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Commencing Saturday, February 12, Continuing One Month to Saturday, March 11th.

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W. R. WHERRY

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NEWSY LETTER FROM BELOTT

Feb. 7.—Health of this community has improved some since our last writing, but there is some la grippe scattered around yet. If we could have a week or so of fair open weather we believe everybody would get straight.

W. T. Payne and W. N. Ferguson attended church at Ephesus Sunday, Mr. Ferguson going down to see his daughter, Miss Bula, who is teaching school at that place.

Mrs. Rena Ferguson, Will Ashmore, Jno. Craig of Glover and Chester Parker of Walnut Creek, spent the day at Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Payne's Sunday.

We noticed in last week's Messenger of the shipment of some hogs from Grapeland, by Mr. Calhoun, which is some compliment to that place, but not so much after all, for Grapeland has advantages of many other places, or parts of the country, inasmuch as plenty of water abounds, and I don't suppose there is another section of country that would beat it for potatoes, peas and peanuts, for which all helps make good hogs and another thing too, Mr. Editor, you no doubt realize that people now days seem to be living in a hurry, and there is where the people of the Grapeland country have the "biggest" advantage over many other places. The sand is so deep they just can't hurry, and while tugging along at a slow gait, they have been thinking on their way, and by doing so they fell upon the plan of diversification, which we trust will bring untold wealth and prosperity for their reward but while speaking of the hog industry and thinking upon our way we have some farmers around Belott who are "waking up" also. Most everybody has plenty of feed to make a crop with and are making preparations for another big feed crop. There were also some very nice hogs killed around here, some tipped the beam at 495 net. We can have a prosperous country if we only try and keep trying.

Success to the Messenger and its many readers, is the sincere wish of
THE RAMBLER.

NEWS ITEMS FROM EPHEBUS

Feb. 7.—The health of the community is very good at present and the farmers are all busy.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely and has a larger attendance than it has in the past.

Mr. S. H. Graham entertained Friday night with a dance. It was attended by a large crowd of young folks all of whom report a nice time.

Mr. A. M. Anderson, has returned from Leon county where he has been visiting his sister.

Religious services were conducted Saturday night and Sunday, by Rev. Wm. Durnell, a Baptist minister of Antrim.

CORRESPONDENT.

SPECIAL FOR FEBRUARY

During the month of February we will take subscriptions for the Designer at the same price as last October—40c a year, delivered at our pattern counter once every month. You save exactly 35c by subscribing this way.
Geo. E. Darsey.

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NEW PROSPECT LOCAL ITEMS

February 7.—Health of our community is improving—there is no serious sickness to mention.

Bro. Florence filled his regular appointment here Sunday and a good crowd was present, considering the bad weather.

If this cold weather will continue for awhile maybe the fruit crop will be better this year.

It seems that everybody is busy plowing and others fixing new gardens. Those who order-

ed their cabbage plants have received them and have them set out.

The singing at Mr. Webb Finchs' was well attended last night.

Mr. Walling took some pictures of the school last week.

Mrs. Perry Herod and Miss Ruth Milliken spent Saturday evening with Miss Rose.

Willie Morris of Elkhart was in our community Sunday.

A READER.

Boys, when you get ready to change 'em, remember Darsey's. He has them now.

ARE YOU Aware of This Fact?

That you are daily missing a big opportunity to save money on your entire bill if you fail to take advantage of the cut prices I am offering in my big

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Come in and help me to make the prices that will move the goods, which must go, so I can give possession of the building which I have sold.

Bring us your Eggs this week--25c in trade, 20c cash.

J. J. Brooks



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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—At Troyon's, a Paris inn, the youth Marcel Troyon, afterwards to be known as Michael Lanyard, is caught stealing by Burke, an expert thief, who takes the boy with him to America and makes of him a finished cracksmen.

CHAPTER II—After stealing the Ombre jewels and the Huysman war plans in London Lanyard returns to Troyon's for the first time in many years because he thinks Roddy, a Scotland Yard man, is on his trail. On arrival he finds Roddy already installed as a guest.

CHAPTER III—At a dinner a conversation between Comte de Morbihan, M. Bannan and Mile. Bannan about the Lone Wolf, a celebrated cracksmen who works alone, puzzles and alarms him as to whether his identity is only guessed or known.

CHAPTER IV—To satisfy himself that Roddy is not watching him, Lanyard dresses and goes out, leaving Roddy apparently asleep and snoring in the next room, then comes back stealthily, to find a girl in his room.

CHAPTER V—The girl turns out to be Mile. Bannan, who explains her presence by saying that she was sleep-walking.

CHAPTER VI—In his apartment near the Trocadero he finds written on the back of a twenty-pound note, part of his concealed emergency hoard, an invitation from The Pack to the Lone Wolf to join them.

CHAPTER VII—Lanyard attempts to dispose of the Ombre jewels, but finds that The Pack has forbidden the buyers to deal with him. He decides to meet The Pack.

CHAPTER VIII—De Morbihan meets him and takes him before three masked members of The Pack.

CHAPTER IX—He recognizes Popinot, apache, and Wertheimer, English mobster, but the third, an American, is unknown to him. He refuses alliance with them.

CHAPTER X—On his return to his room he is attacked in the dark, but knocks out his assailant.

CHAPTER XI—He gives the unconscious man, who proves to be the mysterious American, a hypodermic to keep him quiet, discovers that Roddy has been murdered in his bed with the evident intention of fastening the crime on him, and changing the appearance of the unconscious American to resemble his own, starts to leave the house.

CHAPTER XIII.

Companions.

The enigma of the girl so deeply intrigued his imagination that it was only with difficulty that he concocted a noncommittal telegram to Roddy's acquaintance in the prefecture de police—that imposing personage who had watched with the man from Scotland Yard at the platform gates in the Gare du Nord.

It was couched in English when eventually composed and submitted to the telegraph clerk with a fervent, if inaudible, prayer that he might be ignorant of the tongue.

"Come at once to my room at Troyon's. Enter via adjoining room prepared for immediate action on important development. Urgent.

"RODDY."

Whether or not this were Greek to the man behind the wicket in the telegraph bureau, it was accepted with complete indifference—or, rather, with an interest that apparently evaporated upon receipt of the fees. Lanyard couldn't see that the clerk favored him with as much as a curious glance before he turned away to lose himself, to bury his identity finally and forever under the incognito of the Lone Wolf.

He couldn't have rested without taking that one step to compass the arrest of the American assassin; now, with luck and prompt action on the part of the prefecture, he felt sure that Roddy would be avenged by M. de Paris. But it was quite as well that there should be no clue whereby the author of the mysterious telegram might be traced.

It was, then, not an ill-pleased Lanyard who slipped off into the night and the rain; but his exasperation was laborate when the first object that met his gaze was that wretched fiacre, back in place before the door, Lucia Bannan leaning from its lowered window, the cocher on his box brandishing an importunate whip at the adventurer.

He barely escaped choking on suppressed profanity, and for two sours would have swung on his heel and ignored the girl deliberately. But he didn't dare—close at hand stood a sergeant de ville, inquisitive eyes bright beneath the dripping vizor of his cap, keenly welcoming this diversion of a cheerless hour.

With at least outward semblance of resignation Lanyard approached the window.

"I have been guilty of some stupid-

ity, perhaps?" he inquired with lip-civility that knew no echo in his heart.

"But I am sorry—" "The stupidity is mine," the girl interrupted in accents tense with agitation. "Mr. Lanyard, I—I—"

Her voice faltered and broke in a short, dry sob, and she drew back with an effort of instinctive distaste for public emotion. Lanyard smothered an impulse to demand roughly: "Well, what now?" and came closer to the window.

"There is something else I can do, Miss Bannan?"

"I don't know. I've just found it out—I came away so hurriedly I never thought to make sure; but I've no money—only a few francs!"

After a little pause he commented: "That does complicate matters, doesn't it?"

"What am I to do? I can't go back—I won't! Anything rather. You may judge how desperate I am when I prefer to throw myself on your generosity—and already I've strained your patience—"

"Not much," he interrupted pleasantly, in a soothing voice. "But—half a moment—we'll have to talk this over."

Directing the cocher to drive to the Place Pigalle, he re-entered the cab, suspicion more than ever rife in his mind. But as far as he could see—with that confounded sergeant de ville staring—there was nothing else for it. He couldn't stand there in the rain forever, gossiping with a girl half hysterical or pretending to be.

"You see," she explained when the fiacre was again under way, "I thought I had a hundred-franc note in my pocketbook, and so I have—but the pocket-book's back there in my room at Troyon's."

"A hundred francs wouldn't see you far toward New York," he observed thoughtfully.

"Oh, I hope you don't think—" She drew back into her corner with a little shudder of humiliation.

As if he hadn't, Lanyard turned to the window, leaned out, and redirected the driver sharply: "Impasse Stanislas!"



The First Object That Met His Gaze Was That Wretched Fiacre.

Immediately the vehicle swerved, rounded a corner, and made back toward the Seine with a celerity which suggested that the stables lay on the Rive Gauche.

"Where?" the girl demanded as Lanyard sat back. "Where are you taking me?"

"I'm sorry," Lanyard said, with every appearance of sudden contrition; "I acted impulsively—on the assumption of your complete confidence. Which, of course, was unpardonable. But, believe me, you have only to say no, and it shall be as you wish."

"But," she persisted impatiently—"you haven't answered me: what is this Impasse Stanislas?"

"The address of an artist I know—Solon, the painter. We're going to take possession of his studio-residence in

his absence. Don't worry; he won't mind. He is under heavy obligation to me—I've sold several canvases for him, and when he's away, as now, in the States, he leaves me the keys. It's a sober-minded, steady-paced neighborhood, where we can rest without misgivings and take our time to think things out."

"But—" the girl began in an odd tone.

"Permit me," he interposed hastily, "to urge the facts of the case upon your consideration."

"Well?" she said in the same tone, as he paused.

"To begin with—I don't doubt you've good reason for running away from your father."

"A very real, a very grave reason," she affirmed quietly.

"And you'd rather not go back—"

"That is out of the question!" with restrained passion that almost won his credulity.

"But you've no friends in Paris?"

"Not one!"

"And no money. So it seems, if you're to elude your father, you must find some place to hide pro tem. As for myself, I've not slept in forty-eight hours and must rest before I can do more, before I'll be able to think clearly and plan ahead. And we won't accomplish much riding round forever in this miserable ark. So I offer you the only solution I'm capable of advancing under the circumstances."

"You are quite right," the girl agreed after a moment. "Please don't think me unappreciative. Indeed, it makes me very unhappy to think I know no way to make amends for your trouble."

"There may be a way," Lanyard informed her quietly; "but we'll not discuss that until we've rested up a bit."

"I shall be only too glad—" she began, but broke off and, in a silence that seemed almost apprehensive, eyed him speculatively throughout the remainder of the journey.

It wasn't a long one, and in the course of the next ten minutes they drew up at the end of a shallow pocket of a street a scant half-block in depth. Alighting, Lanyard helped the girl out, paid and dismissed the cocher, and turned to an iron gate in a high stone wall crowned with spikes.

The grillework of that gate afforded glimpses of a small, dark garden and a little house of two stories. Blank walls of beetling tenements shouldered both house and garden on either side.

Unlocking the gate with a ready key, Lanyard refastened it very carefully, repeated the business at the front door of the house, and when they were securely locked and bolted within a dark reception room, turned on the electric light.

But he granted the girl little more than time for a fugitive survey of this anteroom to an establishment of unique artistic character.

"Solon's living quarters are downstairs here," he explained hurriedly. "He's unmarried, and lives quite alone—his studio devil and the woman who cares for things come in by the day only—and so he avoids that pest of Parisian life, the concierge. With your permission, I'll assign you to the studio—up here."

And leading the way up a narrow flight of steps, he had made a light in the huge room by the time the girl joined him.

"I believe you'll be comfortable," he said. "That divan yonder is as easy a couch as one could wish—and there's this door you can lock at the head of the staircase; while I, of course, will be on guard below. And now, Miss Bannan—unless there's something else I can do—"

The girl answered with a wan smile and a little broken sigh. Almost involuntarily, in the heaviness of her fatigue, she had surrendered to the hospitable arms of a huge lounge chair.

Her weary glance ranged the luxuriously appointed studio and returned to Lanyard's face, and while he waited he fancied he caught something moving and wistful in those eyes so deeply shadowed with distress, perplexity and fatigue.

"I'm very tired indeed," she confessed—"more than I knew. But I'm sure I shall be comfortable. And I count myself very fortunate, Mr. Lanyard. You've been more kind than I deserve. Without you, I don't like to think what might have become of me."

"Please don't!" he pleaded. And suddenly disconcerted by consciousness of his duplicity, he turned to the stairs. "Good night, Miss Bannan," he mumbled, and was half way down before he heard his valediction faintly echoed.

As he gained the lower floor the door was closed at the top of the stairs and its bolt shot home with a soft thud. When he turned to lock the lower one he stayed his hand in transient indecision.

"Damn it!" he growled uneasily—"there can't be any harm in that girl! Impossible for eyes like hers to lie! And yet—And yet—Oh, what's the matter with me? Am I losing my grip? Why hesitate over ordinary precau-

tions against treachery on the part of a woman who's nothing to me and of whom I know nothing that isn't conspicuously questionable? All because of a pretty face and an appealing manner!"

So he locked that door, if very gently, and having pocketed the key and made a round of doors and windows to examine their fastenings, he stumbled heavily into the bedroom of his friend the artist.

Darkness overwhelmed him then—he was stricken down by sleep as an ox falls under the ax.

CHAPTER XIV.

Awakening.

It was late afternoon when Lanyard awakened from sleep so deep and dreamless that nothing could have induced it less potent than sheer systematic exhaustion, at once nervous, muscular and mental.

A profound and stifling lethargy benumbed his senses. There was stupor in his brain and all his limbs ached dully. He opened dazed eyes upon blank darkness. In his ears sounded a vast silence.

And in that strange moment of awakening he was conscious of no individuality—it was, for the time, as if he had passed in slumber from one existence to another, sloughing in the transition all his threefold existence as Marcel Troyon, Michael Lanyard and the Lone Wolf. Had any one of these names been uttered in his hearing just then it would have meant nothing—he was merely himself, a shell of sensations inclosing dull embers of vitality.

For several minutes he lay without moving, curiously intrigued by this riddle of identity—it was but slowly that his mind, like a blind hand groping through the arras of a darkened chamber, picked up the filaments of memory.

But one by one the connections were renewed, the circuits closed.

Singularly enough, in his understanding, his first thought was of a girl—still, presumably, asleep upstairs in the studio, unconsciously his prisoner and hostage.

For he was no more as he had been. Wherein the difference lay he couldn't say, but that a difference existed he was persuaded—that he had changed, that some strange reaction in the chemistry of his nature had taken place while he slept. It was as if sleep had not only repaired the ravages of fatigue upon the tissues of his brain and body, but had mended the tissues of his soul as well.

His thoughts were fluent in fresh channels, his interests no longer the interests of the Michael Lanyard he had known, no longer self-centered, the interests of the absolute ego. He was concerned less for himself, even now, when he should be most concerned about himself, than for another, for the girl Lucia Bannan, who was nothing to him, whom he had yet to know for twenty-four hours, but none the less a woman of whom he could not cease to think if he would.

It was her situation that perturbed him, her predicament from which he sought an outlet—never his own.

Yet his own was desperate enough. Baffled and uneasy, he at length bestowed his watch. But its testimony seemed incredible—surely the hour could not be five in the after-



"Why Did You Lock Me In?"

noon! Surely he could not have slept so close upon a full round of the clock!

And if it were so, what of the girl? Had she, too, so sorely needed sleep that the brief November day had dawned and waned without her knowledge?

That question was one to agitate him; he was up in an instant and groping his way through the gloom-enshrouded bedchamber and dining room to the staircase door in the reception hall. He found this fast enough, for its key was safe in his pocket, and, unlocking it quietly, he shot the beam of his lamp up that

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dark wall to the door at the top, which was tight shut.

For several moments he listened, but there was never a sound to indicate that he wasn't a lonely tenant of the little dwelling, then irresolutely he lifted a foot to the first step—and withdrew it. If she were still asleep, why disturb her? He had much to do in the way of thinking things out, and that was a process more easily performed in solitude.

Leaving the door ajar, he turned to one of the front windows, parted its draperies, and peered out, over the little garden and through the iron ribs of the gate, to the street, where a single gas lamp, glimmering within a dull, golden halo of mist, made visible the scant length of the Impasse Stanislas, empty, rain-swept, desolate.

Rain continued to fall with no hint of stopping.

Something in the dreary emptiness of that brief vista deepened the shadow in his mood and knitted a careworn frown into his brows.

Abstractedly he sought the kitchen and, making a light, washed up at the tap, then foraged for breakfast. Persistence turned up a spirit stove, a packet of tea, a tin or two of biscuit, as many more of potted meats—leftovers from the artist's stock, dimly scant and uninviting in array. With these he made the discovery that he was half famished, and found no reason to believe that the girl would be in any better case. An expedition to the nearest butcher was advisable; but after he had found an old raincoat of Solon's Lanyard decided against leaving the girl alone. Pending her appearance, he filled the spirit stove, put the kettle on to boil, and, lighting a cigarette, sat himself down beside the table to watch the pot and cogitate over his several problems.

In a fashion uncommonly clear-headed, even for him, he assembled all the facts bearing upon their position, his and Lucia Bannan's, and dispassionately pondered them.

But insensibly his thoughts reverted to the exotic phase of his awakening, drifting into such introspection as he seldom indulged, and led him by strange ways to a revelation altogether unpresaged and a resolve still more revolutionary.

A look of wonder flickered in his brooding eyes, and clipped between his two fingers, his cigarette grew a long ash, let it fall, and burned down to a stump so short that the coal almost scorched his flesh. He dropped it and crushed out the fire with his heel quite unwittingly.

Slowly but irresistibly his world was turning over beneath his feet.

The sound of a footfall recalled him as from an immeasurable remove; he looked up to see the girl at pause upon the threshold. He rose slowly, with effort recollecting himself and marshaling his wits against the emergency foreshadowed by her attitude.

Tense with indignation, quick with disdain, she demanded without any preface whatever: "Why did you lock me in?"

He stammered unhappily: "I beg your pardon—" "Why did you lock me in?" "I'm sorry—"

But she interrupted him to stamp her foot emphatically, and he caught her up on the echo of that.

"If you must know, because I wasn't trusting you."

Her eyes darkened ominously. "Yet you insisted that I must trust you!"

"The circumstances aren't parallel; you're not a notorious malefactor wanted by the police of every capital. Europe, hounded by rivals to boot—fighting for life, liberty and"—he laughed shortly—"the pursuit of happiness!"

She caught her breath sharply—whether with dismay or mere surprise at his frankness he couldn't tell.

"Are you?" she demanded quickly.

"Am I what?"

"What you've just said—" "A crook—and all that? Miss Ban-

non, you know it!"

"The Lone Wolf?"

"You've known it all along. De Morbihan told you—or else your father. Or it may be you were shrewd enough to guess it from De Morbihan's gasconading at the table. At all events, it's plain enough to me that nothing but desire to secure proof of my identity with the Lone Wolf took you to my room last night—whether for your personal satisfaction or at the instigation of Bannon—and that nothing less than your own disgust with what was going on actuated you to run away from such intolerable associations. Though, at that, I don't believe you even guessed how unspeakably vicious they were!"

He paused and waited, anticipating furious denial or attempt at refutation; such would, indeed, have been the logical development of the temper in which she had descended to confront him.

Rather than this, she seemed calmed and sobered by his charge; far from resenting it, she appeared disposed to concede its fairness; anger deserted her expression, leaving it intent and grave. She came quietly into the room and faced him squarely across the table.

"You thought that ill of me—that I was capable of spying on you—yet were generous enough to believe I despised myself for doing it?"

"Not at first. At first, after we had met back there in the corridor, I was convinced you were bent on further spying. Not till within this hour, since waking up, did I begin to understand how impossible it would be for you to lend yourself to such villainy as was at work last night."

"But if you thought that of me then, why did you—"

"It occurred to me that it would be just as well to prevent your reporting back to headquarters."

"But you say you've changed your mind about me?"

He nodded. "Quite."

"But why?" she demanded in a voice of amazement. "Why?"

"I can't tell you," he said slowly—"I don't know why. I can only presume it must be because—I can't help believing in you."

Her glance wavered, her color deepened. "I don't understand—" she murmured.

"Nor I," he confessed in a tone as low.

A sudden grumble from the teakettle on the table between them provided welcome distraction. Lanyard lifted it off and slowly poured the boiling water on a measure of tea in an earthenware pot.

"A cup of this and something to eat'll do us no harm," he ventured, smiling uneasily—"especially if we're to pursue our psychological inquiry into the whereforeness of the human tendency to change one's mind!"

(To Be Continued)

FOR CONSTABLE

John Scarbrough requests us to tell the folks over in Precinct No. 2, which is known as the Percilla and Augusta precinct, that he is a candidate for re-election as constable. Mr. Scarbrough is serving his first term, having been elected two years ago over strong opposition, and according to democratic custom should have a second term. From personal observation we believe that Mr. Scarbrough has been diligent in the discharge of his duties, and we have heard quite a number of people say that he has made a splendid peace officer. If re-elected he promises the same good service in the future. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

J. S. PRINCE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

Judge John S. Prince of Athens, district judge of this district, announces this week as a candidate to succeed himself. Judge Prince is now serving his first term, and, as will be noticed in his statement to the voters, a close study of his administration is invited. In the discharge of his duties he has made an efficient officer, dealing impartially with those who have come into his court with an eye single to the strict enforcement of the law and that justice may be done. His home paper, the Athens Review, speaks in the highest terms of his administration and from it some idea may be gained what his home people think of him. The article is published below.

"Elsewhere in the Review will be found the formal announcement of Judge Jno. S. Prince for re-election to the office of District Judge in which office he is now serving his first term.

The statement made by him in his formal announcement of his administration of the office certainly affords the highest testimonial of his ability as a judicial officer. This statement is undoubtedly correct because it is a matter of record and he could not afford to make such unless it were true. Then it occurs to the Review that he is clearly entitled to an endorsement by his re-election. This is not only the way the Review feels about it, but his home people also do, and knowing the love of fair treatment among the people generally the Review believes that those of the entire district will honor him with a re-election. A second term in any office is almost an invariable, though unwritten law, in this country and unless there is some very valid or violent reasons for the revocation of this law in individual instances, the people never disregard it. No such a condition exists in this case, but on the contrary most valid and strong reasons exist justifying his re-election and we feel confident the people of the district will regard his candidacy in this light.

Anyway the people of his home county will, by an almost unanimous vote, endorse his re-election.

The Review has refrained from any comments this year upon the candidacy of local candidates. But in a district office, its interest in the success of home men, justifies a different course. Besides his being a home man and a fellow townsman and neighbor, the Review is glad it can espouse Judge Prince's cause because of his strong merits as shown by his

wise and impartial discharge of the duties, not only of this office, but every other one he has had the honor of filling.

Judge Prince made a fine county judge of this county and exemplified his ability as a financier in the management of the county's financial affairs. Judge Prince will be re-elected."

TO YOUNG LADIES ONLY

Which will you do, win your independence or marry a two-bit man?

You are at the cross-roads of life. There are two paths open to you. One leads to your independence, the other to dependency. You are to choose, which of these roads you prefer to travel. One requires effort, the other indifference. To travel one you must have real backbone and determination, the other, a string for a backbone and indifference will do. Some girls say "The lion is in the way." These girls like gumption, get-up-and-get, they reason that if so and so and such and such a thing had not happened they could have made a great success. The lion is in the way. Fear and indifference has entered into their daily life and robbed them of their vim and courage. Its our life work to train people to determine to get up and do things, develop their latent talents, quicken their perception that they may lead a higher and more useful life. Our thorough practical training in Bookkeeping, Business Methods, Shorthand, Stenotypewriting, Telegraphy, Business English, Business Law, Business Arithmetic, Spelling, Business Writing, Rapid Calculation, Money and Banking, Corporation Finance, Taxation and Public Finance, Private Secretaryship, Salesmanship, Advertising, Real Estate, Commercial History, Higher Accounting, Economics, Parliamentary Law and

Saved Girl's Life

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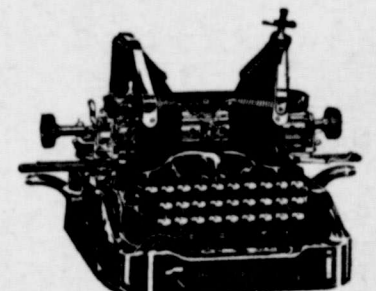
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THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1916

NEWS FROM SAN PEDRO

Feb. 7.—Winter is still here and the farmers are not doing much toward farming.

There was no preaching Sunday evening on account of the bad weather.

There was a school meeting here Friday night to decide whether to vote a tax for the benefit of the school. A petition was signed by the patrons of the school, asking for an election. R. J. Dominy and J. N. Snell were present and made some interesting school talks.

W. S. Tyer and family visited Malcolm Whitaker and family Saturday night and Sunday.

A. L. Morgan of Kennard spent Friday night at W. A. Kleckley's.

Harvey Fullmer and sister visited in the New Prospect community Saturday night and Sunday.

T. A. Morgan, G. L. Payne and Garrett Luce spent Saturday night at I. N. Whitaker's.

G. L. Hazelett and wife of Crockett spent several days at W. A. Kleckley's.

Dan Whitaker and Pone Luce were Kennard visitors Wednesday.

Jake Cutler and family spent Sunday at W. A. Kleckley's. Nero.

MARRIED FRIDAY

Mr. Ed Parker of the New Prospect community and Miss Nannie Hicks of Muskogee, Okla., were quietly married at the home of Rev. J. F. Lively, a mile south of town, Friday evening, that gentleman officiating.

The bride is a sister to Mrs. Ford Newman, whom she has previously visited and enjoys a large circle of friends here.

The groom is a prosperous farmer of his community and is well and favorably known by the citizenry of GrapeLand and surrounding country. He has recently purchased the McKnight place, where he and his bride will be at home to their many friends, who join the Messenger in extending congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodson, Miss Fannie and Willis Goodson and Mrs. Leonard Sullivan went to Palestine Wednesday of last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Goodson's brother, who died at his home near Palestine Tuesday night.

A. E. Owens

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GrapeLand, Texas

NEWS FROM LIBERTY HILL

Feb. 7.—The weather has been very erratic since Christmas, often changing over night from extremely cold to warm and rainy.

Farmers have begun their farm work for the year—cleaning up, breaking land, which very few people do any of before Christmas.

Certainly wish we could have some solid weather. Every family in the community has a share of the lagrippe. Mr. Henry Holcomb has been right sick but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Moore of Crockett spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Moore's mother.

Mr. Riley Felder and wife, Lim Felder and Wilmer West of Cold Springs, visited relatives in our community Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Walter McAnnaly and family are visiting Mrs. McAnnaly's mother at Cold Springs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles entertained the young people Saturday night. All report a jolly good time. SUNBEAM.

TO THE DEMOCRACY OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

I am a candidate for re-election to a second term of the office of District Judge. I now make this my formal announcement.

First I want to thank you for honoring me four years ago, by entrusting to my care the important duties of District Judge, and I assure you that I have ever kept in mind my obligation to perform them. I shall not attempt to give you an account of my administration in an article like this, but will briefly mention some things for your investigation and approval.

I believe I have succeeded in conducting my court at as small an expense to your counties as is possible. I have endeavored to so arrange the disposition of trials as to minimize the costs to litigants and lighten the burden of witnesses as well as the County. My court has disposed of more criminal and more civil cases, and at the same time had fewer reversals than has been done in the same length of time since the organization of the district.

While the District Court is hedged about by rules of law I have tried to so temper its technicalities with common sense that right and justice would prevail, following always my own conception of duty.

The term of office of District Judge is four years and I have held the office one term. I submit my record for your approval and again thanking you for the office you gave me four years ago and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing each of you individually, I remain your servant, JNO. S. PRINCE.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

Ed Holcomb announces in this issue for the office of tax assessor of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Mr. Holcomb is a native of this county, having been born and reared at Augusta where he now resides. He is the son of Henry Holcomb, who held the assessor's office several years ago, and while his father was in office he assisted with the work and became familiar with the details and duties of the office. There is no question as to his qualification, and if elected, promises faithful service.

In conversation with the Messenger man Wednesday morning he stated that he was desperately in earnest about the matter and would carry his campaign to every nook and corner in the county, meeting the voters and putting his claim before them. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

Needles and Pins

And many other little things that are necessary for your Spring sewing

For the next few weeks every housewife will be busy getting spring clothes in shape and we want you to come to our store and see the many things we have you will need

This week we received a big shipment from the Boye Needle Co., expert needle makers, and are showing the following:

Sewing machine needles for all makes of machines.

Shuttles and Bobbins for all makes of machines.

Hand Needles—all sizes for all purposes, in long and short lengths.

We have these needles put up in two grades as follows:

Boye High Grade, nickel plated, non-rustable, 12 in a flipper..... **5c**

Boye Regular Gold Eye, 25 put up in a handy tube..... **5c**

Tatting Shuttles, with closed ends and crochet hooks.

Crochet hooks, Crochet ball holders, thimbles.

We will give FREE with every tube of machine needles a needle threader. Ask to see it work.

We have for your machine a complete line of—

Machine Bands, Oil Cans and the best oil on the market for the money.

In order to get it introduced in this community, we offer a regular 15c 3 oz bottle of oil for..... **10c**

Our line of Dress Goods is complete and we are showing all the cloths at a

price that is making them popular. We have a good stock of treads and embroidery sets and can fill your bill.

Jewelry Novelties

We received last week a shipment of the newest jewelry and ask you to see our Waist Pin Sets, Cameo Brooches, Baby Sets, Collar Pins, Lingerie Clasps, Peacock Rings, etc.

For men we have pearl cuff links, collar buttons, tie clasps, etc.

The Designer

Is one of the leading fashion papers in this country and its styles are authentic. In addition to this it is full of good reading matter and helpful hints for the home. It's literary value alone is well worth the price, 75c a year, but during the month of February we are authorized to take subscriptions delivered at our store once a month for nearly half price—

40c a Year

A new shipment of STANDARD PATTERNS has been received and we will be glad to give you a Fashion Sheet Free for the asking.

GEORGE E. DARSEY Service first store

FOR COUNTY CLERK

A. S. Moore, present county clerk, announces in this issue as a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Moore was elected two years ago and has held the office one term. He asks, in view of democratic custom to give an officer a second term, that he be re-elected. His friends feel that he is entitled to this recognition from the party because he has been faithful to his trust and made an efficient officer. The many details of the office, some of which are very complicated, have been kept very systematically, and those who have had business with the office in looking up some paper that had been filed, have always been waited upon promptly and given good service.

Mr. Moore was born and raised at Augusta. After educating himself, he taught in the public schools of Houston county many years and was one of the county's best teachers.

In his race for a second term he asks for the support of the voters upon his record as an officer and citizen.

FOR SHERIFF

R. J. (Bob) Spence, sheriff of Houston county, announces this week to succeed himself to that office. Mr. Spence was elected two years ago over strong opposition and according to party precedent is entitled to a second term. So far as we have been able to learn he will not have opposition in this race. His record as an officer is known to the people of the county, and it is a record that is without a blemish. He has been diligent in the discharge of his duties and has made a splendid peace officer. His re-election will insure that we will have a good sheriff two more years. He will be grateful for your support.

Don't fail to see the new famous line of Ed. V. Price clothes that are being shown at T. S. Kent's.

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

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Take Hall's Chill Tonic EUCALINE

You will not have the best if you fail to get EUCALINE for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It acts on the liver and bowels and relieves the system of the cause, pleasant to take.

FIFTY CENTS by YOUR DRUGGIST
Take Hall's Chill Tonic

Buy your coffee at the Bargain Store. We grind it for you FREE.

BARGAINS? Yes!

A Few More Left of the Same Old Kind

This week we offer you

GROCERIES

9 lbs good Rio coffee... **\$1.00**
7 lbs high grade roasted coffee (we do the grinding)... **1.00**
3 cans tomatoes... **25c**
3 cans corn... **25c**
3 2 lb cans syrup... **25c**
3 lbs G L baking powder... **25c**
3 lbs A & H soda... **25c**
6 lbs Owl soda... **25c**
3 pkgs corn starch... **25c**
1 qt bottle red vinegar... **10c**
3 lbs evaporated apples... **25c**
3 pkgs mince meat... **25c**
Our Winner—a good patent flour, per sack... **1.50**
Peerless—best high patent flour, per sack... **1.60**
Marechalneil flour, an extra fancy patent, none better, per sack... **1.75**

3 cans Van Camps kraut... **25c**
3 cans string beans... **25c**
3 cans pie apples... **25c**

DRY GOODS

Men's good hats, \$1.25 value for... **50c**
Men's hats, \$3.00 value... **\$2.00**
Men's hats, \$2.00 value... **\$1.50**
Scott's Level Best and Rough Rider overalls, again this week only... **85c**
Blue work shirts 50c val... **40c**
Men's dress shirts 50c up 10c domestic per yard... **8 1 2c**
10c gingham per yard... **8 1 2c**
10c outing per yard... **8 1 2c**
Sweaters and winter underwear AT COST.
Few ladies coats left at LESS THAN COST.
Nice box paper... **10c**

Full Weight, Full Measure and a Square Deal to Everyone. Give us a Trial

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NEXT DOOR TO F. & M. BANK

Your Wants Supplied!

Have you noticed that our shelves are filled with the best Patent Medicines the market affords? That our cases are stacked with the leading Toilet Articles? That we have the best brands in the 5c Cigar to be had from the leading cigar houses of the country? That we have an expert Pharmacist who issues to you only the standard and purest drugs and your money's worth, too?

"Honesty and Quality"

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

LOCAL NEWS

Get the habit of attending the picture show. It's a good one.

Jeff Kennedy of Lovelady was here Monday on business.

Oscar Maxwell of Crockett spent Sunday evening here.

W. E. Kerr went to Huntsville Sunday.

FOR SALE—A good second hand organ. Apply at the Messenger office.

W. R. Petty of Palestine was a visitor to our city Saturday.

B. F. Dent and Earle Adams of Crockett were here Saturday.

See those new ties on display at McLean & Riall's.

Misses Maude McCarty, Fannie Driskell and Mabel Wherry visited in Crockett this week.

Mrs. Walter Conoway visited her mother near Grapeland this week.

Don't trifle—use the best—Blue Ribbon Flour at McLean & Riall's.

AT THE ELECTRIC THEATRE

Tonight (Thursday) after the box supper there will be 5 reels of moving pictures for a dime.

CAR OF FLOUR

Due to arrive this week—the good kind—at the Cash Grocery Co.

"Classy" is the only word that describes the line of shirts now on display at Darsey's. All the new patterns at 50c, \$1 & \$1.50.

FOR SALE—Seed sweet potatoes—Improved Pumpkin Yam and Godby's Triumph at 75c per bushel. W. R. DURNELL, Grapeland, Route 3.

The ONLY KIND

Pure - Fresh - Clean
Drugs

Are the Only Kind we Sell

Our experience has taught us that a pleased customer is our best advertisement.

We guarantee perfect satisfaction to all who trade at our store.

Experience and accuracy prevails alike in the buying, keeping, selling, compounding and dispensing of every article sold here.

Everything in this store is bought right, kept right and sold right. Let us serve you next time.

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

Headquarters for all kinds of

Shop Work, Woodwork and Blacksmithing

HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY

In fact, any kind of ordinary smithing done to order. Call and see us.

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SEED IRISH POTATOES

We have plenty. See us before you buy and get our prices. Cash Grocery Co.

Mrs. Paul Kitcher and mother, of Palestine, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Halton Sunday.

If you contemplate ordering a suit this Spring, we have the best line of clothes in America at your disposal—The Royal Tailors. See it and you will buy. Geo. E. Darsey.

FRESH MEAT

The meat market is under new management and will be pleased to serve its patrons with nice meats, including beef, ham, sausage and other market products. Phone us when you need anything in this line. Your patronage appreciated.

Caskey & Denson.

Let us show you Ed. V. Price clothes—the clothes with a reputation and a backed-up guarantee from \$14.50 up. T. S. Kent's.

NOTICE

I now have in charge the W. L. Moody lands in Houston county. Those desiring to make new leases should see me at once.

O. W. DAVIS,
Grapeland, Texas.

New Millinery For Spring

Beginning Monday of next week, we will have on display, a line of ladies' hats, showing the season's best styles. We request you to see the numbers we are showing and shall be glad to serve you. The styles are in line with those being shown in the larger cities and are good for wear at this season.

Geo. E. Darsey.

WANTED—A reliable man or boy to do farm work. If interested consult J. L. WILLIS, Grapeland, Texas.

S. T. Anthony wants three thousand fryers and hens, also 100 cases of eggs during the month of February for which the highest cash price will be paid.

In the President's preparedness program, be sure to include a suit of those Ed. V. Price good fitting clothes, shown at Kent's.

FOR SALE

One sow and four pigs, price \$12.50. One sow and seven pigs, price \$15.00. GEO. CHAFFIN, Route 3.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

The Store for Everybody

The reason we say "the store for everybody, is, the fact that you will find that goods of first class are offered by this store.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING

Guaranteed

The makers of Curlee Clothes are so sure that their clothes are right in every way that they give with each suit an unqualified guarantee, leaving the final decision as to its service and genuine satisfaction to your own good judgement.

This is real evidence of the superiority of Curlee Clothes.

This guarantee is a big inducement for you to visit our store and let us show you the finest clothes and biggest values you have ever looked at. That's all we ask—an opportunity to show you. Curlee Clothes will do the rest.



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Make our store your store while in town.



They Fit

A good fitting pair of Pants adds largely to your appearance.

It is just as easy to procure good fitting pants as the other kind.

Wear Curlee Pants. They are modeled on lines which assure a perfect fit. They are stylish Pants—quality Pants and the biggest Values on earth. If you want the most for your money here is your opportunity. Come in and see the new handsome Curlee Pants just arrived. Among them you will find the pair you want.

VERY SAME PRICES

\$2.50 \$3.50 \$5.00

ALL OVER THE WORLD

We believe we are offering the strongest line of shoes on the American market, subject to your approval and if given a chance to prove the merit of our shoes, they will give you entire satisfaction, as the leather that these shoes are made of will stand the severest test. The workmanship is the most skilled. The styles are conservative, yet stylish in appearance.

Kennedy Bros. The Store for Everybody

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting: You are Hereby Commanded to summon the unknown heirs of B. F. Wright, the unknown heirs of Robert Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of M. A. Lamkin, deceased, the unknown heirs of F. P. Lamkin, deceased, the unknown heirs of L. B. Lamkin, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Lamkin, deceased, Robert Collins, M. A. Lamkin, F. P. Lamkin, L. B. Lamkin and J. W. Lamkin by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1916, the same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5610, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of B. F. Wright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of M. A. Lamkin, deceased, the unknown heirs of F. P. Lamkin, deceased, the unknown heirs of L. B. Lamkin, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Lamkin, deceased, Robert Collins, M. A. Lamkin, F. P. Lamkin, L. B. Lamkin, and J. W. Lamkin are Defendants, and said petition alleging that the Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, being a part of the John Coughran survey, and known as Lots Nos. 3 and 4 out of said survey, and described by field notes as follows: Beginning at the East corner of No. 1. Thence South 51 West with No. 1, 1574 vrs. to the North or East corner of No. 2. Thence South 22 East with No. 2, 1428 vrs. to the Northwest corner of No. 4, which is the Southeast corner of No. 2, on Telegraph road. Thence South 70 1/4 East with No. 4, 810 vrs. to the corner, a stake, whence a Hickory 12 in. brs. S. 50 E. 7 vrs., and a Red Oak brs. N. 23 W. 7 vrs. Thence North 1107 vrs. to stake, whence a Black Jack 8 in. brs. N. 51 W. 5 vrs., another 6 in. brs. S. 13 E. 8 vrs. Thence North 45 West 170 vrs. to the corner of the Frisby 1200 vrs. to the beginning, containing 264 3-10 acres of land.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at the corner of No. 2 and 3 in the Telegraph road. Thence South 12 West with said road 550 varas to corner in the road where a Post Oak 15 in. brs. N. 57 E. 16 vrs., another 18 in. brs. N. 54 E. 19 vrs. Thence South 75 East 700 vrs. to stake, a Post Oak 20 in. brs. S. 81 E. 20 vrs., another 18 in. brs. N. 16 W. 16 vrs. Thence North 83 East 59 vrs., intersected the East boundary of the Reynolds survey, set stake in prairie, a Pin Oak 15 in. brs. S. 5 W. 38 vrs. Thence North 45 West with Reynolds 530 vrs. to the West corner. Thence North 70 1/4 West 810 vrs. to the beginning, containing 90 7-10 acres of land.

Plaintiff sets out in its petition all of the deeds and other muniments of title under and by virtue of which they claim title to said land; Plaintiff alleges that those whose title it holds to said land have had the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, paying all taxes due thereon, under deeds duly registered for periods of five and ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and Plaintiff specially alleges that the adverse possession held in and to said property was under the Plaintiff's immediate vendors, and that the statutes of limitation were long since completed at the time of the conveyance of said property to the Plaintiff herein.

Plaintiff alleges there is no title out of the said James H. Collard, the original grantee, to said land, in and to Plaintiff or any of Plaintiff's vendors, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title, and that any other and further claims of the Defendants are unknown. Plaintiff prays judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom, substituting all deeds, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1916. JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston Co.

Collard, A. D. Hutchings, J. E. Hutchings, J. M. Forrest, Maggie E. Forrest and W. H. Roberts by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1916, the same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5609, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of James H. Collard, deceased, the unknown heirs of A. D. Hutchings, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. E. Hutchings, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. M. Forrest, deceased, the unknown heirs of Maggie E. Forrest, deceased, the unknown heirs of W. H. Roberts, deceased, James H. Collard, A. D. Hutchings, J. E. Hutchings, J. M. Forrest, Maggie E. Forrest and W. H. Roberts are Defendants, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, being known as the James Colcott 78 1/2 acre survey, patented to James H. Collard, assignee, and described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Charles Richards survey of one league, and on the West boundary of a survey of 640 acres made for M. J. Ledbetter, a stake from which a Post Oak marked C. R. brs. N. 60 W. 5 8-10 vrs., and another mkd. X brs. S. 15 W. 6 4-10 vrs. Thence South with said Ledbetter's line 145 vrs., intersect the Northwest boundary of a part of eleven leagues made for G. Badillo, set stake from which a Post Oak mkd. J. C. brs. N. 58 W. 10 6-10 vrs., and a Black Jack mkd. X brs. S. 55 W. 3 8-10 vrs. Thence South 55 West with the Northwest boundary line of said Badilla's survey, 730 vrs., prairie, 820 vrs., intersected the Northeast boundary of George Robbins league, a stake in prairie. Thence North 45 West with said Robbins line 871 vrs., intersected the corner of said Richards league, a stake in prairie. Thence East with said Richards league 820 vrs. timber 1275 vrs., the beginning.

Plaintiff sets out in its petition all of the deeds and other muniments of title under and by virtue of which it claims title to said land. Plaintiff alleges that those whose title they hold to said land have had the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, paying all taxes due thereon, under deeds duly registered, for periods of five and ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and Plaintiff specially alleges that the adverse possession held in and to said property was under the Plaintiff's immediate vendors, and that the statutes of limitation were long since completed at the time of the conveyance of said property to the Plaintiff herein.

Plaintiff alleges there is no title out of the said James H. Collard, the original grantee, to said land, in and to Plaintiff or any of Plaintiff's vendors, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title, and that any other and further claims of the Defendants are unknown. Plaintiff prays judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom, substituting all deeds, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1916. JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston Co.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Samuel Calhoun, the unknown heirs of S. C. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of R. H. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of F. M. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of B. F. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of L. P. Hyatt, the unknown heirs of Benjamin Hyatt, the unknown heirs of M. E. Forrest, the unknown heirs of C. A. Forrest, the unknown heirs of Mollie M. Alston, the unknown heirs of John M. Wright, the unknown heirs of Lucy A. Wright, the unknown heirs of M. C. Kelley, the unknown heirs of E. L. Wilson, the unknown heirs of James R. Wilson, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Wright, the unknown heirs of B. F. Wright, the unknown heirs of Martha A. Cabiness, S. C. Cabiness, R. H. Cabiness, F. M. Cabiness, B. F. Cabiness, L. P. Hyatt, Benjamin Hyatt, M. E. Forrest, C. A. Forrest, Mollie M. Alston, John M. Wright, Lucy A. Wright, M. C. Kelley, E. L. Wilson, James R. Wilson, Mary E. Wright and Martha A. Cabiness by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper

published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1916, the same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5611, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Samuel Calhoun, the unknown heirs of S. C. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of R. H. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of F. M. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of B. F. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of L. P. Hyatt, the unknown heirs of Benjamin Hyatt, the unknown heirs of M. E. Forrest, the unknown heirs of C. A. Forrest, the unknown heirs of Mollie M. Alston, the unknown heirs of John M. Wright, the unknown heirs of Lucy A. Wright, the unknown heirs of M. C. Kelley, the unknown heirs of E. L. Wilson, the unknown heirs of James R. Wilson, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Wright, the unknown heirs of B. F. Wright, the unknown heirs of Martha A. Cabiness, S. C. Cabiness, R. H. Cabiness, F. M. Cabiness, B. F. Cabiness, L. P. Hyatt, Benjamin Hyatt, M. E. Forrest, C. A. Forrest, Mollie M. Alston, John M. Wright, Lucy A. Wright, M. C. Kelley, E. L. Wilson, James R. Wilson, Mary E. Wright, Mary C. Smith, B. F. Wright and Martha A. Cabiness are Defendants, and said petition alleging that the Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being legally seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, same being the William Ford 38 9-10 acre survey, described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of a survey made for Henry Goldman, from which a Post Oak mkd. B brs. S. 47 1/2 E. 58 vrs., another brs. S. 30 E. 5 9-10 vrs., mkd. E. Thence North 55 West 400 vrs., intersecting Goldman's line on G. B. Grant's line. Thence North 55 East 1170 vrs., intersecting J. Coughran's and Grant's lines. Thence South 35 West 1099 vrs. to the beginning.

Plaintiff sets out in its petition all of the deeds and other muniments of title under and by virtue of which they claim title to said land.

That Plaintiff and those under whom Plaintiff claims title to said land have been in the actual, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and Plaintiff specially pleads the ten years statute of limitation under and by virtue of the possession and adverse claim held to said property by its immediate vendors herein for said period of time, in bar of any claims asserted to said property by the said Defendants.

Plaintiff would respectfully show that there is no title out of Samuel Calhoun, or any of his heirs herein named as Defendants, conveying said property to any one, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title, and that any other and further claims asserted to said property by the Defendants herein are unknown.

Plaintiff prays judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1916. JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston Co.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to summon the unknown heirs of B. F. Wright, the unknown heirs of Henry Goldman, the unknown heirs of James S. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of M. A. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of Phillip Alston, the unknown heirs of Wrixson Marriner, the unknown heirs of Jesse Smith, the unknown heirs of J. P. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of L. B. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of J. W. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of A. D. Hutchings, the unknown heirs of Maggie Hutchings, the unknown heirs of Emma Hutchings, the unknown heirs of M. E. Haden, the unknown heirs of E. L. Parish, the unknown heirs of Alice Parish, the unknown heirs of Dock Pegues, the unknown heirs of Eliza Pegues, the unknown heirs of G. C. Davis, the unknown heirs of Nannie Davis, the unknown heirs of B. F. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of Mamie Cabiness, the unknown heirs of W. H. Roberts, the unknown heirs of Kate Roberts, L. P. Hutchings, R. H. Hutchings, Robert H. Alston, Agnes Alston, Eliza Alston, Halley Smith, Robert T. Smith, Mrs. Nartin Bean Gay, Daniel Gay, Ellen Chenualt, J. W. Chenualt, L. T. Chenualt, A. O. Chenualt, M. F. Thompson, R. L. Thompson, Harriett Thompson, Mary E. Thompson, and J. Lyle Smith are Defendants, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, same being a part of the Henry Goldman survey, and more particularly described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Goldman survey on East bank of Trinity River, Ash mkd. S. Thence North 35 East with line between Goldman and William Ford survey 2500 vrs. to corner on South line of Badilla Grant. Thence North 55 East with said line to stake where East line of a 700 acre tract, conveyed by Louis Calhoun and W. L. Hayden to Mrs. Delia Eastham, crosses said line. Thence South 55 East 350 vrs. to extreme Northeast corner of Hosea Smith tract, an Elm 8 in. mkd. X brs. N. 84 W. 3 vrs. Thence South 82 West 119 vrs. to stake for corner, a Locust 16 in. mkd. X brs. N. 80 E. 8 7-10 vrs. Thence South 35 West 603 2-10 vrs. to stake for corner whence a Locust 20 in. mkd. X brs. S. 66 E. 8 vrs. Thence South 62-43' East 350 7-10 vrs. to stake in Crockett and Huntsville road. Thence Southwest with the meanders of said road to stake where said road crosses the South boundary line of said Goldman survey. Thence South 35 West with the South boundary line of said Goldman survey to stake on East bank of Trinity River. Thence with

of J. W. Chenualt, the unknown heirs of L. T. Chenualt, the unknown heirs of A. O. Chenualt, the unknown heirs of M. F. Thompson, the unknown heirs of R. L. Thompson, the unknown heirs of Harriett Thompson, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Thompson, the unknown heirs of J. Lyle Smith, B. F. Wright, Henry Goldman, James S. Cabiness, M. A. Lamkin, Phillip Alston, Wrixson Marriner, Jesse Smith, F. P. Lamkin, L. B. Lamkin, J. W. Lamkin, A. D. Hutchings, Maggie Hutchings, Emma Hutchings, Alice Hutchings, M. E. Haden, E. L. Parish, Alice Parish, Dock Pegues, Eliza Pegues, G. C. Davis, Nannie Davis, B. F. Cabiness, Mamie Cabiness, W. H. Roberts, Kate Roberts, L. P. Hutchings, R. H. Hutchings, Robert H. Alston, Agnes Alston, Eliza Alston, Halley Smith, Robert T. Smith, Mrs. Nartin Bean Gay, Daniel Gay, Ellen Chenualt, J. W. Chenualt, L. T. Chenualt, A. O. Chenualt, M. F. Thompson, R. L. Thompson, Harriett Thompson, Mary E. Thompson, and J. Lyle Smith, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1916, the same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5612, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of B. F. Wright, the unknown heirs of Henry Goldman, the unknown heirs of James S. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of M. A. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of Phillip Alston, the unknown heirs of Wrixson Marriner, the unknown heirs of Jesse Smith, the unknown heirs of J. P. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of L. B. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of J. W. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of A. D. Hutchings, the unknown heirs of Maggie Hutchings, the unknown heirs of Emma Hutchings, the unknown heirs of M. E. Haden, the unknown heirs of E. L. Parish, the unknown heirs of Alice Parish, the unknown heirs of Dock Pegues, the unknown heirs of Eliza Pegues, the unknown heirs of G. C. Davis, the unknown heirs of Nannie Davis, the unknown heirs of B. F. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of Mamie Cabiness, the unknown heirs of W. H. Roberts, the unknown heirs of Kate Roberts, the unknown heirs of L. P. Hutchings, the unknown heirs of R. H. Hutchings, the unknown heirs of Robert H. Alston, the unknown heirs of Agnes Alston, the unknown heirs of Halley Smith, the unknown heirs of Robert T. Smith, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Nartin Bean Gay, the unknown heirs of Daniel Gay, the unknown heirs of Ellen Chenualt, the unknown heirs of J. W. Chenualt, the unknown heirs of L. T. Chenualt, the unknown heirs of A. O. Chenualt, the unknown heirs of M. F. Thompson, the unknown heirs of R. L. Thompson, the unknown heirs of Harriett Thompson, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Thompson, the unknown heirs of J. Lyle Smith, B. F. Wright, Henry Goldman, James S. Cabiness, M. A. Lamkin, Phillip Alston, Wrixson Marriner, Jesse Smith, F. P. Lamkin, L. B. Lamkin, J. W. Lamkin, A. D. Hutchings, Maggie Hutchings, Emma Hutchings, Alice Hutchings, M. E. Haden, E. L. Parish, Alice Parish, Dock Pegues, Eliza Pegues, G. C. Davis, Nannie Davis, B. F. Cabiness, Mamie Cabiness, W. H. Roberts, Kate Roberts, L. P. Hutchings, R. H. Hutchings, Robert H. Alston, Agnes Alston, Eliza Alston, Halley Smith, Robert T. Smith, Mrs. Nartin Bean Gay, Daniel Gay, Ellen Chenualt, J. W. Chenualt, L. T. Chenualt, A. O. Chenualt, M. F. Thompson, R. L. Thompson, Harriett Thompson, Mary E. Thompson, and J. Lyle Smith, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1916, the same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5608, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Mary Jane Ledbetter, deceased, the unknown heirs of James H. Starr, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Oliver Biernie, deceased, and said petition alleging that the Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, being the Mary Jane Ledbetter 640 acre survey and described by field notes as follows:

the meanders of said River to the place of beginning, containing 660 acres of land, more or less.

Plaintiff sets out in its petition all of the deeds and other muniments of title under and by virtue of which it claims title to said land.

Plaintiff further alleges that those under whom the Plaintiff claims title to said land have been in the actual, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying said land under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon, for periods of five and ten years before the filing of this suit, and Plaintiff specially alleges that the possession herein alleged and claimed by Plaintiff was held under and by Plaintiff's vendors prior to Plaintiff's purchase of said land, and Plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years statutes of limitation in bar of any claims asserted by any of the Defendants to said property.

Plaintiff would further represent and show to the Court that said property was patented to the heirs of Henry Goldman, but that there is no title out of any of said heirs, so far as Plaintiff knows, conveying said property, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title.

Plaintiff would further show that, as shown by the records of Houston County, B. F. Wright at one time asserted some character of claim in and to said property, the exact nature of which is unknown to Plaintiff, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title; and Plaintiff would further show that any other and further claims to said property by any of the Defendants herein are unknown to Plaintiff.

Plaintiff prays judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1916. JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston Co. Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Mary Jane Ledbetter, deceased, the unknown heirs of James H. Starr, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Oliver Biernie, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1916, the same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5608, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Mary Jane Ledbetter, deceased, the unknown heirs of James H. Starr, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Oliver Biernie, deceased, are Defendants, and said petition alleging that the Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, being the Mary Jane Ledbetter 640 acre survey and described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at the South corner of Plummer's 640 acre tract marked B. Thence South 45 East 1550 vrs., intersecting Badilla's two league tract, a stake from which a Post Oak mkd. X brs. N. 30 E. 3 3-5 vrs. and a Black Jack mkd. X brs. E. 8 2-10 vrs. Thence with said Badilla's line South 55 West 2450 vrs., intersecting the Northeast boundary line of Charles Richards' league, a stake for corner. Thence with said survey, North at 3250 vrs., intersecting said Plummer's 640 acre tract, a stake from which a Black Jack brs. S. 75 E. 14 5-10 vrs. Thence with said Plummer's line South 45 East 1283 vrs. to the place of beginning.

Plaintiff sets out in its petition all of the deeds and other muniments of title under and by virtue of which they claim title to said land. Plaintiff alleges that those whose title they hold to said land have had the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, paying all taxes due thereon, under deeds duly registered for periods of five and ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and Plaintiff specially alleges that the adverse possession held in and to said property was under the Plaintiff's immediate vendors, and that the statute of limitation was long since completed at the time of the conveyance of said property to the Plaintiff herein.

Plaintiff alleges that said tract of land was patented by the State of Texas to Mary Jane Ledbetter on March 30, 1845, and that said property was conveyed by George W. Grant and his wife, Mary Jane

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Grant, to James H. Starr, and Plaintiff has no absolute proof that the said Mary Jane Grant was the same person to whom said land was patented, and that there is no title out of James H. Starr, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title, and that any other and further claims of the Defendants are unknown. Plaintiffs pray judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916. JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston Co.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

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

You are Hereby Commanded to summon

The unknown heirs of Gordiana Badilla, the unknown heirs of W. F. Batchelor, the unknown heirs of Jose Antonio Sepulvedo, the unknown heirs of Wm. R. Seward, the unknown heirs of W. K. Hindman, the unknown heirs of Hugh Reed, the unknown heirs of W. H. Cundiff, the unknown heirs of M. E. W. Converse, the unknown heirs of James Converse, the unknown heirs of M. E. Converse, the unknown heirs of Daniel Dailey, the unknown heirs of W. A. Stewart, the unknown heirs of Anderson Dexter, the unknown heirs of Andrew Dexter, the unknown heirs of Samuel Dexter, the unknown heirs of Wade Allen, the unknown heirs of Charlotte S. Dexter, the unknown heirs of W. W. Dexter, the unknown heirs of A. W. Dexter, the unknown heirs of L. H. Dexter, the unknown heirs of D. C. Barnmore, the unknown heirs of T. T. Smothers, the unknown heirs of J. P. Mitchell, the unknown heirs of E. L. Ward, the unknown heirs of J. B. Thomas, the unknown heirs of G. W. Castles, the unknown heirs of H. T. Soward, the unknown heirs of Godfrey Beaumont, the unknown heirs of C. F. Moore, the unknown heirs of H. A. Moore, the unknown heirs of F. M. Hall, the unknown heirs of W. B. Freeman, the unknown heirs of Lyle J. Logue, the unknown heirs of Phillip Alston, the unknown heirs of Abram Frisby, the unknown heirs of B. F. Wright, the unknown heirs of J. A. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of Jesse G. Thompson, the unknown heirs of Amelia Thompson, the unknown heirs of L. B. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of J. W. Lamkin, the unknown heirs of Martin Leaverton, the unknown heirs of James Johnson, the unknown heirs of Robert Collins, the unknown heirs of A. D. Hutchings, the unknown heirs of F. M. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of Mollie M. Alston, the unknown heirs of R. H. Alston, the unknown heirs of B. F. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of M. J. Cabiness, the unknown heirs of D. D. Alston, the unknown heirs of George Robbins, the unknown heirs of Sallie E. Gibbs, the unknown heirs of Andrew Dexter, Samuel Dexter, S. Dexter, W. W. Dexter, A. W. Dexter, L. H. Dexter, D. C. Barnmore, T. T. Smothers, D. Frost Smith, J. P. Mitchell, E. L. Ward, J. B. Thomas, G. W. Castles, L. Erwin, H. B. Carr, H. T. Soward, Godfrey Beaumont, C. F. Moore, H. A. Moore, F. M. Hall, W. B. Freeman, Lyle J. Logue, Phillip Alston, Abram Frisby, B. F. Wright, J. A. Cabiness, Jesse G. Thompson, Amelia Thompson, L. B. Lamkin, J. W. Lamkin, Martin Leaverton, James Johnson, Robert Collins, A. D. Hutchings, F. M. Cabiness, Mollie M. Alston, W. H. Alston, R. H. Alston, B. F. Cabiness, M. J. Cabiness, Kate Roberts, D. D. Alston, Wrixson Marriner, George Robbins, Sallie E. Gibbs by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1916, the same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5614, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Gordiana Badilla are Defendants, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, same being a part of the Gordiana Badilla Grant, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning 450 vrs. North 55 East from the Southeast corner of the Mary Jane Ledbetter survey on the Northwest line of the Gordiana Badilla Four League Survey. Thence South 55 West with the Ledbetter line 450 vrs. to the Southwest corner of the same, a post oak 18 in. brs. N. 58 W. 10 5-10 vrs., continuing South 55 West 7640 vrs. to the Trinity River. Thence down the Trinity River with the meanderings of same to the South line of the said Gordiana Badilla survey. Thence North 55 East with the South line of said Badilla survey 7245 vrs. to the East line of A. Frisby survey. Thence North 45 West with said line 420 vrs. to the intersection of the road from Convict Camp with the Crockett road, near the Lamkin place, continuing with said road to Convict Camp, North 45 West 1024 vrs. Thence North 15 West 2600 vrs. to the place of beginning, a post oak 16 in. dia. brs. N. 67 E. 20 vrs., another 10 in. dia. brs. S. 82 1/2 W. 10 vrs., containing 4300 acres of land, more or less.

Plaintiff sets out in its petition all of the deeds and other muniments of title under and by virtue of which it claims title to said land.

Plaintiff further alleges that those under whom the Plaintiff claims title to said land have been in the actual, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying said land under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon, for periods of five and ten years before the filing of this suit, and Plaintiff specially alleges that the possession herein alleged and claimed by Plaintiff was held under and by Plaintiff's vendors prior to Plaintiff's purchase of said land, and Plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years statutes of limitation in bar of any claims asserted by any of the Defendants to said property.

Plaintiff would further represent that by an instrument recorded in Volume 21, page 153 of the Houston County Deed Records, one Macedonio Bernard Badilla purported to convey all of the said Badilla Grant to one W. F. Batchelor, and Plaintiff alleges that said Badilla had no title to said property at the time of such conveyance, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title.

That by an instrument in writing, dated November 24, 1858, recorded in Volume 14, page 244 of the Houston County Deed Records, one Jose E. Sepulveda et al purported to convey 5 1/2 leagues of land belonging to said Gordiana Badilla, reciting in said deed that same was conveyed by said Badilla to said Sepulveda, and Plaintiff alleges that said Sepulveda had no title to said property, but that by reason of said deed appearing on the records, a cloud is cast on Plaintiff's title, which Plaintiff says should be removed.

Plaintiff would further show that the records of Houston County show various deeds and other instruments

of writing made by and between Defendants, all of which instruments affect the title to the land herein sued for by Plaintiff, but that the extent and nature of the claims asserted by the Defendants under such deeds and other instruments are unknown to Plaintiff, but that a cloud is cast on Plaintiff's title.

Plaintiff prays judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 14th day of January, A. D. 1916. JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston Co. Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,

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FOR DISTRICT CLERK

John F. Gilbert announces this week for the office of district clerk. Mr. Gilbert's home is at Cut, but he was born near Kennard and has resided in Houston county all his life. He was educated in the schools of Houston county, later attending Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville and Valpariso University in Indiana. He has been teaching in the county quite awhile and has made a splendid reputation as an educator. He is at present principal of the Ash high school, which position he has held three years.

He comes from one of the best families of the county and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

In announcing his candidacy he does so with the earnest desire that the voters give him due consideration and if elected promises to perform the duties of the office faithfully.

The Letter "E"

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all of the time.

But we call his attention to the fact that "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no heat, no life and no heaven. It is the center of honesty, makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors, devils, news, clothes nor a Lee Clewis to clean and press them. adv.

We want your grocery business. We keep on hand a good fresh supply all the time. "Sunshine Special" delivery. Try us. Cash Grocery Co.

Mrs. S. J. Morris and daughter, Miss Louise, of Tyler, were here the latter part of last week visiting the family of J. O. Edington.

Dock Payne, one of the Messenger's good friends of the Belott community, was in town Saturday and paid us a pleasant call.

Aubrey Lively spent Sunday in Creek, and reports having enjoyed a turkey dinner. We suppose he did as he came home sick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary:

- For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:
 - B H Gardner Anderson County
 - J S Prince (Re-election) of Henderson county
- For State Senator:
 - J J Strickland of Anderson County
- For County Treasurer:
 - W M (Willie) Robison Ney Sheridan (Re-election)
- For County Attorney:
 - J L Lipscomb
- For County Clerk:
 - O C Goodwin
 - A S Moore (Re-election)
- For Tax Collector:
 - C W Butler Jr
 - W N (Will) Standley
- For District Clerk:
 - John F Gilbert
- For Sheriff:
 - R J (Bob) Spence (Re-election)
- For Tax Assessor:
 - Ed Holcomb
- For Constable Prec't. No. 2:
 - John Scarbrough (Re-election)
- For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:
 - E E Holcomb (Re-election)

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If you live within 60 miles and buy	\$75.00
If you live within 75 miles and buy	\$92.50

And so on

If you buy only half of these amounts your fare will be refunded one way. Always buy round trip tickets.

SHOP ON A TRANSFER—

See that every purchase is entered on your transfer. When through shopping present your transfer at the office for refund of railroad fare.

COME ON THE CLUB PLAN—

Form buying clubs among your neighbors and friends. Your combined purchases will easily amount to enough to cover your round trip fare, giving those who cannot come the advantage of the better grades, assortments and lower prices to be had at this store.

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Dr. W. D. McCarty is erecting a new bungalow on his property near the Christian church, the old dwelling having been torn away.

M. E. Darsey is having his residence just across the street from the Messenger office moved back on the block several feet and will remodel it and make it up-to-date in every respect.

Rev. B. C. Ansley was called to Lovelady last Friday to marry a couple, Mr. Young and Miss Stevenson, two prominent young people of the town.

NEW POSITION

I wish to notify my friends and customers that I am no longer with the Cash Grocery Co., but have accepted a position with Kennedy Bros., and will appreciate any trade you can give me. Thanking you for past favors, I remain,

Your friend,
Marvin Gilbert.

Our congenial friend, and one Houston County's most prosperous farmers, Mr. Lee Finch of the New Prospect community, paid us a pleasant call Saturday, and secured one of the peanut bulletins which we have been distributing among the farmers of this country. Mr. Finch always raises a living at home and is always on the lookout for methods of better diversification.

Read All the Ads.

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To all worthy customers of this bank. In extending accommodations our customers are first considered. They are entitled to this consideration if worthy.

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