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## ADVERTISING IS THE ART OF PERSUASION

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Don't fail to see our line of PALM BEACH SUITS, mobairs and serges for summer wear.

Men's shirts, hats, collars, ties, hose, in fact anything you may want for your wardrobe.

**Kennedy Brothers**  
The Store for Everybody

### RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

July 14.—A good rain would be very much appreciated just now, but the indications for dry weather is in evidence, and should we not get a good rain by the 20th the cotton crop will be cut short. We need hot weather for cotton, but you know a good thing can be overdone, and the extreme heat on the tender weed has drawn the sap out of the leaves, hence some complaint of honey dew.

After this week plows will all be laid in the shade for this year in the main, and other things will be looked after.

Everything in the way of eligible road material will be brought into use for the next four days and the work they do we expect it to be first class.

Douglas Beazley and family from across the creek were visiting in our midst yesterday.

George Allen had company in the good old fashion way yesterday, and you may look for him in town today for supplies.

W. D. Taylor is spending the week in our midst and we expect to share some of his time and talk of by-gone days and things in general.

Everybody in the neighborhood was visiting yesterday, except those who had company and they would have been if their company had not come before they got off. Now, there is no cash in visiting, but a whole lot of good old sociability.

Miss Lexie Eledge of Louisiana is visiting in our midst. We older ones remember very well her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Eledge.

J. L. Chiles spent a few days in your town last week. Says he heard some of as good singing and forceful preaching as he ever heard, and good enough for anybody, and can't see why the attendance was not greater. While going over the town he came to a hole in the main street in which someone might get their neck broke, and then someone will be guilty of murder. Everybody west of the railroad is working like bees trying to get things in shape for the fall trade. He says crops along the road look good and show that fertilizer has been extensively used. Cordially,  
ZACK.

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### A LETTER FROM ANTRIMITE

Antrim, July 13.—Still the dry weather continues to hold on and at the present there is very little indication of any rain. We have not had a good season in about six weeks and very little corn will be made. Old cotton is shedding both the fruit and foliage, yet we are not hit as hard as the people who had their crops, and in some instances their stock, washed away. As long as our lives are preserved and we are able to keep the wolf away we can find something to be thankful for.

The next most important thought that comes to me is: "What are you going to do with Joint Resolution No. 18 next Saturday when you go to the polls?" I want it to go on record as having said if the resolution is voted on as it stands the result will be one of the greatest statewide curses that was ever put across the people of Texas. Think of the great lobby exposure that was brought to light in Washington, D. C. a few days ago, and if resolution No. 18 carries, our next legislature will be enveloped by one of the most powerful lobbies that ever besieged the capitol of our fair state of Texas. Voters, it will never do to invest unlimited power in any set of men, especially the men who handle the people's funds. It will drag us into peonage from which we will be powerless to redeem ourselves for decades to come. Do your part and scratch the whole thing.

"Uncle" Frank Pridgen was laid to rest in the Matthews cemetery Sunday at 12 o'clock. He was 78 years of age and will be missed by his many friends and kindred. Let it be a lesson that the aged must die and the young may die, and the only thing worth while in either case is being ready. Are you a child of God and ready to meet him in the skies? If you are not it does not alter the case in the least, but you will have to come unto his presence just the same.

Mrs. Amanda Weisinger has returned home from Dodge, where she had been visiting.

J. F. Martin and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with their brother, Robert

Aunt Savannah Martin has been visiting in our midst, but has returned home.

W. R. Durnell and family, also Mrs. Lillie Waddell and children attended Sunday school at New Prospect Sunday. They report a good live Sunday school and the most sociable people on earth. They also reported a singing at the home of Mr. Lee Finch, where a most enjoyable time was spent in singing a few choice selections.

The Methodist meeting closed at this place Wednesday night, with six additions to their body, and a very good revival. The singing was especially good and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

On the fourth Sunday the Baptists will hold forth. Dinner will be spread on the ground and Prof. Woodard of Elkhart will conduct the song service in the evening and everybody who likes to hear good singing is invited to come and be with us.  
ANTHRIMITE.

### AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

The Houston County Farmers Union, recently in session at Lone Pine, passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Houston County Union in session at Lone Pine go on record as being opposed to Senate Joint Resolution No. 18, amending Sec. 49 and 52 of article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

J. R. LUCE,  
J. K. JONES,  
Committee.

JNO. T. SALISBURY,  
Secretary.

### Jolly Fishing Party

A party of Grapeland young people left early Monday morning for Trinity river to spend the week fishing. The following are the personnell of the party: Misses Lura Mae Owens, Winnie Davis, Annie Rainey, Luna Frank and Eula Riall Hollingsworth, Ina and Esther Davis, Annie Evans, Pearlana Spence, Josie White, Darsey Royall; Messrs. Olan Davis, Cleve Sadler, Arthur and Chester Owens, Stovall White, Marvin Gilbert, Speer Darsey, Bob Spence, Aubrey Lively; the chaperons are Mr. and Mrs. Sid Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. Bully Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lively.

### PEACH CROP IS MOVING

Grapeland's Elberta peach crop commenced to move Tuesday of last week when a half car was shipped to Houston. A full car was shipped the following Thursday to the same place, then again Saturday nearly a full car went to Corpus Christi and a car was shipped Monday of this week to Houston. The price has been very satisfactory, but the crop will be exceedingly short. This week's shipping will wind up the Elberta crop, and the express shipments of other varieties have been far below the shipments of last year.

### For Sale

My place of 70 acres, 1 mile north of Grapeland, 55 acres in cultivation, all under good hog-wire fence and cross fenced in 7 different fields; 2 sets of houses, good barns, 2 good wells of water, fronts railroad with good clay road into town; would make an ideal truck farm. For price and terms apply to  
adv H. C. JONES.

A lame back or shoulder puts a man on the retired list temporarily. The time will be short if Ballard's Snow Liniment is rubbed in. It relaxes the muscles, relieves pain and restores strength and elasticity in the joints. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. adv

## Summer Merchandise

### AT DARSEY'S

The hot weather has set in and the main thing that we are all trying to do is to keep cool and comfortable as possible. We have a number of articles in our large stock that will add greatly to your comfort and lighten your work during the hot days that we shall be very glad for you to call and see.

### Perfection 3 Burner Oil Stoves

do away with hot fires, are easy to cook on, save time and fuel and are cool and clean. We shall be glad to demonstrate them to you. We also have a large shipment of

### Ice Cream Freezers

in all sizes from two to eight quarts. These ice cream freezers are triple and double action, and do the work in five minutes.

### Folding Canvas Cots

makes sleeping pleasant during these hot nights, and a sleeping porch can be easily made with a little screen wire and one of these cots. Our stock of

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# To the People of Texas:

A community of interest prevails between the railroads and the people. Unless the people prosper the railroads cannot hope to prosper. On the other hand, unless the railroads are permitted to earn sufficient money to give good service, the people cannot enjoy the full measure of prosperity.

Railroads are today operated under the strictest of regulations. They cannot charge one cent for any service that is not authorized by officers chosen by the people. In law and good morals, these officers of the people who fix the charges that can be collected by the railroads for services performed, must fix such charges high enough to pay all legitimate operating expenses, plus an amount that will pay a reasonable return upon the value of the railroad property devoted to the use of the public.

Suppose the Legislature should pass a law taking from the pockets of the people a million dollars a year to pay the salaries of public officials not needed at all, nor whose services could be utilized in the interest of the public in any manner, would such a course be approved by the people as a whole?

We think not.

The operating expenses of railroads affect the public just as much as the taxes they pay. In one instance the taxes are collected by public officials; in the other instance the rates fixed by public officials are collected by the railroads.

It is just as impossible for the Legislature or the courts and juries to impose unjust burdens upon the railroads without at the same time placing the burden upon the shoulders of the producers and shippers, as it is to create new public offices and expect the taxpayers to be relieved of meeting the expenses of such places.

Under the present system of levying taxes in Texas, the State Tax Board takes into consideration the appropriations made by the Legislature and levies a tax high enough to bring in sufficient money to meet the expenses of government.

In fixing freight rates, the same rule applies. The commission, after ascertaining what the railroads have to pay out for operating expenses, taxes, personal injuries, etc., fixes the rates high enough to pay all such expenses, and

in addition thereto, a fair return on the value of the property used for the public. Therefore, the higher the operating expenses, taxes and personal injury payments, the higher must be the rates the people have to pay.

It is the sincere desire of the managers of the Texas railroads to give the people good service, and at the least possible cost to you. And we respectfully and earnestly ask you, in your own interest, to assist us in doing so, and thereby protect yourselves against unjust and unnecessary burdens.

We desire to express our appreciation to the producers of Texas who have made a study of the question, and have intelligent action to protect themselves against the infliction of unjust and unnecessary burdens.

We respectfully ask you to study this so-called "Railroad Problem" closely. We welcome the most searching and minute inquiry. There is so much in common between the railroads and the producers, that a better understanding and closer co-operation is bound to benefit all concerned.

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RAILROADS

(Advertisement)

## DO YOU TRADE AT HOME?

Mr. Editor:

The great dailies, weekly, semi-monthly newspapers and magazines throughout our land save our people from more pitfalls, blunders and violation of the law than all other mediums. The live merchant, the architect, the builder, the railroad magnate, the little and the great politician, all must look to the great and learned newspaper men and writers, not only for the news, but for aid and ideas in making the pursuits of men successful. A great speech is made by a U. S. Senator, that man must read the editorials and expressions of writers pro and con to know whether or not that speech carried into the minds of men the ideas thereby intended, and whether or not it carried with it that force and power, which would eliminate false and mistaken conceptions of tariff reform. These newspaper men give their time and best talent,

not to any one class, but to all classes, and don't waste valuable time and space on any one class, but they tell all classes how important churches, good schools, good roads, good stock, about the markets, how, when, etc. to sell this thing and the other. They tell you too about the wonderful trusts, and one which too many of our people patronize, and which is by far worse than the oil trusts, which have been agitating the minds of our people. This wonderful trust is the big mail order houses, that so many people in interior towns give financial aid and power to, by buying from them instead of spending that money with the little home merchant who needs it, who pays taxes for schools, roads and running home affairs, and who has many times accommodated you by giving 30 or 60 days or one year to pay your bill. Did you ever try a mail order house on a sixty days bill?

Listen! Mr. Clyde H. Tavener tells us in the Houston Chronicle of June 28th: "One mail order house, whose capital stock was \$500,000, now \$40,000,000. You who buy from this house are stockholders. Do you get dividends? Also a new merger of mail order houses of \$10,000,000 has been formed. Still another mail order house, with sixty-three acres of floor space, made a net profit of \$17,000,000, (seventeen million dollars) last year." All mail order buyers in this country will say this is a stupendous business, but this same gentleman goes on and tells "that the Chicago vice investigation showed that 50,000 women employees of these mail order houses are existing on starvation wages, many of them driven to poverty and prostitution." "Wall street capitalists manipulated the money end of these trust concerns, and these houses are dispensers of prison-made goods. They are too, exploiters of misfortune, buying much of their goods at bankrupt sales." The writer has been told by several farmers, that the dreaded

boll-weevil, or boll worm is now ravaging the cotton fields. All of us trust there will never be a return of the ruin done our crops by these pests; yet they may ruin the present crop or cut it very short, and cash give out, then the mail order houses with prison goods and prices made close on account of the woman-wage slaves, will not aid you when your cash is gone. None of us want cheap living at the cost of happiness and virtue.

Then these little interior merchants are your neighbors and friends; they aid in rebuilding all the private and public houses when destroyed by fire; they help to buy the unfortunate one, who loses a horse, another, when unable to buy himself.

Let us resolve, that we will in future cut out these trust houses and buy exclusively from our home merchants, who will gladly order such goods as are not carried regularly in stock by request. Tell them what you want and he will gladly aid in keeping your money at home, where you will have another chance at it. Money sent to

Chicago never returns. These mail order houses and their management are just as corrupt as the politician who votes for a hundred and eighty pound man to work eight hours and the delicate little woman nine as long as she can stand up at a loom. Thank God, when women take hold of the ballot such politicians or representatives will be a back number.

A WELL WISHER.

### Rheumatism and the Heart

Don't overlook the grave fact that rheumatism easily "settles in the heart," and disturbs the valvular action. The cure consists in removing the cause. Foley Kidney Pills so tone up and strengthen the kidneys that they keep the blood free of poisons and uric acid crystals, that cause rheumatism, swollen joints, backache, urinary irregularities, and disturbed heart action. Try them. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. adv

Lawrence Jordan of Crockett was here Monday.



# Backache ? Kidneys Hurt?

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as good. It has taken 50 years  
experience to level up the stand-  
ard of the Masury Paints to the  
high level where it stands today,  
absolutely pure pigments, pure  
linseed oil, "net weights and full  
measure," every can labeled, giv-  
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## "THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS"

BY JNO. R. OWENS

'Tis the middle of July,  
Everybody says it's hot;  
Upon their word we will rely,  
As even we can't say it's not.

The Devil is use to heat tho',  
For he has to keep the fires,  
And as you all well know,  
He very seldom prespires.

But for the past two weeks  
He's thought how nice  
'twould be,  
If he could plunge into a creek,  
From the limb of some huge  
tree.

But this we cannot do,  
As we have to keep at work;  
The only way that we see thru  
Is to simply shed our shirt.

A good way to lose a friend is  
by being too intimate with him.

Principle should be the founda-  
tion of every man's business  
career.

About the most profitable busi-  
ness a man can attend to is his  
own.

Some wives kiss their hus-  
bands by way of investigation,  
and not to show their affection.

When the crowd of young  
folks, who left here Monday  
morning for a week's outing on  
Trinity river, return, we've an  
idea they will have something to  
say about chiggers.

A man who is good to his fam-  
ily and pays his debts will al-  
ways command the respect of  
the best people.

It's almost as difficult for a  
man to find his own faults as it  
is for him to find his collar but-  
ton on Sunday morning.

The man who desires to be a  
gentleman in the presence of  
ladies, should be a gentleman in  
the presence of men.

Courtesy extended to old peo-  
ple will increase your popularity  
with your acquaintances and  
will win the admiration of  
strangers.

If every man's history was  
written in a book, and the good  
deeds alone recorded on its  
pages, there would be several  
blank ones in some of them.

John R. Owens of Grapeland,  
accompanied by his mother,  
spent the fourth in Trinity with  
relatives. John is the "boy"  
who edited the "Devil's Column"  
in the Grapeland Messenger,  
and it is one of the best features  
of that excellent paper.—Trinity  
Tribune.

Thanks, Bro. Adams! We as-  
sure you that the above compli-  
ment is highly appreciated, it  
being paid by an old newspaper  
man, whom we have found to be  
a very estimable gentleman.

## LETTER FROM OLD GRAY

Jones' Mill, July 13.—There  
are times in our lives when we  
feel like laying aside the cares  
and burdens that bear so heavily  
upon us and mingling with the  
world to meet and socially en-  
joy ourselves with those we have  
respected and loved in by-gone  
years. It puts new life in us  
and better fits us for the great  
struggle we are making to sus-  
tain ourselves in our different  
vocations. Last Friday was a  
day like the one referred to  
above. The great W. O. W. pic-  
nic at Waneta had been widely  
advertised and the people were  
ready to accept the pleasant op-  
portunity of a life time. Early  
Friday morning we were seated  
in an auto drawn by two long  
eared animals, and were hurried  
to the picnic grounds. After  
arriving, the glad hands of the  
men we met, and the sweet  
smiles of the ladies was a double  
assurance that there was a  
hearty welcome for all. Such a  
crowd of people we have not  
seen together in many years  
past. The great throng can  
be safely estimated at 1500 peo-  
ple. They were there from ev-  
ery part of the compass and  
many from quite a distance. As  
we strolled around the great  
crowd we would pass a bunch of  
old farmers discussing the crops  
and weather; another lot were  
talking of Woodcraft and others  
giving their experience in the  
wild west, while now and then  
we noticed a blushing maid seat-  
ed beneath the shade of the ma-  
jestic oak while the soft zephyrs  
from the south gently fanned  
her brow while some young gal-  
lant poured words of love into  
her ear. Such a scene is intox-  
icating, even to an old man. The

time passed pleasantly until the  
noon hour, when the Rev. Jim  
Lively announced dinner.  
Thanks were returned by the  
righteous man and then a for-  
ward movement was made upon  
the tables which were loaded to  
overflowing with edibles that  
would be suited to a queen's  
taste. To view the tables as we  
did there was enough to have fed  
King George's army and plenty  
left. Hence every man, woman  
and child's appetite was satis-  
fied. After dinner the program  
was again taken up and the open-  
ing address was made by Miss  
Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Clay Jones. Her address was  
well received and she did her  
part exceedingly well for one of  
her tender years. Then came  
the introduction of Hon. Jeff  
Strickland of Palestine. His  
address was upon Woodcraft  
and he handled the subject in a  
masterly manner. His points  
were well made and highly ap-  
preciated. Then in a few well  
chosen remarks the Rev. Jim  
Lively held the crowd spell-  
bound for a brief time and the  
speaking was over. Then came  
the Woodman drill. The Waneta  
team, assisted by the Denson  
Springs and Slocum team took  
part. So far as we are capable  
of judging, the work was fine  
and we consider the boys well  
on to their job. All and all we  
consider the picnic a grand suc-  
cess and we wish to thank those  
good people for the royal treat-  
ment they extended us.  
At present local news is as  
scarce as hen's teeth.  
We are having it hot and dry  
without any rain.  
Sunday school and preaching  
today. Quite a number in at-  
tendance. Let the good work  
go on.  
As ever,  
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THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1913

**THE FIRST BALE**

W. D. Cleveland & Sons of Houston on Thursday morning received from Lyford the first bale of cotton of the season of 1913-14. There have been very few years in the past third of a century that the Cleveland firm has not received the first bale.

This year's bale was grown by E. M. Sorrenson. It was ginned by R. C. Miller and shipped by R. H. Deyo & Son.

Receipt of the first bale of cotton each season eclipses everything else in importance in exchange circles, the annual election of officers not excepted. It is generally accepted as signifying the earliness or lateness of the crop as a whole. However, this has not always turned out to be a safe guide.

This season has been considered a late one, although recent reports would indicate that the crop is rapidly catching up.—Houston Chronicle, July 10th.

Some democrats are patriots from principle—others for pie and postoffices.

There are two varieties of patent medicines. One is intended for use as a beverage and the other is intended for use as a remedy.—Bonham Favorite.

And all of them are made to sell.

For one time in his life John Henry Kirby is on the right side of a question—he is opposed to the monstrosity known as Senate Joint Resolution No. 18. Good for Kirby!

Hereafter The Commoner—Billy Bryan's paper—will be issued monthly, which causes the Bryan Eagle to remark that they do not see how the paper can be published at all, as most of the force have landed good federal jobs.

We have received a copy of the Searchlight, a publication by Wm. Ellis, and the object of this issue is to cause discussion to ultimately result in the re-organization of the now defunct republican party. The g. o. p. needs something—we hardly know what—and do not care whether it is ever revived or not.

It is about time President Huerta of Mexico is deciding where he will spend the summer.—Palestine Herald.

How can the president of Mexico go away to spend the summer? He's got a "hot potato,"

so to speak, and can't put it down. Even if he could, on his return he would find some other guy on the job. They change presidents in Mexico about as often as the moon changes.

The legislature will meet in special session next Monday, July 21st, for the purpose of passing the appropriation bill and "to consider and act upon such other matters as may be presented by the governor," thus leaving the gap open for the governor to submit any proposition he wants acted upon.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:—

E. G. Walling, Administrator of the Estate of David Walling, deceased, having filed in the County Court of said County on the 8th day of July, A. D. 1913, his final account of the condition of the Estate of said David Walling, deceased, together with his application to be discharged from said administration:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED**, that by publication of this writ for twenty (20) days in a newspaper regularly published in the said County of Houston, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for the final settlement of said Estate to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the August term, A. D. 1913, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County in the City of Crockett on the first Monday in August, A. D. 1913, the same being the 4th day of August, A. D. 1913, when said account and application will be considered by said Court.

Witness, O. C. Goodwin, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at my office in the City of Crockett, Texas, this the 8th day of July, A. D. 1913.

O. C. GOODWIN,  
 Clerk, County Court  
 Houston County, Texas.  
 By J. M. ELLIS,  
 Deputy.

**THE AMENDMENTS**

There are three constitutional amendments to be voted on next Saturday, July 19, 1913. The first relates to the judiciary, and I think it is of no material importance, one way or the other. The second provides that "all State, district, county and precinct officers within the State of Texas shall hereinafter be compensated by the payment of a salary to be fixed or provided for by the legislature." This would do away with the notorious fee system, wherein our district clerks, our county clerks, our peace officers, and all officers included above are able to extortion the people to most any extent, and would put them all upon a salary. The fee system is a disgrace to the State of Texas, and sooner or later will be abolished; but I seriously doubt whether this amendment will pass at this time. You see the people are not fully awake to the corruption of the fee system, and then there are many petty county officers who have waxed fat upon the fee system, and these persons will use their influence with those who are not informed upon the questions of the day, to defeat the amendment. I favor the amendment with my whole heart, and I cannot see how any well-meaning citizen can vote against it.

The third amendment to be voted upon is a monstrosity, to say the least of it. It seeks to amend sections 49 and 52, article 3 of the Constitution, and is known as the bond amendment. It embodies seven distinct and independent propositions, and to vote for one you have to vote for all and to vote against one you have to vote against all.

One of the propositions might not be so bad, but I hardly think the time is propitious for the step even if this proposition could be unqualifiedly endorsed, which I do not think. It provides that bonds may be issued in certain divisions of a county or any number of adjoining counties for roads and other public improvement by a majority vote instead of a two-thirds majority, which is now the case. It also provides that a majority vote shall establish warehouse bonds for the farmers, instead of a two-thirds vote. And it provides that in the improvement of rivers, creeks, building of levees to prevent overflows the bonded indebtedness may be for an amount not to exceed one-half of the assessed valuation of the lands, instead of one fourth, which rule now obtains.

The issuing of bonds for public improvement is quite a commendable thing, but I do not think they should ever be issued upon a majority vote. Bonds are a public debt, and nothing short of an unanimity, or almost such, on the part of those who are to be indebted, should ever establish such debts. If the people of any section are able to shoulder bonds for any purpose, and if they wish such bonds to be voted, they have plenty of prerogative under existing laws. Laws calculated to better the life of the people, particularly the people of the rural communities, to make them better able to stand up under bond issues, would be much more propitious than the adoption of this proposition.

If the bond amendment only contained this proposition it

would be a good thing to vote it down, but the main objectionable feature to it is that proposition which it contains that in the matter of educational improvement, would delegate the debt creating power of the State to the legislature. This proposition provides that:

The legislature may authorize the issuance of unlimited bonds, to purchase whatever additional grounds the State University, including the Medical Department, and the Agricultural and Mechanical College may need.

That the legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds for the construction of "necessary buildings" for the "State Institutions," and there are some eighteen or twenty of these. It also surrenders to the legislature the prerogative as to what "necessary buildings" these State institutions might need.

It also would empower the legislature to authorize the issuance of bonds for the improvement of the penitentiary system.

That whole proposed amendment embodies all these propositions and the voter will have to take the whole pill or none of it. But I hope the voters of the state will reject the whole pill.

The needs of the University are not so much to increase its capacity as they are to make it an institution that fills the needs of the people. One great problem that confronts our civilization is the amelioration of rural life. I had always thought that our state schools were intended to work to the solution of this problem, but they seem to work the other way. Show me one graduate of the University, or the Agricultural and Mechanical College, or of any State Institution who went back to the farm and stayed there. Instead of that they helped to swell the ranks of the town and city population. It seems that their education imbued them with the belief that they were too good for the farm. Then how does our State Institutions help solve the problem of rural life? And what good do they do, since there are plenty of other colleges to which a person seeking an education other than agriculture may go? If we are to help the State institutions, remodel them to push along the work of education that is most needed.

And most of all, the right to authorize the issuance of bonds should never be surrendered to the legislature, since the people would have the debts to pay, and if the bond issues should be authorized the people ought to do the authorizing. It is a dangerous precedent to set, too great a power to give the legislature.

But if the voters will adopt the amendment of section 58, article 16, "relating to the compensation of certain officers," abolishing the fee system, they will have taken a long step in political welfare.

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When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bed time you will get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. adv

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These are a few extra hot specials there are many others as good as good can be.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Dr. G. H. Black, The Dentist. adv

Old Hickory wagons are sold by Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Ladies' work a specialty. adv Clewis, the Tailor.

Iron beds and springs. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

Try the best coffee in town at Howard's. Adv.

See our line of furniture. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

Clyde Davis of Shepard came in Monday night to spend awhile with his parents.

The famous Charter Oak stoves. Kennedy Bros. (Advertisement)

John Barry, salesman for the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Co., was here Monday calling on the trade.

For your horses and cattle use Capital Stock Remedies. Sold at Howard's. Adv.

J. W. Keeland, wife and baby of New Waverly are spending the week in Grapeland with relatives and friends.

Hamilton Morris is back from Crockett and is back at his old job of amputating whiskers at the barber shop.

H. C. Ingram of Route 2 was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Monday, and after "squaring up" his account, left an order for some gin receipts.

### Car of New Hay

I have just received a car of new crop alfalfa hay. It is something fine. See me if you want any. adv. J. W. Howard.

D. Mills Johnson, traveling salesman for the Barnhart Type Foundry of Dallas, was in Grapeland Monday and spent the day with the editor.

Miss Eula Riall Hollingsworth of Arlington came in Sunday night and joined the fishing party, which left for Trinity river Monday morning.

W. B. DuBose, Route 1, Chas. Streetman, Route 3, T. J. Dotson, Percilla, and E. M. Carson, Jacksonville, are among those remembering the Messenger recently.

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Will cure your Rheumatism Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts and Burns, Old Sores, Stings of Insects Etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally and externally. Price 25c.

We want your eggs. adv E. P. Lynch.

W. H. Lively made a business trip to Tyler Monday.

For groceries call at Howard's, in Woodard building. Adv.

Bring us your fresh butter. adv E. P. Lynch.

See Darsey for building material. adv

Ben Brooks was up from Lantexo Sunday to see friends.

See Clewis, the tailor if your clothes are dirty. adv

\$1.00 buckets French drip coffee, 85c, at Lynch's. adv

A big shipment of harness and leather goods received at Darsey's. adv

Bring us your chickens and eggs. Kennedy Bros. (Advertisement)

Tom Straughn of Lovelady is spending the week in Grapeland.

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis. adv

We will pay you 16cts for your eggs. Kennedy Bros. (Advertisement)

Double grip pad hose supporters for men at Darsey's. adv.

Mrs. Mandy McDonald of Wheeler County is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Brashears.

Screen doors, screen wire, and fixtures at Darsey's. adv.

If you have land for sale, or should you want a home, see or write S. E. Howard Lot & Land Co. Adv

Kirby Keeland came up from New Waverly Tuesday and is spending the week with relatives and greeting his many friends.

Mrs. G. R. Murchison returned Monday night from Groveton, where she has been visiting relatives.

Spike Dockery returned to his home in Shreveport Monday night. Mrs. Dockery will remain a few days longer.

Frank Taylor of Reynard, who has been quite sick at the home of his mother in this city, is improving, and we hope he will soon regain his good health.

Take your chickens and eggs to Darsey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brooks returned Sunday night from Lovelady, where they had been several days attending a meeting.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. Advertisement

Misses Hattie and Zollie Kleckly and brother, Luther, and Tom Whitaker are expected home the latter part of this week from Bryan, where they have been visiting the past two weeks.

### Notice

I have a fine Jersey bull now ready for service at my lot. Service fee \$2.50 cash with a guarantee. J. W. HOWARD. (Advertisement)

Frank Butler, one of the owners of the Butler-Stevens farm on Trinity river, arrived Monday morning to look after some business matters connected with the farm.

The Walling reunion will be held at Rocky Mount in Anderson County the fourth Sunday in July. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to come and bring a basket of dinner. CHAS. WALLING.

The Messenger regrets to learn of the illness of its good friend, W. T. Warner, of the Hays Spring community. He was carried to Palestine Tuesday and placed in a sanitarium, and we hope he will soon be up.

N. H. Montgomery and J. J. Thompson, Ed Hague and Frank Gillespie of Lorena, Texas, are here this week. Messrs. Montgomery and Thompson are property owners here and are looking over their holdings. They intend to move here this fall.

We have one of the most complete lines of sick room supplies to be found, consisting of ice bags, hot water bottles, syringes, bed pans, rubber sheeting, thermos bottles, in fact anything for the sick room. Adv. D. N. Leaverton.

Galveston Cotton Carnival & Exposition--Auto Races--July 24--August 3.

I. & G. N. Popular Low Rate Excursions for special days; Season excursion tickets on sale during entire period. For rates and particulars, see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Adv.

The Airdome Theater is going up and Mr. Garland informs us that he hopes to have it ready for the first show by Saturday night. A location has been secured on a vacant lot on the east side of the railroad in front of W. H. Lively's residence. The woodwork has about been completed, and most of the necessary fixtures have arrived.

### To MY Friends

On July 15, 1913, I tendered my resignation to the Commissioners Court of Houston County as Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 2, and same has been accepted by the court. My reason for doing this is because it will be impossible for me to devote my time to the office. I want to sincerely thank my friends for the honor bestowed upon me and for their encouragement and co-operation during my tenure in office.

Yours Truly,  
adv. WALTER NEWMAN.

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### League Program

Subject—The Home and How to Make it Better.

Leader—Albert Bynum.  
Song by League.

Reading—Miss Pearl Spence.  
Duet—Misses Howard and Kent.

Discussion of Lesson—John R. Owens.

Roll Called.  
Benediction.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—An Ever Present, Almighty God.

Leader—Bess Howard.

Opening Song.

Prayer.

Reading—Carrie Spence.

Recitation—Lonnie Guice.

Song.

Reading—Mary Lou Darsey.

Song—Adelaide Selkirk & Earl Howard.

Roll Call.

Business Session.

Closing Song.

Benediction.

Ed Smith of Route 2 handed us a dollar Tuesday with instructions to let the "old reliable" come another year. Many thanks.

### ECONOMIZE!

Don't throw your old shoes away!

You will be surprised to see what a difference we can make in their looks and service for 50c, 75c or \$1.00. Our prices are as follows: Whole sole sewed, and heel \$1.50; one-half sole sewed, and heel \$1.00; one-half sole sewed 75c; new heel 50c; heels built up 25c; rubber heels 50c. Reasonable price on repairing and patching and all work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Give your shoes to your mail carrier. He will, return them to you the second day. Pay him for the work and we will pay postage both ways. We mail them to you C. O. D. less the amount paid for postage. All work sent out same day received. Liberal commission to agents in every locality. Address—

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# FRAN

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## SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Fran arrives at Hamilton Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent conducting the choir at a camp meeting.

CHAPTER II—She repairs thither in search of him, laughs during the service and is asked to leave.

CHAPTER III—Abbott Ashton, superintendent of schools, escorts Fran from the tent. He tells her Gregory is a wealthy man, deeply interested in charity work, and is a pillar of the church. Ashton becomes greatly interested in Fran and, while taking leave of her, holds her hand and is seen by Sapphira Clinton, sister of Robert Clinton, chairman of the school board.

CHAPTER IV—Fran tells Gregory she wants a home with him. Grace Noir, Gregory's private secretary, takes a violent dislike to Fran and advises her to go away at once. Fran hints at a twenty-year-old secret, and Gregory, in agitation, asks Grace to leave the room.

CHAPTER V—Fran relates a story of how Gregory married a young girl at Springfield while attending college and then deserted her. Fran is the child of that marriage. Gregory had married his present wife three years before the death of Fran's mother.

CHAPTER VI—Fran finds Mrs. Gregory a sweet, sincere woman and takes a liking to her.

CHAPTER VII—Gregory explains that Fran is the daughter of a very dear friend now dead. Fran agrees to the story. Mrs. Gregory insists on her making her home with them and takes her to her arms. The breach between Fran and Grace widens.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### War Declared.

The April morning was brimming with golden sunshine when Fran looked from the window of her second-story room. Eager for the first morning's view of her new home, she stared at the half-dozen cottages across the street, standing back in picket-fenced yards with screens of trees before their window-eyes. They showed only as bits of weather-boarding, or gleaming fragments of glass, peeping through the boughs. She thought everything homelike, neighborly. These houses seemed to her closer to the earth than those of New York, or, at any rate, closer in the sense of brotherhood. She drew a deep breath of pungent April essence and murmured: "What a world to live in!"

Fran had spoken in all sincerity in declaring that she wanted nothing but a home; and when she went down to breakfast it was with the expectation that every member of the family would pursue his accustomed routine, undeflected by her presence. She was willing that they should remain what they were, just as she expected to continue without change; however, not many days passed before she found herself seeking to modify her surroundings. If a strange mouse be imprisoned in a cage of mice, those already inured to captivity will seek to destroy the new-comer. Fran, suddenly thrust into the bosom of a family already fixed in their modes of thought and action, found adjustment exceedingly difficult.

She did not care to mingle with the people of the village—which was fortunate, since her laughing in the tent had scandalized the neighborhood; she would have been content never to cross the boundaries of the homestead, had it not been for Abbott Ashton. It was because of him that she acquiesced in the general plan to send her to school. It was on the fifth day of her stay, following her startling admission that she had never been to school a day in her life, that unanimous opinion was fused into expressed command—

"You must go to school!"

Fran thought of the young superintendent, and said she was willing. When Mr. Gregory and the secretary had retired to the library for the day's work, Mrs. Gregory told Fran, "I really think, dear, that your dresses are much too short. You are small, but your face and manners and even your voice, sometimes, seem old—quite old."

Fran showed the gentle lady a soft docility. "Well," she said, "my legs are there, all the time, you know, and I'll show just as much of them, or just as little, as you please."

Simon Jefferson spoke up—"I like to see children wear short dresses—" and he looked at this particular child with approval. That day, she was really pretty. The triangle had been broadened to an oval brow, the chin was held slightly lowered, and there was something in her general aspect, possibly due to the arrangement of folds or colors—heaven knows what, for Simon Jefferson was but a poor

male observer—that made a merit of her very thinness. The weak heart of the burly bachelor tingled with pleasure in nice proportions, while his mind attained the esthetic outlook of a classic age. To be sure, the skirts did show a good deal of Fran; very good—they could not show too much.

"I like," Simon persisted, "to see young girls of fourteen or fifteen, dressed, so to say, in low necks and



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high stockings in—er—in the airy way such as they are by nature . . . It was hard to express.

"Yes," Fran said impartially, "it pleases others, and it doesn't hurt me."

"Fran!" Mrs. Gregory exclaimed, gazing helplessly at the girl with something of a child's awe inspired by venerable years. It was a pathetic appeal to a spirit altogether beyond her comprehension.

Fran's quick eye caught the expression of baffled reaching-forth, of uncertain striving after sympathetic understanding. "You darling lady!" she cried, clasping her hands to keep her arms from flying about the other's neck, "don't you be troubled about me. Bless your heart, I can take care of myself—and you, too! Do you think I'd add a straw to your . . . Now you hear me; if you want to do it, just put me in long trains with Pullman sleepers, for I'll do whatever you say. If you want to show people how tame I am, just hold up your hand, and I'll crawl into my cage."

The laughter of Mrs. Gregory sounded wholesome and deep-throated—the child was so deliciously ridiculous. "Come, then," she cried, with a lightness she had not felt for months, "come, crawl into your cage!" And she opened her arms.

With a flash of her lithe body, Fran was in her cage, and, for a time, rested there, while the fire in her dark eyes burned tears of all sorts of rainbow colors. It seemed to her that of all the people in the world, Mrs. Gregory was the last to hold her in affectionate embrace. She cried out with a sob, as if in answer to her dark misgivings—"Oh, but I want to belong to somebody!"

"You shall belong to me!" exclaimed Mrs. Gregory, folding her closer.

"To you?" Fran sobbed, overcome by the wonder of it. "To you, dear heart?" With a desperate effort she crowded back intruding thoughts, and grew calm. Looking over her shoulder at Simon Jefferson—"No more short dresses, Mr. Simon," she called, "you know your heart mustn't be excited."

"Fran!" gasped Mrs. Gregory in dismay, "hush!"

But Simon Jefferson beamed with pleasure at the girl's artless ways. He knew what was bad for his heart, and Fran wasn't. Her smiles made him feel himself a monopolist in sunshine. Her own uncle was unable to control her—to make her go to church. Soon after the marriage he found out his mistake—it broke his heart, the tragedy of it. I don't excuse him for going away to Europe—

"I am glad you don't. He was no true man, but a weakling. I am glad I have never been thrown with such a—a degenerate."

"But, Miss Grace," he urged pleadingly, "do you think my friend, when he went back to find her and she was gone—do you think he should have kept on hunting? Do you think, Grace,

Fran clapped her hands like a child, indeed. "Oh, what a gay old world!" she cried. "There are so many people in it that like me." She danced before the old lady, then wheeled about with such energy that her skirts threatened to level to the breeze.

"Don't, don't!" cried Mrs. Gregory precipitately. "Fran!"

"Bravo!" shouted Simon Jefferson. "Encore!"

Fran widened her fingers to push down the rebellious dress. "If I don't put leads on me," she said with contrition, "I'll be floating away. When I feel good, I always want to do something wrong—it's awfully dangerous



"Love Him? This is Merely a Question of Doing the Most Good."

for a person to feel good, I guess. Mrs. Gregory, you say I can belong to you—when I think about that, I want to dance. . . . I guess you hardly know what it means for Fran to belong to a person. You're going to find out. Come on," she shouted to Mrs. Jefferson, without using the trumpet—always a subtle compliment to those nearly stone-deaf, "I mustn't wheel myself about, so I'm going to wheel you."

As she passed with her charge into the garden, her mind was busy with thoughts of Grace Noir. Belonging to Mrs. Gregory naturally suggested getting rid of the secretary. It would be exceedingly difficult. "But two months ought to settle her," Fran mused.

In the meantime, Grace Noir and Gregory sat in the library, silently turning out an immense amount of work, feeding the hungry and consoling the weak with stroke of pen and click of typewriter.

"About this case, number one hundred forty-three," Grace said, looking up from her work as copyist, "the girl whose father wouldn't acknowledge her . . ."

"Write to the matron to give her good clothing and good schooling," he spoke softly. There prevailed an atmosphere of subtle tenderness; on this island—the library—blossomed love of mankind and devotion to lofty ideals. These two mariners found themselves ever surrounded by a sea of indifference; there was not a sail in sight. "It is a sad case," he murmured.

"You think number one hundred forty-three a sad case?" she repeated, always, when possible, building her next step out of the material furnished by her companion. "But suppose she is an impostor. He says she's not his daughter, this number one hundred forty-three. Maybe she isn't. Would you call her conduct sad?"

Gregory took exquisite pleasure in arguing with Grace, because her serene assumption of being in the right gave to her beautiful face a touch of the angelic. "I should call it impossible."

"Impossible? Do you think it's impossible that Fran's deceiving you? How can you know that she is the daughter of your friend?"

He grew pale. Oh, if he could have denied Fran—if he could have joined Grace in declaring her an impostor! But she possessed proofs so irrefutable that safety lay in admitting her claim, lest she prove more than he had already admitted. "I know it, absolutely. She is the daughter of one who was my most—my, most intimate friend."

Grace repeated with delicate reproof—"Your intimate friend!"

"I know it was wrong for him to desert his wife."

"Wrong!" How inadequate seemed that word from her pure lips!

"But," he faltered, "we must make allowances. My friend married Fran's mother in secret because she was utterly worldly—frivolous—a butterfly. Her own uncle was unable to control her—to make her go to church. Soon after the marriage he found out his mistake—it broke his heart, the tragedy of it. I don't excuse him for going away to Europe—"

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"But, Miss Grace," he urged pleadingly, "do you think my friend, when he went back to find her and she was gone—do you think he should have kept on hunting? Do you think, Grace,

that he should have remained yoked to an unbeliever, after he realized his folly?"

There was heavenly compassion in her eyes, for suddenly she had divined his purpose in defending Fran's father. He was thinking of his own wife, and of his wife's mother and brother—how they had ceased to show sympathy in what he regarded as the essentials of life. Her silence suggested that as she could not speak without casting reflection upon Mrs. Gregory, she would say nothing, and this tact was grateful to his grieved heart.

"I have been thinking of something very strange," Grace said, with a marked effort to avoid the issue lest she commit the indiscretion of blaming her employer's wife. "I remember having heard you say that when you were a young man, you left your father's home to live with a cousin in a distant town who happened to be a teacher in a college, and that you were graduated from his college. Don't you think it marvelous, this claim of Fran, who says that her father, when a young man, went to live with a cousin who was a college professor, and that he was graduated from that college? And she says that her father's father was a rich man—just as yours was—and that the cousin is dead—just as yours is."

At these piercing words, Gregory bowed his head to conceal his agitation. Could it be possible that she had guessed all and yet, in spite of all, could use that tone of kindness? It burst upon him that if he and she could hold this fatal secret in common, they might, in sweetest comradeship, form an alliance against fate itself.

She persisted: "The account that Fran gives of her father is really your own history. What does that show?"

He spoke almost in a whisper. "My friend and I were much alike." Then he looked up swiftly to catch a look of comprehension by surprise, if such a look were there.

Grace smiled coolly. "But hardly identical, I presume. Don't you see that Fran has invented her whole story, and that she didn't have enough imagination to keep from copying after your biographical sketch in the newspaper? I don't believe she is your friend's daughter. I don't believe you could ever have liked the father of a girl like Fran—that he could have been your intimate friend."

"Well—" faltered Gregory. "But why should he defend Fran?"

"Mr. Gregory," she asked, as if what she was about to say belonged to what had gone before, "would it greatly inconvenience you for me to leave your employment?"

He was electrified. "Grace! Inconvenience me!—would you—could . . ."

"I have not decided—not yet. Speaking of being yoked with unbelievers—I have never told you that Mr. Robert Clinton has wanted me to marry him. As long as he was outside of the church, of course it was impossible. But now that he is converted—"

"Grace!" groaned the pallid listener. "He would like me to go with him to Chicago."

"But you couldn't love Bob Clinton—he isn't worthy of you, Grace. It's impossible. Heaven knows I've had disappointments enough—" He started up and came toward her, his eyes glowing. "Will you make my life a complete failure, after all?"

"Love him?" Grace repeated calmly. "This is merely a question of doing the most good. I know nothing about love."

"Then let me teach you, Grace, let—"

"Shall we not discuss it?" she said gently. "That is best, I think. If I decide to marry Mr. Clinton, I will tell you even before I tell him. I don't know what I shall choose as my best course."

"But, Grace! What could I do—without—"

"Shall we just agree to say no more about it?" she softly interposed. "That is wisest until my decision is made. We were talking about Fran—do you think this a good opportunity for Mrs. Gregory to attend services? Fran can stay with Mrs. Jefferson."

"I have no doubt," he said, still agitated, "that my wife would find it easy enough to go to church, if she really wanted to go."

"Mr. Gregory!" she reproved him. "Well," he cried, somewhat defiantly, "don't you think she could go, if she wanted to?"

"Well," Grace answered slowly, "this girl will leave her without any—any excuse."

"Oh, Miss Grace, if my wife were only—like you—I mean, about going to church!"

"I consider it," she responded, "the most important thing in the world." Her emphatic tone proved her sincerity. The church on Walnut street stood, for her, as the ark; those who remained outside, at the call of the bell, were in danger of engulfment.

After a long silence, Grace looked up from her typewriter. "Mr. Gregory," she said pausingly, "you are unhappy."

Nothing could have been sweeter to him than her sympathy, except happiness itself. "Yes," he admitted, with a great sigh, "I am very unhappy, but you understand me, and that is a little comfort. If you should marry Bob

Clinton—Grace, tell me you'll not think of it again."

"And you are unhappy," said Grace, steadfastly ruling Bob Clinton out of the discussion, "on account of Fran."

He burst forth impulsively—"Ever since she came to town!" He checked himself. "But I owe it to my friend to shelter her. She wants to stay and—and she'll have to, if she demands it."

"Do you owe more to your dear friend," Grace asked, with passionate solemnity, "than to the living God?"

He shrank back. "But I can't send her away," he persisted in nervous haste. "I can't. But heaven bless you, Grace, for your dear thought of me."

"You will bless me with more reason," said Grace softly, "when Fran decides to go away. She'll tire of this house—I promise it. She'll go—just wait!—she'll go, as unceremoniously as she came. Leave it to me, Mr. Gregory." In her earnestness she started up, and then, as if to conceal her growing resolution, she walked swiftly to the window as if to hold her manuscript to the light. Gregory followed her.

"If she would only go!" he groaned. "Grace! Do you think you could?—Yes, I will leave everything to you."

"She'll go," Grace repeated fixedly. The window at which they stood overlooked the garden into which Fran had wheeled old Mrs. Jefferson.

Fran, speaking through the ear-trumpet with as much caution as deafness would tolerate, said, "Dear old lady, look up at the library window, if you please, for the muezzin has climbed his minaret to call to prayers."

Very little of this reached its destination—muezzin was in great danger of complicating matters, but the old lady caught "library window," and held it securely. She looked up. Hamilton Gregory and Grace Noir were standing at the tower window, to catch the last rays of the sun. The flag of truce between them was only a typewritten sheet of manuscript. Grace held the paper obliquely toward the west; Hamilton leaned nearer and, with his delicate white finger, pointed out a word. Grace nodded her head in gentle acquiescence.

"Amen," muttered Fran. "Now let everybody sing!"

The choir leader and his secretary vanished from sight.

"Just like the play in Hamlet," Fran said half-aloud. "And now that the inside play is over, I guess it's time for old Ham to be doing something."

Mrs. Jefferson gripped the arms of her wheel-chair and resumed her tale, as if she had not been interrupted. It was of no interest as a story, yet possessed a sentimental value from the fact that all the characters save the raconteur were dead, and possibly all but her forgotten. Fran loved to hear the old lady evoke the shades of long ago, shades who would never again assume even the palest manifestation to mortals, when this old lady had gone to join them.

Usually Fran brought her back, with gentle hand, but today she divined subterfuge; the tale was meant to hide Mrs. Jefferson's real feelings. Fran ventured through the trumpet:

"I wish there was a man-secretary on this place, instead of a woman. And let me tell you one thing, dear old soldier—there's going to be a fight put up on these grounds. I guess you ought to stay out of it. But either I or the secretary has got to git."

Fran was not unmindful of grammar, even of rhetoric, on occasion. She knew there was no such word as "git," but she was seeking to symbolize her idea in sound. As she closed her teeth, each little pearl meeting a pearly rival, her "git" had something of the force of physical ejection.

Behind large spectacle lenses, sparks flashed from Mrs. Jefferson's eyes. She sniffed battle. But her tightly compressed lips showed that she lacked both Fran's teeth and Fran's intrepidity. One step cautiously at seventy-odd.

Fran comprehended. The old lady must not let it be suspected that she



"Bring on Your Dragons," She Said Boastfully.

was aware of Gregory's need of cotton in straining ears, such as had saved Ulysses from siren voices. The pre-

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tense of observing no danger kept the fine old face uncommonly grim.

"Little girls shouldn't fight," was her discreet rejoinder. Then leaning over the wheel, she advanced her snow-white head to the head of coal-black. "Better not stir up dragons."

Fran threw back her head and laughed defiantly. "Bring on your dragons," she cried boastfully. "There's not one of 'em I'm afraid of." She extended one leg and stretched forth her arm. "I'll say to the Dragon, 'Stand up'—and she'll stand; I'll say 'Lie down'—and down she'll lie. I'll say 'Git'—and she'll—" Fran waved her dragon to annihilation.

"Goodness," the old lady exclaimed, getting nothing of this except the pantomime; that, however, was eloquent. She recalled the picture of David in her girlhood's Sunday-school book. "Are you defying the Man of Gath?" She broke into a delicious smile which seemed to food the wrinkles of her face with the sunshine of many dear old easy-going years.

Fran smote her forehead. "I have a few pebbles here," she called through the trumpet.

Mrs. Jefferson grasped the other's thin arm, and said, with zestful energy, "Let her have 'em, David, let her have 'em!"

(To be continued.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County: Greeting:—

G. W. Mobley, Administrator of the Estate of David Gordon, deceased, having filed in the County Court of said County, on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1913, his final account of the condition of the Estate of said David Gordon, deceased, together with his application to be discharged from said administration:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, that by publication of this Writ for twenty (20) days in a newspaper regularly published in the said County of Houston, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for the final settlement of said Estate to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the August Term, A. D. 1913, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County in the city of Crockett, on the first Monday in August, A. D. 1913, the same being the 4th day of August, A. D. 1913, when said account and application will be considered by said Court.

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Witness, O. C. Goodwin, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office, in the city of Crockett, Texas, this the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1913.

O. C. GOODWIN, Clerk County Court, adv Houston County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:—

G. W. Mobley, Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Martha Gordon, deceased, having filed in the County Court of said County, on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1913, his final account of the condition of the Estate of said Mrs. Martha Gordon, deceased, together with his application to be discharged from said administration:

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Oscar Dennis of Percilia came in Monday morning and boarded the south bound train for Crockett.

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble

When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs. G. Stengle, Plainfield, N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package of them and can now eat almost everything that I want." For sale by all dealers. adv

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STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Theford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY PLANNED

Palatine, Texas, July 14, 1913  
—At a meeting of Sunday School workers recently held in the Presbyterian Church in this city to consider whether or not a district inter-denominational Sunday School Convention should be held in Palestine this fall it was unanimously decided that such a convention should be held. Col. Geo. A. Wright was selected as general chairman of the executive committee that shall have charge of preparations for the convention. Last year a convention similar to the one contemplated was held and it was a great success and an inspiration to all who came, with a large delegation from the neighboring counties of this section. This convention this year bids fair to be equally successful as the people are enthusiastic. The party of Sunday school experts who will direct the convention will be headed by W. N. Wiggins, general secretary, Texas Sunday School Association, and with him will be others of national and international reputation in Sunday school work. The exact time of the convention has not been fixed but will be either the latter part of September or the first of October, and will continue in session for three days. Free entertainment will be provided for all delegates who attend, and all persons interested in Sunday school work are entitled to seats in the convention as delegates. Round trip rates will be in force on all railroads. Those interested may write either the general chairman, or Robert M. Ware, Press Representative, Palestine, Texas.

Miss Esther Davis has returned home from Livingston where she has been visiting relatives for some time.

Mrs. J. B. Lively and Mrs. Chic Robertson have returned home from Crockett, where they have been visiting relatives.

### Causes of Stomach Troubles

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Mesdames. P. H. Stafford, M. D. Murchison, C. W. Kennedy, A. H. Luker, S. R. Parker, Misses Ima Davis and Blanch Kennedy attended the Eastern Star convention in Palestine last Friday and report a very delightful time. Many delegates representing the Chapters over East Texas were present, and the Palestine Chapter entertained their visitors in a most delightful way.

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### Log Rolling at Red Prairie

The Woodmen of the World pulled off their first annual log rolling at Red Prairie last Friday, July 11th. Red Prairie was once famous over East Texas for its crack baseball team—a maskless, mittless, hard-hitting aggregation of hard-fisted ball players, and it is justly famous today for a W. O. W. drill team that is right close up to the top among such organizations—a cool-headed, hard-working bunch of young fellows, always willing to go and do their share of the work.

The people around Red Prairie outdid themselves for once in the way of a dinner that was fit for any king, as attested by the fact that some 1500 people expressed themselves as "being too full for anything."

Hon. Jeff Strickland of Palestine was the orator of the day, and his talk on Woodcraft and its benefits to humanity was on a par with Morris Sheppard's best.

Grapeland and Denson Springs neither having a full company present, joined forces and did their best to take a fall out of the Waneta company in the exemplification of U. S. Army maneuvers, but failed. The victors and vanquished were both given a liberal share of applause—the victors for their almost perfect work, and the vanquished for their gameness, and everybody went away satisfied with the showing of their respective favorites.

Red Prairie can always draw a crowd within its hospitable boundaries, and Woodmen especially are always given a royal welcome. Her brand of hospitality can always be classed as "A 1."

To Captain McKenzie of Waneta can be given a great deal of the credit for the nice way in which everything was carried off, for "Cap" and his bunch of Waneta "roosters" are all princely "good fellows." CAPT. A. E. OWENS.

### A Good Investment

W. D. Magli, a well known merchant of Whitewater, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers. adv

The editor's good friend, W. R. Durnell of Antrim, sends in a special invitation for us to be with them on the fourth Sunday. In addition to preaching at 11 o'clock, there will be a good dinner spread on the ground, and of course the people of the Antrim community will maintain their reputation for serving good dinners. The afternoon will be devoted to singing. We would like very much to be present on this occasion, for we are sure that everyone who attends will be royally entertained and have a good time. Many thanks for the invite, W. R.

### The Best Medicine in the World

"My little girl had dysentery very bad. I thought she would die. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured her, and I can truthfully say that I think it is the best medicine in the world," writes Mrs. William Orvis, Clare, Mich. For sale by all dealers. adv

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### NEWS AROUND THE COURTHOUSE

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jno. Pecha to Joe Pecha; 50 acres on P. Blanchard league; consideration \$10.00 and other considerations.

W. W. Barbee to Carl W. Andrew; 200 acres T. R. Townsend league; consideration \$1,900.00.

East Texas Development Co. to R. W. Goodrum; lot 6, block 42, Weldon; consideration \$250.

F. P. McElwrath to T. J. Waller; 25 1-2 acres on Wm. White league; consideration \$225.00.

F. P. McElwrath to R. L. Shivers; 44 1-2 acres on Wm. White league; consideration \$340.

One oil lease from W. R. A. Rogers to F. J. Lock, near dam on Trinity river.

J. B. Wilcox and wife to J. A. Tims; 40 acres on Geo. Robbins Survey; consideration \$175.00.

T. B. Collins to J. Z. Bister; 20 feet square on A. E. Gossett league; consideration \$20.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Floyd Stewart to Magnolia Fobbs.

Chas. Douglass Graham to

Lena Marshall.

#### CLAIMS ALLOWED BY COURT

The Commissioners Court met last week to sit as an equalization board. They are in session this week transacting the routine of work, and will also work as an equalization board as they have the time. To date the following claims have been allowed:

Road District No. 3, \$22,633.65.

Road District No. 1, \$34.50.

County fund, \$981.97.

Road and Bridge No. 1, \$146.75.

Road and Bridge No. 2, \$265.49.

Road and Bridge No. 3, \$76.51.

Road and Rridge No. 4, \$63.66.

Ed Stowe of Colorado, Mack Stowe of Waco, Mrs. Holcomb of Alto, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Monk and Mrs. Beeson of Crockett have all been visiting their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stowe of the San Pedro community.

The Messenger is requested to announce that a protracted meeting will be held at Reynard, commencing the first Sunday in August. It will be conducted by Revs. M. L. Williams and G. W. Henderson. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services.

### MONEY REFUNDED WITH A SMILE

Leading Drug Store Will Give money Back Should There Ever be a Case Where Dodson's Liver Tonic Fails

Dodson's Liver Tonic is a mild vegetable Liver Tonic which operates so successfully in cases of constipation, torpid liver or biliousness that it has practically taken the place of calomel—the drug which is so often dangerous. Porter's drug store which sells Dodson's Liver Tonic, recommends it as a reliever of constipation, sour stomach, biliousness and sluggish liver. It works gently, surely and harmlessly. If a bottle should ever fail to give satisfaction Porter's drug store will refund the price paid without question.

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Felton Kleckly and Miss Ida Henderson were married in Grapeland one day last week at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. A. Craven officiating. They will make their home in the San Pedro community. The Messenger extends best wishes.