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NEWS FROM CHAPPEL HILL

The health of this community is good at present with the exception of a few cases of lagrippe. Mr. John O. Grounds and family were visiting at Mr. N. A. Grounds Sunday.

this community attended Sun one of them came across the day School at Ephesus Sunday skeleton. They brought the and report a nice time.

Messrs. Grady and Elbert Parker have been building some new cross fences on their farm. It looks as if they are going to year, and we expect it would pay others to do likewise.

Mrs. Tom Luce is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Alvey Grounds of the Grapeland vicinity was visiting relatives in this community last week.

left for his home on the Sun Shine Special Saturday.

Mrs. Myrtle Parker was visiting in the Ephesus community Sunday.

There will be preaching here Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

Wishing the Messenger and its many readers much success. Chieftain.

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NEGROES FIND SKELETON OF MAN

Two negro woodchoppers found the skeleton of a man last Friday afternoon, about two miles south of Grapeland. They were cutting and stacking wood at Convict Springs, several hundred Several of the young people of yards from the railroad, when skull and lower jaw to town with

The skeleton still held a portion of clothes. Near where the skeleton was found and in ihe try a "live at home" crop this clothes pockets were found two pipes, a knife, \$4.30 in money, a can containing matches and some coffee and beans. No papers or other identification was found.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

The Messenger is authorized Mr. Frank Patton of west this week to announce the can-Texas, who has been visiting didacy of T. R. Deupree of relatives in this section of late, Crockett as a candidate for the office of tax collector, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Deupree has resided in the county since he was 14 years of age. He is one of the leading business men of his home town and has always showed great in community from Crockett folbenefit to the community. He is well known to many people over the county and is a man who enjoys the respect and conelected to fill the same promises a faithful discharge of every duty of the office. He expects to make an active campaign to see all the voters before the primary. He will greatly appreciate your support, and we commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

A CORRECTION

An error went through last issue in the ad of George Calthe ad so reads this week.

M. K. MURCHISON WITH THE DEAD

Mr. M. K. Murchison died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Richards, in this city at an early hour Saturday morning, being in his 90th year.

Mr. Murchison was born in Carrol county, Tennessee, Nov. 13, 1826. He came to Texas in February 1848, when 21 years of age, locating near Crockett at Cook's Mountain, living there two years, then moving 4 1-2 miles north of Crockett, where he remained until a few years ago when he came to Grapeland to live with his daughter. He was married three times, his first wife being Miss Evelyn Gossett. After her death he was married to Miss Lizzie Driskell, who died in 1896. In 1901 he was married to Mrs. Heron. He is survived by the following children: Mesdames Geo. E. Darsey, S. N. Boykin, J. R. Richards and J. P. Royal and Mr. M. D. Murchisen of this city, and Mrs. F. A. Faris of Lake Charles, La.

His remains were carried to Crockett and interred in Glenwood cemetery Sunday morning, a large crowd of Grapeland people going down to attend the services. Funeral services were conducted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Crook by Rev. W. A. Craven of Reagan. Texas, who when pastor of the church in this city, received Mr. Murchison in the Methodist church. It was his special request that Bro. Craven conduct the services over his remains. The old soldiers also took part in the ceremonies' Mr. Murchison having seen two years' service in the army during the war.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

With bowed heads and heavy hearts, we bow to the will of Him who shapes the destinies of our lives, to Him, who in His wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved comrade, M. K. Murchison, member of Crockett Confederate Veteran Camp No 141, who departed this life at Grapeland, Texas, on March 18th, 1916-89 years of age the 13thth of Nov. 1915.

The Crockett Confederate Vet eran Camp, the Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, as well as the entire community from Grapeland and the entire terest in things that would be of lowed his remains to their last resting place in the beautiful Glenwood cemetery at Crockett, where he was laid to rest at 11 fidence of his friends. He is o'clock Sunday morning the 19th qualified to fill the office and if day of March 1916, when loving hands covered his grave with a perfect bed of flowers.

The occasion which called us there was one which awakens the emotions of our lives; it life of worthy example, and bebrings us face to face with three great epochs of our lives, the a precious legacy of good works, past, the present and the future. It whispers in silvery eloquence of the rapidity of the flight of the fast receding years as they roll in countless thousands down secretary, upon which shall be houn relative to shipping hogs. the aisle of time, it speaks in ac- inscribed the name, birth and The correct date is Saturnay, cents loud and shrill of the nec- death of our departed comrade. 25c for children, 35c for adults. April 8, instead of the 1st, and essity of so living in the present

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COMING A Good Minftrel Show, March 25

Huntington's Mighty strels, known in every city and hamlet in Texas, are billed for Grapeland, Saturday, March, 25. Larger, better and grander than ever. The company carries 40 people, band and orchestra, and is featuring Jolly E. Davis, better khown as "Sweet Papa Snow Resolved, that a blank page of ball," originator of The Blues the minutes be set apart by the and 35 others, headed by John Pamplin, Demon of the Tropics World's Greatest Rifle and Bay onet Juggler. Popular prices: Watch for parade and band con-



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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 cracksman.

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 conversa-tion between Comte de Morbihan, M. Ban-non and Mile. Bannon about the Lone Wolf, a celebrated cracksman who works alone, puzzles and alarms him as to whether his identity is only guessed or

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

CHAPTER V-The girl turns out to be Mile. Bannon, who explains her preser 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 con-cealed emergency hoard, an invitation from The Pack to the Lone Wolf to join

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

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 mobsman, but the third, an American, is unknown to him. He refuses alliance with

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

CHAPTER XI-He gives the unconcharter 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 enleaving 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 him-

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 Bannon and has been used as a tool by Bannon the crook. The American murderer of he crook. The American murgerer of toddy was Bannon's secretary. Both men re members of The Pack and out to get

CHAPTER XVI-Lanyard tells Lucy that he means to reform and she agrees to go with him to return the London loot. d 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 XXI.

Elation and Despair.

Established behind his splendid mahogany desk in his office at the ministry of war, or moving majestically abroad attired in frock coat and shining topper, or lending the dignity of his presence to some formal function of state in that beautiful uniform which appertained unto his office, M. Hector Ducroy cut an imposing figure.

Abed-it was sadly otherwise. Lanyard switched on the bedside light, turning it so that it struck full upon the face of the sleeper, and as he sat down he smiled.

The minister of war lay upon his back, his distinguished corpulence severely dislocating the chaste simplicity of the bedclothing. Athwart his shelving chest fat hands were peacefully folded in a gesture affectingly naive. His face was red, a noble high-light shone upon the promontory of his bald pate, his mouth was open.

To the best of his unconscious ability he was giving a protracted imita-! tion of a dog fight; and he was really exhibiting sublime virtuosity-one readily distinguished individual howls. growls, yelps against an undertone made up of the blended voices of excited noncombatants.

As suddenly as though someone wearying of the entertainment, had lifted the needle from that record, it was discontinued. The minister of war stirred uneasily in his sleep, muttered a naughty word, opened one eye, scowled, opened the other.

He blinked furiously, half-blinded but still able to make out the discomposing silhouette of a man seated just

beyond the radius of glare-a quiet presence that moved not, but eyed him steadfastly; an apparition the more arresting because of its very immo-

bility. Rapidly the face of the minister of war lost several shades of purple. He moistened his lips nervously with a thick, dry tongue, and convulsively he clutched the bedclothing high and tight about his neck, as though laboring under the erroneous impression that the sanctity of his person was threatened.

'What do you want, monsieur?" he stuttered in a still, small voice which he would have been the last to acknowledge his own.

"I desire to discuss a matter of business with monsieur," replied the intruder after a small pause. "If you will be good enough to calm yourself

"I am perfectly calm-"

But here the minister of war verified with one swift glance an earlier impression, to the effect that the trespasser was holding something that shone with a metallic luster, and his soul began to curl up round the edges. "There are eighteen hundred francs

in my pocketbook-about," he managed to articulate. "My watch is on the stand here. You will find the family plate in the dining room safe, behind the buffet-the key is on my ring -and the jewels of madame, my wife, in a small strong box beneath the head of her bed. The combination-"

"Pardon; monsieur labors under a misapprehension," the housebreaker interposed dryly. "Had one desired these valuables one would readily have possessed oneself of them without going to the trouble of disturbing the rest of monsieur. I have, however, already mentioned the nature of my errand."

"Eh?" demanded the minister of war. 'What is that? But give me of your mercy one chance to explain! I have never wittingly harmed you, monsieur, and if I have done so without my knowledge, rest assured you have but to petition me through the proper channels and I will be only too glad to make amends!'

"Still you do not listen!" the other insisted. "Come, M. Ducroy-calm yourself. I have not robbed you, because I have no wish to rob you. I have not harmed you, for I have no wish other than to lay before you, as representing government, a certain matter of state business."

There was silence while the minister of war permitted this exhortation to sink in. Then, apparently reassured, he sat up in bed and eyed his untimely visitor with a glare little short of truc-

"Eh? What's that?" he demanded. Business? What sort of business? If you wish to lay under my consideration any matter of business, how is it you break into my home at dead of night and rouse me in this brutal fashion-er-' here his voice faltered-"with a lethal weapon pointed at my

head?" "Monsieur will admit he speaks under an error,' returned the burglar. "I have yet to point this pistol at him. I should be very sorry to feel obliged to do so. I display it, in fact, simply that monsieur may not forget himself and attempt to summon servants in his resentment of this-I admit-unusual method of introducing oneself to his attention. When we understand each other there will be no need for such precautions, and then I shall put my pistol away, so that the sight of it

may no longer annoy monsieur." "It is true, I do not understand you," grumbled the minister of war. "Whyif your errand be peaceable-break into my house?"

"Because it was urgently necessary to see monsieur instantly. Monsieur will reflect upon the reception one would receive did one ring the front door bell and demand an audience at three o'clock in the morning!"

"Well-" M. Ducroy conceded dubiously. Then, on reflection, he iterated the monosyllable testily: "Well! What is it you want, then?"

"I can best explain by asking monsteur to examine—what I have to show

him." With this Lanyard dropped the pistol into his coat pocket, from another produced a gold cigarette case, and

from the store of this last selected a single cigarette with meticulous care. Regarding the minister of war in a mystifying manner, he began to roll the cigarette briskly between his palms. A small shower of tobacco sifted on the floor; the rice paper cracked and came away; and with a bland smile and gesture of a professional conjuror, Lanyard exhibited a small cylinder of stiff paper between his thumb and index finger.

Goggling resentfully, M. Ducroy spluttered:

"Eh-what impudence is this?" His smile unchanged, Lanyard bent forward and silently dropped the cylinder into the Frenchman's hand. At the same time he offered him a pocket magnifying glass.

"What is this?" Ducroy persisted stupidly. "What-what-"

"If monsieur will be good enough to unroll the papers and examine them with the aid of this glass-"

With a wondering grunt M. Ducroy complied, smoothing out several small sheets of photographer's printing-out paper, to which extraordinarily complicated and minute designs had been transferred-strongly resembling laborious efforts to conventionalize a spider's web.

But no sooner had M. Ducroy focused upon them the magnifying glass than he started violently, uttered an excited exclamation and subjected the papers to an examination both prolonged and exacting.

"Monsieur is no doubt now satisfied?" Lanyard inquired, when his patience would endure no longer.

"These are genuine?" the minister of war demonded sharply, without looking up.

"Monsieur can readily discern notations made upon the drawings by the inventor, George Huysman, in his own hand. Furthermore, each plan has been marked in the lower left-hand corner with the word 'accepted,' followed by the initials of the German minister of war. I think this establishes beyond dispute the authenticity of these photographs of the plans for Huysman's invention."

"Yes," the other agreed breathlessly. You have the negatives from which; these prints were made?"

"Here," Lanyard said, indicating a second cigarette.

And then, with a movement so leisurely and careless that his purpose was accomplished before the other in his preoccupation was aware of it, the adventurer leaned forward and swept up the prints from the counterpane in front of M. Ducroy.

"Here!" the Frenchman exclaimed. Why do you do that?"

"Monsieur no longer questions their authenticity?"

"I grant you that."

"Then I return to myself these prints, pending negotiations for their transfer to France."

"How did you come by them?" demanded M. Ducroy, after a moment's thought.

"Need monsieur ask? Is France soill-served by her spies that you do not already know of the misfortune recently suffered in London by one Captain Ekstrom?"

Ducrov shook his head. Lanvard received this indication with impatience. wish to harm you. Nor have I any It seemed hardly possible that the French minister of war could be either so stupid or so ignorant. But with a patient shrug he proceeded to elucidate.

"Captain Ekstrom," he explained, but recently succeeded in photographing these plans and took them to London to sell to the English. Unfortunately for himself-unhappily for perfidious Albion!-Captain Ekstrom fell in with me and mistook me for Downing street's representative. And here are the plans."

"You are-the Lone Wolf-then?" "I am, monsieur-simply as concerns you, the person in possession of these plans, and who offers them through you, to France, for a price.'

"But why introduce yourself to me in this extraordinary fashion to consummate a transaction for which the ordinary channels with which you must be familiar are entirely adequate?"

"Simply because Ekstrom has followed me to Paris," Lanyard explained indulgently. "Did I venture to approach you through the customary channels, my chances of rounding out a useful life thereafter would be practically nil. Furthermore, my circumstances are such that it has become necessary for me to leave France immediately-without an hour's delayalso secretly; else I might as well remain here to be butchered. Now you command the only means I know of to accomplish my purpose And that is the price, the only price, you will have to pay me for these plans.'

"I don't understand you."

"It is on schedule, is it not, that Captain Vauquelin of the aviation corps is to attempt a nonstop flight from Paris to London this morning, with two passengers, in a new Parrott biplane?" That is so. Well?'

"I must be one of those passengers; and I have a companion, a young lady, who will take the place of the other.' "It isn't possible, monsieur. Those

arrangements are already fixed." "You will countermand them." "But there is no time-"

"You can get into telephonic communication with Port Aviation in two minutes."

"But the passengers have already been promised-"

"You will disappoint them." "The start is to be made in the first flush of daylight. How could you reach Port Aviation in time?"

"In your motor car, monsieur."

"It cannot be done."

"It must! If the start must be delayed until we arrive, you will give orders that it shall be so delayed."

For a minute the minister of war hesitated; then he shook his head definitely.

"The difficulties are insuperable-" "There is no such thing, monsieur." "I am sorry; it can't be done."

"That is your answer?" "It is regrettable, monsieur."

"Very well!" Lanyard bent forward again, took a match from the stand on the bedside table, and struck it. Very calmly he advanced the flame toward the cigarette containing the roll of inflammable films.

"Monsieur!" Ducroy cried in horror. "What are you doing?" Lanyard favored him with a look of

surprise. "I am about to destroy these films

and prints."

"You must never do that!" "Why not? They are mine, to do

with as I like. If I cannot dispose of them at my price, I shall destroy them!"

"But-my God!-what you demand is impossible! Stay, monsieur! Think

what your action means to France!" "I have already thought of that. Now

I must think of myself."

"But-one moment!" Ducroy sat up in bed and dangled fat legs over the side.

"But one moment only, monsieur. Don't make me waste your matches!" "Monsieur, it shall be as you desire, if it lies in my power to accomplish

With this the minister of war stood up and made for the telephone, in his agitation heedless of dressing-gown and slippers.

"You must accomplish it, M. Ducroy," Lanyard advised him gravely, puffing out the flame; "for if you fail, you make yourself the instrument of

ny death. Here are the plans." "You trust them to me?" Ducroy isked in astonishment.

"But naturally-that makes it an af-'air of your honor," Lanyard explained suavely.

With a gesture of graceful capitulaion the Frenchman accepted the little

oll of films. "Permit me," he said, "to acknowledge the honor of monsieur's confilence!"

Lanyard bowed low and gravely. One knows with whom one deals, nonsieur! And now! if you will be

ood enough to excuse me." He turned to the door.

"But-eh-where are you going?" "Mademoiselle," Lanyard said, pausng on the threshold—"that is, the roung lady who will accompany us-is waiting anxiously in the garden out vonder. I go to find and reassure her and-with monsieur's permission-to oring her into the library, where we will await monsieur when he has finshed telephoning and-ah-repaired the deficiencies in his attire, which one trusts he will forgive one's menioning!"

He bowed again, impudently, gayly and-when the minister of war looked up again sheepishly from contemplaion of his naked shanks-had vanshed.

In high feather Lanyard was making als way down to a door at the rear of the house which gave upon the garien-in his new social status of governmental protege disdaining any such a commonplace avenue as the conservatory window whose fastening he had forced on entering. And, boldly unbolting the door, he ran out into the night to rejoin his beloved, like a new man walking to new life.

But she was no more there—the bench was vacant, the garden deserted, the gateway yawning to the street.

With the low, curt cry of one staggered by a brutal blow from a trusted hand. Lanyard turned from the bench and stumbled out of the garden and to the junction with the cross street. But nowhere in the compass of their perspectives could he see anything that moved.

garden and quartered it with the thoroughness of a pointer beating a covert. But he did this hop., ssly, bitterly aware that the outcome would be precisely what it eventually was-that now and again, involuntarily, he nodis to say, nothing,

He was kneeling beside the bench-

scrutinizing the turf round about with microscopic attention by aid of his himself that possibly he had napped flash-lamp, seeking some sign of strug- a little without his knowledge and thus gle to prove she had not left him willingly; and finding none-when a voice brought him momentarily out of his distraction.

He looked up wildly, to discover Ducroy standing over him, his stout person chastely swathed in a quilted at the moment of awakening. dressing-gown with trousers, his ex-

pression one of stupefaction. "Well, monsieur-well?" the minis-

ter of war demanded irritably. "What

-I repeat-are you doing there?" Lanyard essayed response, choked up, and gulped. He rose and stood swaying, showing a stricken face, but

for the moment couldn't speak. "Eh?" Ducroy insisted, with an accent of exasperation. "Why do you stand glaring at me like that-eh? Come, monsieur; what ails you? I have arranged everything, I say.

Where is mademoiselle?" Lanyard made a broken gesture.

"She is gone," he muttered forlornly. Instantly the countenance of the stout Frenchman was lighted with a



What-I Repeat-Are You Doing There?"

gleam of eager interest-romance lover that he was-and he stepped nearer, peering closely into the face of the adventurer.

"Gone?" he echoed. "Mademoiselle? Your sweetheart, ch?"

Lanyard assented with a disconsolate nod and sigh. Impatiently Ducroy caught him by the sleeve.

"Come!" he insisted, tuggingcome at once into the house. Now, monsieur-now at length you enlist all one's sympathies! Come, I'say! Is it your desire that I catch my death of cold ?"

Indifferently Lanyard suffered himself to be led away. He was, indeed, barely conscious of what was happening. All his being was possessed by the thought that she had forsaken

CHAPTER XXII.

Enigma.

Lanvard had found no reason to lieve that Lucy had left him otherwise than voluntarily, or that their adventures at the homes of Mme. Omber and M. Ducroy had been noted by spies of the Pack. The testimony of his own wits assured him that they hadn't been followed at any time subsequent to leaving the Rue des Acacias; their way had been too long and purposely too involved, and his vigilance too lively for that. Left to herself there in the garden for a quarter-hour, she had been free to think independently for almost the first time since she had descended from the studio.

Then, horror overmastering her, she had fled the garden-wildly, blindly, he didn't doubt-and probably had sought refuge in some obscure hotel till morning. What then? She had neither money nor any friends in Paris, but had mentioned some personal jewelry she planned to pawn.

That would be her first move, then. to a pawnbroker's, where he must seek her-not to force himself again upon her, but to follow at a distance and watch over her, to ward off any at-

tempt on Bannon's part to interfere. The government pawnshop had its attraction for Lanyard as well; he was there before the doors were open for the day-was the first to enter; and fortified by loans negotiated on his watch, eigarette case, and a ring or two, retired to a nearby cafe which commanded a view of the entrance to After some time he returned to the the establishment on the Rue des Blancs-Manteaux and settled himself

against a day-long vigil. It wagn't easy; drowsiness buzzed in his brain and weighted his eyelids; ned over his glass of black coffee. And when evening came and the doors of the pawnshop were closed for the night he rose and stumbled off, telling

had missed her visit. Engaging obscure lodgings close by the Rue des Acacias, he slept till nearly noon of the following day, then rose to put into execution a design which had sprung full-winged from his brain

He had his car and a chauffeur's IIcense of long standing in the name of Pierre Lamier-was free, in short, to

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cruise at will the streets of Paris without lawful let or hindrance. And with the aid of a few judicious selections from the stock of a second-hand clething shop and of a few other purchases at a chemist's, he felt tolerably sure that it would need keen eyeswhether the Pack's or the prefecture's -to identify Pierre Lamier with either Michael Lanyard or the Lone Wolf.

By the close of the third day he reluctantly conceded that she must have managed to escape from Paris without his aid.

Then he began to suspect that Bannon had fled Paris as well, for the most diligent investigation he was able to pursue unchallenged failed to unearth the least clue to the movements of the American subsequent to the fire at Troyon's.

Now, toward midnight of that same third day, Lanyard was driving slowly westward on the Boulevard de la Madeteine when a limousine of familiar aspect rounded a corner half a block ahead and, drawing up in front of Viel's, discharged four passengers.

The first was Wertheimer, and at sight of his rather striking figure, arrayed for the evening in apparel from Bond street, Lanyard slackened speed.

Turning as he alighted, the Englishman offered his hand to a young woman. She jumped down to the sidewalk in radiant attire and temper, laughing like a delighted child.

Involuntarily Lanyard stopped his car, and a chauffeur driving immediately to the rear, swerving out to escape collision, shot past, cursing him liberally, while a sergent de ville scowled darkly and uttered an imperative word.

Lanyard pulled himself together somehow and drove on.

The girl was just then passing into the restaurant through the revolving door, Wertheimer attending her, while De Morbihan had alighted from the car and was lending a solicitous arm to Bannon.

But to these last Lanyard paid little attention. Quite automatically he passed Viel's, rounded the Madeleine, and turned up the Boulevard Malesherbes. Paris and all its brisk midnight traffic swung by without claiming a tithe of his attention-he was mainly conscious of lights that reeled dizzily round him, like a multitude of staring. malicious, mocking eyes.

At the junction with the Boulevard Haussmann a second sergent de ville roused him with a warning about careless driving. He went more sanely thereafter, but with a heart of utter wretchedness-his eyes still wore a dazed expression, and now and again he shook his head impatiently, as though to rid it of a swarm of tormenting thoughts.

So it seemed he had all along been her dupe; that all the while he had been ostentatiously shielding her from harm and diffidently showing her every evidence of his devotion she had been laughing in her sleeve and planning to return with her report of a fool self-hoodwinked to the service

she had pretended to despise. A great anger welled in his bosom. Turning round, he made back to the Boulevard de la Madeleine, and on one pretext and another contrived to haunt the neighborhood of Viel's until the party came out, something after one o'clock.

It was evident they had supped merrily; the girl showed every sign of the gayest humor; Wertheimer seemed a bit exhilarated, De Morbihan was plainly much amused, and even Bannon-bearing heavily on the Frenchman's arm-was chuckling appreciatively. The party piled back into De Morbihan's limousine and were driven up the Avenues des Champs-Elysees, pausing at the Elysee Palace hotel to drop Bannon and the girl-his daughter?-whoever she was!

Whither it went thereafter Lanyard didn't trouble to ascertain. He drove morosely home and went to bed. though not to sleep for many hoursbitterness of disillusion ate like an acid into his heart.

(To Be Continued)

Where can you invest money more profitably than by buying a bottle of PRICKLY ASH BIT-TERS-you get four for one. A kidney medicine, a liver tonic, stomach strengthener and bowel cleanser. Four medicines for one dollar. Sold by D. N. Leav-

HER REMARKS WERE OMINOUS

New Englander Told by Prospective Wife She is Going to "Start" With Young Minister.

A New England man tells of a man in Westfield, Mass, who had been married four times and been so unfortunate as to lose all his wives. Such a matter of course had this man's weddings come to be in Westfield that when, after a year of widowerhood, he announced his fifth engagement, one of the neighbors said:

"Richard, I suppose getting married comes pretty natural to you by this time, doesn't it?"

"Well," said Richard, after due reflection, "this fifth marriage ain't going to seem so natural. Old Parson Begg's off on a trip to Europe and he's never failed to tie the knot for me.

"I said to Mary that I didn't think it would feel like a wedding without Parson Begg; but she said that it was her turn to choose, and that she meant to start out with that young minister that just came to town and that if he did well she guessed she'd stick to him. She didn't explain what she meant, but it sounded kinder ominous to me.'



Office Kid-Aw, I wasn't makin' much noise.

was explaining to his wife over the telephone and I couldn't hear a word

Overdid His Plea.

"Yes, sir," said the tramp. "I've made a lot of money in my time. The trouble was that I didn't know enough to hang on to it. Could you let me have a dollar?"

"No, my friend," replied the stranger. "I couldn't, after the lesson you've just taught me to hang on to mine."-Detroit Free Press.

Possible Explanation.

Author-I invariably eat a raw onion every morning before taking up Young Lady-Indeed! Then I sup-

pose that accounts for it. Author-Accounts for what?

Young Lady-The fact that I fall asleep every time I attempt to read one of your stories.

His Stock in Trade.

"Why do you smile?" asked the indignant mourner of a stranger at a funeral.

'Pardon me," replied the stranger, "but no disrespect was meant, I assure you. I'm a hotel clerk and the smile is chronic."

Scattered Around.

"Nutting parties are the thing now in suburban circles. You hunt for

nuts on the lawn." "But suppose you don't find any nuts

on the lawn?" "Oh, you are sure to find them. They

are provided liberally by the hostess."

Two Points of View.

Mrs. Newpop-Mrs. Stringer is the most candid woman of my acquaintance. Why, she frankly admitted that her baby is not as smart as ours.

Newpop-Candid, fiddlesticks! That woman is a base hypocrite.

Weary of That.

"Understand me, I am always willing to give to charity."

"Yes, sir."

"But I'm getting tired of having charity come to me with the smell of liquor on his breath."

LOCAL NEWS FROM EPHESUS

March 13 .- The health of this community is fairly good and the farmers are all busy planting. We note with pleasure that despite the comparitively fair price paid for cotton last year, the farmers are again diversifying, planting a large feed crop. This plan of diversifying, if continued, will amount to prosperity. Keep it alive!

A large and appreciative audience was present at the singing on the 4th inst. It was an enjoyable occasion, and several communities were represented.

Messrs. A. M. and D. Anderson attended a debate at Antrim on the 11th. They report a fine time.

Our school is progressing nicely, and our Sunday school is also accomplishing a great deal.

iting her father Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Parker was vis-

S. H. Graham.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamb is improving. The baby is suffering from a cancer in its head.

Mr. Walter Patton, a valuable citizen, and Miss Lillie Turner, a highly esteemed young lady, both of this community, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Sunday, the 5th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Aaron Whitehead, a Primitive Baptist minister of the Jones' School House community. We extend them our hearty congratulations, wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

Correspondent.

Chas. Streetman, Ed Cassidy Exact date to be aunounced and Mr. Kleckley of Crockett later. Watch the were here Sunday and attended for announcement. the singing at the Baptist church.

ALL THE NEWS FROM WANETA

March 13.—A good rain would be appreciated very much here. The farmers all have their land ready to plant corn, but they are afraid if they plant it will not come up until it rains.

Health of this community is some better at this writing.

Mr. C. B. Lively entertained with a party Friday night. very nice time was had.

The all day singing was well attended at New Hope Sunday. Visitors from other communities too numerous to mention. We had plenty of dinner and good singing.

Misses Eunice Edmondson and Cloil Scarbrough spent the night at Mrs. Earnest Nard's Friday

Mr. Charlie Killgo made a business trip to Elkhart Friday.

estine week before last and had an operation performed on her J. M. Anderson was visiting eye. She is getting along nicely at this writing.

> Grandma Fortson, who has been visiting her grandson, Ross Fortson of this place for the last year, went to Elkhart Friday to visit her grand-daughter a few very much to see her leave.

> Mr. Ollie Harrington and sister trip to Slocum Friday.

> Mrs. Killgo visited Mrs. Edmondson Saturday night and Sunday.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO FARMERS

We will in the near future be County Superintendent Snell, ready to thresh peanuts for seed. Messenger

M. D. Murchison.

R. L. DAVIDSON COMMITS SUICIDE

R. L. Davidson committed suicide Saturday in a bath tub at a Tubercular Sanitarium in Dallas, by shooting himself. Mr. Dav idson had been in ill health for some time, which was the cause for his rash act. He will be remembered by a number of Grapeland people, having lived here about twelve years ago. He was known as "Reg" by his many friends here, who will regret to learn of his tragic death. He leaves a mother, who lives at Itasca, besides a number of relatives.

The Masonic lodge held an interesting meeting Saturday night, conferring degrees upon four candidates, after which a banquet was spread. A large Ruby Harrington went to Pal-| number of visitors were present from Crockett, Augusta and Alto and other places. H. A. McLendon of Alto, who is very proficient in Masonic work, had charge of the initiations.

Rank Foolishness

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from days. Then she will go to her cold weather. That is rank foolhome in Arkansas. We have en-lishness. Were it true colds joyed her visit here and regret would be as prevalent in mid. summer as in mid-winter. The microbe that causes colds flour. of this place made a business ishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Cham. berlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recom. mended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtaidable everywhere.

> PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cures disease of the kidneys, cleanses and strengthens the liver, stomach and bowels. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

A New Model Typewriter!





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 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

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.

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

WARNING!

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 yau 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 whs typisis, 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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THURSDAY, MAR. 23, 1916

FARM AND FACTORY LIVE

February was a pretty good "egg month" for this town, 600 eases being shipped during the month. A case of eggs contains thirty dozen, which would be 18,000 dozen. The average price paid was 23c per dozen, meaning that \$4, 140 was paid out to our farmers during the month for eggs alone. Other produce will swell the above figures considerably. It pays to look after the small things on the farm .-Grapeland Messenger.

You are right. To look after the small things on the farm is the beginning of big things on the farm. The farm is essentially a good factor. It is from the farms that all the world's eats come. But in some pertions of our country the farm's functions as a food producer has been allowed to atrophy. Lots of farms in this state are only clothes factories, and the farmers and their families live on about the same scale as that of factory hands in an industrial center-which is to say they live hard. Few factory hands are able to afford abundance of eggs, butter, milk, poultry, vegetables and fruits, but most of the farm family may enjoy most of these luxuries the whole year round, if the farm family wills it so. Many farm families, unhappily, do not will it so. - Galveston News.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

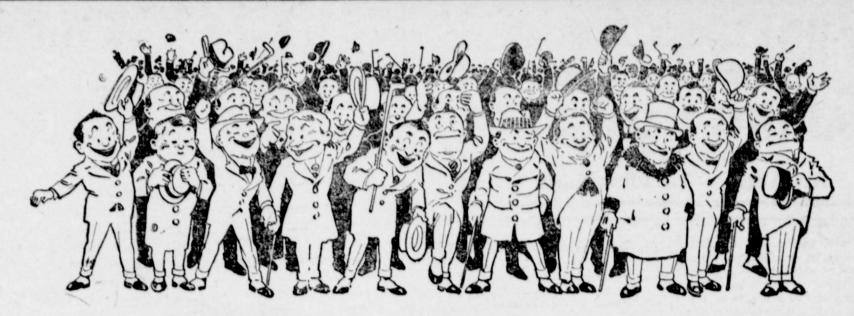
Jeff Kennedy of Lovelady was in Grapeland Saturday and called at the Messenger office and authorized his announcement for the office of county clerk, subject to the action of the voters in the July primary.

Mr. Kennedy was raised in Houston county, and is one of the foremost business men of his home town. He is making the race solely on his qualifications to fill the place and will appreciate the support and influence of all. He has had experience of the kind that amply qualifies him, and if elected, will give the people good service. Besides his vast expérience in the mercantile business, he was for several years head bookkeeper for a large concern and understands office work thoroughly. While in the city he met many of our people and no doubt made a very favorable impression. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

FOR CONSTABLE

C. R. Taylor authorizes his announcement this week as a candidate for re-election as constable of this precinct-No. 5. Mr. Taylor did not intend to to again serve them in this ca- May God bless you. pacity. He has made a splendid officer, discharging his duties without fear or favoritism and is "always on the job." Having yielded to the solicitation of his friends, he asks the support of all voters for a second term.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, a boy, Wednesday morn-



NO WONDER THE MENFOLK ARE DELIGHTED

-- for real made-to-measure Clothes Royal Tailored are now offered at \$16 to \$35

Don't merely envy the tailor-dressed man-BE made-to-measure clothes. ONE yourself. This store offers you the opportunity to wear the best in made-to-measure clothesat the price you want to pay.

Since the Royal Tailors came to town and located in our store, there isn't a single excuse for any man of average means who deprives himself of offers you your good clothes ideal at \$16 to \$35.

Royal prices will fit the pocket book of any moderate money earner; and Royal quality will delight the discerning eye of the man to whom price is no object. Whether you can afford \$65 to \$80 for a suit of clothes--or only \$20--Royal Tailoring

MEN! GET READY FOR EASTER!



Easter is just a month ahead of us and of course every man in this community wants to be at his best. We can dress you up to the very latest styles, and then you will be surprised at the small cost. It makes no difference what you want, we believe we can please you if you take into consideration that we are behind every article we sell.

READY TO WEAR SUITS

We are in receipt of a part of our shipment of men's medium priced clothes-from the makers of the best line of clothes in America. We ask you to come and see our line of woolens and serges shown in the famous line of STYLEPLUS CLOTHES \$17. We have other suits that range in price from ten to fifteen dollars. If you will come and see the patterns you will wonder how we do it.

And then there are other things you will need--

Hosiery Underwear Supporters

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Straw Hats Panamas Florsheim Shoes Shirts Belts

Trousers Suspenders Tie Clasps

We have the best line of work clothes on the market. See us for allleather work shoes, overalls, jumpers, shirts, etc.

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

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CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to those who were so kind and thoughtstand for re-election, but was ful of us during the recent illpersuaded by his many friends ness of our wife and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allen and Children.

COUNTY TRACK MEET

Houston County Track Meet will be held at Crockett April 1st. All school members of the Interscholastic League and also those that are not members who have

at Kennard, Texas.

The time for entering contestants will close Wednesday, March, the 29.

J. S. Driskell, Director of Athletics.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial services is to be at Evergreen cemetery May, 5 Moderator, J. R. Sewell;

pupils that are eligible are re- speakers, W. F. Murchison, on each evening except Saturquested to send the names of con- Bro. Lambright, Aaron Foster, days, starting April 1st, and testants to director of athletics Bro. Hodge, C. A. Campbell; running until September 1st. Hope that all have pupils in Hogan; finance committee, Geo. E. Darsey, J. W. Howard, readiness and will co-operate Mrs. Susan Hendrick, Mrs. with us in making the meet a Jesse Elliot, Mrs. Frank Newman, Mrs. J. C. Denson.

> J. E. Bishop, Jas. Morris, J. H. Dickey,

> > Committee.

SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING HOUR

We the following undersigned merchants and business men of Grapeland, agree to close our places of business at 6:00 o'clock

singers, W. R. Campbell, Mart S. E. Howard, Carnes Cash Store, Cash Grocery Co., Keeland Bros. Kennedy Bros., S. T. Anthony, J. J. Brooks, T. S. Kent, Traylor Bros., Frank Allen, M. L. Clewis, McLean & Riall, W. R. Wherry.

COTTON SEED

If you have some cotton seed you wish to dispose of would like to buy them between now and April 1st. After that date we cannot use them.

J. W. Howard.

ONE DAY ONLY

GLASSES FITTED

We take pleasure in announcing that we will have with us on the following date-ONE DAY ONLY-an

EXPERT OPTICIAN

-representing the celebrated firm of-



A. K. Hawkes Co Atlanta, Ga.

ONE DAY ONLY, Tuesday, March 28th

We have specially arranged for this visit that our customers may have the advantage of expert service and secure a properly fitted pair of the genuine Hawkes glasses.

As authorized agents, we take pleasure in guaranteeing the work of this special representative.

REMEMBER THE DATE-ONE DAY ONLY

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

HOGS WANTED

I am finishing a bunch of hogs to be shipped Saturday, April 8. I want to buy a few to go with he eats a light evening meal, as this shipment, and will buy an overloaded stomach may hogs brought here on the above bring on an attack, also watch date. Will pay the following prices: 150 lbs. and over, 6c per Ib.; 125 to 150 lbs., 5 1-2c. per lb., spot cash. If you have some able everywhere. hogs to spare now is the time to sell them. For further particulars see me.

Geo. Calhoun.

How to Prevent Croup

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that for the first symptoms-hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtain-

Swap us eggs for Blue Ribbon Flour.

McLean & Riall.

LOCAL NEWS

Carnes sells Red Cross Snuff for 15c.

Hawkes optician at Smith's drug store March 28.

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

Another week of rare bargains at Carnes Cash Store.

Hawkes optician at Smiths drug store March 28.

W. F. Rayburn of Lovelady was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Kent and children of Eldorado are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent.

One gallon Peacock cane syr up, best yet, only 65c.

Carnes Cash Store.

Ed Stevens of Reynard went to Jacksonville last week and while there purchased a 5-passenger Maxwell car.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your eyes scientifically tested by Hawkes optician March, 28. Smith's drug store.

FOR SALE

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

The people of Grapeland and surrounding community enjoyed a rare treat Sunday at the Baptist church, the occasion being a song service conducted by the various leaders of this and adjoining communities.

Our Business

Succeeds by the Goodwill of our Customers

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.

Consult us when You need Medicine of any Kind or Have a Prescription to fill.

Complete line of Stationery, Toilet Articles, Sundries, Etc.

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

Sweeps, plow points, garden hoes and all kind of bolts at first cost at Carnes Cash Store.

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WANTED-to figure with you before placing your order for monumental work.

L. Q. Browning.

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

Most everybody except you has called around and had that picture framed and we are expecting you right away.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

Mrs. P. H. Stafford returned Sunday from Caldwell, where she spent several days in the interest of the order of the Eastern

FOR SALE

Good jersey cow; fresh, with heifer calf, \$50.00.

J. W. Furr, Rte. 1, Grapeland, Texas.

We have a large stock of 14 mesh galvanized screen wire. Prepare against the flies and avoid sickness.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

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DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. C. L. Moore, Georgia dentist is at the Grapeland Hotel, and is prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

A large crowd witnessed the first episode of the "Red Circle" at the Electric Theatre Tuesday night. This is going to be a thrilling serial. See it every Tuesday night. Only 10c.

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 J. W. Howard.

School Trustees Election Notice

There will be an election held Saturday, April the first, to elect four trustees for the Grapeland Independent School District, to succeed W. D. Granberry, D. N. Leaverton, M. D. Murchison, and U. M. Brock, whose terms as trustee expire this year.

E. W. Davis is appointed manager to hold said election.

W. D. Granberry, President Board. W. P. Traylor, Secretary.

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BIG SHOW TONIGHT

To-night (Thursday) at the Electric Theatre, 4 reels of pictures. See the program: 'Tricks of Fate", 2-reel drama; "Monkeyshines of Bootblacks," 1-reel comedy; 1 educational reel. All for a dime. Come.

Rev. W. A. Craven, wife and baby of Reagan have been visiting among their many friends in Grapeland this week. Bro. Craven was called here to conduct the funeral of Mr. M. K. Murchison, Bro. Craven was formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, during which time he and Mrs. Craven made many warm friends.

Mr. I. M. Baber of Elkhart is spending the week in Grapeland with the families of Jas. Owens and R. L. Pridgen. Mr. Baber formerly lived in the Antrim community, where he now owns a large farm, but since the death of his wife a few months ago he has been visiting among his children. He says he will return to his farm in a few weeks.

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 stitutional 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,

More Leather for Less Money



Yes, that is our motto, for our shoes are all made of the best quality of leather and we are in a position to sell them to you at a price to please, if you want style, quality and workmanship in shoes.

No better know brands are made than the following: FOR MEN: Hamilton-Brown, Knox, Matchless, R. P. Hazzard, Nunn & Bush.

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Selby Shoes, Hage-Montgomery -- and --American Lady



For the Best line of work shoes in the world see us for what you want

Kennedy Bros.

"THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY."

PEANUTS AS A MONEY CROP

Editor Messenger:

I am receiving so many inquiries about seed peanuts, as a money crop, etc., that I have deeided I would answer the many questions arising through the papers, thereby giving what information I have to a greater er's precincts. Three places aumber of farmers. The peanut crop is destined to be the foremost money crop of the south. We have, just this year, found new uses for the peanut and they will soon be manufacsured into many different varicties of food for both man and

I have just recently had a letter from the Fidelity Oil Co., Houston, Texas, stating that they could crush more peanuts than were raised in Texas, and do this after the cotton seed erushing was over. Now if this one company has added peanut erushing machinery with capacity sufficient to handle more than a million bushels annually, what a competitive market it will mean when all the oil mills in the state put in this machinery, and there are over two hundred oil mills in the state. The Fidel ity Co. also stated to me that their cotton seed buyers over the state would be authorized to purchase all the peanuts they could get next fall, buying them from the farmers wagons in any quanity. This means that you can sell your peanuts as you now do your cotton seed.

Now the only obstacle we have in the way is the matter of a threshing machine. We have not a sufficient number of threshers in the county. But I believe that if a sufficient acreage is planted to peanuts the thresher will follow, just as the cotton gin comes to the cotton fields. Now, I would like to arge upon the business men of every town in the county that they take action on this matter at once and see if some man or men cannot be induced to purthase a threshing machine for this years peanut crop, and we should have one or more machines in each section of the county. These machines are a paying proposition to their owners. Let the merchants of Grapeland, Kennard, Crockett, Ratcliff, Lovelady and Weldon call meet ings at once, and find some one who will agree to purchase a machine, If the merchants bim next fall.

There are a great many opinions as to the best method of work so much land. The Arplanting, time to plant, distance, kansas experiment station made etc. I shall here give you the their greatest yield on peanuts benefit of my experience, and the actual tests made by the experiment stations of different them in two foot rows and six states. First, flat break your inches apart in the drill they and with turning plow or disc made only 98 bushels per harrow. If weeds or grass ap acre. Thus, you see for the expear, use a section harrow once or twice over the land or rebreak. Then about the last of ditional 20 bushels of peanuts on April or the first of May lay off the same acre of ground. Last in rows two feet apart, using a year I sowed one and a half small shovel. Soak the peanuts acres broadcast in Spanish pea-(I am speaking of the Spanish nuts, planting on ground after peanut) for about two days and oats were cut. I moved the nights and sow them in these tops off for hay and let the hogs rows, trying to drop them not root the peanuts out. I never more than three inches apart in saw more peanuts on any place the drill. Work them flat. A of the same size than I raised good way is to take the middle there. tooth out of a side harrow attachment to the cultivator and plow space this week, but will try to two rows at a time, or there are give you another article soon many ways to work them in along this line. these narrow rows.

Now, some may take issue

MEETING OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

On the fourth day of March the trustees of the various school districts of the county met with the county superintendent at the court house, and among other things that came up was the se lection of candidates for county trustees from the commissionmust be filled on this board this year on the first Saturday in April from the following precincts: Precinct No. 1, D. E. Holcomb and D. C. McCarty are the nominees; precinct No. 2, J. J. Willis and C. W. Jones are the nominees; precinct No. 3, D. D. Montgomery is the nominee.

All trustee elections must be held on the first Saturday in April, and when voting for the local trustees voters shall vote in the above named precincts for the man of their choice for trustee to the county from their precinct only, in other words the county trustee is selected on the same plan that the county commissioners are. There will be no election for county trustee from precinct No 4, for this trustee was chosen last year. The law provides that two shall be selected one year and three the next. Two were chosen last election; one from precinct No. and a member at large.

All independent districts shall hold their trustee election on the first Saturday in April this year and hereafter instead of as heretofore on the first Saturday in May. The independent district voters must also vote for county trustee. A voter must vote for the trustee from the precinct in which he lives, it matters not in what precinct his school is situated, voting for county trustee at the same place that the election for local trustees is held. It was my opinion that this was not to be done this way, but I have learned that it is to be on the same plan as the election of commissioners. J. N. Snell,

County Superintendent.

We are requested to announce that on the fourth Sunday afternoon there will be singing at Antrim, and a cordial invitation is extended all singers and others to attend.

Miss Bula Ford, teaching at Union, visited homefolk at La texo Saturday and Sunday.

with me on that method of plant help the farmers this much, the ing as it will require from two farmer will repay him by have to three bushels of seed per ing more money to spend with acre; but you will make from two to three times as many peanuts per acre, and won't have to planted in this way, making 118 bushels on one acre. Planting tra expense of only one bushel more of seed, they raised an ad-

I shall not take up more

Yours truly, O. C. Goodwin.

WOLF'S PURPOSE IN CREATION

Chicagoan Sees in the Use That Can Be Made of Its Pelt Reason for Its Being on Earth.

If the sheep grower had his wish there would be no wolf in America. The sheep grower thinks that the only thing a wolf was made for was to kill sheep. The wolf must have some other calling in life or the Good Book "missed fire" when it said, "Nothing was made in vain." "My opinion of it," says A. B. Schubert of Chicago, is, "the wolf is here to give up the ghost and surrender his hide to the furrier, who, by the way, makes good use of the good wolf pelt, but has but little use for the poor ones. The European war created an outlet last year for the low grades for coat linings for the man behind the gun and in the trench. The skin is large and requires but little work; it answered the purpose. Seventy-five per cent of the best grades of the wolf pelts collected in the Northwest are used in America. Our manufacturers know better how to use them and our dyers dye them better than the Europeans. We make better and more attractive articles out of wolf than are produced elsewhere. The balance of the world will some day learn the lesson and I can safely say that the hide of a midwinter-caught wolf will then bring a much higher price than the present one."

FASHIONABLE CAMP



"And how did you like rough life in the Adirondacks, Reggy?"

"It wasn't bad fun. We drank the champagne out of tincups."

Another addition has been made to the British empire by the annexation of 25 midwestern Pacific islands, the Gilbert and Ellice groups. An order in council published in a supplement to the London Gazette recently stated that the annexation has been made at the express desire of the natives. There are 16 islands in the Gilbert group and nine in the Ellice group. The area is 166 miles and the population 30,000. These islands, which were declared British protectorates in 1892, are coral atolls. The natives are of Malayo-Polynesian race who have been friendly to missionaries. The islands were discovered in 1765 by John

IN THE CONFUSION.

"There was considerable confusion in the cafe last night when the lights went out. Didn't I see you at a table?"

"Yes, I was there." "Some fellows got kisses in the darkness.'

"I got a check for six dollars. Somebody switched checks on me. My own was for two."

QUITE DIFFERENT.

"The Chinamen are very different from us. I know one high official there who, because he did not get a yellow jacket on him-" "Well?"

"He felt himself stung."

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Rev. B. C. Ansley, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. M. E. Darsey, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN:

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

BAPTIST:

Services every First and Third Sunday. Prayer Meeting Thursday

Rev. S. W. Edge, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. D. Granberry, Superintendent.

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GROWING SWEET POTATOES

By W. R. Durnell

We now come to the question of fertilizers; what kind and how much; how should it be used and

In the year 1913 and 1914 we conducted a fertilizer test for sweet potatoes under the directions of the A. & M. College, with Dr. Fraps director. This test was carried out in the following manner: One half acre was used, it being divided into ten plots, consisting of three rows, three feet and four inches apart. The first and eighth plots received no fertilizer, the others were fertilized in different ways. We shall not go into detail as to kinds and amount, but in addition we also experimented with other methods. The best success we have ever had was with well rotted stable manure and phosphoric acid. Lands differ a great deal in their formation and no one fertilizer would be best for all, but most all East Texas land is defunct in phosphate and potash, which are two of the most essential elements necessary for the successful growing of potatoes, both irish and sweet. However, fresh land with a clay subsoil will produce fair crops without it. In fact, the difference is quite as marked in one as the other.

We believe that four hundred pounds of stable manure and 5 pounds of 14 per cent phosphoric breeding places of the flies and acid will give good results on all medium soils that have a clay foundation. Cotton seed mean gives good results at about the rate of 15 lbs. The above rates are for a row 70 yds. in length.

good loads of leaves and broadcasted them on 3-4 of an acre of land during February. Then at planting time used 300 lbs. of acid in the drills. Despite the long dry summer the yield was plot of ground.

Most people advise that it is bad practice to plant potatoes than one year in succession. We put them on the same piece of land three years straight running and our yield the third year was the best of the three. But we do not advise this unless you are going to use a liberal supply of suitable fertilizer. Fertilizer should be put in before the slips are set and should be put deep in a furrow and the land bedded out on it. This prevents the heavy rains from leading it out and also gets it where it is needed most in case of a long drouth. Here are some things good to remember: All bought fertilizer cost money and are merely plant food-only feeding the crop as you would feed an animal. But such fertilizer as leaves and stable manure furnish an abundance of plant food and in addition lots of humas that helps the soil, and last, but not least, we can raise it and save the cost of buy-

Next week--"Harvesting and Caring for the Sweets."

CALL FOR ELECTION

By the authority vested in me, it is hereby ordered that an election be held for the purpose of selecting County Trustees from the following Commissioners' Precincts: Numbers 1, 2 and 3, said election to be held in connection with election for local trustees in both independent and common school districts, on the first Saturday in April, same being the first day of April.

E. WINFREE, County Judge, Houston Co.

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

The condition of a man's vision s sometimes governed by the brand he drinks.

Some men are so smooth that when they "slop over" they slip up."

So far we have failed to see an account in the papers of a Henry Ford peace party entering Mex-

Women kiss when they meet, men shake hands, while animals rub noses. But what will Villa and the devil do when they meet.

The veil of love which so successfully hides the faults of lovers, often becomes full of holes after marriage.

"What day in the year does a woman talk the least?" an exchange asks. The shortest day we suppose.

The war is causing lots of things to go up, and we suppose when ankle watches "go up" they will be known as "elastic watches."

Grapeland should have a cleanup day with the coming warm season, and exterminate the mosquitos.

Those Mexicans may make a 'goat" of Uncle Sam, but before they succeed in getting rid of the old gentleman they will find Last year we hauled in seven that his butting qualities are ex-

It may take a few rough places in the road of life to make one appreciate the smooth places. but a fellow is calculated to bemore than 250 bushels from the come a grouch when nine tenths of the way contains rough places.

Speak a word to encourage the on the same piece of land more organization of a Young Men's Business League in Grapeland. Its the only sure way of boosting the town and surrounding coun-

> One thing the old men can't boast of is-that they ever proposed to their wife driving a sixcylinder car at a twenty-mile clip with one hand and held the blushing maid in her seat with the other.

Harvard college has discovered that dam is no longer a "cuss" word, as its origin has been traced back and it was the name of an ancient Persian coin. This may be true but there are very few men who cuss without using a dam, and considering this little word's already great popularity, it is not conceded that it will be dropped from the "cussing vocabulary" by this discovery.

tendency to transfer the responsibilities of the garden to his wife isn't any worse than the man who advocates woman suffrage. They are both in the same class and for the same purpose-to shirk as much of their duty as the women will assume-the more the better. By their actions they assert that they are not competent to attend to their own business without the help (?) of the women. These classes of men should have never donned pants, but merely lengthened their dresses as they

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:

BH Gardner Anderson County J S Prince (Re-election) of Henderson county

For State Senator: J J Strickland

of Anderson County For County Treasurer:

W M (Willie) Robison Ney Sheridan (Re-election) G R Murchison

For County Attorney: J L Lipscomb Sonley LeMay

For County Clerk:

O C Goodwin A S Moore (Re-election) Arthur Owens D R Baker Ed Cassidy Jeff Kennedy

For Tax Collector: C W Butler Jr W N (Will) Standley T. R. Deupree

For District-Clerk: John F Gilbert Jno D. Morgan, re-election Barker Tunstall

For Representative: J D (Joe) Sallas

For County Judge: BF Dent E Winfree (Re-election)

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) R R (Riley) Sullivan

For Constable Prc't. No. 5: C. R. Taylor (re-election)

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Public Sentiment Is Strong for Law to Authorize Government Help in Road Improvement.

Public sentiment throughout the United States is overwhelmingly in favor of federal aid in highway improvement, as shown in the report recently made to congress by the joint committee on federal aid. It is no longer a question of the desirability of a national law providing for such governmental help in creating a national system of good roads, nor of the constitutionality of such an act, but of deciding upon a measure the provisions of which shall be framed so carefully that when enacted into law it will be so equitable and effective that it will remain practically unchanged for many years and be a credit to the congress that enacts it.

In its report the committee gives many reasons for recommending national participation in the good roads novement and clearly indicates that



Vitrified Brick for Paving Country Roads.

no doubt exists in the minds of the members that a federal aid law soon will be passed, although members did

not agree upon any particular plan or bill to be presented to congress.

Federal aid is justified not only because past methods, including state participation in road building, have proved inadequate, but because the activity of the government would emphasize the importance of better roads, establish higher standards, and to some extent shift the burden of expense from the rural resident to the city dweller.

Although under federal aid city resithe money to be expended, and all would be spent on rural roads outside of incorporated cities and villages, no opposition has been heard to it on the ground that it would place an unjust burden on the city resident, who, while only indirectly benefited, appreciates the value of good roads to the community and the benefits that all

WORK OF MAINTAINING ROADS

People in Many States Spending Much Money for Improvement, but Overlook Needed Care.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of maintenance in connection with the work of improving the roads. The people in nearly all the states are filled with enthusiasm for road improvement and are spending enormous sums of money in the construction of superb roads; and yet almost without exception they are making little provision to care for the roads after they are built. This is true not only in the various counties. but under many of our state highway departments.

To maintain the roads in good condition year after year requires a considerable annual outlay, but this outlay is infinitely less than the loss which must fall upon the people eventually if they allow their roads to go to utter ruin. The thing for all advocates of good roads to do is to urge continuous, systematic maintenance and the setting aside every year of an amount per mile estimated by the engineer in charge to be sufficient for the proper maintenance of the road-a course which must make for economy and efficiency.

Rebuffed.

"I hope you are prepared to discount the foibles of humanity and look for the good beneath the surface," remarked the altruist.

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C. A. Mills, Route 1.

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W. W. Spence, C. E. Brooks, Lee Burden, J. W. Taylor, Route 3.

Clarence Turner, Route 4.

John LeGory, Harry Brewton, S. D. Webb, Ed Cassidy, Crock-

Perry Herod, W. M. Young, attached to it. (by W. R. Durnell), Elkhart.

Joe Wall, Jim McLean, Aug-

R. R. Sullivan, Percilla.

Frank Brooks, Lampasas. (by and see them. C. E. Brooks).

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> W. D. GRANBERRY, President of Board