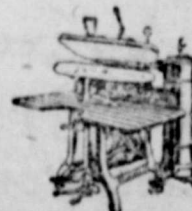


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Living From Hand to Mouth

In the days of the Paraoths, the Egyptians seldom had less than three or four years' supply of grain and other food stuff on hand against the possible time when the river Nile failed to overflow and spread its waters over the fields. When the Spanish invaded Peru in the fifteenth century they found the ancient civilization of Western South America forehanded enough to have store houses well filled with feed stuffs from which nothing was ever taken in times of plenty unless it was immediately replaced with an equal amount of the new crop. Here in the United States we live from hand to mouth, figuratively speaking, consuming and exporting all we produce in a single year and congratulating ourselves that the demand was equal to the supply, or a little better. Should we, by chance, have an over-production, it is almost a calamity, instead of a blessing, for the surplus is used to depreciate the market, and prevent the producer from putting forth his best efforts another season.

It has been said, and without reason to deny, that one complete crop failure would bring this, the richest nation ever known to civilization on the verge of famine. In many respects we are not as forward looking as were the semi-civilized tribes of South America 400 years ago. It is true that we have the means of transporting the necessities of life from one part of the country to the other, or even importing from distant parts of the world, but inasmuch as a great part of the world looks to America for a large part of the food consumed, failure in America would prove a world calamity.

The time may come when great warehouses will be erected

in America for the storing of surplus perishable products, and that this surplus will not be used as a means of bearing the market. At the present time the farmers dare not overproduce because of penalty imposed upon them. A heavy fine in the form of reduced prices is assessed against producers when they succeed in bringing forth the necessities of life in abundance.

The hand-to-mouth policy of the nation is worthy of serious consideration. The fact that our present system of distribution does not permit our farmers to overproduce for the market, should in no way deter them from exercising foresight enough to store up for their own use an abundance of feedstuffs against the time of drouth.—Farm and Ranch.

The manners of Bill Brown, I vow,
Are very, very rude;
For as I looked around just now
He struck an attitude.

One of the items in the new tariff bill is a duty on brick. Likely the politicians want to make them scarce so the people won't throw so many in their direction.

She's an Independent Old Girl

Our only congresswoman is at war with the League of Women Voters." Naturally, she refuses to let them do her thinking.—Toledo Blade.



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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF TEXAS

By HON. LEE J. ROUNTREE, Editor of the Bryan Eagle

(Mr. Rountree, as Orator, Delivered the Following Address before the Texas Press Association at its Meeting in Denton Last May.)

Education is the indestructible cornerstone of civilization. Really it is the only step between barbarism and civilization. It is the living, moving and triumphant power that must steady the minds, consciences and purposes of men. The question of education is not the question of the passing day or year but it is the militant and paramount question of all the ages. When education fails civilization fails is proven by the history of all time. When the Roman Empire was dying back in the beginning of the Dark Ages that fell like a deathpall over the face of the earth for five centuries a few men conceived the idea that they would make one more supreme struggle to have their heritage of the triumphant ages. A riot of debauchery, extravagance and criminality had risen to the high tide and world governments were headed for the breakers of destruction. A great conference was called to attempt to keep Rome, the world power in law, commerce, science and government intact. All the great law-makers, scientists, mechanics, business men and rulers were assembled to rehabilitate the power, history and prosperity of a decaying nation which had its world-wide ramifications. The great, powerful rich stood in line to decide who was the greatest. An aged and decrepit man wearing tattered clothes, with sunken eyes and tottering steps far back in the vast and limitless throng that packed the Coliseum arose and attempted to speak, uttering incoherent words stating that all the great men assembled were his pupils in former days but that the schools had been closed and he was in want as the gala dance of death proceeded in the decaying empire. He fell prostrate to the floor and his dead body was carried to the morgue and he was buried in the potter's-field and forgotten. The great teacher's life mission had been a failure. Then the once powerful, sagacious, astute and world-powered Roman Empire drew the veil of night and darkness, gloom, debauchery and damnation about it and for centuries civilization perished on the shores of Plutonian darkness. O, what a picture!

The "Public School System of Texas" is now tottering in the balances. It is now a dual system and totally inadequate to meet the demand of this crisis and must be rehabilitated. The fore-fathers of Texas in framing the original constitution of Texas in 1836 and reiterating the precious old docu-

ment in 1876 wrought exceedingly well. They kept sacred the eminent domain clause and reserved the public lands of the Republic of Texas for the use and benefit of the children and their education for the future glory and endurance of the matchless commonwealth. Thus Texas came into the Union as no other state had ever come with her resources dedicated to universal education in our public schools. Time drew on apace. A great state was built and from a struggling frontier Texas is now a glorious commonwealth of more than 5,000,000 people. The present school system is a makeshift, a snare and a delusion and needs reformation. In the wealthy cities the doors of our schools can remain open for nine months it is true. But what of those communities out in God's great open country where dwell the children of men who have not the property value to meet the issue—just across the highway the children cannot receive but three to six months instruction? Is the state meeting the question? I am in favor of great state-wide millage-tax under a blanket system that will give every child in this commonwealth an equal chance to be trained and educated to meet the future duties and responsibilities of life upon an equality with every other child based on actual attendance and not enrollment alone. The very wealthy protected by the state including the great corporations, the holders of valuable franchises of transportation power and valuable appurtenances should contribute alike to the child and its education everywhere—in the cities and in the country. Is that unfair? This is no time to quibble and falter over imaginary lines of sectional demarkation in this state. What if a great system of railway runs a few hundred feet over the line of the school district and the people all pay by their labor and products for its maintenance and profit and the child three hundred yards away does not receive a just and equitable share of the educational tax that the other child receives when they both have contributed the same amount in the public treasury? O, where is justice and where shall such a system lead us to? The vast public domain set aside for educational purposes is now a mere bagatelle. The \$3,000,000 common school funds appropriated by the 37th Legislature to which is to be added the sum of \$2,500,000 for rural aid for two years and added special funds for 1922-23 will only allow a per capita of

\$10. This is a drop from about \$14 per capita. Next year will be the crucial test of the crisis. What will we do for the perpetuity of our glorious institution and the boys and girls—the citizens of tomorrow?

Politicians and short-sighted people have quibbled over the educational problems and have failed. The average person now is poorly educated, trained and equipped for work, business or the professions. Our educational system is a makeshift, a snare and delusion. Inefficiency stalks everywhere. Of the 48 states in the American union Texas stands 39th in education and there are only nine states below her. What are we going to do about it? Texas needs a new deal to take her place among the great states of the Union. The public schools of Texas must be maintained on a basis of equity and every child must have the same chance based upon attendance and not on enrollment and the public school houses of Texas, fully equipped and with a force of militant teachers for nine months in the year must be the patriotic goal. An uneducated and untrained citizenship for the future means disaster and a decaying citizenship. The time has come in Texas for a new method to meet the demands of the new conditions and perpetuate and save our great institutions that stand for liberty, justice and civilization. Shall we hesitate longer? Our forefathers wrought well and laid a great foundation but we have wasted much of their heritage and now there must be another sovereign declaration for future greatness and glory of the commonwealth.

Far sighted patriotism should reign supreme in this very hour. Confronting the future with ominous forebodings for the nation—"shall we choose life or death—which?"

Why Is It?

I have made some study of the matter of destroying pests, and this study has led me to the conclusion that while it is easy enough for man to destroy the things he wants or needs, it's virtually an impossibility for him to destroy the things he doesn't want. He can destroy a field of corn by plowing it at the wrong time, or in the wrong way, but hundreds of plowings do not always injure Johnson grass. Man began fighting and destroying English sparrows years ago, when the sparrows were few in numbers, but in spite of man's continuous fight and destruction the sparrows increase their number every year. On the other hand, man has made laws for the protection of quails, but the

John A. Davis

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS

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(Political Advertisement)

Bob Whites become fewer every year, and soon we shall see these pretty birds no more.

From my earliest memory the human family has been fighting and destroying flies. The fight has been made with peach tree limbs, with swatters, traps and poisons, but there are more flies today than when the cave men began to fight. I am pessimistic enough to believe that if the entire human family should give battle to the fly tribe today, and kill every fly on the face of the earth, the usual number of flies would show up on the window panes, and on the breakfast table, and around the baby cradles tomorrow. We can exterminate the wild turkeys without trying, but we can't exterminate, or even reduce the number of hawks or crows. And, seeing these things, I am not very optimistic over man's fight to destroy the boll weevils. The only way, in my judgment, to exterminate the

weevils is to create a market for them, at the price that will yield good returns for raising them. If this should be done something would soon begin to prey upon the weevils, we would have a few short weevil crops, and in a few years it would be impossible to find a dozen of the insects before which man now trembles like a cowering demigod before a thundering Jove.—J. H. Lowry, in Honey Grove Signal.

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(By A. C. Casey, Instructor of
Group A.)

The Smith Hughes Act was passed by Congress February 23, 1917, and its provisions accepted by the State of Texas in the same year. To those who are interested in Vocational Agriculture work that is being carried on in the best schools in the county, we offer the following review of facts:

The object of the Smith Hughes Act is to furnish agricultural training to the boys and girls who are engaged in making a living on the farm, or who intend to make the farm their home. Before the State of Texas could take advantage of the Federal aid in this connection, it was necessary for the State to appropriate a certain sum of money for Vocational Aid. Then before a community can get the benefit of the State and Federal agreement, the community must pledge its self to furnish a certain amount of money to help pay the salary of the teacher.

From the very beginning the schools in the independent districts in the small cities and towns have jumped at the chance and made use of the Smith Hughes Vocational Law. But until two years ago the rural schools, where the work is most needed, and where it was intended by the supporters of the Law that it should be, could not take advantage of the offer of the State and Nation because it is usually the case that the rural schools do not have any surplus money to pay on the salary of the vocational teacher.

Thru the efforts of a certain man in the state the State Department of Education has given financial assistance to the rural schools that would put on the work. By this plan we now have the work in eight schools in this county and six schools in Brazos

County. This done, too, without additional expense to the schools.

The plan of the work in the school is to carry some farm enterprise along with the school work. This makes the period of instruction reach over a longer period of time, and gives the child an actual job, something to accomplish. We could not expect our children to enjoy a show by just telling them about it and never seeing it. If you do not think it is as good as a show to see the children make money off their projects go with me some time and I will prove it to you.

Then when a child has a crop of some kind or some animal project, they are more interested in it. They watch them as closely as any man ever watched his pet hobby. And when they begin to watch a plant or an animal develop they get interested and learn something that will always be valuable to them. Then if you get a boy interested in something on the farm, and get him started to work because he likes his job, he may be content to make his living on the farm.

We have some fine illustrations of what can be accomplished by this type of school work in Group A. Many of the children are making good money from their projects. Some are making as high as \$100.00 from the mere fraction of an acre of land. We hope to see the day when the rural people will realize the true worth of this kind of work in the schools. The time is coming when it will take its true place in the rural schools. Let the schools teach something that will be worth while after the child stops school.

**Schedule of Speaking
Dates For Candidates**

(Reprinted from the Messenger of June 15.)

The following dates have been selected by the candidates at

their meeting at Crockett last Monday:

- Weldon, Friday, July 7.
- Lovelady, Monday, July 10.
- Porter Springs, Tuesday, July 11.
- Shiloh, Wednesday, July 12.
- Belott, Thursday, July 13.
- Arbor, Friday, July 14.
- Kennard, Monday, July 17. (Morning.)
- Ratcliff, Monday, July 17. (Evening.)
- Crockett, Tuesday, July 18.

A Great Privilege

The greatest privilege any American citizen has is the right to vote. Every citizen who has the welfare of his country at heart should exercise that privilege by going to the polls on July 22.

And please remember that when you get down the ticket to my name for tax collector, scratch the other three names and leave mine—not that I am a better man than they are—they are all my friends—but I want the office for the salary it pays, and believe that I can give you good service.

I thank my many friends for the interest manifested in my candidacy, and believe that I am going to be the winner July 22.

Yours for Tax Collector,

HARRY LONG

(Political Advertisement)

To the Citizenship of Houston County

I have been signally honored by the citizenship of this county many times, for which I cannot find words adequate to express my appreciation.

Since being your County Judge, I have doubtless made mistakes. I am just an ordinary human being, but I have tried at all times to profit by these mistakes. This is the only way I know to progress. I am again soliciting your support to this honored position, promising that I will do my best to serve you capably, honestly and well.

Again I thank you from the depth of my heart for past support and solicit your support in the coming election.

Gratefully and cordially yours,

NAT PATTON
County Judge, Houston County, Texas.

(Political Advertisement)

Upon recommendation of Dr. R. E. Dillard, County Health Officer, no speaking dates for the northern end of the county were arranged on account of a small pox epidemic in some sections, mainly around Percilla, but dates from the 18th down through the 21st were left open subject to agreement between the candidates and it is hoped that conditions in this section of the county will be such that dates can be arranged before the primary on the 22nd, provided of course, it would meet with the approval of the County Health Officer and the citizens of this section.

A committee of three, viz: W. D. Collins, Earle P. Adams and Will McLean, was named to receive, consider and transmit to the other candidates invitations

to speak at places which do not appear on the regular schedule. Those places in the county desiring to have the candidates an off day or at night will confer with this committee and dates will be arranged if possible.

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The candidates with the best broadcasting equipment would seem to have an advantage in reaching voters.

Renew today—tomorrow your name may be cut off.

Will McLean

CANDIDATE FOR
RE-ELECTION AS

Tax Assessor

of Houston County

Your vote in the primary will be appreciated. I thank you for past honors, and will endeavor to serve you faithfully during my second term.

(Political Advertisement)

THE PROGRESS OF EDUCATION

Written Especially for this Edition of The Messenger by J. H. Rosser, County Superintendent of Public Instruction

"And God said let there be light and there was light." This was before the sun or moon or the stars began to swing their eternal rounds. Nature was born but darkness prevailed. There was no vision or the possibility of it until God said into existence the capacity of beholding and its resultant comprehension. Thus the everlasting school-room was constructed and was equipped with the first essentials to knowledge, and that was Light, Comprehension, Understanding. And thus was begun the process of human understanding. Originated in divine authority, its final and best manifestations must and will eternally reflect the power, the kingdom and glory of its founder. It remained only to people this school-room and to start the human family on its endless cycles of mental and spiritual growth; and this growth has been real only in proportion to its expansion and responses within, and not from it accretions from without.

Man first discovers himself as a hulk of a human roaming naked and aimless through the forests, sure of nothing except a God, and that assurance coming of his instinct because his reasoning faculties were as yet very much latent. But as plants grow taller in their struggle for sun shine in the darkened vales, so mankind naturally tended toward greater intellectual height, endeavoring to reach and obtain the greater light and wisdom and knowledge which can come to him only from higher sources. I wish to observe here that the higher degrees of tolerance and culture in our modern concept are never attained unless their attainment is accompanied by that higher wisdom, that finer culture which emanates only from the same source where Light was first born—Deity. This applies to the state and to the individual alike. No nation can continue to prosper, and no civilization can long survive if the fibre of it is not closely corded with faith in God.

We do not know how long the people were howling savages unable to leave intelligible record of their existence and their passing. Many, many generations grew up and went down to mingle their ashes with those of the generations who had gone that way before them, when finally along the favored banks of the Nile and the Euphrates we find the first evidences of sacred and profane literature. A literature which was crude and crudely conveyed, but which expressed the soul of the hero, the hope of the worshiper and the nebula of a civil government. How startling and mysterious must have been the attributes accredited to the first few who could record and transmit a thought by means of the first hieroglyphs, and how those early efforts have been evolved and improved upon until the present forms and possibilities are attained when every shade and phase of human thought and emotion are struck off with lightning speed from the ponderous Linotype with the most delicate fingers! Then a word was engraved upon a huge stone which earthquakes could hardly move; now a whole discourse is written upon a slip of paper which the wind may toss at pleasure. In the presence of those simple-minded ancients our most illiterate citizen would have towered an intellectual and literary giant, and they would have fallen at his feet in wonder and worship or would have torn him limb from limb as the personification of magic evil. Such was their superstition. Such was their education, and such it remained through many succeeding centuries. Indeed, the world has never gone by long leaps and bounds until the present generation appeared to promote and to behold it.

But occasionally down the winding aisles of history we discover a rebel, a man of independence and vision, of honesty and courage. Socrates, Paul, Martin Luther, George Washington, Woodrow Wilson, rebels all, in the sense that they rebelled against false assumptions and in favor of conscience and the rights, liberties and duties of states and of individuals. It is from those fanatics, those reformers, those martyrs, those rebels that our later

civilization has drawn its most cherished heritage.

In the earlier times the scope and purpose of education, were purely practical and purely incidental, often accidental. The child was the property and menial of the parent. The training given the child was of a physical nature and was of such kind as would cause the greatest assets to accrue to the parent. Education of a child for the child's own sake was not thought of. It was never then the purpose to qualify the offspring for a happy, useful and prosperous citizenship; but the aim was to make a more immediate investment in the selfish motives of a vicious parent. The training was physical, had a physical aim and culminated in a graduating exercise, or rather initiating ceremony, which formed the ancient beginning of our present custom of college hazing. If the candidate survived the ceremony he was declared fit for service; otherwise he was unfit, being dead. Presently a class of priests sprang up with the doctrine of mental culture. It is said that this originated in Egypt, was passed on to ancient Greece where it was magnified and intensified. Greece bequeathed it to Rome. Civilization has always tended to move in a westerly direction and hence from Rome it covered the countries of Europe, through military agencies, in varying degrees of perfection and improvement until the ocean stopped its spread. The conception at times was largely toward the cultural, and at times the practical trend again intruded itself into the scheme; but by this time the world had developed the better and truer paternal inclinations, and the life of the child, the happiness of the child, the spiritual prosperity of the child, instead of the parent, were the ends and aims in view.

Up to that period each man lived largely unto himself alone. Like Cain, he was not his brother's keeper; and the responsibilities were all resting upon the respective individuals. Hence no public free schools existed. The cult of the professional teacher had long since been established but it was not surrounded by any statutory requirements or restrictions. The teachers were tutors operating in private circles and paid only from private funds. Not only conscience and ambition were often lacking attributes of the parents but also compulsion was an unheard-of element in the educational scheme; so the generations lacked both knowledge and wisdom. Instead of those virtues were the vice of superstition and governmental tyranny, for these virtues are absent and these vices are present only in those countries where ignorance prevails. Instead of the dignified and scholarly teachers which we now require and demand, those people used the worn-out slaves or other useless and decrepit individuals who appeared sufficiently hungry, sufficiently lazy and sufficiently versed in superstitious lore to meet the requirement.

Such were the scholastic ideals of the mother country and such were those which were transplanted into our own country when the inevitable wave of civilization burst its European bounds and continued Westbound with the Colonists. Like "Dispersed Hellas," dispersed England carried with it the ideals, customs and traditions of the homeland.

About this time the work of Erasmus and Luther bore final fruit in the Treaty of Westphalia, 1648, and the world rather accepted the doctrine that men are responsible to God alone and individually and took up the question as to whether government agencies derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. These two questions, the greatest and sublimest of all ages, somewhat overlapped each other in the ending of the former and the opening of the latter, and they too were a part of the wash and drift borne to America.

The sturdy plainmen, woodsmen and mountaineers of the new country, surrounded by nature and listening to the true whisperings of nature's God, far from the feuds, strife and turmoil of the East, began to exercise free

thought; and out of that which was then a presumption came a new nation and was added a new proof to the doctrine that all men are created equal and are endowed with certain inherent rights.

The American founders conceived the idea of popular free education and contemplated a scheme when they made the fundamental plan of the law; but it took many years to wean a people from their traditions and to teach them a new civil and scholastic creed. Indeed, even today, there are those who repeat in their hearts the question of guilty Cain when they find themselves legally torn from that antiquated error. It is now conceived and popularly conceded that it devolves upon the individual, the community and more particularly the state to maintain a system of education for the benefit of all the people. The public free school is the product of the conception and is distinctively and exclusively an American institution. We believe that an ignorant or vicious citizen in any section of a commonwealth is a liability and a menace to the whole state and to its governmental prosperity. Hence the states, as they framed their respective constitutions, made some provision and effort to secure a more enlightened citizenship through the medium of free schools. These schools have supplied the haven to the American melting-pot and have contributed more than any other agent to the democratic and tolerant attributes of our American population.

In Virginia, the Carolinas and other early southern sections the colonists were generally wealthy and extremely aristocratic. The physical surroundings contributed to aristocratic and exclusive social tendencies, and those contributions met with such a response that there sprang up in that section a people almost feudal in their pride and power and almost Brahman in their castes and distinction of classes. The old southerner in genuine and beautiful pride and pomp lorded it over his tenants and indentured servants with all the proud supremacy that would have been expected of a feudal baron born to a castle in mediaeval Europe. However romantic the period, it was not conducive to the proper scholastic spirit and the masses grew up in ignorance and quite frequently, therefore, with criminal inclinations. This came with the South into the union and contributed somewhat to the present comparative degree of illiteracy in our section. It took four years of bitter war and bloodshed to shatter this aristocracy, and when it fell there fell with it the hopes and ambitions of the proudest people earth has ever beheld and the most beautiful and cultured social structure, in its upper strata, which our country can ever produce.

But the South lost. Our aristocracy crumbled into dust. A few more years and the recollection of it will be of a legendary aspect buried deeper in the shadows and folds of a greater and greater flag. Now it is no longer master and slave; it is the son of the master and his colored neighbor, the son of the slave. The colored neighbor is here to stay. Whether we will or not, he enters into all our schemes in a positive or negative degree. He is peculiarly and essentially the problem of the South and will always be so until the labors of time and providence shall solve it. He is a social and educational asset or menace according as the station marked out for him is filled and according as he makes that his choice and is aided and directed in it by the dominant race. We use the word "dominant" advisedly, not implying the domineering spirit but rather the exercise of that pre-eminence and capacity for government and leadership with which the Creator has endowed us. Our country stands out as the world's laboratory of civic and social experimental problems. Nowhere in history do we find two unkindred races living together in peace except one is the master and the other answering to the lower station of servitude. But who can tell the result of the experiment until the tests are all taken? The negro is now our equal according to the Federal constitution and according to our own state laws and every other law except the law of custom and the laws of human tastes and aversions. It is easy to amend written laws and constitutions but it requires more than majority votes or mighty armies to amend human nature and human instincts. We are trying to

educate him, and it is here that the most vital differences appear. The law assigns the same curriculum for all races and apparently expects to obtain the same results. But the capacities, capabilities and the mental and moral strengths are so much at variance that a course of study which is useful and wholesome to the one race is often harmful and dangerous to the other.

The conditions and processes which obtained in the South are more or less related to our own state. The political history of Texas is fairly well known to most of us. Its conflicts and its flags; its vices and early victories. Explorers, freebooters, bandits and backwoodsmen pass in grand review before our mental vision and then comes the settler. Presently with latent culture added to borrowed culture in the persons of Travis, Fannin, Bonham, Bowie, the Austins, Lamar and old Ben Milam, and with this added to the racial instinct we shake off the Mexican shackles and make a flag of our own. That flag is peacefully laid aside and we take our place in the American union. Later we resign that place and espouse the cause of the Confederacy, only to be humiliated and starved back into our former allegiance. But the thing we wish now to notice is not the varying vicissitudes of war nor the political conditions arising from them, but rather the fact that in each struggle and in each resulting constitution our Texas heroes and statesmen have always declared for a system of schools and for liberal and free education of all the people.

When Texas became a state there were certain civil, social and industrial environments in the minds of the makers of the constitution. Changes came in such revolutionary and kaleidoscopic haste and fashion that the original document could no longer serve the people, and our present constitution was made. This was more than a half-hundred years ago and we are still attempting to operate under it. Like an aged and decrepit man it has our respect and reverence because of its past power and protection, but it has served beyond the period of its youth and usefulness and should no longer occupy our attention except as one of the foot-prints of past history and antiquity. Each amendment is a manifestation of its imperfection and incompleteness. Each effort to amend is the struggle of a sovereign citizenship toward a better destiny and happier statehood. When the school children of Texas dream of a better education their dreams are rudely shattered by a constitution. When the governor and legislature contemplate a better and more enlightened prospective citizenship through public school channels the antiquated constitution intervenes and the contemplation is turned to disappointment. These remarks do not issue out of a spiteful or pessimistic spirit, but rather out of a calm consideration of facts and out of the apparently inevitable scholastic situation which immediately confronts the childhood of our state.

Texas exceeds any other state in the union in its material wealth and natural resources, yet there are thirty-eight weaker states whose children have better schooling and better opportunities than ours. Texas produces more oil, the liquid wealth of creation, than any other state, yet our children are sent whirling down the oiled grooves of a pre-determined destiny of comparative ignorance and hopelessness. Time was when the demands upon the individual could be reasonably answered in illiteracy; time was when instead of competition we had co-operation; time was when a happy livelihood could be wrung from field, forest, earth or stream by unskillful brawn and unlettered brain. Those times have passed forever. The demands upon citizenship are now met only by the intensely trained mind. Means of travel and communication have brought the whole world to our very door, and every man, though our neighbor, is our severe competitor, disputing every step and claiming a part of every blessing which earth and a free country in their fullness may offer. Brawn is nothing more than common property with the whole animal kingdom; brain and soul-power are everything which makes for preservation. They hold us above the common clay. They distinguish us as a separate piece of the handiwork of God's week of creation.

The state has made some wonderful scholastic strides in the past quarter century. Had the world around us stood still to observe our progress we should soon have outstripped it and brought it to our door for the knowledge and wisdom to govern the nations. But the world did not stand sluggishly by and wait for us to weave the educational pattern. The wise old earth plunges ahead in its course and sets the pace for the human race to follow. Unless we can measure our stride to that pace; unless we can answer the demands of a clamorous age for skilled men and women; unless we can educate we must be bound in the shallows and mark time with the hewers of wood and drawers of water. The school business of Texas is the biggest single business in the state, and as such it is entitled to our biggest interest, our biggest effort and our greatest affection and loyalty.

We have hurriedly followed the ray of Light from the mouth of Deity as it glimmered and twinkled its way through the ages and have observed its effulgence, or rather its dimness, in our own modern state. We had hoped to briefly trace its reflections and refractions upon our own county, but we shall exercise the art of discontinuance for the present and possibly come to that later.

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The Senatorial Candidates



SENATOR CHARLES A. CULBERSON

Senator Culberson is rounding out his 24th year as representative of the people of Texas in the United States Senate. He is standing for re-election upon his record as a public official and servant of the people for the past thirty years or longer. Though physically unable to make a campaign, his friends are making a vigorous one for him.



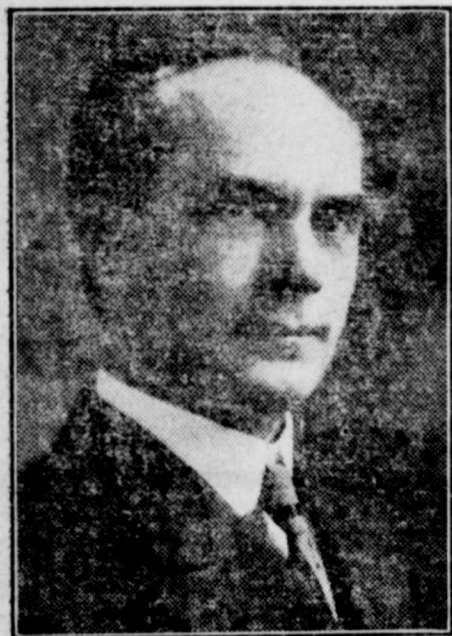
HON. CULLEN F. THOMAS

Mr. Thomas lives at Dallas. His record politically is somewhat unique in that, although for twenty years he has taken a prominent part in Texas political matters, yet he has never before been a candidate for office. His platform contains many things of vital interest to the people.



EX-GOVERNOR JAS. E. FERGUSON

Mr. Ferguson has had a stormy political career. After being deposed as governor by the legislature, and being defeated for that office by Hon. W. P. Hobby, he organized the American party two years ago, and was a candidate for President of the United States on this ticket. He now wants to go to the United States Senate as a democrat. One of the planks in his platform favors light wines and beer.



HON. ROBERT L. HENRY

Mr. Henry lives at Waco and for twenty consecutive years represented that district in congress, retiring voluntarily. He is making a vigorous campaign for the Senate and strongly advocates the principle of state rights.

Have you ever taken notice of the fact that all men who are condemned to death make profession of religion when hope of pardon or escape vanishes and the gallows becomes a certainty? A man may say he does not believe in God or life beyond the grave, but if the time of his departure is fixed he immediately becomes a believer and a suppliant for mercy. And this leads to the belief that no person would go to the grave of an unregenerate if the time of the departure of all were fixed and known. Man realizes that death may come at any time—to other people; but for himself he feels that there remains a long stretch of years, and at some opportune time he will seek pardon. If it should be thundered from Heaven today that time would end a week hence, a revival would start up in every church in the world to-

Moisture Capacity of Soil Increased By Organic Matter

In addition to adding plant food to the soil and improving its texture, organic matter, supplied by green-manure crops, stable manure, or in any other form, adds greatly to the moisture-holding capacity. It has been shown, says the United States Department of Agriculture, that while 100 pounds of sand can hold only 25 pounds of water and 100 pounds of clay 50 pounds, the same weight of humus or decaying organic matter will hold 190 pounds.

Clay soil containing organic matter is more friable than similar soil without organic matter. When the organic matter is entirely removed the clay remains compact during freezing and thawing. When the organic matter is returned the soil crumbles after freezing, just as the original soil.

Not only do the higher plants grow better in a soil rich in organic matter, but the activities of the soil bacteria are largely dependent on the supply of decaying vegetable matter. These bacteria need food and air. Their food is the dead vegetable matter, which they break down and make available to the higher plants. Most beneficial bacteria use air, and this they find more abundantly in a soil supplied with organic matter than in stiff clays poor in it. In sandy soils there is air enough, but the addition of humus helps to hold moisture and so benefits the bacteria as well as the higher plants.

night and it would be difficult to find a sinner in all the land tomorrow.—J. H. Lowry, in Honey Grove Signal.

A lot of chaps who run for office may do it just for the excercises.



HON. EARLE B. MAYFIELD

Mr. Mayfield is present railroad commissioner. He makes a strong plea for the restoration of the rate making power to the State Railroad Commission so the people of Texas can be given a sweeping reduction in freight and passenger fares. He favors long term credits and adequate financing of farmers and live stock men. Favors the farm bloc in the senate; favors absolute prohibition of immigration for a period of two years. Favors states controlling their schools, highways, health work and all local affairs. Believes in America for Americans.

The Magic Carpet

You could sit on the fabled carpet of Bagdad and view the world. In the whisk of an eyelash it would carry you any place you wanted to go. All you had to do was wish.

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You can pick up your newspaper and in fifteen minutes know what the different shops are offering in the way of fabrics, patterns, varieties and qualities of almost anything you want.

Army Of Loyal Workers In U. S. Mail Service

Some interesting facts about the United States postal service were given by Postmaster General Hubert Work in a speech at Springfield, the capitol of Illinois. Some of these facts are:

The Government receives 464 million dollars revenue each year from the postal service.

There are 326,000 skilled employees in the postal service. That is nearly half of all the Government employees who are under civil service.

During the last ten years the revenue from the postal service has doubled. In that time the number of employees has been increased only 9 per cent.

In 1639 the first post office in America was established at the house of Richard Fairbanks, in Boston, Mass.

Benjamin Franklin was appointed postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737.

Abraham Lincoln's first public office was that of postmaster at the little village of New Salem, Ill. He was appointed by President Jackson in 1833.

The Postmaster General declared that the American postal worker is "one of the most important units in the country's business." In his opinion no other public or private employment calls for "such a high degree of faithfulness, loyalty and efficiency as we require of those who handle the mail."

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Read the advertisements as a matter of education. Read them to keep abreast of progress.



HON. CLARENCE OUSLEY

Mr. Ousley advocates:

The lowest expenditures for the army and navy consistent with national safety.

A revenue tariff system that will encourage international trading and will carefully adjust the incidental effects by broadly basing the schedules upon imports of farm and live stock products, as well as manufactured products, without burdensome rates upon either.

An agricultural credit system that will accommodate farmers and cattle raisers with a twelve-months to three-year turn over.

Amendments to the Federal Reserve Act that will give representation on the Federal Reserve Board to manufacturing, merchandising and farming.

Modification of the Federal Control of railway transportation that will recognize the authority of the State Railway Commission to make intrastate rates and regulations.

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List of Candidates

For State Offices

The Messenger prints below a list of candidates for state offices, who have filed their names with the secretary of the state democratic executive committee:

United States Senator—Clarence Ousley, Ft. Worth; R. L. Henry, Waco; Charles A. Culbertson, Dallas; Earle B. Mayfield, Austin; Jas. E. Ferguson, Temple; Cullen F. Thomas, Dallas.

Governor—Fred S. Rogers, Bonham; W. W. King, Bronson; Pat M. Neff, Austin; Harry T. Warner, Paris.

Lieutenant Governor—W. A. Johnson, Memphis; Billie Mayfield Jr., Houston; T. W. Davidson, Marshall; Joe E. Edmondson, GrapeLand; and A. S. Jamison, Fort Worth.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—C. M. Cureton, Austin.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—T. B. Greenwood, Austin.

Court of Criminal Appeals—W. C. Morrow, Austin; F. L. Hawkins, Austin; and A. J. Harper, El Paso.

Attorney General—W. A. Keeling, Austin.

State Treasurer—L. E. Tension, Clifton; George G. Garrett, Dallas; Ed A. Christian, Austin; W. D. Carroll, Comanche; C. V. Terrell, Austin; A. K. Kerr, Fort Worth; Lee Kirgan, Fairfield.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Ed R. Bentley, Mc Allen; J. G. Smith, Rankin, and S. M. N. Marrs, Austin.

Controller—Lon A. Smith, Austin, and William A. Woodall, Sweetwater.

Commissioner of General Land Office—J. T. Robison, Austin; J. C. Thompson, Crowell.

Commissioner of Agriculture—George B. Terrell, Austin.

Railroad Commissioner—J. C. Mason, Merkel; Allison Mayfield, Austin.

Questionnaire

Questionnaires to candidates seem to be all the rage now. Every candidate gets from one to a half dozen in each mail, and if he answered them all he would have no time to beat the bushes for votes.

We have thought out a simple questionnaire which should be mailed to all Texas aspirants

for political preferment. For instance:

1. Are you an American citizen, and if not why?
2. Do you believe in evolution?
3. Have you paid your poll tax?
4. What was your grandmother's maiden name?
5. Do you chew? smoke? swear? drink? golf?
6. What's your opinion of the Einstein theory?
7. Do you beat your wife? If so, what with?
8. Do you know any reason why you should be elected to the office which you seek, other than a natural desire to get in?

This should bring prompt and intelligent replies.—Abilene Reporter.

A Fusion Ticket for Texas

The chairman of the republican State executive committee suggests something almost new under the political sun of Texas. The idea, born of recent conferences, is to put a nonpartisan, or fusion, ticket in Texas, with candidates bidding for the United States senatorship and for State offices. The hope of the republican leaders is that a sufficient number of disgruntled democrats will line up with the G. O. P. ladies and gentlemen to put the fusion ticket over.

While the possibility interests, it may be that the republican office seekers are working a false vein. A disgruntled democrat in Texas is a peculiar sort. Occasionally, but not often, he becomes disgruntled enough to change his political coat but seldom, if ever, has he been ready to wear a two colored coat, or, to put it specifically, to serve as an essential tail to a republican kite.

It may be that the republicans don't propose to do all of the altitudinous flying, that they are willing to serve half the time as ballast, or for whatever purpose a kite-tail serves. But it hasn't been made plain as yet just what is intended. It is made plain however, that a State organization to further a nonpartisan ticket is being formed. That promises a new factor in the year's campaigning. The decision will be awaited with interest.—Dallas Journal.

Learn About The Farmer

Back of all legislation must stand united public opinion which always is to be trusted in this nation when the people have intelligent understanding. Most of our troubles come from imperfect knowledge and consequent lack of interest in public questions. For years this has been the case with the American farmer whose situation and importance until lately has not been even measurably sensed. As soon as the people generally in the great cities as well as in the smaller communities come to realize how much of the nation's prosperity depends on the farm, then the wheels of reform will begin to turn with rapidity and the people will benefit.

Almost half of our population is rural, living on six and one-half millions of farms which employ approximately thirteen millions of workers. The value of the annual production of these men is \$19,176,915,000, which is greater than that of mining or any branch of manufacturing.

What a sad commentary it is upon our legislative intelligence when we realize that in spite of these stupendous and important figures, the income of each farm factory or farm mine, whichever way we choose to visualize it, average only \$2,793.

The province of government is to create prosperity, the greatest good the greatest number, to harmonize the laws under which we live so that reward shall come to the people in relation to their service. There are between the City Hall in New York and the Battery Wall—a distance that can be walked in ten minutes—thousands of high binders in the world of speculation who have never done an honest day's work in their lives, but who often make in a day and quite frequently in a week as much if not more than the average farmer makes in a year. It is getting time for the public not only to seek information regarding the farmer, but to insist upon having it. When this demand is felt the information will be forthcoming, and when it is, equitable legislation for the farmer will lead a business development the like of which this country, great as it is, has never known.

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by the ancients, the Romans using lupines, which were sown in September and turned under in May for the benefit of the following crop.

In Germany the use of lupines began in the middle of the nineteenth century and has proven an important factor in reclaiming the sandy lands of parts of Prussia. In England legumes and other plants are commonly used; in India and Japan the farmers

gather green plants of many kinds, sometimes even cutting twigs from the trees and carrying them to the rice field.

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