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ACORNS FROM OAK GROVE

March 5.—While today is very pleasant, we predict another norther in the next 36 hours.

This neck of the woods is getting very dry and a rain would be very much appreciated.

The farm work is very well up except in some cases; there is some talk of corn planting. Some have planted small patches.

Our school will be out this week, and I guess the kids will be glad.

There is going to be a good deal of Sudan grass planted in this community as a feed crop, also goobers and peas and I am glad to know that the farmers have come to realize the necessity of a feed crop and not so much cotton. While I think all ought to plant some cotton and raise some hogs and poultry. There was lots of sweet potatoes planted last year and they did well and we think there will be a larger acreage this year. All hail the day when the people can live at home and demand a just return for their labor.

On the first Saturday in April we will hold an election at this place to determine whether we will levy a special school tax for this school district. Some of the patrons are very much opposed to it and some favor it, and I think it will be a fight to a finish. There are several who

are going to transfer out and the trustees don't think there will be sufficient money to run a six months school.

Hoping that good things will come to those that love the Lord.
OLD TIMER.

NEWS FROM NEW PROSPECT

March 6.—Health of the community is very good at present.

The W. O. W. gave a working at Mr. Sim Finch's last week and a good crowd was present.

Oscar Brown and family spent the day with Mrs. Z. A. Parker yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Music visited Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bridges Sunday.

Mesdames Emma Music, Alton Baker, P. L. Herod, Fred Bridges, Jim Music and Miss Letha Collins visited the school last Friday evening.

Mrs. Beazley is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Leach.

The carpenters are at work on the school house this week.

Messrs. Willis and Graton Streetman attended church here Sunday.

Fred Bridges went to Crockett Saturday on school business.

A good many went to the river fishing last week. They report a good time and lots of fish.
A READER.

YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS LEAGUE

Yes, that is what Grapeland needs. These leagues are being organized by other towns of the state, in order that they can "get what they go after" and as this town is reputed for doing this to a large extent, although not by an organized movement, what could it do if we would resort to systematic organized efforts? Financial conditions have partially recovered and from present prospects this fall will be a "bummer" and Grapeland should desire to be in the "humming." This town can take care of more trade than it is now getting. It is recognized as the best market in East Texas, and enjoys an enviable reputation. With a few organized efforts and a little advertising we can double the trade and increase the population fifty per cent, and there is no better plan than the organization of a live business league, which will enable us to work systematically.

There are a number of things a business league could do for Grapeland that would attract State-wide attention and cause people who trade elsewhere to trade in Grapeland. There is the "Possum walk," and a Trades Day, (which proved to be a big success two years ago) and we could arrange for a community agricultural exhibit and give prizes to the farmers raising the best farm products, poultry, etc.

Shall we fall in line and perfect an organization of this kind, or shall we fold our hands and let the trade go elsewhere? Let us get busy and imbibe a little of the "preparedness program," in order to defend "Old Grapeland," when the war for the fall trade begins.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO FARMERS

A meeting has been called for next Friday afternoon (the 10th.) at the courthouse at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the black-eye peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes and any other crops that can be grown to advantage by our farmers. The above three crops offer the best inducements for cash crops. W. R. Durnell will be present to discuss potatoes. It is proposed to erect a potato warehouse to cure the sweets so they can be shipped when the price is attractive. This movement is fostered by the local farmers' initiative, and the business men of the town will co-operate in every way they can. Attend this initial meeting if possible.
A. H. Luker,
Secretary.

OUR HONOR ROLL

We thank the following for their subscription: Sam Howard, Grapeland. D. L. Gibson, Route 1. G. A. Brimberry, Route 2: W. M. Durnell, Ed Parker, Route 3. Dr. E. B. Stokes, Crockett. John F. Gilbert, Creek. Sonley Lemay, Jasper. N. K. Fretz, Pratt, Kansas.

Dr. Paxton and family of Elkhart visited relatives here Sunday.

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The Messenger is authorized to announce Sonley LeMay as a candidate for the office of attorney of Houston county, subject to the action of the July primary.

Mr. LeMay is a Houston County boy, being twenty-five years of age. He obtained license to practice law from the Supreme Court of Texas, having graduated from the law department of the State University. He has followed school teaching

several years, being at present principal of the Jasper high school. Two years were spent in this work in Houston county.

Mr. LeMay is qualified to fill the office to which he aspires, and if elected, promises to perform his duties faithfully and impartially. About the first of May he will return to the county and vigorously prosecute his campaign for election to the office. In the meantime he asks you not to commit yourself to any candidate until he has an opportunity to present his claims.



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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 Omber 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 board, an invitation from The Pack to the Lone Wolf to join them.

CHAPTER VII—Lanyard attempts to dispose of the Omber 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 mobman, 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—Mutual confessions follow. She is Lucy Shannon, not Bannan, and has been used as a tool by Bannan, the crook. The American murderer of Roddy was Bannan's secretary. Both men are members of The Pack and out to get Lanyard.

CHAPTER XVI—Lanyard tells Lucia that he means to reform and she agrees to go with him to return the London loot. A newspaper wrapped in a brick is thrown through the skylight.

CHAPTER XVII—A bullet follows the brick. The paper has an account of the total destruction by fire of Troyon's.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Sheer Impudence.

Though it was not yet eight o'clock when they entered the restaurant, it was something after eleven before Lanyard called for his bill.

"We've plenty of time," he had explained; "it'll be midnight before we can move. The gentle art of house-breaking has its technique, you know, and its ethics—we can't well violate the privacy of Mme. Omber's strong-box before the caretakers on the premises are sound asleep. It isn't done, you know—it isn't class to go burglarizing when decent, law-abiding folk are wide awake. Meantime we're better off here than tramping the streets."

It's a silent web of side ways and a gloomy one by night that backs up north of Les Halles—old Paris, grim, taciturn, and somber, steeped in its memories of savage romance. But for infrequent corner lamps, the street that welcomed them from the doors of the warm and cozy restaurant was as dismal as an alley in some city of the dead. Its houses, with their mansard roofs and boarded windows, bent their heads together like mutes at a wake, black-cloaked and hooded; seldom one showed a light; never one betrayed by any sound the life that lurked behind its jealous blinds.

Now again the rain had ceased and, though the sky remained overcast, the atmosphere was clear and brisk with a touch of frost, in grateful contrast to the dull and muggy air that had obtained for the last twenty-four hours.

"We'll walk," Lanyard suggested—

"if you don't mind—part of the way at least; it'll eat up time, and a bit of exercise will do us both good."

The girl assented quietly. The drum of their heels on fast-drying sidewalks struck sharp echoes from the silence of that drowsy quarter, a lonely clamor that rendered it impossible to ignore their apparent solitude—as impossible as it was for Lanyard to ignore the fact that they were followed.

The shadow dogging them on the far side of the street, some fifty yards behind, was as noiseless as any cat; but for this circumstance Lanyard would have been slow to believe it was concerned with him, so confident had he felt, till that moment, of having given the Pack the slip.

And from this he diagnosed still another symptom of the Pack's incurable stupidity!

Supremely on the alert, he had discovered the pursuit before they left the block of the restaurant. Dissembling, partly to avoid alarming the girl, partly to trick the follower into a feeling of greater security, he turned this way and that, round several corners, until quite convinced that the shadow was dedicated to himself exclusively, then promptly revised his prior purpose and, instead of sticking to darker backways, struck out directly for the broad, well-lighted, and lively Boulevard Sebastopol.

Crossing this without another backward glance, he turned north, seeking some cafe whose arrangements suited his designs; and, presently, though not before their tramp had brought them almost to the line of the Grand boulevards, found one to his taste, a cheerful and well-lighted establishment situated upon a corner, with entrances from both streets. A hedge of forlorn fir trees knee-deep in wooden tubs guarded its collection of round, metal tables and spindle-shanked chairs, of which few were occupied. Inside, visible through the wide plate-glass windows, perhaps a dozen patrons sat round half as many tables—no more—idling over dominoes and gossip—steady-paced burghers with their wives, men in small ways of business in the neighborhood.

Entering to this company, Lanyard selected a square, marble-topped table against the back wall, entrenched himself with the girl upon the push-up-hoistered seat behind it, ordered coffee and writing materials, and proceeded to light a cigarette with the nonchalance of one to whom time is of no consequence.

"What is it?" the girl asked guardedly, as the waiter scurried off to execute his commands. "You've not stopped in here for nothing!"

"True—but lower, please!" he begged. "If we speak English loud enough to be heard it will attract attention. The trouble is, we're followed. But as yet our faithful shadow doesn't know we know it—unless he's more intelligent than he seems. Consequently, if I don't misjudge him, he'll take a table outside, the better to keep an eye on us, as soon as he sees we're apparently settled for some time. More than that, I've got a note to write—and not merely as a subterfuge. This fellow must be shaken off, and as long as we stick together that can't very well be done."

He interrupted himself while the waiter served them, then sugared his coffee, arranged the ink bottle and paper to his satisfaction, and bent over his pen.

"Come closer," he requested—"as if you were interested in what I'm writing—and amused; if you can laugh a bit at nothing, so much the better. But keep a sharp eye on the windows. You can do that more readily than I under cover of the brim of your hat. And let me know what you see."

He had no more than settled into the swing of composition than the girl—apparently following his pen with closest attention—giggled coquetishly and nudged his elbow.

"The window to the right of the door we came in," she murmured, smiling delightedly; "he's standing behind the fir trees, staring in."

"Can you make him out?" Lanyard asked without moving his lips.

"No more than that he's tall," she said with every indication of enjoying a most tremendous joke. "His face is all in shadow."

"Patience!" counseled the adven-

turer. "He'll take heart of courage when convinced of our innocence."

He poised his pen, scrutinized the ceiling for inspiration, and permitted a slow smile to irradiate his features.

"You'll take this note, if you please," he said cheerfully, "to the address on the envelope, by taxi—it's some distance, near the Etoile. A long chance, but one we must risk; give me half an hour alone, and I guarantee to discourage this animal one way or another. You understand?"

"Perfectly!" she laughed archly. He bent over and for a few moments wrote busily.

"Now he's walking slowly round the corner, never taking his eyes from you," the girl reported, shoulder to shoulder and head distractingly near his head.

"Good. Can you see him any better?"

"Not yet."

"This note," he said, without stopping his pen or appearing to say anything, "is for the concierge of a building where I rent stabling for a little, closed car I find occasionally useful. I'm supposed there to be a chauffeur in the employ of a crazy Englishman



"Bring Both Hands in Sight—Upon the Table."

who keeps me constantly traveling with him back and forth between Paris and London. That's to account for the irregularity with which I use the car. They know me, monsieur and madame of the conciergerie, as Pierre Lamier; and I think they're safe—not only trustworthy and of friendly disposition, but quite simple-minded; I don't believe they gossip much. If so, the chances are De Morbihan and his gang know nothing of the arrangement. But that's all speculation—a forlorn hope!"

"I understand," the girl chuckled at his elbow. "He's still prowling up and down outside the hedge."

"We're not going to need that car tonight; but the home of Mme. Omber is close by; and I'll follow and join you there within an hour at most. Meantime, this note will introduce you to the concierge and his wife—I hope you won't mind—as my fiancée. I'm telling them we became engaged in England, and I've brought you to Paris to visit my mother in Montrouge, but am detained by my employer's business, and will they please give you shelter for an hour."

"He's coming in," the girl announced quietly.

"In here?"

"No—merely inside the row of little trees."

"Which entrance?"

"On the boulevard side. He's taken the corner table. Now a waiter's going out to him."

"You can see his face now?" Lanyard asked, sealing the note.

"Not well."

"Nothing you recognize about him, eh?"

"Nothing."

"Do you know Popinot or Wertheimer by sight?"

"No; they're only names to me; De Morbihan and Mr. Bannan mentioned them last night."

"It won't be Popinot," Lanyard reflected, addressing the envelope; "he's tubby."

"This man is tall and slender."

"Wertheimer, possibly. Does he suggest an Englishman in any way?"

"Not in the least. He wears a moustache—blond—twisted up like the kaiser's."

Lanyard made no reply, but his heart sank, and he shivered imperceptibly with foreboding. He entertained no doubt but that the worst had happened, that to the number of his enemies in Paris was added Ekstrom.

One furtive glance confirmed this inference. He swore bitterly, if privately, and with a countenance of childlike blandness, as he sipped the

coffee and finished his cigarette. "Who is it, then?" she asked. "Do you know him?"

He reckoned swiftly against distressing her, recalling his mention of the fact that Ekstrom was credited with the Huysman murder.

"Merely a hanger-on of De Morbihan's," he told her lightly; "a spineless animal—no trouble about scaring him off. Here—take this note, please; we'll go now. But as we reach the door, turn back—and go out the other. You'll find a taxi without trouble. And stop for nothing!"

He had shown foresight in paying when served, and was consequently able to leave abruptly, without giving Ekstrom time to shy. Rising smartly, he pushed the table aside. The girl was no less quick and little less sensitive to the strain of the moment; but as she passed him her lashes lifted and her eyes were all his for the instant.

"Good night," she breathed—"good night—my dear!"

She could have guessed no more shrewdly what he needed to nerve him against the impending clash. He hadn't hesitated as to his only course, but till then he'd been horribly afraid, knowing too well the desperate cast of the outlawed German's nature. But now, since she had spoken, he couldn't fall.

He strode briskly toward the entrance from the boulevard, out of the corner of his eye aware that Ekstrom, taken by surprise, had half started from his chair, then sunk back.

Two paces from the door the girl checked herself, murmured in French, "Oh, my handkerchief!" and turned briskly back.

Without pause, as though he hadn't heard, Lanyard threw the door wide and swung out, turning directly to the spy. At the same time he dropped a hand into the pocket of his raincoat, where nestled his automatic.

Fortunately Ekstrom had chosen a table in a corner well removed from any in use. Lanyard could speak without fear of being overheard.

But for a moment he refrained. Nor did Ekstrom speak or stir—sitting sidewise at his table, negligently, with knees crossed, the German likewise kept a hand buried in the pocket of his heavy, dark ulster. Thus neither could doubt the other's ill will or preparedness.

And through thirty seconds of silence they remained at pause, each striving with all his strength to read the other's purpose in his eyes. But there was this distinction to be drawn between their attitudes, that whereas Lanyard's gaze challenged, the German's was sullenly defiant. And presently Lanyard felt his heart stir with relief—the spy's glance had winced.

"Ekstrom," the adventurer said quietly, "if you fire, I'll get you before I fall. That's no boast—a simple statement of fact."

The German hesitated, moistened the corners of his lips with a nervous tongue, but contented himself with a nod of acknowledgment.

"Take your hand off that gun!" Lanyard ordered. "Remember—I've only to cry your name aloud to have you torn to pieces by these people. Your life's not worth a moment's purchase in Paris—as you should know."

The German hesitated; but in his heart conceded that Lanyard didn't exaggerate. The murder of the inventor Huysman had exasperated all France; and though tonight the weather had kept a third of Paris within doors, there was still a tide of pedestrians fluent on the sidewalk, beyond the flimsy barrier of firs, that would thicken to a ravaging mob upon the least excuse.

He had mistaken his man; he had thought that Lanyard, even if aware of his pursuit, would seek to shake it off in flight rather than turn and fight—and fight here, of all places!

"Do you hear me?" Lanyard continued in the same level and unyielding tone. "Bring both hands in sight—upon the table!"

There was no hesitation. Ekstrom obeyed, if with the sullen grace of a wild beast that would and could slay its trainer with one sweep of its paw—if only it dared.

For the first time since leaving the girl Lanyard relaxed his vigilant watch over the man long enough for one swift glance through the window at his side. But she was already gone from the cafe!

He breathed more freely now. "Come!" he said peremptorily. "Get up. We've got to talk, I presume—thrash this matter out—and we'll come to no decision here."

"Where do we go, then?" the German demanded suspiciously.

"We can walk."

Irresolutely the spy uncrossed his knees, but didn't rise.

"Walk?" he repeated. "Walk where?"

"Up the boulevard, if you like—where the lights are brightest!"

"Ah!"—with a malignant flash of teeth—"but I don't trust you."

Lanyard laughed. "You wear only one shoe of that pair, my dear captain! We're a distrustful flock, we birds of prey! Come along! Why sit there sulking, like a spoiled child?"

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You've made an ass of yourself following me to Paris; sadly though you bungled that job in London, I gave you credit for more wit than to poke your head into the lion's mouth here. But—admitting that—why not be graceful about it? Here am I, amiably treating you like an equal—you might at least be grateful enough for that to accept my invitation."

With a grunt the spy got upon his feet, while Lanyard stood back against the window and, grinning, made him free of the narrow path between the tree-tubs and the tables.

"After you, my dear Adolph!"

The German paused, half turned toward him, choking with rage, his suffused face darkly relieving the white scars he had won at Heidelberg. At this, with a graceless nod of unmistakable significance, Lanyard advanced the muzzle of his pocketed weapon. And with an ugly growl the German moved on and out through the break in the artificial hedge—Lanyard at his elbow, respectfully an inch or two behind.

"To your right," he requested pleasantly—"if it's all the same to you—I've business on the boulevards."

Ekstrom said nothing for the moment, but sullenly yielded to the suggestion.

"By the way," the adventurer presently pursued, "you might be good enough to inform me how you knew we were dining at Boivin's—eh?"

"If it interests you—" the spy began, but paused.

"I own it does—tremendously!"

"Pure accident. I happened to be sitting in the cafe and caught a glimpse of you through the door as you took the young woman upstairs. Therefore I waited till your waiter called for your bill at the caisse, then stationed myself outside."

"But why? Can you tell me what you thought to accomplish?"

"You knew well," Ekstrom muttered. "After what happened in London—it's your life or mine!"

"Spoken like a true villain of melodrama! But it seems to me you overlooked a conspicuous chance to accomplish your hellish design back there in the side streets."

"Would I be such a fool as to shoot you down before finding out what you've done with those plans?"

"You might as well have," Lanyard informed him lightly. "For you won't know otherwise."

With an infuriated oath the German stopped short; but he dared not ignore the readiness with which his tormentor imitated the maneuver and kept the pistol trained through the fabric of his raincoat.

"Yes?" Lanyard inquired with an exasperating accent of surprise.

"Understand me," Ekstrom muttered vindictively; "next time I'll show you no mercy—"

"But if there is no next time? We're not apt to meet again, you know."

"That's something beyond your knowledge—"

"You think so? But shan't we resume our stroll? People might see us standing here—you with your teeth bared like an ill-tempered dog. Oh, thank you!" And as they moved on, Lanyard continued: "Shall I explain why we're not apt to meet again?"

"If it amuses you, you may tell me why you think so."

"Thanks once more! For the simple reason that Paris satisfies me; so here I stop."

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"Well?" the spy asked, with a blank, sidelong look.
 "Whereas you, mein herr, leave Paris tonight."
 "What makes you think that?"
 "Because you value your thick hide too highly to remain, my dear captain."
 Having gained the corner of the Boulevard St. Denis, Lanyard pulled up.

"One moment, by your leave. You see yonder the entrance to the Metro—don't you? And here, a dozen feet away, a perfectly able-bodied sergent de ville? Let this fateful conjunction impress you properly, for five minutes after you have descended to the Metro—or as soon as the noise of a train advises me you've had one chance to get away—I shall mention casually to the sergo that I have seen Captain Ek—"

"Hush!" the German protested in a hiss of fright.
 "Certainly. I've no desire to embarrass you—publicity must be terribly distasteful to one of your reserved and sensitive nature, I know. But I trust you understand me? There's the Metro; on the other hand, there's the police; while here, you must admit, am I, as large as life—and very much on the job! And inasmuch as I shall certainly mention my suspicions to the minion of the law—as aforesaid—I'd advise you to be well out of Paris before dawn!"

There was murder in the eyes of the spy as he lingered, truculently lowering at the smiling countenance of the adventurer; and for an instant Lanyard was well persuaded he'd gone too far, that even here, even at this busy junction of two crowded thoroughfares, Ekstrom would let his temper get the better of his judgment and risk everything in an attempt on the life of his despoiler.

But he was mistaken.
 With a surly shrug the spy swung about and marched straight to the kiosk of the underground railway, into which, without one backward glance, he disappeared.

Two minutes later the earth quaked beneath Lanyard's feet with the crash and rumble of a north-bound train.

He waited three minutes longer; but Ekstrom didn't reappear; and at length, convinced that his warning had proved effectual, Lanyard turned and made off.

(To Be Continued)

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Fine Macadam Road in Missouri.

times, unfortunately, costs are swollen by reason of dishonesty and waste. Now and then, however, there are surprises in the other direction.

There is now circulating an interesting account of the surprisingly low cost of constructing a stretch of highway in Missouri. It seems the state highway commissioner reported to the effect that the best-graded earth road in Missouri was a piece of considerable length in the Wellington and Napoleon district. Whereupon the president of the National Old Trails Road association at once wrote to Wellington to ascertain the cost of this road. It was told that the total expenditure on it was six dollars a mile. Thinking this a mistake he wrote again, only to learn that the figure named was correct. The district, it appears, owns modern road machinery and pays fair but moderate wages to an engine man and two grademen. The per diem expenses run to an even twelve dollars. Two miles are graded daily. Roads elsewhere in Missouri that are no better for practical purposes cost six thousand dollars a mile.

The surprising revelation thus set forth would seem to impose upon officials entrusted with responsibility on behalf of the people when good roads are to be built the duty of making careful surveys and estimates before letting the contracts.

AUTO FEES FOR GOOD ROADS

No Reason Why United States Should Not Take First Rank in Road Building Operations.

There are now upward of two million motor vehicles in use throughout the country. Of this number more than a million and a half are automobiles used for business and pleasure purposes. About 50,000 motor trucks are now in use. The revenues received in the various states from the registrations of these motor vehicles amount to more than twelve and a half million dollars annually.

The greater share of this revenue is being used for road improvement purposes, and provides a splendid fund from which great progress should be made in the construction of permanent highways.

With the efficient and economical use of these new funds there is no reason why America should not take first rank in road building operations for some time to come.—Farmers' Review.

Big Road Factor.

The automobile has been a most important factor in obtaining good roads.

FIND OLD MASTER IN ATTIC

Picture Given Girl as Remembrance of Visit Is Either a Van Dyke or Rubens.

Toledo, O.—Miss Dorothy Southard, society girl and daughter of Frank E. Southard, while visiting friends in the East some time ago, got as a remembrance a picture which she had found in the attic and for which she expressed admiration. She was told the picture had been in the family 300 years.

Upon its arrival it was sent to an art shop to have its frame regilded. Then it was learned the canvas was either a Van Dyke or Rubens and was worth probably \$50,000.

The picture, according to Miss Southard, was brought from England in 1600.

BROUGHT THOUGHT OF HOME

Kansas Tells of His Feelings as Transport Left Manila for the United States.

Nobody in Kansas has forgotten Mack Cretcher, the inimitable paragrapher who used to preach Democracy through the Sedgwick Paragraph, says the Kansas City Star. And it is considerable pleasure to note that Mr. Cretcher, now engaged in agricultural publicity work in Manila, hasn't forgotten Kansas, either, as is learned from a recent letter to the Newton Kansan: "I haven't been so very homesick, yet we are now going on our second year in the islands. However, one day not long ago I went down to the pier to see some friends off on the transport. It was the first time I had been down to see a boat sail for home since I arrived. The band played lively airs. Finally someone shouted, 'There she goes,' and the big transport began to glide away from the pier. There was much waving of hands and handkerchiefs and everything was going fine until the blamed band started up on 'Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgotten.' It brought back so many memories and, coupled with the sight of that big boatload pulling for the homeland—well, I wasn't homesick, but I had a sort of 'gone' feeling, and so did the other exiles who were left on the pier as the transport swung around and headed out into the bay."

JUST A LITTLE SMILE



LITTLE JIMMY MUCH KISSED

Disclaimed Any Intention of Rubbing Off Caress of Noted Woman—Was Trying to Rub It In.

Little Jimmy had reached the conclusion that everybody in the world had kissed him or wanted to very badly. He could not help being a boy that all the ladies wanted to pet and bestow their kisses upon. In fact, Jimmy longed for the day when he would have a say so in the matter of being kissed. One day a famous woman came to call upon his mother. Jimmy chanced to enter the parlor and was directed by his mother to come up and see the noted Mrs. So and So. Jimmy knew what was coming, but he could not prevent the occurrence. The visitor took him by the hand and gently gathered him up into her lap, and as she let him down to the floor again she graciously bestowed a kiss upon his pouting lips. Jimmy jumped away from her and began to rub his lips in a vicious manner.

"What, you are not rubbing my kiss off, my little man?" questioned the woman. Jimmy was puzzled for a few moments, then replied:
 "No, ma'am; I'm just rubbing it in," and then vanished through the door.—Louisville Times.

Injured Feelings.

"When you married me you said I was the only woman in the world for you."

"So I did, my dear."

"Do you still think so?"

"Why, of course."

"Pshaw!"

"Why the skepticism, my love?"

"I think you might at least take your pipe out of your mouth to say it!"

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)
 G R Murchison

For County Attorney:
 J L Lipscomb
 Sonley LeMay

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
 Jno D. Morgan, re-election

For County Judge:
 B F Dent

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)
 Oscar Dennis
 Alvey D Grounds
 C E Jones

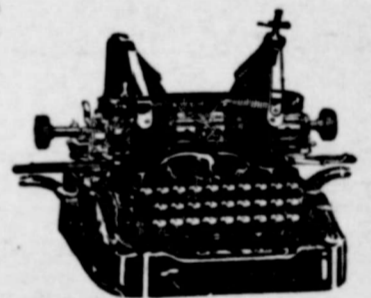
For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2:
 J C Estes
 J E Bean
 S A (Silas) Cook

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 5:
 Jno A Davis (Re-election)

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 2:
 Clyde Story, (re-election)

A New Model Typewriter!

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.

Today—Write for Full Details and be among the first to know about this marvel of writing machines. See who typists, employers, and individuals everywhere are flocking to the Oliver. Just mail a postal at once. No obligation. It's a pleasure for us to tell you about it.

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A. H. LUNER, Editor and Owner

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THURSDAY, MAR. 9, 1916

Henry Ford is now trying to block the plans of preparedness by a series of advertisements published in the press of the country. At least that's a more sensible idea than his peace expedition.

Henry George, the great single taxer, declared that he "was for men". That's all piffle. To our mind there is nothing in this world, on this world or of this world to compare with the womanhood of our own beloved country. Hurrah for the women!

Why keep on raising all-cotton? We can grow corn, peas, peanuts, sorghum and other feed crops that are a success. Live stock farming can be made successful. Then why not quit speculating on what the price of cotton is going to be next fall? Why not diversify? Why not branch out and try stock raising and diversification?

The article in the Messenger last week containing the amount of eggs marketed in Grapeland last month, has been widely read and we learn that several traveling men who visit this town regularly have begun to speak of our city as "Eggville." This town can always be counted on to live up to that name. Bring your eggs to Grapeland!

We are especially enthusiastic over the ice and light plant and oil mill for Grapeland, and we have heard a number of favorable comments on this venture. We'd like to hear from the farmers in regard to this enterprise. Do the farmers of this community want an oil mill in Grapeland? A number of the Myrtle Lake Club members are favorably impressed with the idea and every citizen who wants to see Grape-

land grow and improve, should get busy and encourage the establishment of this much needed asset, which will mean more to the farmers and business men than can be figured out in a reasonable length of time.

Hogs touched the high mark of the season last week when the price went to \$8.70 per hundred. The Grapeland territory is naturally adapted to profitable hog raising. The same is also true of growing peanuts, and we know of no combination that will work together better than hogs and peanuts. The two industries make a practical plan that will work in a general scheme of diversification. Hogs and peanuts will show clear profits to the farmer who co-ordinates the two.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At a trustee's convention held in Crockett last Saturday to nominate candidates in each Commissioners precinct, in order to elect a county trustee at an election to be held the first Saturday in April, my name was announced as one of the candidates. I will appreciate the vote of every patron in Commissioners' precinct No. 2 if you see fit to honor me with this place. If elected I will exert every effort to co-operate in every way with the school system, and will endeavor to do everything possible to benefit each individual school in the precinct.

Yours very truly,
J. J. Willis.

NOTICE

The Ideal medicines, stock powder, poultry food, liniments, spices and family necessities, sold by S. E. Howard, are remedies made in Texas. The South can and does produce good medicines as any country. Ask those who use them.

J. A. Carr, Agent.

John F. Gilbert, candidate for District Clerk of Houston County, was a Grapeland visitor Saturday, and while here, had the Messenger to print him some cards, and handed us the where-with for a years subscription to the Messenger, for which he has our thanks.

NEWS FROM SAN PEDRO

March 6.—Tom Whitaker and Sam Gentry went to Crockett Saturday to be present at the trustee meeting.

Tom, Norman and Willis Whitaker and T. A. Morgan attended the entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Covington Saturday night. They report a nice time.

Bill Davidson and family spent Sunday at Jake Cutler's.

Will Livingston visited friends near Salmon Saturday and Sunday.

John Fulmer and family, also Carl Gainey and family spent Sunday at W. A. Kleckley's.

Sampson Tyer and family, Dan Whitaker and family were visiting at Joe Hollis' Sunday.

W. R. Brown had business in Crockett Tuesday.

Misses Ethel Covington and Leona Henderson visited the school Tuesday.

There was no preaching Sunday, as the preacher started from Grapeland in a car and it broke down.

Garrett Luce spent Saturday night with Carl Whitaker.

Miss Ora Gainey and Mrs. Carl Gainey were visiting in Grapeland Thursday.

Babe Shaver and family visited at Lonzie Tyer's Sunday.

G. L. Payne was visiting in this community Sunday.

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FOR COMMISSIONER

Alvey D. Grounds authorizes his announcement as a candidate for Commissioner of precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the July primary.

In offering himself for this office, Mr. Grounds believes that he is qualified to fill it satisfactorily, otherwise he would not make the race.

Mr. Grounds is a farmer and was born and raised near Grapeland, and is thirty-nine years of age. His father and grand-father were pioneers in this community, the latter having been one of the first settlers of the town of Crockett.

In the event of his election, he promises to look after the affairs of his precinct and county to the best of his ability and render his constituents the best service possible. He will appreciate your support very much.

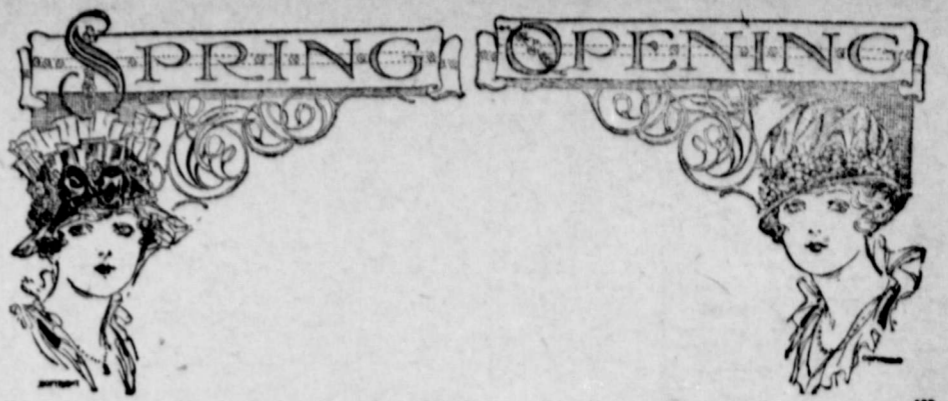
GRAPELAND ALL DAY SINGING MARCH 19TH.

The Grapeland Baptist Church sends an urgent invitation to the churches of Grapeland and surrounding communities, together with their choirs and song leaders, to meet at the Baptist church Sunday, March 19th, at 10:00 A. M., to spend the day in song service. All song leaders in and out of Grapeland are requested to attend and bring any new books they may have.

Special numbers will be sung by the following leaders and their choirs: L. M. Lasiter, Billie Starkey, W. R. Campbell, C. R. Streetman, J. H. Kolb, J. F. M. Haltom, Will Woodard, M. E. Bean, J. E. Hollingsworth, Arthur Owens, Marvin Gilbert, U. M. Brock. All in attendance will be given their entertainment.

S. W. Edge,
Baptist Pastor.

Mesdames J. B. King, Prior, and Miss Willie Browning of Palestine are visiting relatives in Grapeland.



EVERY LADY

In Grapeland and surrounding country is cordially invited to attend our annual spring

MILLINERY OPENING

AT OUR STORE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

MARCH 16 and 17

KEEP IN MIND THE DATE

And tell your friends about the opening. We will have on display fashion's latest decrees in

Dress Goods Spring Footwear
Coat Suits Sport Coats
Skirts Hosiery
Waists Millinery, Etc.

Muslin Underwear

We have this season an unusually complete and attractive line of the newest numbers in ladies' Muslin Underwear. We believe in giving you the biggest values possible, and as in the past, have THE FAMOUS ARESKO LINE, which is perfect in every detail.

Gowns

We are showing these garments in several numbers, which, with their dainty trimmings, makes them well worth the price--

50c, 65c and \$1.00

Underskirts

In this line we are offering you several numbers that cannot be duplicated for more money and which come really cheaper than you can buy the goods and make them.

A number of styles at--
50c, 65c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Drawers

This line contains several numbers, very daintily made, which are real bargains at--

25c and 50c

Children's Drawers at 12 1-2c and 15c.

Envelope Chemise and Princess Slips

Our early season's run on these numbers has been big, but we still have popular numbers at

50c and \$1.00

Corset Covers

This the most particular of any under garment is being shown in very dainty patterns. The very moderate range of prices we are making, makes them even more popular--

25c, 35c, 50c and 65c

We have the most complete, up-to-date stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Millinery, etc., in the county. If you are not one of our satisfied customers, we ask you to give us a trial.

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GEORGE E. DARSEY

SERVICE FIRST STORE

R U a Judge of Merchandise?

Of course you are and you know inferior goods are dear at any price. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE BEST. THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF YOUR FAMILY DEMANDS IT. Then why not insist on the best? It costs but a trifle more. Every article sold by us is guaranteed to be just as represented.

We offer you A FEW SPECIALS for this week only

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| Ladies 25c hose.....25c | 50c bucket of poultry food. 25c |
| Men's 25c half hose.....20c | 25c package stock and poultry food for.....15c |
| 15c values for.....10c | Bottle Red Cross snuff....15c |
| This cool weather demands medium weight underwear still going at.....35c | 3 10c boxes Red Cross Snuff for only.....20c |
| Mexican sun hats, 35c value at.....25c | Libby's pink salmon, 15c value, this week.....10c |
| No 2 lamp chimney.....5c | Brookdale salmon 3 for....25c |
| Big lot of bolts, all sizes and lengths at a rare bargain. | Evaporated apples per lb....10c |
| Lot of sweeps and shovels at cost. | 3 lbs kraut only.....10c |
| A few horse collars, large sizes, a bargain. | 3 lb can of hominy.....10c |
| | 3 lb can desert peaches....10c |
| | 3 cans string beans.....25c |

CARNES CASH STORE.

A. L. CARNES, Proprietor
NEXT DOOR TO F. & M. BANK

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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 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 Wm. R. Dexter, the unknown heirs of L. H. Dexter, the unknown heirs of D. C. Barmore, 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 G. W. Castles, 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 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, Anderson Dexter, Andrew Dexter, Samuel Dexter, Wade Allen, Charlotte S. Dexter, W. W. Dexter, A. W. Dexter, L. H. Dexter, D. C. Barmore, 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. Souward, 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 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:

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.

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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 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 Debbly, deceased, the unknown heirs of Wm. Mays Debbly, 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 Almeda 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 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 held 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. 5615, wherein the Prison Commission of the State of Texas is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Chas. Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of Eliza Richards, deceased, the unknown heirs of James Richards, decd., 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 Debbly, deceased, the unknown heirs of Wm. Mays Debbly, 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 Almeda 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 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 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 3/4 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.

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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.

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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. Milon, 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. Milon, but Plaintiff cannot show that said Caroline E. Hagler and the said Caroline E. Milon 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.

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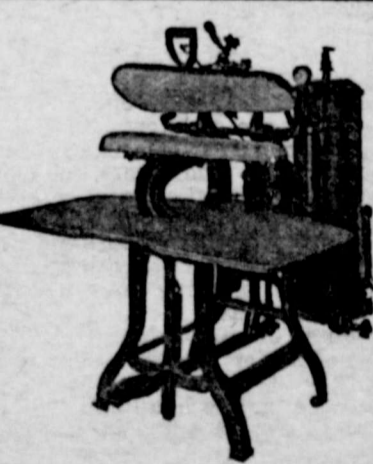
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LOCAL NEWS

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

Miss Esther Davis is spending the week in Crockett visiting friends.

LOST—Spotted Poland China pig, weighs about 80 lbs. If found, notify me at Cash Grocery Co. Harry Long.

Dr. and Mrs. B. S. Elliott of Crockett motored up Sunday and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy.

FOR SALE

Pure Rhode Island red eggs for hatching; also 150 bushels of peanuts for planting. Call me on Union phone. R. B. Edens.

LOOK! LISTEN!

The Grapeland Girls basket ball team will play the Ratcliff team Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the school campus. Go and see a good game. Admission 10c.

Hens that lay are chickens that pay. That's the reason that Brown Leghorns have come to stay. Eggs 50c for 15, or "slix-bits" by parcel post. W. R. Durnell, Rte. 3, Grapeland, Texas.

Wm. H. Long and Jim McLean of Augusta have purchased an automobile of the five-passenger Overland type, the cars being delivered to them last week. This makes five cars for Augusta.

W. V. Berry and family of Crockett were here Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard.

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The Evidence of Your Goodwill by your Orders Encourages us to Hope for Your Continued Goodwill in the Future. We Heartily Thank You for Your Support.

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You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in mid-summer as in mid-winter. The microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as oc-

casions required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Of the Knights of Pythias Lodge. The Grapeland K. of P. Lodge will have important business to carry out at its regular meeting next Tuesday night. Every member is urged to be present, especially the officers elect.

M. E. Darsey, K. R. & S. C. R. Taylor, C. C.

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.

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.

FOR SALE

A few good Rhode Island red hens, good stock; also eggs for setting.

Mrs. Hugh Richards.

Dr. G. H. Black is having his residence repaired and some additions made.

Sour stomach, fullness after eating, flatulence are all caused by imperfect digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the disorder at once, drives out badly digested food and tones the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

You can spot a tailor made suit every time you see it. And if you can spot it on others, others can spot it on you. Let us take your measurement today for your spring suit. Our new samples are on display. Look them over. M. L. Clewis.

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When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

TWO NEW CARS

D. N. Leaverton, Tom Brooks, Willis Goodson, and Louis Lea returned Tuesday evening from Dallas, where they purchased two 5-passenger Maxwell cars for D. N. and T. H. Leaverton. One of the cars was driven back, the other will arrive by freight the latter part of the week. We admonish you to "watch your step."

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FOR COMMISSIONER

In the announcement column this week will be found the name of C. E. Jones, who aspires to the office of commissioner of precinct No. 1. His candidacy, of course, is subject to the will of the voters in the July primary.

Mr. Jones is a farmer and lives at Percilla. He has made that community his home for thirty-five years, consequently known by the people as a man of honesty and integrity. He has always been loyal to his friends and his party. If the people should see fit to honor him with the office he seeks, he pledges his best efforts to give them the best administration in his power. He stands for an economical administration of the county's affairs to the best interest of all the people and will look carefully after the interests of the people in his own precinct. He asks that you favorably consider his candidacy and will be grateful for your support at the polls.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Are now on display at our dress goods counter, and we especially ask that you call and allow us the pleasure of showing you one of the completest lines of dress goods shown in Houston county.

Now for your spring Footwear. We have for your inspection the prettiest line of slippers that money ever bought. We are showing these slippers in all the leathers to be worn this season. Won't you allow us the pleasure of showing them to you?

We will have on display in the next few days the pretty new straws for men. Bear this in mind and see our line before you buy your new spring hat.

The Shirts for spring are now on display at our shirt counter and they are very pretty and attractive patterns. They will please you for the new patterns are very pleasing. See them and you will buy.

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GROWING SWEET POTATOES

By W. R. Durnell

We now come to the next most important part of the business—bedding out the seed and preparing the land for the plants. A good warm natured plot of ground should be selected for the purpose of bedding out the seed. A mistake is often made by some in bedding the seed below the surface of the ground so as to avoid the trouble of having the bed to water so often. A man told me only Saturday that he bedded his potatoes just before the last rain, and of course that was too early, and that he put them below the surface and that they were all rotten. Sure, why shouldn't they rot? A 14 year old boy should know that to take them out of a warm seed bank and place them in the ground in such a way that they will have to be subjected to a cold winter rain and possibly lie in water would rot them. Potatoes should never be bedded below a level. Put them in good soil and cover them with good soil. A little fertilizer will help some too. Keep the bed moist and clean off weeds and grass. Don't bed out a bushel of potatoes and expect to plant an acre of plants from it. Figure on about a bushel to a thousand plants and you will not be far from right. Sometimes they will do better, but not often in time to do the best. 7,000 plants are required to plant an acre.

They should not be set closer than two feet in the drill and the rows should be three and a half feet apart. A new piece of land should always be selected to grow them for several reasons. First, they require good soil and second, new land is more porous than old land and will not bake as bad. Potatoes are not a success on land that bakes. They do not do best on open sand land. Land where hickory and oak, especially red oak grows, is well suited to them. They should not be planted where Sumac grows. Another reason for selecting new land is, it is not apt to be infected with root rot (sometimes called alkali.) Good potatoes can be grown on such land, but will all rot. The land should be kept in a good state of cultivation by plowing or harrowing at regular intervals until the draws are ready for setting. In short, the cultivating should be done before the plants are set and not after. It used to be con-

sidered necessary to "lay them by" by turning the vines (and that was when they grew the yamless vine kind) and barring them off, and hoe them good, and then throw the soil back with the same turning plow. The result was the harvesting was a light job. Potatoes should be cultivated in about ten days or two weeks from the time of setting with something like a flat heel sweep run very shallow and as the vines begin to meet in the middle a large heel sweep should be run one time to the row but no lead plow should be used. The idea is to not disturb the roots any more than you would the stalks of corn, as potatoes make their crop under the ground. Plant them on good large beds. Plant them on land that drains well.

In closing this chapter let us say bed your potato seed above the level of the ground, keep the bed moist, plant plenty of seed, don't place them closer than two feet in the row, keep your land in a good state of cultivation until time to set out, plant on good fresh land and cultivate very shallow and watch the results.

Next week—"The Best Kind of Fertilizer to Use."

THE BREAD AND BUTTER QUESTION

The teaching profession is a noble, charitable one, but are you content to work in the charity department of your State when they allow you no pension or protection in old age? Are you willing to go into the great broad fields of business where you can lay up something for a rainy day, and provide your own protection for old age? Six thousand teachers quit the profession annually. Can you blame them when you compare their annual earning capacity with that of any other class of educated men or women? The bookkeeper, stenographer, private secretary, or operator, as a beginner, gets from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month, twelve months in the year, and soon receives an advance in salary and it is not long if they are made of the right kind of stuff before they are promoted to assistant manager or manager of a large business concern, or engage in business for themselves and are thereby enabled to lay up a comfortable living for old age. Make a comparison of the teacher, who after graduating from the high school spends from



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Brain Against Brawn

Why do some farmers prosper and enjoy many luxuries, while others, who work just as hard, are always hard up? The answer is simple: one has used his brains and kept posted on up-to-date farming methods, while the other has felt that there is nothing for him to learn. He will not even read a first-class farm paper because he thinks no one can possibly tell *him* how to run his farm. FARM AND RANCH is prepared especially for farmers, gardeners, live stock and poultry raisers and fruit growers of the Southwest—the home builders. It has been the Southwestern farmer's right hand man for more than a third of a century.

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Send us your order for these three publications—our paper one year, Farm and Ranch one year and Holland's Magazine TWO YEARS—right away; also show this BIG VALUE OFFER to your neighbor who is not a subscriber to this paper. New and renewal subscriptions will be accepted at the rate advertised, so bring or mail your order now and get the benefit of the combination price.

Don't Take the Chance



HID \$2,650 IN BOOK, WIFE IGNORANT, BURNED BOOK

Illinois Farmer Who Used Catalogue for Bank Lost Savings

(Associated Press Report)

Decatur, Ill., March 3.—Noah Dundy, a farmer living near Arcola, today is mourning the loss of \$2,650 in currency. Dundy had secreted the bills in a mail order catalogue. While he was away from home his wife burned the book along with other waste paper.

Don't take such a risk as that. Put your money in our bank where it is insured against fire, loss, theft, burglary or daylight hold-up.

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one to two years in the State Normal and hundreds of dollars preparing himself, and has been teaching five years in the public schools, with the bookkeeper, stenographer, or operator who has only spent from three to six months in obtaining his education after graduating from high school and from one hundred to two hundred dollars and has had five years experience in the business world, you will find that the one who has spent only a few months in obtaining his education and a small amount of money is drawing twice the salary of the teacher regardless of the fact that the teacher spent more time and money in the preparation for their life work. More evidence on this subject can be had by writing the Tyler Com-

mercial College at Tyler, Texas, for their large illustrated catalogue giving full particulars of America's largest commercial training school, with more than two thousand enrollments annually and reading what teachers say who have attended this institution, of the advantages it offers to those entering the business world where they can greatly increase their earning capacity, enabling them to own homes of their own and enjoy the comforts that should rightly be theirs.

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GRAND JURORS

The following grand jurors are summoned to appear Monday, March 27, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W H Monzingo, W D James, W A Norris, W H Holcomb, Sr., J C Merriwether, W H Threadgill, E Roberson, J A Lovelady, D N Leaverton, I A Daniel, J R Cupp, R S Hooks, C T Brown, H L Burton, G B Kent, J R Bar-tee.

PETIT JURORS

The following Petit Jurors are summoned to appear Monday, April 3, at 10 o'clock a. m.

G H Duren, J H Green, B H Jones, J B Fuller, Boss Coward, W M Steed, Lee Rich, A J Griner, Davis Cook, R F Hall, O C Goodwin, J B Morrow, J B West, S Y Dominy, T J Talley, E Kennedy, Cal Beeson, R E Parker, J H Harrison, G R Sewall, J A Maxey, N A Crowson, C H Henderson, J D Hill, W E Bennett, B L Dominy, W H Mangum, J H Freeman, W N Ferguson, Sam Turner, J B West, Crockett, J S Ferrill, J N Collins, E M Clampet, B F Hodges, W A Douglas, J D Baker, Jr., B D Rains, R W Wheeler, G G Cecil.

To appear Monday, April 10, at 10 o'clock a. m.

L N Breazeale, Jno A Siden, W J McLain, J J Corbett, B L Westbrook, J O Meadows, B H Douglass, H Durst, J D Sexton, M M Moore, H C Marks, R A Hale, C H Fritz, T J Reeves, T S Tunstall, Tom Kent, Jr., F B Brown, D R Baker, J R Elliot, F L Brown, J W Shaver, Harvey Douglass, Frank Driskill, H B Monday, D H Dauphin, J E Allen, G W Harrison, J A Shuptrine, J C Haddox, Jesse Arnold, M E Bean, A Thomason, R H Hearn, R T Bobbitt, A B Mulligan, W. L Thomason, John Hamm, Geo Hallmark, N A Smith, W E Boykin.

To appear Monday, April 24, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J G Webb, J R Foster, L B Ellisor, J D Richardson, G B Lundy, J A Hutchings, A M Driskill, E B Hale, A J Murry, J H Shaw, A D Durham, J C Herron, W L Thompson, W E Evans, W A Andrews, W T McDonald, Lem Lane, Albert Patton, A C Collins, J W Blakeway, A N Meeks, T J Maples, W P Childs, Ben Woolley, J R Monk, J T Thornton, J T Dawes, T W Simmons, J H Hyde, W F West, E T Sullivan, M E Adams, C B Hallmark, J B Westerman, J W Walker, J H Allen, A S Nelson, D C Kennedy, J T Burge, B E Elliott.

To appear Monday, May 1, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Garland Ellis, G H Austin, A P Balch, J M Driskill, Will Dupuy, H H Hallmark, C M Davis, W M Patrick, E W Gilbert, J R Baker, Hardin Pennington, C C Cloud, O M Andrews, L T Morgan, D E Gentry, J W Knox, J W Ashmore, B G Parker, W A Dennis, G B Millikin, J T Brewton, E W Davison, Avery Johns, H L Bowman, G W Starling, Tom Gossett, W R Christian, C L Monk, J W Daniel, A O Atkinson, W H Curry, S H Higginbotham, Ed Cassidy, J C Bynum, W W Sullivan, J A Grounds, C H Hague, V Johnson, O H Parker, W D Allen.

To appear Monday, May 8th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

T J Duren, C H Click, Tom Barnhill, R O Calvert, S T Allee, J B Kennedy, J J Holliday, T P

CAUTION!

With a shortage of ships to move our cotton to foreign shores; with no indication of the end of the war; with the nation stirred over preparedness for eventualities; with the buying power of the entire world gradually lessening day by day, it becomes our duty to issue this formal warning as the time of planting cotton is at hand.

Let everyone encourage the farmer to be on the safe side by raising plenty of feed and food for the community as well as for himself, his family and his live stock. (A calf, a pig, chickens, and a garden often mean the difference between want and money ahead.) Economical and safe living for all as well as "safe farming" must be the rule if prosperity is to abide with us.

Six cent cotton this fall would spell disaster to the cotton states. Low price follows over-supply as certainly as the night the day. High prices and prosperity over the south this year prove what voluntary reduction of cotton acreage does. Any marked increase in acreage over last year is going to result in a great loss to southern cotton producers, merchants and bankers, and will similarly affect all allied business and professions.

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RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, March 6.—The wild geese say winter has broken and we had rather take instinct than weather prophets. The ice Saturday morning will probably be the last of the season.

There was some corn planted last week, and some will be planted this week; others will wait for rain.

Expect J. L. Chiles is ahead on a garden; he has cabbage about ready to set out.

S. J. Stanford is doing some work for J. H. Beazley and J. L. Chiles has made some needed repairs on his house.

T. S. Kent of Grapeland and C. H. Beazley were out on their farms last week. Mrs. West and her son accompanied her father home to spend a few days.

G. B. Kent and wife and Miss Pearl Ady were Crockett visitors yesterday. Mrs. Kent will remain there a few days.

Mrs. Stevens of Jacksonville is here visiting her sons.

We are to have preaching every fourth Sunday by Bro. Williams.

The writer attended services at Crockett the other Sunday and heard the pipe organ and the new pastor. The organ is fine and the player seemed to have it under complete control, as she could make it bellow like an alligator or as soft as a tiny frog.

The sermon on "the talents" was up to the high water mark. While in the city we visited the "Palace of Sweets," and saw an up-to-date steam bakery, and will say everything is as sanitary as it is possible to be.

I am glad, Mr. Editor, that you have a car. It will enable you to keep up with the crowd and tell us what the head man is doing.

Talk up the light plant. It seems like some of our well to do farmers might take stock in it, as we would all be benefitted.

Since our last write-up, J. M. Selkirk and wife and R. B. Edens and wife of Grapeland have been to see J. H. Beazley. Feel sure their company helped to cheer him up and glad to report that he is better.

Capt. Ayheart of the Lock and Dam spent yesterday with Jack Beazley. They were school mates at the A. & M. College. He says they have resumed work. As ever, Zack.

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

Church Directory

The following is the directory of the churches and Sunday Schools of Grapeland:

METHODIST:
Services every Second and Fourth Sunday. Prayer Meeting Wednesday night.
Rev. B. C. Ansley, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
M. E. Darsey, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN:
Services every First Sunday.
Rev. J. W. Shookley, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
T. H. Leaverton, Superintendent.

BAPTIST:
Services every First and Third Sunday. Prayer Meeting Thursday night.
Rev. S. W. Edge, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
W. D. Granberry, Superintendent.

NEWS ITEMS FROM BELOTT

March 6.—The dry weather we are having is causing corn planting to be a little backward around Belott, although some are through planting, while others have not planted any. A good rain and less north wind would help most everything, especially gardens.

Mrs. Tom Cruce of Kennard died Thursday the 2nd, at her sister's, Mrs. Sam Rice, of Belott, and was buried Friday in the New Energy cemetery. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss, besides a host of friends and relatives. We join her many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family in this their sad hour of grief.

The Kennard basket ball team gave the Belott team a surprise match game Saturday evening, coming up as they did on very short notice. Belott was unable to get all of their players together and used a scrapped up team and played a fairly good game, the final score being 31 to 23 in favor of Kennard.

We are sorry to say our school will be out in a little over two weeks. It ought, by all means to run until the first of May.

The trustees have recently had more windows put in our school building, which were badly needed.

There was an entertainment at W. M. Gregg's Saturday night. Each one seemed to amuse themselves in a way they most preferred.

Mr. Joe Lockey and family and Mr. Andrew Lockey visited W. T. Payne and family Sunday evening.

Best wishes to the Messenger and its many readers, as ever,
THE RAMBLER.

CLASS MEETING

Last Thursday night Class No. 2 of the Christian Sunday School met at the home of Mrs. P. H. Stafford and reorganized. The following officers were elected: Mr. Sidney Boykin, Pres.; Miss Eula Riell Hollingsworth, Vice-Pres.; Dick Murchison, Sec'y-Treas. The class enrollment is fifteen, and the President appointed three committees, viz: Membership committee, Devotional Committee and Social Committee.

It was planned to enlarge the class as much as possible, and the Social Committee will entertain the class as often as they can. Everyone who would like to join a good live class is invited to join this one as we feel sure you will become interested.

After the business meeting of the class, Miss Hollingsworth rendered several piano solos, which were enjoyed very much, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments.
Reporter.

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You are hereby commanded to summon A. E. Bradley and wife, C. E. Bradley, Geo. W. Johnston and wife, M. E. Johnston and Mary E. Richardson by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive 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 Third Judicial District of Texas, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of said Houston County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Crockett, Texas, 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 22nd day of February, A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the Civil Docket of said Court No. 5620, wherein Geo. E. Darsey is plaintiff and A. E. Bradley and wife, C. E. Bradley, Geo. W. Johnston and wife, M. E. Johnston, Mary E. Richardson, C. J. Wheeland and wife, Ella C. Wheeland and O. B. Berry are defendants, and said petition alleging that defendant Mary E. Richardson, Nov. 5, 1909, executed her promissory note for \$1500.00, payable to W. L. Parsons, November 5, 1912, and to secure same executed deed of trust on the following described four tracts of land situated in Houston County, Texas, the first two being part of the C. C. Marsh 960 acre survey, and all described as follows:

1st Tract: 25 acres, beginning on the N. B. line of the Watson survey of 640 acres at stake for corner from which B J 15 in mkd. X brs W 5 1-3 vrs. P O 2 1-2 in mkd X brs S 9 E 2 vrs. Thence N 4 E 330 vrs to stake for corner from which B J 5 in brs N 10 E 1 vr, Do brs S 60 E 2 1-5 vrs. Thence E 438 vrs to stake for corner from which B. J 8 in brs S 10 E 2 1-3 vrs. Thence S 4 W 330 vrs to N B line of the Watson survey to stake for corner from which Hickory 12 in brs S 53 E 2 vrs. Thence W 428 vrs to the beginning.

2nd Tract: 42 acres, beginning on the S B line of said survey at S E corner of 25 acre tract decided to F. Woodelle by T. J. Herod and wife, stake from which Hickory 13 in brs S 14 E 2 1-5 vrs, mkd X. Thence E 680 vrs to rock for corner from which R O 8 in brs S 20 W 4 vrs mkd X, B J 9 in brs S 65 E 4 vrs. Thence N 30 E 330 vrs to stake from which B J 6 in mkd X brs S 46 W 4 2-10 vrs. Thence N 87 W 780 vrs to N E corner of said 25 acre tract. Thence S 4 W 330 vrs to the beginning.

3rd Tract: 213 acres, more or less, out of the Wm. Watson survey, beginning at N E corner of B J Jacobs 7 acre survey, stake from which S J mkd X brs N 2 1-2 yds, Do mkd X brs E 4 yds. Thence N with R B Reeves W B line 882 vrs to corner on the N B line of Wm. Watson survey, corner from which B J mkd X brs E 5 yds, P O mkd X brs S 12 W 7 yds. Thence W with said Watson N B line 922 1-2 vrs to N E corner of the J T Herod survey, corner from which Hickory mkd X brs S E 6 vrs, Do mkd X brs S W 7 vrs. Thence S with Herod's E B line 257 1-2 vrs to corner stake from which S J mkd X brs N W 5 1-2 vrs, B J mkd X brs W 5 1 2 vrs. Thence in S W direction with Herod's line 553 vrs to stake in Grapeland & Daly's road from which Hickory mkd X brs N W 3 yds, Do mkd X brs S 10 E 3 vrs. Thence S with W J Clark's line 515 vrs to corner at graveyard, stake from which Hickory mkd X brs S 3 yds, Do mkd X brs E 2 yds. Thence E with N B line of Burton survey 1062 vrs to S W corner of B J Jacobs 7 acre survey 116 1-2 vrs Jacobs N W corner. Thence E with N B line of Jacobs 7 acre survey

331 vrs to beginning.

4th Tract: 110 acres more or less, of the W L Burton survey, beginning at N W corner of said Burton survey from which B J mkd X brs —85 W 6 vrs, Do mkd X brs S 83— 8 5-10 vrs. Thence E with Whitley line 990 vrs to stake, Hickory 16 in mkd X brs N 77 vrs, Do 10 in mkd X brs S 55 E 8 vrs. Thence S with W line of the J L White-scarver tract to stone for corner. Thence W 990 vrs to Hickory 12 in for corner. Thence N with E line of Whitley tract to corner of school lot on same. Thence E 80 vrs with school lot to corner of same. Thence N 141 vrs with line of said school lot to the beginning; that said M E Richardson, about Jan. 4, 1910 conveyed said lands to defendant G W Johnston, who assumed payment of said \$1500.00 note, and with his wife, M E Johnston, about Sept. 16, 1912, in writing acknowledged there would be due on same Nov. 5, 1912, the sum of \$1650.00 and agreed to pay same November 5, 1915, with 10 per cent interest per annum from Nov. 5, 1912, and acknowledged the assumption of said \$1500.00 note; that plaintiff is the owner of said notes for a valuable consideration in due course of trade and same are past due, and plaintiff has demanded payment of same, which defendants refuse to pay, except the interest on said \$1650.00 note for the years ending Nov. 5, 1913 and 1914; that defendants Geo. W. Johnston and wife, Sept. 11, 1912, executed their promissory note for \$50, payable to W. L. Parsons Sept. 11, 1915, and to secure same executed deed of trust on said described four tracts of land, and which note is owned by plaintiff who acquired same for a valuable consideration in due course of trade; that defendants A. E. Bradley and wife, C. E. Bradley, executed their three promissory notes dated Dec. 19, 1914, due respectively Dec. 1, 1915, 1916, 1917, each for \$233.33, payable to plaintiff, bearing 8 per cent per annum interest from date, interest payable annually, and providing failure to pay same or any installment of interest at its due date matures said notes at option of the holder, and plaintiff alleges the first of said notes is past due and plaintiff has demanded payment from said makers thereof who refuse and fail to pay same, and plaintiff has declared said three notes due, and since has demanded payment of said notes from said makers who refused to pay same or any part thereof; that defendants A. E. Bradley and wife to secure the last mentioned three notes executed their deed of trust dated Dec. 19, 1914 on said described 4 tracts of land; that defendants A E Bradley and wife, about Nov. 9, 1915, executed a deed conveying said lands to defendant Ella C Wheeland, stipulating therein same was made subject to deed of trust securing \$2,900.00 they owed to plaintiff, and defendant Ella C Wheeland assumed the payment thereof, and the vendor's lien on said land was retained in said deed to secure the payment of same; that defendant O B Berry claims the legal title to said land, and plaintiff alleges if said O B Berry owns same he holds the title subject to all of plaintiff's liens above set forth, and that all of said deed of trust liens and vendor's lien are now in full force and effect to secure the amounts due plaintiff; that all of said notes provide for the usual ten per cent attorneys fees if collected by law or if placed with attorneys for collection; that plaintiff has placed said notes in the hands of his attorneys and agreed to pay them the attorney's fees provided for therein, and prays for judgement for the amount due on said notes, principal, interest and attorney's fees, for foreclosure of said deeds of trust liens and said vendor's lien on said 4 tracts of land, that same be sold according to law, and the officer executing such writ place the purchaser in possession thereof,

and for costs of suit, and such other and further orders and decrees as plaintiff may be legally or equitably entitled to either at law or in equity.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid 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 22nd day of February, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston County, Texas.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ANTRIM

March 6.—Rev. W. R. Durnell and Mr. William Waddell of this community attended singing at Ephesus Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Parker and children visited Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and children Sunday.

Sunday was regular preaching day and Bro. Florence rendered us a good sermon. A large crowd was present. Rock Hill and New Prospect were well represented.

Our literary society met Saturday night. A large crowd was present and a good program was rendered. Our next meeting night will be next Saturday night March 11th. The program will be as follows:

Song by Society.
Recitation by Miss Ola Patterson.

Music by Miss Erie Bridges.
Recitation by Mrs. A. N. Edens.

Song arranged by George Kyle.

Debate: Resolved, "That Congress should make provisions for the enlargement and maintenance of our army and navy." Affirmative: Monroe Anderson and Deckert Anderson; Negative: Prof. S. D. Webb and W. R. Durnell. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend.

There was a singing at the church house last Thursday night. A good crowd was present and we had some fine singing.

Messrs. Edd Pearson and Sam Parker visited Jim Ritchie Saturday night and Sunday.

Eva May and Ida Nichols visited Mr. Jim Taylor's children Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Luna Kolb, Julia Brinson, Ola Kiser, Jewel and Ruby Helms and Ludie and Ola Willis visited Miss Ola Patterson Saturday night.

Success to the Messenger and its many readers.

HIAWATHA. CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking my friends and neighbors who were so kind during the sickness of my wife. I also thank the W. O. W. Camp and friends who came in and gave me a days work. It was highly appreciated and will be long remembered.
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