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NORMAL GOES TO LOVELADY

The progressive town of Lovelady won the normal over Grapeland and Crockett last Saturday, bidding it in for the magnificent sum of \$802.50. Crockett's bid was \$686.00, Grapeland's \$606.36. The sealed bids were opened by the normal executive committee in the office of County Superintendent Snell in the presence of committees representing each town. It may be said that the committees representing Grapeland and Crockett were greatly shocked when the bids were opened, as each felt sure their towns had gone the limit and were really bidding more than the normal was worth from a financial standpoint. However, Lovelady thought otherwise, and carried home "the bacon." We congratulate them and hope the normal will be a success in every way.

After the committee selected Lovelady as the place of holding the normal, the following faculty was selected: J. N. Snell, County Superintendent, Conductor; M. R. Martin of Leon County; W. A. Reece, Groveton, Trinity County; J. H. Rosser, Porter Springs; R. J. Dominy, Crockett; C. T. Sims, Grapeland; W. H. Tomme, Lovelady; N. A. Gant, Weldon; Mrs. McLemore, Kennard, primary instructor.

LOCAL NEWS FROM ANTRIM

Feb. 13.—We are having some more cold weather now to give everybody a chance to finish their hog killing, then we hope we will not have very much more cold weather this winter.

The farmers are busy plowing, fixing fence and doing other things preparing to make a crop.

Mr and Mrs. A. N. Edens and children visited Mrs. Eden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell, Saturday night.

Our literary society met Saturday night. As the weather was very bad there was not a very large crowd present. Our program was very good. Our debating subject was "Resolved, That the Bible should be taught in our public schools." Affirmative, Jim Hogg Edens and May Martin; negative, Virgil Durnell and George Kyle. The decision was in favor of the negative. Both sides did well as it was the first time some of them ever debated. Our visitors were Misses Ethel, Eula and Weeda Kolb of Elkhart. Miss Weeda rendered some good music on the organ, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Rev. W. R. Durnell preached at New Prospect today.

Miss May Martin entertained with a leap year party Friday in honor of her cousin, Jake Weisinger, of Diboll, who is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

W. M. Durnell had business in Grapeland Saturday.

Mrs. H. A. Skeen and children visited Mrs. W. R. Durnell Saturday.

Misses Jewel and Lily Helms visited John Martin and family Sunday.

the race this year he feels confident that his friends will stay with him and that he will gain enough votes to elect him. In the event of his election, he promises to give the people the best service possible and be attentive to his duties.

NOTICE

I am now feeding a bunch of hogs getting them ready to ship about April 15. If there are others in the country who have hogs to ship about that time I would be glad to buy them and ship with mine. See me about it at once. Geo. Calhoun.

FOR COMMISSIONER

Mr. J. C. Estes authorizes the Messenger to announce his candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the July primary.

Mr. Estes lives in the Porter Springs community and is one of the county's best known and honored citizens. He knows and understands the needs of the county, and if elected would make a good commissioner. He sought this office two years ago and was defeated by a small margin—six votes, if our memory serves us right. In making

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A. B. GUICE



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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 Omer 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 conversation between Comte de Morbihan, M. Bannan and Mlle. 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 Mlle. 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 Omer jewels, but finds that The Pack has forbidden the business 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 XII—In the corridor he encounters Lucia Bannan, who insists on leaving with him.

CHAPTER XIII—Having no money Lucia is obliged to take refuge with Lanyard in the studio of an absent artist friend of his. He locks her in a room alone and retires to get some rest himself.

CHAPTER XIV—After sleep Lanyard finds his viewpoint changed. He tells Lucia who he is.

CHAPTER XV.

Confessional.

When the girl made no response, but remained with troubled gaze focused on some remote abstraction. "You will have tea, won't you?" Lanyard urged.

She recalled her thoughts, nodded with the faintest of smiles—"Yes, thank you"—and dropped into a chair.

He began at once to make talk in an effort to dissipate the constraint that stood between them like an unseen alien presence: "You must be very hungry."

"I am," she assented.

"Sorry I've got nothing better to offer you. I'd have run out for something more substantial, only—"

"Only—" she prompted, coolly helping herself to biscuit and potted ham.

"I didn't think it wise to leave you alone."

"Was that before or after you'd made up your mind about me—the latest phase, I mean?" she persisted with a trace of malice.

"Before," he returned calmly—"like-wise, afterward. Either way you care to take it, it wouldn't have been wise to leave you here. Suppose you had waked up to find me gone, yourself alone in this strange house—"

"I've been awake several hours," she interposed—"found myself locked in, and heard no sound to indicate that you were still here."

"I'm sorry; I was overtired and slept like a log. But assuming the case: you would have gone out alone, penniless—"

"Through a locked door, Mr. Lanyard?"

"I shouldn't have left it locked," he explained patiently. "You would have found yourself friendless and without resources in a city to which you are a stranger."

She nodded. "True. But what of that?"

"In desperation you might have been forced to return—"

"And report the outcome of my investigation!"

"Pressure might have been brought to bear upon you to induce admission—"

damaging to me," Lanyard submitted pleasantly. "Whether or no, you'd have been obliged to renew associations you're well rid of."

"You feel sure of that?"

"Quite sure."

"How can you be?" she challenged.

"You've yet to know me twenty-four hours."

"But perhaps I know the associations better. In point of fact, I do. Even though you may have stooped to play the spy last night, Miss Bannan—you couldn't keep it up. You ran away to escape further contamination from that pack of jackals."

"Not—you feel sure—merely to keep you under observation?"

"I do feel sure of that. I have your word for it."

The girl deliberately finished her tea and sat back, regarding him steadily beneath level brows. Then she said with an odd laugh: "You have your own way of putting one on honor!"

"I don't need to—with you."

She analyzed this with gathering perplexity. "What do you mean by that?"

"I mean I don't need to put you on honor—because I'm sure of you. But even if I were not, still I'd refrain from exacting any pledge, or attempting to."

He paused and shrugged before continuing. "If I thought you were still to be distrusted, Miss Bannan, I'd say: 'There's a free door; go when you like, back to the Pack, turn in your report, and let them act as they see fit.' Do you think I care for them? Do you imagine for one instant that I fear any one—or all—of that gang?"

"That rings suspiciously of egotism!"

"Let it," he retorted. "It's pride of caste, if you must know. I hold myself a grade better than such cattle; I've intelligence, at least. I can take care of myself!"

If he might read her countenance, it expressed more than anything else distress and disappointment.

"Why do you boast like this—to me?"

"Less through self-satisfaction than through contempt for a pack of murderous mongrels—impatience that I have to consider such creatures as Popinot, Wertheimer, De Morbihan, and—all that crew!"

"And Bannan," she corrected calmly—"you meant to say!"

"Well—" he stammered, disconcerted.

"It doesn't matter," she assured him.

"I quite understand, and strange as it may sound, I've very little feeling in the matter." And then she acknowledged his stupefied stare with a weary little smile. "I know what I know," she affirmed with obscure significance.

"I'd give a good deal to know how much you know," he muttered in his confusion.

"But what do you know?" she caught him up—"against Mr. Bannan—against my father, that is—that makes you so ready to suspect both him and me?"

"Nothing," he confessed—"I know nothing; but I suspect everything and everybody. And the more I think of it, the more closely I examine that brutal business of last night, the more I seem to sense his will behind it all—as one might glimpse a face in darkness through a lighted lattice. Oh, laugh if you like! It sounds high-flown, I know. But that's the effect I get. What took you to my room, if not his orders? How comes he to run with De Morbihan, if he's not blood-kin to that breed? Why are you running away from him, if not because you've found out his part in that conspiracy?"

His pause and questioning look evoked no answer; the girl sat motionless and intent, meeting his gaze with a countenance inscrutable. And something in her impassive attitude worked a little exasperation into his temper.

"Why," he declared hotly—"if I dare trust to intuition—forgive me if I pain you—"

She interrupted with impatience: "I've already begged you not to consider my feelings, Mr. Lanyard! If you dared trust to your intuition—then what?"

"Why, then I could believe that Mr. Bannan, your father—I could believe it was his order that killed poor Roddy!"

There could be no doubting her horrified and half-incredulous surprise.

"Roddy?" she iterated in a whisper

almost inaudible, with face fast blanching. "Roddy—"

"Inspector Roddy of Scotland Yard," he told her mercilessly, "was murdered in his sleep last night at Troyon's. The murderer broke into his room by way of mine—the two adjoin. He used my razor, wore my dressing-gown to protect his clothing, did everything he could think of to cast suspicion on me, and when I came in assaulted me, meaning to drug and leave me insensible, to be found by the police. Fortunately—I was beforehand with him. I left him in my place—drugged, insensible—when I stole away and met you there in the corridor. You didn't know?"

"How can you ask?" the girl moaned.

Bending forward, an elbow on the table, she gripped her hands together until their knuckles shone white through the skin—but not as white as the white face from which her eyes sought his with a look of dumb horror, dazed, pitiful, imploring.

"You're not deceiving me? But no—why should you?" she faltered. "But how terrible, how unspeakably awful!"

"I'm sorry," Lanyard mumbled. "I'd have held my tongue if I hadn't thought you knew—"

"You thought I knew—and didn't lift a finger to save the man?" She jumped up, with a blazing face. "Oh, how could you?"

"No—not that—I never thought that. But, meeting you then and there, so opportunely—I couldn't ignore the coincidence; and when you admitted you were running away from your father, considering all the circumstances, I was surely justified in thinking it was realization, in part, at least, of what had happened that was driving you away."

She shook her head slowly, her indignation ebbing as fast as it had risen.

"I understand," she said; "you had some excuse, but you were not right. I ran away—yes—but not because of that. I never dreamed—"

She fell silent, sitting with bowed head and twisting her hands together in a way he found it painful to watch.

"But please," he implored, "don't take it so much to heart, Miss Bannan. If you knew nothing, you couldn't have prevented it."

"No," she said brokenly, "I could have done nothing if I had known. But I didn't. It isn't that—it's the horror and pity of it. And that you could think—"

"But I didn't!" he protested—"truly I did not. And for what I did think, for the injustice I did do you, believe me, I'm truly sorry."

"You were quite satisfied," she said, "not only by the testimony of appearances, but to a degree, in fact. You must know—now I must tell you—"

"Nothing you don't wish to!" he interrupted quickly. "The fact that I practically kidnaped you under pretense of doing you a service, and suspected you of being a spy of that Pack, gives me no title to your confidence."

"Can I blame you for thinking what you did?" She went on slowly, without looking up—gaze steadfast to her interlaced fingers: "Now, for my own sake, I want you to know what otherwise, perhaps, I shouldn't have told you—not yet, at all events. I'm no more Bannan's daughter than you're his son. Our names sound alike—people frequently make the same mistake. My name is Shannon—Lucy Shannon. Mr. Bannan called me Lucia because he knew I didn't like it and wanted to tease me; for the same reason he always kept up the pretense that I was his daughter when people misunderstood."

"But—if that is so—then what—"

"Why—it's very simple." Still she didn't look up. "I'm a trained nurse. Mr. Bannan is consumptive—so far gone, it's a wonder he didn't die years ago—for months I've been haunted by the thought that it's only the evil in him keeps him alive. It wasn't long after I took the assignment to nurse him that I found out something about him. He'd had a hemorrhage at his desk, and while he lay in coma, and I waited for the doctor, I happened to notice and in part read one of the papers he'd been working over when he fell. And then, just as I began to appreciate the sort of man I was employed by, he came to, and saw—and knew."

"I found him watching me with those awful eyes of his, and though he was unable to speak, I realized that my life wasn't safe if ever I breathe a word of what I had read. I would have left him then, but he was too cunning for me, and when in time I found a chance to escape—I was afraid, knew I'd not live long if ever I left him. He went about it deliberately to keep me frightened, and though he never mentioned the matter directly, let me know plainly, in a hundred ways, what his power was and what would happen if I told what I knew. It's nearly a year now—nearly a year of endless terror and—"

Her voice fell; she was trembling with the recrudescence of suffering of that year-long servitude. And for a little Lanyard felt too profoundly moved to trust himself to speak; he stood aghast, staring down at this woman, so intrinsically and gently feminine, so strangely strong and courageous, and

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vaguely envisaging what anguish must have been hers in enforced association with a creature of Bannon's ruthless stamp, he was rent with compassion and swore to himself he'd stand by her and see her through and free and happy if he died for it—or ended in the Sante!

(To Be Continued)

26 ENJOY AN EXCELLENT DINNER

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough, one mile east of town, a large party of relatives and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner and a very pleasant day last Thursday.

The event was in honor of the home-coming of three of Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough's children—Eugene Yarbrough and family of Sour Lake; Swanson Yarbrough and wife of Palestine and Mrs. E. B. Marsh of Dallas.

As it had been planned on the order of a picnic, rather than a dinner, many carried baskets filled with good eats, to add to the bounteous dinner Mrs. Yarbrough had prepared, which reminded the writer that this feature was the enactment of the words of that familiar little song, entitled: "Come After Breakfast, Bring Along a Lunch and Leave Before Supper Time."

The day was spent in pleasant conversation, and the recalling of the pleasant reminiscence of the days of their youth by the older ones.

When dinner was served, it was decided to abandon the use of the dining table and spread dinner on the long front porch (which was no doubt suggested by those who feared they would be "second table victims") and there was everything that could be thought of to tempt everyone who possessed a healthy appetite (and from the "leavings" it could be discerned at a glance that no one's appetite had shown the slightest indication of being "unhealthy" at the dinner hour.)

The guest numbered 26 in all, (whose names we were unable to secure) and departed at a late hour in the evening, with expressions of thanks and appreciation of the pleasant day and secretly wishing it was possible to duplicate it on the morrow.

A. A. STEVENS DEAD

Concerning the death of A. A. Stevens, the following is taken from the Jacksonville Banner:

"Mr. A. A. Stevens, one of our best known and most valuable citizens died at his home in this city at 5:45 o'clock Tuesday morning, and was buried at the city cemetery Wednesday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence at 10 o'clock, by Rev. B. R. Bolton. Mr. Stevens was interested in a large farm on Trinity river, about fourteen miles from Grapeland, and had recently been down there looking after its improvement. He was taken sick there, and had to be brought

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by private conveyance to Grapeland, and from that place to this city on the train, the trip proving a very hard one for him. This was about two weeks ago, and he was never able to leave his bed after arriving home, growing rapidly worse last Sunday and Monday. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure, but he was also suffering from other troubles, and had been quite feeble for some time past. His age was 61 years, 7 months, 7 days."

E. G. Stevens and wife and Grady Stevens, who live on the farm at Reynard, went to Jacksonville last Tuesday to attend the funeral.

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ENDORSES STRICKLAND

The Texas Railway Journal, published in Ft. Worth for years with state wide circulation, and specially in the interest of organized labor, carried in its February number the following relative to the candidacy of Hon. J. J. Strickland, who seeks the nomination from this district for State Senator.

HON. J. J. STRICKLAND, CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE FROM PALESTINE DIST.

"The Journal is glad indeed, to know that Hon. J. J. Strickland has consented to make the race for State Senator from the Palestine district, and realizing the sacrifice it is to any man to serve in the Texas Legislature, we sincerely hope he may have no opposition in his aspirations.

Mr. Strickland served two terms in the lower house of the Texas Legislature and at which time he made an enviable record, not only in the interest of organized labor, but for the whole people of the State. His record in favor of every measure offered by organized labor is there for any man to see who wishes to, not only his vote but his voice as well, was always in evidence when the people's rights were in jeopardy. The Journal is for him and hopes to see him in the State Senate next year." adv.

JUDGE B. H. GARDNER MAKES REPLY TO JUDGE J. S. PRINCE

Palestine, Texas, Feb. 10, 1916
To the Democracy of the Third
Judicial District:

In reply to the Athens Review and to Judge Prince, I, as a candidate for District Judge, have to say as to the so-called second term custom:

In a letter published in 1904, in which I argued that there was no second term custom relating to a four year office, I made this statement: "I am not contending that a man should be given only four years as district judge, but I wish to make plain that there is no second term custom in this district, at least as to judge."

In 1908, when I was running for a second term, and was opposed by a gentleman from Athens, I was promptly reminded by my opponent of my position in 1904, and I announced in print and in speeches, that I would not contend for any such custom, but would "stand before the people on my merits as a man and an officer."

At that time the Athens Review did not contend for a second term custom, but supported its neighbor and fellow townsman, and so did Judge Prince. They are now in no position to talk second term against me.

As to the claim that Judge Prince will carry his home county "almost unanimously," I have to say that I recently visited that county, and I am well pleased with the situation there, even more than in any previous race.

I do not care to raise any issue as to expenses, but if elected I will, as in the past, look out for the state in the matter of expense, as well as for the counties and individuals.

The claim of Judge Prince that he has had few reversals is catchy, but very misleading. It will be noted that he does not say anything about the number of appeals and affirmances.

The changes in the rules and the law, which took place about the time I went out of office and he went in, have had the effect of greatly reducing the appeals

and possibilities of reversals. In other words, in the matter of appeals and reversals the path of the district judge under the old system was one of thorns, as compared to one of roses under the new system.

Some of the changes I refer to were expressly made to prevent reversals. See rule 62a, adopted Nov. 15th, 1912, and acts of legislature early in 1913, pages 113 and 278. See also 165 S. W. 126. Also see suspended sentence law acts of 1913 on page 8.

My record, though, under the old system, was an unusually good one.

If you wish further information I refer you to any well informed lawyer in the district, not excepting the one who gives as his reason for opposing me that I am "too hard on the lawyers."

In conclusion I have to say that though the system, as it

now is, favors the judge on appeal, I shall not take advantage of that fact to over-ride the law. I believe in a government of laws, and not of individual will, and that this rule should apply to judges as well as to individuals. Respectfully submitted, adv.

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says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

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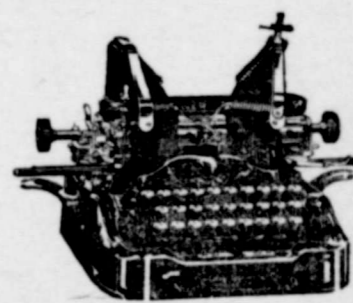
a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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The **OLIVER** No. 9 Buy It Now



Yes, The Crowning Typewriter Triumph Is Here!

It is just out—and comes years before experts expected it. For makers have striven a life-time to attain this ideal machine. And Oliver has won again, as we scored when gave the world its first visible writing. There is truly no other typewriter on earth like this new Oliver "9." Think of touch so light that the tread of a kitten will run the keys!

CAUTION!

The new day advances that come alone on this machine are all controlled by Oliver. Even our own previous models—famous in their day—never had the Optional Duplex Shift.

It puts the whole control of 84 letters and characters in the little fingers of the right and left hands. And it lets you write them all with only 28 keys, the least to operate of any standard typewriter made.

Thus writers of all other machines can immediately run the Oliver Number "9" with more speed and greater ease.

WARNING!

This brilliant new Oliver comes at the old-time price. It costs no more than lesser makes—now out of date when compared with this discovery.

For while the Oliver's splendid new features are costly—we have equalized the added expense to us by simplifying construction.

Resolve right now to see this great achievement before you spend a dollar for any typewriter. If you are using some other make you will want to see how much more this one does.

If you are using an Oliver, it naturally follows that you want the finest model.

17 Cents a Day! Remember this brand new Oliver "9" is the greatest value ever given in a typewriter. It has all our previous special inventions—visible writing, automatic spacer, 6 1-2 ounce touch—plus the Optional Duplex Shift, Selective Color Attachment and all these other new-day features. Yet we have decided to sell it to everyone everywhere on our famous payment plan—17 cents a day! Now every user can easily afford to have the world's crach visible writer, with the famous Printype, that writes like print, included free if desired.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1916

"PREPAREDNESS"

We hear a great deal today about "preparedness." It's the all absorbing topic among the people of the nation to prepare the United States against a possible invasion of this country by an enemy. It's an important question and one that should be settled in a way that will gain the ends sought. But there is another phase of the preparedness question that should be of vital concern to the people of this immediate community—prepare to live at home. With a country like ours, adapted to the growth of many diversified crops, it should be an easy matter for our farmers to adopt a diversification plan that would mean complete independence for them. One crop that should be given especial attention is the peanut. It is needless to point out here how successfully this crop can be grown and its value as a feed crop, but it is coming to be recognized as a cash crop. The nuts are utilized for making several food products and it is predicted that the peanut will soon rival cotton seed along this line. Judging by the many bulletins we have distributed to the farmers they are interested in this particular crop and a large acreage will be planted to peanuts. And just here we'll say that there will be a cash market for them in Grapeland.

Last year we planted a considerable acreage to black-eye peas and despite the drouth, the crop turned out very satisfactorily. The price they brought was \$1.50 and \$1.75 per bushel. We have every reason to believe the price will be good this year. Even at \$1.50 per bushel, with an average yield of 10 bushels per acre, it's a safe crop and the cash comes in at a time of the year when cash is scarce. Its a crop that most any farmer can work in a diversification plan to curtail the cotton acreage and at the same time have a cash income. There will also be a cash market in Grapeland for all the black-eye peas grown in this section and we urge our farmers to plant several acres of this crop.

Everybody knows that watermelons grow in this community. Those who live near town can grow them as a cash crop better than those living at a distance on account of the short haul to the car. J. W. Howard is interested in growing watermelons for the market and would like to get enough farmers interested to grow enough to ship several car loads. Mr. Howard has a proposition from a reliable firm in Jacksonville to buy for cash on

the track in Grapeland all the watermelons grown in this community. This firm bought from Mr. Walling last season several cars of melons and was well pleased with the quality. Mr. Howard says money can be made at \$50.00 per car. If you are interested in this crop it will pay you to see him at once so arrangements can be made with the above firm to handle them.

The trouble about preparedness is that we have to prepare for it.

When a fellow makes a habit of knocking on his home town it is time everybody landed on him.

One New Year's resolution is not forgotten, and that is the resolve to make better crops in 1916 than in 1915.

Easter will come on April 23. Only once again in this century will it be so late—1943—when the date will be April 25, the latest date that is possible.

When you see a woman wearing a hat about three times the proper size for her head, you will usually find that at the other extreme she wears shoes in reverse ratio.

Between those who have an inflated idea of their own importance and those who greatly underestimate their own worth, there are a few who strike a happy medium.

You can't expect a woman to get much enjoyment out of a sermon if there are at least three women on her row who are wearing more expensive hats than her own.

President Wilson has aptly stated the case. The world is on fire and the conflagration is spreading instead of diminishing. With this fact staring us in the face, we are forced to give serious consideration to the subject of national defense. The American people are peace loving and do not want war with any nation, but there may come a time when we will be compelled to fight for national honor and we ought to be prepared for it.

The world is full of grumblers. It seems that nothing will completely satisfy the human race. It's too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry. People in moderate circumstances have visions of the poor house while the rich grumble because they can't get rich faster.



The Niftiest Line of NECKWEAR
You Ever Saw in
Bows and Four-in-Hand
POPULAR PRICES
Please Call and Inspect These Ties
T. S. Kent

Middy Blouses and Children's Wash Dresses

We received this week a shipment of the very newest styles in Middy Blouses, Children's Wash Dresses, Long Aprons, etc. We have a great many new things that have just recently arrived and are always glad to see you at our store. Make it a place to spend your afternoons and meet your friends and see the many pretty goods. We have several of the leading trade and style magazines which are at your disposal while in the store.

"Mary Newton" Middies Everyone full of snap and style. A full line of sizes. Made in several styles with long and three quarter length sleeves at **50c 65c \$1.00** and **\$1.25**

"Mary Newton" Dresses for little and big girls. These dresses are the prettiest that have been shown in Grapeland for several seasons, and by buying them early we are offering them at **50c 65c 75c 1.00 1.25**. The little girls will be interested in the Mary Newton dollies we will tell you about in a few days. **WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Billiken Shoes for the whole family. We have received our shipment of Billiken high top and low quarter shoes for the season and are showing them in all sizes from the baby's size up to father's. Come in and ask to see them. This store is the **ONLY PLACE IN TOWN** where you can get the only **ORIGINAL BILLIKEN SHOES**. **LOOK FOR THE NAME ON THE BOTTOM.** Button and lace for father and the boys. Button, Mary Jane and cross-strap styles for mother and the girls.

Tennis Shoes It's a little early to begin talking tennies shoes, but we want you to know that we have the biggest line of styles in Grapeland. We have them in black and white oxfords and bals. and gray sole oxfords and bals for men and women, and Lou Pumps for the big girls. When you get ready for yours come here for we have only one quality—**THE BEST.**

Geo. E. Darsey

"Service First Store"

Grapeland, Texas

Some merchants' idea of getting trade is to open up the front door and graciously permit the public to enter, expecting that the people will tumble over each other to get in without further solicitation.

Few towns in the state the size of Grapeland can compare with it in the amount of business transacted at this or any other season of the year. It has become an established fact that goods can be purchased as cheap here as anywhere, and in many instances much cheaper, and almost any kind of produce grown on the farm can be sold here to advantage. Hence, these two things draw immense crowds to our town every week.

Mr. Culberson's announcement to succeed himself as senator has caused a great deal of comment in the press over the state, and judging by the sentiment expressed from this source Mr. Culberson will be defeated, not because he is not an able and competent man, but because of his ill health, which prevents him from active service on the floor of the senate. Mr. Culberson has served the people faithfully for upwards of twenty-five years as attorney general, governor and senator, but it seems now that his days of usefulness are over and he must give way to younger blood.

George Calhoun shipped four cars of hogs from Grapeland last week. R. E. Hale and J. W. Markham are loading several cars at Crockett this week—all fat hogs and ready for the packers. Houston county is a good hog county.—Crockett Courier.

FOR COMMISSIONER

Mr. J. E. Bean's name will be found in our announcement column this week as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Mr. Bean is so well known to our people that it is unnecessary for us to say anything concerning his qualifications for the office. He has lived among our people many years and is known

far and wide by old and young. He would make a conscientious officer, looking after the affairs of his precinct and county to the best interest of all. If elected, he promises faithful service and will appreciate your support.

A fire alarm was turned in from Bob Bobbitt's residence Tuesday about noon, but was extinguished before any great damage was done. The fire started from the kitchen flue.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

Between Cash and thirty days. You foot the bill either in price or quality of goods. See? Everything we consume is advancing. The only way to solve the high cost of living is to **BUY FOR CASH**. We are adding to our stock such things as the trade demands. Our prices are right, quality considered. We offer you a few specials for this week only:

GROCERIES

String beans 3 cans..... **25c**
3 lb. can Kraut per can.... **10c**
3 lb. can pie peaches..... **10c**
3 lb. can pie apples..... **10c**
Chipped beef 2 cans..... **25c**
Salmon per can..... **10c**
3 packages corn starch... **25c**
Good soda, per lb..... **5c**
Evaporated apples per lb... **10c**
Star tobacco this wk. a lb. **45c**
Rooster and Red Cross snuff 2 bottles for..... **35c**

6 pkgs. Octagon or Gold Dust washing powder..... **25c**
6 bars toilet soap for..... **25c**
Iron bound hames..... **40c**
8 in. 35c shovel plow for.. **25c**
6 in. 25c shovel plow for.. **20c**
50c can poultry food..... **35c**
25c can stock food for.... **20c**
1 doz. boxes matches..... **35c**
1 school tablet and ruler. **5c**
Prices on dry goods same as last week.

Full measure, full weight and a square deal.

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HAWKES

WORKINGMAN'S

Dollar Glasses

These glasses are made by the famous A. K. Hawkes Co. of Atlanta, Ga., a firm that has enjoyed the utmost confidence of the public since its establishment in 1870. The lenses in these superior spectacles are CRYSTAL CROWN GLASS of extraordinary clearness and brilliancy and the frame is of substantial silver aluminoid, non-corroding and serviceable; a high grade glass at the unprecedented low price of per pair ---- **\$1.00**

Never in the history of the spectacle business has such a remarkable value been offered and the immense sale of these glasses is proof of their worth and popularity.

TEST YOUR OWN EYES—Hawkes new system of self testing types will enable you to test and successfully fit your own eyes with a pair of these splendid glasses.

REMEMBER—

Only \$1.00 Every Pair Guaranteed

"Honesty and Quality"

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

LOCAL NEWS

Millinery at Darsey's.

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

New millinery for Spring at Darsey's.

Miss Eula Riall Hollingsworth visited relatives in Ft. Worth last week.

Overalls and Jumpers at Darsey's.

Carbon now on hand. Bring your container to Leaverton's drug store.

The "Glide" is one of the shapes being shown in Darsey's line of Florsheim Shoes for men.

Drop around to Clewis' tailor shop and see the many new spring samples.

C. W. Butler Jr., teaching at Creek and a candidate for tax collector, was here Saturday meeting his many friends.

The second installment of the "Perils of Pauline" will be shown at the Electric Theatre Friday night. Admission only 10c.

Mrs. B. S. Elliott returned to her home in Crockett Sunday morning after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. C. Kennedy.

SUDAN GRASS SEED

10 lb. package for \$1.00. Guaranteed free of all other grass seed. J. F. Martin.

It takes leather to stand the weather. Buy your shoes from Darsey, where you will find an "All Leather" line of dress and work shoes.

YOU CAN CHEAT DEATH

It is no trouble to cheat death when you keep in touch with this drug store. The simple remedies that we sell will keep your liver in good condition, your blood in proper circulation and the color of health in your cheeks. 25c worth of prevention is equal to a hundred dollars' worth of cure.

We have a fine line of—

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For MEN and WOMEN

Brushes, Combs, Toilet Water, Perfumery, Talcum Powder, etc.

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Headquarters for all kinds of
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Blacksmithing**

HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY

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

Driskell & Knobel :: Grapeland

Florsheim Shoes at Darsey's.

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

CARBON

Now at Leaverton's drug store. Please bring your container.

Mrs. R. H. Lacy and children of Crockett, after spending a few days here with relatives, returned home Sunday morning.

Miss Helen Long, who is teaching at Apple Springs, is visiting her parents at Augusta this week.

FOR SALE

Registered Poland China pigs at a reasonable price.

R. L. PRIDGEN,
Grapeland, Texas.

Mrs. E. B. Marsh of Dallas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough last week, returning to her home Monday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson Yarbrough of Palestine visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough a few days last week.

Get your carbon now while we have a supply. Bring your container to Leaverton's drug store.

Fletch Weisinger, who is now living at Tennessee Colony, was here a few days last week visiting his parents and looking after some business matters.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

One gentle work mule, \$100. 2000 stalks seed cane, \$20. Can use peanuts, corn or cattle.

W. T. PRIDGEN,
Grapeland Route 3.

New spring samples are now on display. Many styles, reasonable prices, fit guaranteed. Be sure to see them. Clewis.

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.

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.

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.

NOTICE

Dr. C. L. Moore, the Georgia Dentist, will be in Grapeland for awhile to do all kinds of dental work. Offices at Grapeland Hotel. Teeth extracted without pain.

WILL SPEAK TO FARMERS

Mr. D. C. Dove, of the state agricultural department, will be in Grapeland, Saturday, February 26, and will address the farmers at 2 o'clock upon the work of the department.

MAIZE HEADS

I have a car load of maize heads to arrive this week. They are the best and cheapest feed stuff you can buy. Good for all kinds of stock and is excellent chicken feed. See me at once if you want any. J. W. Howard.

DEDICATORY SERVICES

The Messenger is requested to announce that the new church at Salmon will be dedicated the fourth Sunday in this month, when appropriate services will be held. Rev. H. E. Harris of Lovelady will be in charge. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

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.

YOUR SHOES

For Spring

We are interested in your Spring Shoes. Why? Because we have the strongest and most up-to-date line of shoes for Spring that is being shown by anyone, and we especially ask that you call and allow us the pleasure of showing you the largest, the most complete and latest styles that the shoe makers can show you for this season.

Now, for the quality of the shoes, ours are second to none—better than anyone's, if better ones can be bought. They can't make them better if leather can make them any better than ours, for they are made of the

HIGHEST QUALITY OF LEATHER

How can you buy better shoes for more money?

Kennedy Bros.

"THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY."

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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 Sepulveda, 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 L. H. Dexter, the unknown heirs of D. C. Barnore, 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 L. Erwin, the unknown heirs of H. B. Carr, the unknown heirs of H. T. Souward, 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, 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 and Sallie E. Gibbs 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:

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 L. H. Dexter, the unknown heirs of D. C. Barnore, the unknown heirs of T. T. Smothers, the unknown heirs of D. Frost Smith, 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 L. Erwin, the unknown heirs of H. B. Carr, the unknown heirs of H. T. Souward, 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, 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 W. H. 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 Kate Roberts, the unknown heirs of D. D. Alston, the unknown heirs of Wrixson Marriner, the unknown heirs of George Robbins, the unknown heirs of Sallie E. Gibbs, the unknown heirs of D. D. Alston, the unknown heirs of Wrixson Marriner, the unknown heirs of George Robbins, the unknown heirs of Sallie E. Gibbs 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, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting: You are Hereby Commanded to summon

The unknown heirs of Charles Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of Eliza Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of James Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of William Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of John Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of S. Hampton Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of Charles Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of Eliza Debby, deceased, the unknown heirs of Wm. Mays Debby, deceased, the unknown heirs of Ann Wills, deceased, the unknown heirs of James Wills, deceased, the unknown heirs of Joseph Burns, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Burns, deceased, the unknown heirs of Charles Burns, deceased, the unknown heirs of Wm. Burns, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary Almada Burns, deceased, the unknown heirs of Edmund Hyde, deceased, the unknown heirs of M. J. R. Hyde, deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of Eliza Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. E. Bowman, deceased, the unknown heirs of Granville Bowman, deceased, Mrs. Rhoda Hall and husband, Hall, Mrs. Mineola Hall and husband, Hall, Mrs. Johnnie Hughes and husband, Hughes, and Lee Hunter

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 Charles Richards league, and more particularly described by field notes as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Gambrell 500 acre tract out of said league. Thence South 4 1/2 West with M. C. R. Cary line 1524 vrs. to said Cary corner, a Post Oak 12 in. brs. N. 11 W. 14 vrs., a Hickory 8 in. brs. S. 34 W. 10 vrs. Thence South 69 1/2 West with said Cary line 913 vrs. to said Gambrell corner, stake whence a Black Jack brs. N. 41 W. 6 8-10 vrs., Do. brs. S. 13 E. 16 vrs. Thence North 44 West with said Gambrell line 1275 vrs. to stake, Pin Oak brs. N. 26 E. 28 vrs. Thence North 64 East 335 vrs. to stake. Thence North 10 East 1470 vrs. to stake in the South bank of Negro Creek. Thence down and with the various meanders of Negro Creek to stake on South bank of same

where said Creek crosses the West boundary line of said Charles Richards league. Thence South with the West boundary line of the Chas. Richards league to the Southwest corner of same. Thence North 45 East with Robbins' Northwest line at 2920 vrs. corner, a stake mkd. C. R. brs. S. 56 W. 21 vrs. Thence South 45 East with Robbins' Northeast line at 3092 vrs., stake in Prairie. Thence East at 1287 vrs., stake in West line of M. J. Ledbetter survey, being the Southeast corner of said Richards league. Thence North with Ledbetter West line to the Northeast corner of the M. C. R. Cary 450 acre tract. Thence West 511 vrs. with North line of said Cary tract to the place of beginning, containing 1334 3-10 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 or any part thereof.

Plaintiff further alleges that by a decree of the District Court of Houston County, rendered on the 14th day of March, 1854, between parties purporting to be the heirs of M. J. R. Hyde and Edmund Hyde as plaintiffs, and parties purporting to be the heirs of Charles Richards and wife, as defendants, all of the Charles Richards league was decreed to the plaintiff in such suit; that by reason of the destruction of the records of Houston County by fire, there is no evidence now showing that the parties plaintiff to said suit were all of the heirs of the said Edmund Hyde and wife, and that the parties defendant to said suit were all of the heirs of said Charles Richards and wife and in the absence of such proof a cloud is cast on Plaintiff's title, which Plaintiff says should be removed.

Plaintiff further alleges that by an instrument dated the 13th of August, 1870, the land herein sued for by Plaintiff was partitioned among parties purporting to be the heirs of Edmund Hyde and M. J. R. Hyde, and that a part of said land was set apart to Jane E. Bowman, one of said heirs, and that in the year 1872 Granville Bowman, purporting to be the husband of said Jane E. Bowman, and as her sole heir, conveyed said land, but there is no evidence now after this lapse of time showing that said Granville Bowman acquired all of the title of his wife in and to said property, which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title.

Plaintiff prays judgment for said land, forever quieting Plaintiff's title to same, removing all clouds therefrom, and for such other and further orders and decrees in and to which Plaintiff may be entitled in the premises.

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 Caroline E. Milton, the unknown heirs of Catherine Ryerson Ray and the unknown heirs of William Ray 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. 5613, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Caroline E. Milton, the unknown heirs of Catherine Ryerson Ray and the unknown heirs of William Ray 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, same being the Caroline E. Milton 640 acre survey, described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at C. Richards' corner in prairie. Thence West 1870 vrs. to edge of timber at 2100 vrs., Fitzgerald's corner on bank of River. Thence with River North 247 vrs.,

North 54 East 1680 vrs., North 60 East 490 vrs., North 600 vrs. to a stake from which an Elm mkd. X brs. N. 15 E. 5 vrs. and an Elm brs. N. 82 W. 2 4-10 vrs. Thence East at 10 vrs., Creek 10 feet wide at 770 vrs., second crossing at 820 vrs., a stake from which a Pecan brs. N. 71 E. 5 vrs., and a Pecan mkd. X brs. S. 7 2-10 vrs. Thence South at 2548 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 it claims title to said land. Plaintiff alleges that those under whom Plaintiff claims title to said land have had the actual, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession thereof from and under the sovereignty of the soil for a period of over three years before the filing of this suit, and have been in the peaceable, adverse and continuous possession of said property, under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for periods of five and ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and Plaintiff pleads the three, five and ten years statutes of limitation in bar of any claim or right asserted to any of the property by any of the Defendants herein; Plaintiff further alleges that said property was patented by the State of Texas to Caroline E. Milton, a widow, and that the only conveyance appearing of record in said County, is from Caroline E. Hagler, recited in said deed to be formerly Caroline E. Milton, but Plaintiff cannot show that said Caroline E. Hagler and the said Caroline E. Milton is one and the same person, and which casts a cloud on Plaintiff's title; Plaintiff further alleges that a deed appears of record in the Deed Records of Houston County from Henry L. Boyle to Catherine Ryerson Ray, wife of William Ray, Defendants herein, but there is no deed out of said Catherine Ryerson Ray conveying said property, which creates an outstanding title and casts a cloud 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.

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SHIPPING PEAS

George E. Darsey has shipped out in the last few days 40,000 pounds of black-eye peas, 100 sacks being shipped out last Monday. This represents the crop grown in this community last season. The peas were purchased by Mr. Darsey and treated by the government process for killing weevil germs. They have held up and no weevils have appeared in them. Mr. Darsey will again be in the market for black-eyes this season.

A. E. OWENS FOR COUNTY CLERK

In the announcement column of this issue appears the name of Arthur Owens as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Clerk. Arthur is well and favorably known to the people of Grapeland and surrounding communities and needs no introduction to them, but, to the voters of the County who are not well acquainted with him, the Messenger is glad to extend the assurance that he is exceptionally well qualified to fill the high office to which he aspires.

His record has been one of the best. When barely fourteen years of age, he received a first grade teacher's certificate, being the youngest person in the State of Texas to ever receive that honor. He also received his diploma from the Grapeland High School the same year. When only fifteen, he had graduated from business college and was holding a responsible position. Since that time he has steadily climbed in the business world, having had three years banking experience and two years in a law office and for the past three and one-half years has been bookkeeper and office man for Geo. E. Darsey of this place, where he has made many friends by his honesty and efficient business methods.

Mr. Owens informs us that, after a few weeks, he intends to begin making a house-to-house canvass of the County. Having known him all his life and, knowing his high standing in moral and business life of this community as we do, the Messenger does not hesitate to join his many friends in recommending him to the voters of Houston County as being worthy of their confidence and support.

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Feb. 14.—Lots of work accomplished last week and we are moving along nicely. We had a little foretaste of spring which we enjoyed, mingled with fear. The Spring birds were singing and Indigo putting up.

The Stevens family were all called to Jacksonville the first part of last week to the bedside of their father, who died before they reached him. Old age and a general break down was the cause of his death. They have the sympathy of the community. Grady came home Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stevens are expected home today.

Lem White, who has been spending awhile with his aunt, Mrs. J. H. Beazley, left Monday for his home in Wilbarger Co.

Mr. Ney Sheridan and little son, Bill, Harry Beazley and

Frank Foster came out Friday evening in his car and spent Friday night with Mrs. West. His car got out of commission and they remained over until yesterday when he was assisted by P. L. Fulgham back as far as Grapeland.

We are sorry to report J. H. Beazley quite feeble. He told us he did not believe he would live to see Spring. As a rule all who live to see the first day of March, the chances are good for the balance of the year. Let that be as it may, we would hate to die after that time because the wood and fire question begins to hold up.

Miss Ady, our teacher, expects to have George Washington birthday exercises on the 22nd. Lets all turn out and give them a full house and treat them with the respect that is due.

Sunday School was well attended yesterday, considering sickness and winter time.

Gardening will be in order this week should weather be favorable, as the time is here.

Our community has been wonderfully blessed so far this winter, as we have not had a case of serious illness. As ever, ZACK.

To the Voters of Grapeland and Surrounding Communities

Having decided to enter the race for County Clerk, I take this method of announcing my purpose and soliciting your vote and influence. I am making this race solely on my qualifications as a business man and am prompted by the sincere desire to improve myself.

Believing that you will agree with me that this is a worthy ambition for any young man, I do not feel any hesitancy in coming to you, the people who know me and are therefore the best judges of my character and ability, and asking for your support. I have worked hard to qualify myself for this office. I believe that I have succeeded and upon these grounds earnestly solicit your vote and influence to enable me to attain my ambition.

I will be in the office until March 1st, when my successor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District: BH 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) Arthur Owens
- 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)
- For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2: J C Estes J E Bean

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And so on

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LOCAL NEWS FROM EPHEBUS

Feb. 14.—The health of the community is not so good at present. There are several cases of Lagrippe in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Graham and Misses Minnie Anderson and Lillie Turner are on the sick list.

Our literary school is progressing nicely under the able management of Prof. H. Bussell and Miss Beulah Ferguson.

Our Sunday School is also progressing as well as could be expected. Mr. H. Burks was a visitor at Sunday School at its last meeting, rendering some highly appreciated assistance to the cause.

Mr. J. W. Gentry was visiting in this community Sunday.

Mr. Reuben Graham was visiting at New San Pedro Sunday.

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