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scon the places that know them men. now will know them no more forever. They are entitled to the FOOT BROKEN IN love and consideration of everyone who loves the south and her glorious history. No grander example of true patriotism and fidelity to principle ever lived erly lived in Grapeland, and who nedy had a "close call" and her than these old heroes who left their homes and trudged over the hills and valleys of our be- river, got his foot caught in the loved land in those dark and big traction engine on the farm dismal hours to defend the Sunday and several bones were LETTER FROM rights guaranteed them under Grapeland Sunday evening to the constitution; for no matter have his foot dressed and left what may be the duty of true Monday at noon for his home in Americans today, the man who Mineola.

Crockett Camp No. 141 of Con- carried a gun four long years federate Veterans held their an- from 1861 to 1865 and who sufnual re-union in Grapeland Wed- fered the pangs of hunger and nesday and were entertained by privation while separated from the citizens of Grapeland. Quite loved ones in order to maintain a number of the members of the their rights; and who sacrificed Camp were present despite the their all on the altar of their bad weather, which prevented a country, are the men who have more elaborate entertainment of made this nation great and who these old gray haired citizens. have left to succeeding genera-They held a morning and af- tions the grandest and noblest ternoon session at the school au- legacy that was ever bequeathed ditorium and a sumptuous din- to the sons of men. Not many ner was served to the old sol- of these old heroes remain. Let diers and their families at the us show them our love by strewing flowers in their pathway as W. A. Riall delivered the wel- they pass along, rapidly nearing come address, which was resthe end of their journey. May ponded to by Judge E. Winfree. it be the pleasure of our citizens These old veterans are fast to again be honored with the passing to their reward and presence of these grand old

Jim Innman, a boy who form a few days ago came here to many friends deplore her mis-Stevens' farm, near the Trinity broken. He was brought to

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OLD TIMER

June 4.-The time of year has come when the farmer has some thing to keep his mind busy and his body in motion.

The last rain did considerable damage to the crops and land and started the grass growing. Most of the corn in this community is very good, especially on good land. Old land corn is not so good, but it will make a few "nubins." The cotton is all late weather plant.

some good but field crops are not needing it.

Tyer's letter and wish that the there is a slight remark made farmers would take his advice.

I saw in a recent issue of the Messenger where someone said business like the business man, least once a year. he would get along better.'

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Now, I want to say if six days a week and fourteen hours a day and doesn't look good, but there isn't sticking, I can't give it a is time for it as it is a hot name. If the farmer didn't stick the business man couldn't A nice rain would do gardens stick, and if the farmer got as much profit out of his sticking as the business man, he wouldn't church next Sunday, but owing need to stick with it so close. to the fact that the workmen I enjoyed reading Albert It gets down in the gizzard when failed to get the new pews ready. about the working people. If they were not feeding and clothing the world and building poned. towns and cities, it would be al-"if the farmer would stick to his right to give them a punch at

Old Timer

NO HOMECOMING SERVICE

It was announced last Sunday that the Sunday school of the Christian church would have home-coming service at the we are requested to announce that this service has been post-

On account of the meeting starting next week we will show. ELECTRIC THEATRE

CHAPTER I—Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the fam-ily fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei.

CHAPTER II—A well-known critic in-terviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beau-ty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Slosson, the press agent, later adds his information.

CHAPTER III-Lorelel attends Millionaire Hammon's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

CHAPTER IV-Bob Wharton breaks into the ball in a novel way and wins a thousand dollars from his father. Merkle asks Lorelei to be his detective in an af-fair which he fears. The intoxicated Bob Wharton insults Lorelei and then jumps in the fountain.

CHAPTER V-Jim Knight's doings dis-gust Lorelei and arouse her suspicion. Her dressing room partner looms as a central figure in the blackmail scheme against Hammon. Mrs. Croft, the dresser, tells what she heard.

CHAPTER VI.

Lorelei did not secure another word alone with the dresser until the middle of the second act, by which time Mrs. Croft was her own colorless, workworn self once more.

"I don't know no more than I told you," she informed Lorelei. "Mr. Melcher has been coming here for a long time, and he always talks about Mr.



"Tonight I am an Enchanted Lover-

Hammon. I've heard enough to know that him and her is after his moneymillions of it. Mister Jim can tell you everything-"Mrs. Croft broke off her narrative suddenly, and Miss Lynn herself burst into the room, panting from a swift run up the stairs.

"Quick, Croft! Don't be all thumbs now." She tossed a sealed letter upon her table, rapidly unhooked her dress stepped out of it, and then seated herself, extending her feet for a change of slippers. She took the moment to open and read her note.

Lorelei looked up from her sewing at a little cry of rage from Lilas. Miss Lynn had torn the message into bits and flung it from her; her eyes were blazing.

"The idiot!" she cried, furiously, rising so abruptly as almost to upset Mrs

What is it?"

"I-must telephone-quick! I must or-Lorelei, dear, will you do me a favor? Run down to the door and tele phone for me? I won't be off again till the curtain, and that will be too late." Lorelel rose obediently. "That's a dear. Call Tony the Barber's place-I-I've forgotten the number-any. how, you can find it, and ask for Max. Tell him it's off; he can't come.'

"Who can't come? Max?"

"No. Just say, 'Lilas sends word that it's off; he can't come.' He'll understand. There's my cue now. I'll do as much for you." Lilas was off with a rush, and Lorelei hastened after her, speculating vaguely as to the cause of all this anxlety. As Lorelet hurried down the passageway a man in evening dress turned, and she recognized Robert Wharton.

"You are sent from heaven!" he cried, at sight of her. "I enter out of the night and unburden my heart to this argus-eyed watchman, and, lo! you come flying in answer to my wish. Quick service, Judge. In appreciation of your telepathy I present you with some lumbago cure." He tossed a bank note to Regan, who snatched it eagerly on the fly.

Lorelel forestalled further words. "Please-I must telephone. I go on in a minute."

"Fairy Princess, last night I was a goldfish; tonight I am an enchanted

"Wait; I'm in a hurry." She thumbed the telephone book swiftly in search of her number, but young Wharton was not to be silenced.

"Tell him it's all off," he commanded. "You can't go; I won't let you. Promise." He laid a hand upon the telephone and eyed her gravely."

"Don't be silly. I'm telephoning for someone else." "That's exactly what we can't per-

mit. The 'someone else' is here-I'm "I slapped you last night; I promise

to do it again," Lorelei told him, sharply. "Something whispered that you did,

and all day long I have been angry; but tonight I come with another purpose. Outside is a charlot with ninety horses-French rating-champing at the throttle. We are going away from

"You're drunk again, Mr. Wharton?" He glanced at the clock over Regan's head and shook his head in negation. "It's only ten-twenty. In two hours from now-

"Give me that 'phone."

"Promise to tell him it's all off." She smiled. "All right. I'll use those very words.

Wharton hesitated. "I trust you." "I'm going to tell him he can't come," she said, holding out her hand.

Once the instrument was hers she oscillated the hook with nervous finger, staring doubtfully at the cause of her delay. Wharton, as on the evening before, carried his intoxication with an air. He was steady on his feet, immaculate in dress, punctilious in demeanor; only his roving, reckless eye betrayed his unnatural exhilaration.

The Judge had enjoyed the scene He chuckled; he clicked his loose front teeth like castanets. Bob turned at the sound and regarded him with benignant interest, his attention riveted upon the old man's dental infirmity. "You're quite a comedian," Regan

wheezed. "Click 'em again," said Bob, pleasantly. "Wonderful! Age has its compensations. Play 'Home, Sweet Home'

when you get 'em tuned up. Or perhaps they are for sale?" Lorelei secured her number and was surprised to recognize her brother's voice. She made herself known, to

Jim's equal amazement, and then in-"Is Max there?" "Sure. He's outside in the automo-

"Call him, please."

"What do you want of him? How'd you know I was here?" "Never mind. Call him quickly." At last Melcher's voice came over

the wire, and Lorelei recited the message. There was a moment of silence, then she explained how she came to be talking instead of Lilas.

He thanked her, and she heard him muttering as he hung up. She turned to find her annoyer nodding with sat-

"Splendid! I thank you; my father thanks you; my family thanks you. Now where would you like to dine?" "How can a person get rid of you?" she inquired stiffly.

"I'm sure I don't know-it isn't be-Ing done. But I'll try to think. Wear your prettiest gown, won't you? for I intend to enrage all the other fel-

She turned with a shrug of mingled annoyance and amusement, and he called after her: "The Judge's teeth will entertain

me till you come. I'll be waiting." Miss Lynn, as she dressed after the performance, was still in an evil temper; but she thanked her roommate for aiding her; then, as if some explanation were due, she added, "That note

was from Jarvis." "You puzzle me, Lilas," Lorelei told her, slowly. "I don't think you care

for him at all." Lilas laughed, "Why do you think



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that! I adore him, but we had an engagement and he broke it. Men are all selfish; the bigger they are the more selfish they become. They never do anything you don't make them."

"He can't sacrifice his business for

"Sacrifice! It's women who sacrifice themselves. D'you suppose any of those men we met last night would sacrifice himself for anything or any body? Not much. They are the strong and the mighty. They got rich through robbery, and they're in the habit of taking whatever they want They made their money out of the blood and suffering of thousands of poor people. That's what it is-blood

money." "Is that why you're planning to blackmail it out of him?"

Lilas paused in her dressing and turned slowly, brows lifted. Her dark eyes met the blue ones unwaver

"Blackmail? What are you talking about?" Mrs. Croft went pale, and retired swiftly but noiselessly into the lavatory, closing the door behind her "What did Max tell you over the 'phone?" asked Lilas, sharply.

"Nothing." "Then where did you get-that' From Jim?"

"Jim's pretty bad, I imagine, but he keeps his badness to himself. No I've overheard you and Max talking.'

"Nonsense. We've never mentioned such a thing. The idea is absurd. 1 get mad at Jarvis-he's enough to madden anybody-perhaps I'm jealous but blackmail! Why, you're out of your head."

Lorelei delayed her tollet purposely, and finally dismissed Croft. When quiet had finally descended she opened her door cautiously and peered out Robert Wharton sat on the top step of the stairway near at hand, but his head rested against the wall, and he slept. Beside him were his high hat, his gloves and his stick. As Lorelet, with skirts earefully gathered, tiptoed past him she saw suspended upon his gleaming white shirt bosom what at first glance resembled a foreign decoration of some sort, but proved to be Mr. Regan's false teeth. They were

suspended by a ribbon that had once done duty in the costume of a cory- "I ride nearly every night, and I li phee; they rose and fell to the young man's gentle breathing.

Lorelei telephoned to Merkle on the about the movement that soothes me following day, and about the close of the show that night his card was brought up to her dressing room. A moment later Robert Wharton's followed, together with a tremendous box of long-stemmed roses. She went down a trifle apprehensively, for by this time the current tales of Bob's drunken freaks had given her cause to think somewhat seriously, and she feared an unpleasant encounter. More than once she had witnessed quarrels in the alleyway behind the Circuit, where pestiferous youths of Wharton's caliber were frequent visitors.

But Mr. Merkle relieved her mind by saying, "I sent Bob away on a pretext, although he swore you had an engagement with him."

"I'm glad you did. I left him asleep outside my dressing room last night, and I almost hoped he'd caught pneu-

Beside the curb a heavy touring car was purring, and into this Merkle helped his companion. "I'm not up on the etiquette of this sort of thing," he explained, "but I presume the proper procedure is supper. Where shall it be-Sherry's?"

Lorelei laughed. "You are inexperienced. The Johns never eat on Fifth avenue, the lights are too dim. But why supper? You can't eat."

"A Welsh rabbit would be the death of me; lobsters are poison," he confessed; "but I've read that chorus girls are omnivorous animals and seek their prey at midnight."

"Most of them would prefer bread and milk; anyhow, I would. But I'm not hungry, so let's ride-we can talk better, and you're not the sort of man to be seen in public with one of Bergman's show-girls."

The banker acquiesced with alacrity. To his driver he said, "Take the Long Island road."

The machine glided into noiseless "Why do you choose the Long Island road?" asked Lorelel.

"It's pleasant," responded Merk the country. You see, I can't sle unless I'm in motion. I get most my rest in a car; there's something

"How funny!" "Peculiar, parhaps, but scarcely b morous. I'd be dead or insane wit out an automobile. I keep fo Franch cars in my garage, all special built as to spring suspension and w holstery, and I spend nearly eve night in one or the other of them. long as I'm moving fast I manage snatch a miserable sort of repose, by the instant we go slow I wake up. used to sleep at twenty miles an hou now I can't relax under thirt

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Forty is fine-sixty means dreamle peace." "It does, indeed, if one happens have a blowout," laughed the girl.

The car was now darting throu unfrequented side streets, where asphalt lay in the shadows like da pools. Up the approach to the Queen borough bridge it swept, and took t long incline like a soaring bird. Bla well's island slipped under them, inky, bottomless pit of despair. breath of the overheated city chang as by magic, and the thin-faced s ferer at Lorelei's side drank it in d gerly. Even in the dim flash of tid passing illuminations she noted b tired and worn he was, and a sudo pity smote her.

"Won't you pretend I'm not heliand drive just as you always do? won't mind," she said.

"My dear, it's late. You'll need la go home."

"No, no." "Really?" His eagerness was go Ine. "Won't your people worry? Her answer was a short, mirthle laugh that made him glance at her rously. "They know I'm perfey safe. It's the other way round; a

of your standing takes chances by ing alone with a woman of-mine. "Which reminds me of Miss Ly and Mr. Hammon. You've decided

accept my offer?" "No. I can't be a hired spy." "You said over the 'phone that had learned something."

"I have. I believe there is an effort on foot to get some of Mr. Hammon's money dishonestly. I have a reason for wishing to prevent it."

"I knew I wasn't mistaken in you," smiled Merkle.

"Oh, don't attribute my actions to any high moral motives! I'm getting a little rusty on right and wrong. Personally, I have no sympathy with Mr. Hammon, and I don't imagine he acquired all of his tremendous fortune in a perfectly honorable way. Besides, he's a married man."

"It isn't alone Jarvis or his family or their money that is concerned," Merkle said, gravely. "Great financial institutions sometimes rest on foundations as slight as one man's personality-one man's reputation for moral integrity. A breath of suspicion of any sort at the wrong time may bring on a crash involving innocent people.

"Hammon at this moment carries a tr mendous top-heavy burden of responsibilities; his death would be no more disastrous than a scandal that would tend to destroy public confidence in him as a man."

"Doesn't he know that himself?"

"Perhaps. But his infatuation overtook him at an age when a man is a fool. Young men are always objects of suspicion in the financial world, for their emotions are unruly; but when old men fall in love they are superbly heedless of the consequences. I promised to tell you something about Jarvis, and I will, since you spoke of his married life. From the time he could walk he never knew anything, never heard anything except steel. He became a rolling-mill superintendent almost before he was of age. They say he never did less than two men's work, and often more; but he could make others work, too, and there lay the secret of his success. His mill held the tonnage record for years.

"When the corporation was formed he played a big part in the deal and got a big slice of the profits. He went into other things than steel, and he prospered. He never failed at anything. Jarvis had no vices and but one hobby-at least his vices were neutral, for he had never taken time to acquire the positive kind. His hobby was Napoleon Bonaparte. He read everything there was to read about Napoleon; he studied his life and patterned his own on similar lines. Do I bore you, Miss Knight?"

"No; go on. I'm tremendously interested."

"Y'ell, naturally, Hammon began to consider himself another Napoleon, and his accomplishments were in a ray ...te as wonderful. He even confided to me once that his idol surpassed him in only one respectnamely, the power to relax. Jarvis had never taken time for relaxation, and he was beginning to wear out; and so-he deliberately set about learning o play. The emperor of France, so history tells us, took his greatest pleasare in the company of women; therefore Hammon sought women. He doesn't know the taste of defeat, so the result was foreordained."

"But surely he thought something his family," protested Lorelei. Didn't he consider them?"

"I fancy he wasn't well acquainted with his family. I'm sure he never enjoyed any home life, as we understand He lived with a rich old woman who bore his name but scarcely knew him; his daughters were grown women whom he saw on rere occasions and whose extravagant whims he gratified without question. But there was little real intimacy, little sympathy. This was his first taste of youth. But-he was not Napoleon. As you've noticed, he's quite mad on the Lynn woman. p's no longer himself. He has been

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alged by her charms, and-now he's paying the price. I wanted you to know the story before we went any further. Now tell me what you have learned."

CHAPTER VII.

By the time Lorelei had completed her recital of those occurrences that thad excited her suspicions the car was rolling out the roads leading toward the Long Island plains, and, with headights ablaze, was defying all speed aws. Merkle had drawn the conversation shield rearward, and in its shelter leaned back with eyes closed. He seemed asleep, but after a time he

spoke abruptly: "Melcher is a shrewd man. He wouldn't tackle a blackmailing job of this size without protection; otherwise could put him out of the way very uickly. I dare say Miss Lynn herelf doesn't know who is behind him." "Why don't you warn Mr. Hammon

t once?" Merkle rolle i his head loosely. "You on't know the man. He would laugh it the idea of a plot against him."

Merkle dozed again, half buried in he cushions. They had passed Jamaia, but it was no antil it had swept nto the Motor parkway that the chauffeur let the machine out. Over the deserted plains it tere, cometlike, a meteor preceded by a streamer of light. The causeway leaped into view and varished beneath the wheels, like a tremendous ribbon whirling upon spools. Merkle lay back inertly, lolling

and swaying to the side-thrust of the cushions, but Lorelei found her fists clinched and her muscles hard with the nervous strain. Finally she pushed the shield forward, and, leaning over the front seat, stared at the tiny dashlight. The finger of the speedometer oscillated gently over the figure "60," and she dropped back with a gasp They had been running thus for a long

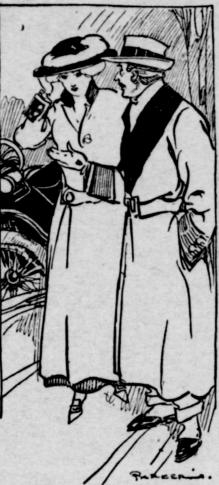
Merkle roused to say, "Is this too fast for you, Miss Knight?" She laughed nervously. "N-no. I'm

sorry I woke you." Merkle - inquired the time of his chauffeur, then directed him to turn homeward along the North shore.

"I shan't be selfish and keep you out any longer, Miss Knight," he said "If you don't mind, I'll doze on the way in, and try to figure out the next move in this Hammon affair."

The return trip was another hurtling rush through the night, in a silence broken only by Merkle's demand for more speed whenever the machine slackened its labor. The miles wheeled past; the Sound lay to the right.

They were sweeping over a rolling North shore road when suddenly out of blackness ahead blazed two blinding headlights. With startling abruptness they appeared over the crest of a rise: Merkle's driver swung to the right.



"I'm Terribly Sorry, Miss Knight."

The strange car held to its course: there was a blast of horns, a dazzling instant of intense illumination, then a crash as the inside mud-guards met. Merkle's car seemed to leap into the air; there was a report of an exploding tire; the automobile was bucking and bumping, as if the pavement had been turned into a corduroy road; then it came to a pause, half in the ditch. The other car held to its course, and whizzed onward, leaving in its wake a drunken shout of mockery and defi-

"Narrow shave, that. I wonder we weren't all killed." Merkle eyed the car's crumpled mud-guard and running board, then directed his driver to ascertain the extent of the damage. The motor was still throbbing, but a brief examination disclosed a broken steering knuckle and a bent axle in addition to an injured wheel.

"I'm terribly sorry, Miss Knight; but I'll have to send for another car," apologized Merkle.

"Is this splendid machine ruined?" He shrugged. "That's the curse of these roads. Somebody is always driving recklessly. Lordei smiled at memory of the miles they had covered so swiftly; but she saw that he was serious and in a sour temper. "One risks his life on the whim of some drunken idiot the moment he enters a motor car. Now for a telephone." A terse question to his man served to fix

"We're not far from the Chateau," Merkle interpreted the answer. "That place is always open, so if you don't mind the walk we'll go ahead. It will take an hour to get one of my other machines, but meanwhile we can have a bite to eat." At her cheerful accept-

ance his tone changed. "You're all right. Some women would be hysterical after such a shakeup. I swear, I think I feel it more than you. If you were a man I'd like

to have you for a chum." The Chateau was a quasi-roadhouse, unsurpassed by any city restaurant, and, being within an hour's run by motor, it received a liberal patronage. Tips were large at the Chateau; its hospitality was famous among those who could afford the extravagance of midnight entertainment; and yet it was a quiet place. No echo of what occurred within its walls ever reached the outside world. Sea-food, waffles, and discretion were its recognized spe cialties, and people came for milesmainly in pairs—to enjoy them.

they espied in the road ahead of them first the dull red glow of a tail light, then a dusty license plate.

"There's luck," Merkle ejaculated. "I'll rent this car."

In the gloom several figures were standing, facing in the direction of the Chateau, and when Merkle spoke they wheeled as if startled.

"No, you can't hire this machine. What do you think this is, a cabstand?" answered a gruff voice.

"Jim!" cried Lorelet, and ran forward.

Her breathless amazement at the meeting was no greater than her brother's. "Sis! What the devil are you doing here?" he managed to say. One of the men who had been kneeling over a case of some sort, dimly outlined in the radiance of a side light, rose and placed his burden in the tonneau.

"I'm ready," he announced.

Young Knight showed some nervousness and apprehension-emotions which his companions, judging by their alert watchfulness, fully shared. Jim seized his sister by the arm and led her aside.

"How the deuce did you get here and who is this guy?" He jerked his head toward Merkle.

Lorelei introduced her companion and made known the cause of their present plight.

"Humph!" grunted Jim. "What d'you suppose ma'll say to this-you out all night with a man?"

"What are you doing? Who are those people?" she retorted. "Never mind. But say-I don't like

the looks of this affair." For a second time Merkle appealed to Jim. "If you can't take your sister

home I'll have to telephone for another Jim's tone was disagreeable as he replied. "You two don't look as if you'd been wrecked. Where's your jail." driver?" Merkle's fist clenched; he

laughed harshly. "Now don't get sore," said the latter; "I'm not going to make trouble, only I want to know where you've been."

A bareheaded man came running across the lawn and flung himself into the waiting automobile. One of Jim's companions called his name sharply. "Will you take me home?" his sis-

ter implored. "Can't do it. I'll see you later, and you, too, Merkle." His last words, delivered as he swung himself upon the a threat; a moment later, and the ma-

chine had disappeared into the night. "Hm-m! Your brother has a suspicious mind," Merkle said. "I hope he won't make you any trouble."

"He can't make trouble for me." Lorelet's emphasis on the last word made her meaning clear; her companion shrugged.

"Then there's no harm done, I as-

sure you." They turned in upon the driveway. walking silently, then as they neared the Chateau they became aware of an unusual commotion in progress there Men were running from stable to garage, others were scouring the grounds; from the open door came a voice pitched high in anger. The speaker was evidently beside himself with wrath. He was shouting orders to scurrying attendants, and abusing the manager, who hovered near him in a frantic but futile effort at pacifica-

The enraged person proved to be Jarvis Hammon. He was hatless, purple-faced, shaken with combative fury. At first the two newcomers thought he was dangerously drunk. but, as they mounted to the tiled terrace which served as an outdoor esting place they saw their mistake. Recognizing Merkle, Hammon's manner changed instantly.

"John!" he cried. "By God! you're just in time."

"What's happened?"

"Blackmail, or worse, I hardly know, myself. These rufflans put up something on me-they're all in it, even the manager."

The latter, a sleek Frenchman with ferocious mustaches and frightened ! eyes, wrung his hands in supplication. "M'sieu 'Ammon," he bleated, "you ruin me. Such accusation is terrible. But wait. Calmness. The man will

be caught." "Caught!" roared the steel magnate. "You know who he is. Give him to me." A uniformed doorman appeared with a smoking lantern in his hand, and Hammon wheeled upon him.

"Well? Did you find him?" "We can't find nobody. There was a car outside the grounds, but it's gone

Merkle interposed. "Will you tell me what has happened?"

"It is terrible, incredible, M'sleu," wailed the manager. "Same old story, John. I came out

here for a quiet supper with-a lady.

I've been coming here regularly. They got us into a private room, then took a flashlight, and-there you are. I made a rush for the waiter as soon as skipped. Everybody's skipped, pho-

As the pedestrians neared the ave- tographer and all. Nobody knows anynue of maples leading up to the house thing. Blamedest bunch of idiots I ever saw." He ground his teeth.

Lorelei, who had remained in the background, turned suddenly sick at memory of that mysterious party at the gate; she understood now the significance of the man with the box and of the fleeing figure that had come iced in our large refrigerathrough the darkness.

The terrified manager continued his heartbroken lament, and Hammon seemed about to destroy him when Merkle drew the latter aside, speaking sweet. in an undertone.

Hammon listened briefly, then broke

"Nonsense. I'd stake my life on her. Why, she's prostrated. It's either pure blackmail, or it's my wife's work. She's had detectives on me for some time." Merkle murmured something more, "Oh, come now! I know what I'm talking about, and I won't stand for that," cried Hammon.

Merkle shrugged; his next words were audible, and they were both sharp and incisive.

"The harm's done. They got away clean. Now we've got to kill the story and kill it quick in case they intend it for the papers."

"My God! Newspapers-at this time," groaned the other. "It couldn't

"Right. We must move fast. Is your car here?" "Yes."

"Get it. We'll go in with you. I

had an accident to mine." "You'll see for yourself you're wrong-about the other." Hammon jerked his head meaningly toward the house, then strode away to order his

Merkle favored his young companion with a wintry smile.

"It seems we're too late."

Lorelei nodded silently. "Don't tell him who-spoke to us out there. Not yet, at least. I-can't see him go to

"Jail? There won't be any jail to muttered something, at which Jim this-there never is. Jarvis will have to settle for the sake of the rest of

> Hammon's limousine-rolled in under the porte-cochere, and a moment later the owner appeared with Lilas.

Lorelei stared at her friend in genuine surprise, for it was obvious that Lilas was deeply agitated. Her face was swollen with weeping; she verged upon hysteria. No sooner were the four in the car and under way than she broke down, sobbing wretchedly.

"It's all my fault. I might have known he was up to something; but I running board of the car, sounded like didn't think he'd dare-" she managed to say.

"He? Who?" Merkle asked her.

"Max Melcher. He as much as told me. If I hadn't been a fool I'd have guessed, but he- Oh, I could kill myself!" She burst into strangling sobs and hysteric laughter.

"Why did you let him come to the dressing room?" Lorelei inquired.

"He's been doing it for years. I've always-known him. We were-engaged."

Hammon verified this. "That's right. They were engaged when I met her. She didn't know the sort of ruffian he is till I proved it. She's afraid of him, and he knows it."

"I tried to break with him, but he wouldn't let me, and I've had to be nice to him. He'd have murdered me

"Rot!" Merkle exclaimed, testily. "Rot, eh?" Jarvis answered. "He's

done as much, more than once; but he's so powerful that nobody can get him. He's the king of his ward; he keeps a gang of gunmen on the East side, and he's the worst thug in the city."

Hammon soothed his charmer in his clumsy, elephantine way, showing that, despite Merkle's recent insinuations, he still trusted her. "This is the only woman who ever cared for me, John," he explained, after some hesitation, "and we're going to stick together. We have no secrets." "Your little Fifth avenue establish-

ment rather complicates matters, doesn't it? What are you going to do about that?" Merkle inquired.

"This thing-tonight-is likely to settle the matter for me. You know the kind of home life I've led for twenty years, and you know I wouldn't regret any change. When a man goes ahead and his wife stands still the right and wrong of what either chooses to do is hard to settle. At any rate, it has ceased to concern me. I want a few years of happiness and companionship before I die. I'm selfish-I'll pay the price." They rode on in silence.

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rewed from the tax collector a agree on a plan of action and afeet of paper about a foot wide every man assumes his share of and about three feet long upon the burden. It is out of conwhich was delineated various cert of action that towns spring tracts or parcels of land upon into cities, and no other way .which it is alleged that you owe Lufkin News. wertain amount of taxes for or more years? If so, what The you going to do about it? didate for the United States There are two things in this life Senate, is in favor of a system that cannot be escaped no matto how hard we try to avoid tiem-they are death and taxes.

in the state convention has been to them, many millions of dolheralded by the pro-Baileyites lars by reason of reaching the Bailey's come-back into Texas politics." It may mean that and laying his plans to defeat of the waterways of the country Morris Sheppard two years Hence. It would be a lively bat-Are you ready?

Germany licked the stuffin' of England in what is recorder as the greatest naval battle ever fought last week. Howwer, those Englishmen will still their little canes and say wer main naval strength was mat engaged, dontcher-know."

The vacant lots in Grapeland me getting more beautiful every may and it is to be hoped that no highways. We favor the congade boys will be found guilty of cutting down the weeds that have been allowed to grow and estiply for lo, these many TENTS.

As a general thing, what in-Termation a married woman may sek on the question of raising exildren can easily be supplied by any old maid.

The Bible says "Love thy zeighbor's wife.

YOUNG MAN, WHO ARE YOU?

Are you known by your own name, or are you known merely as your father's son?

Are you known by your own good qualities and by your own acts, or are you remembered simply because you bear the name of better people who conceived you and brought you into

The young man who can look his elders straight in the eye and say "I am James Martin" already has opportunity at his feet, but the fellow who can say nothing better than "He is Robert Martin's son" will still be groping in the darkness of the

Be something, do something, and the world will know you and respect you for what you are and not for what your parents were before you.

But remain content as "anman's son."

The Lufkin News refers to our editorial in the last issue on 'What's the Matter?" as a 'broadside." We believe it will take a bombshell loaded with shrapnel to get results.-Grape-

The article referred to by the Messenger was a plea for the people of Grapeland to wake up thing is certain, the people of that little city will never come Are you one of those who re- into their just reward until they

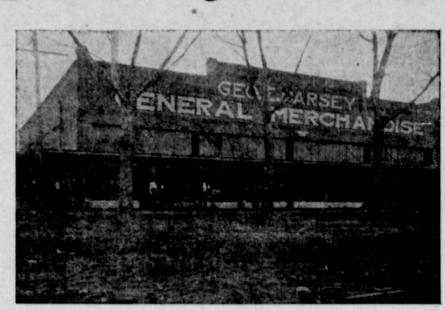
"Judge Riddle of Dallas, canof National Highways extending from ocean to ocean, thus giving to the farmers of the country a means by which all markets are made accessible, and which will enable them to travel with facil-The Bailey-Ferguson victory ity and dispatch, saving annually markets before their perishable products come to waste. Large appropriations are made by Bailey is lining up his friends Congress for the improvement which benefit only a few. Why not improve our public highways and thereby benefit every

The above item has been sent out from Judge Riddle's head quarters and we want to lend it our hearty endorsement. The Messenger has always contended that the government annually wastes millions of dollars on. "pork barrel" appropriations or doubtful streams that could be utilized to a better advantage and benefit more people if the money was spent on our public struction of roads by federal and state aid.

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The Service George E. Darsey First Store

In this issue of the Herald apment is a good one and would ually becoming depopulated and ultimately place Houston county the cities are being overcrowded. up with a majority of the other with from two to five men waitcounties in the state, which have ing for every job. If our young good roads, should it be prac- men would stick to the farm, ticed as he suggests. This and improve and develop the uncounty ranks very low when it cultivated acres, it would be oncomes to good roads and it is ly a question of time when the time we were doing something. wealth of this country would be The fellow who argues that the doubled and trebled. Bright man with the automobile is the lights and white ways appeal to only one who gets the benefit of the eye, but they do not feed county who have no cars and and is a far better place to stay never expect to own one (we are among them) and we want good;

A. H. Luker left Saturday apread all over the country. You night for El Paso to attend the over town. Had you ever! while here paid this office an apcan't carry everybody to your thirty-seventh annual meeting thought about, Grapeland is the preciated visit. Mr. Smith state sign, but the newspaper can of the Texas Press Association, which convenes Tuesday. And meighbor as thyself," but it and a new one every week. Had we wish to offer a word of apoldoesn't say for you to love your you ever thought about it that ogy in advance for any short. It's one that we can't be proud an indorsement from his home coming of the paper this week.

The future success of this

Some of our leading citizens roads as well as anyone, and are who have the "kale" to spare always ready to do anything to ought to take the lead and build further the cause.-Ratcliff Her- some concrete side walks. Cthers would soon fall in line and it would not be long until cement walks would be built all biggest town in the world without a cement side walk in the residential district? Do want to maintain this record?

The demonstrations of patriotpears an article from the pen of country depends in a large ism given at the preparedness W. R. Durnell of Grapeland ad measure to keeping the young parade in Houston Saturday, vocating good roads in this coun- men on the farm. Statistics gives one the idea that quite a ty by direct taxation. The argu- show that the farms are grad- few people of that city desire

> Pick up the tin cans, bottles, dirty rags and waste paper-from the streets and you will find that we have a pretty good look-

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Rev. B. C. Ansley, pastor o the Methodist church, requests good roads is foolish. We have empty stomachs. Farm life can the Messenger to announce that hundreds of citizens in this be made pleasant and attractive the third quarterly conference will be held in Grapeland, Fri day, June 23rd. Presiding Eld E. L. Shettles will be here/ conduct the conference.

> Bennie E. Smith, candidate for county clerk, was a visitor to Grapeland Saturday getting acquainted with our people, and ed that he was meeting wit much encouragement over the county. We print in this issu people.

LOCAL NEWS

Palm Beach Suits at Darsey's.

Summer Clothes for every body at Darsey's.

was the guest of the Misses Hague a few days last week.

Train No. 8 which arrives here at 1:20 p. m. will now arrive on display. Many styles, reahere at 1:26 p. m., according to sonable prices, fit guaranteed. the new time card.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Faris of Palestine spent several days here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Our regular price on Palm it again. Beach and Summer Clothes is lower than the other fellow's "cut" prices. We can fit you at Darsey's.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

"Nick And The Lost Prince" in 3 reels. Don't fail to see this feature picture. ELECTRIC THEATRE.

We are requested to announce that Chas. R. Streetman will Bitters for removing that slug-ed. conduct a song service at Percilla next Sunday.

for herhome in Cabot, Ark., last Leaverton. Friday, after an extended visit with her brother, W. D. Granberry and family.

Miss., and Jno. Hester of Clarks- trola concert by Mr. Leroy dale, Miss., sisters of T. S. Kent, Moore of Crockett. His firmand Mr. A. T. Farrar of Nor- Moore & Calloway-are agents mangee, are the guests of the for this splendid musical instrufamily of Mr. Kent.

On account of being short of help in the office and being crowded for space we were forced to leave out two communications this week.

Miss Ola Willis of the Rock Hill community left Saturday Miss Mary Keeble of Waco for Lovelady to attend the summer normal, which opened Mon-

> New spring samples are now Be sure to see them. Clewis.

NOTICE

Someone has been inside of my inciosure, trespassing and this is to notify them not to do

S. T. Parker.

Excursion Rates, Saturday June 10.

Usual low excursion rates to Galveston Saturday June 10, return Monday, June 12. For particulars see J. O. Edington, Agent.

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The people of Grapeland enjoyed a rare treat last Friday afternoon at Leaverton's drug Mesdames Harpoole of Winona, store, the occasion being a Vicment.

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LEWIS FISHER FOR CONGRESS

In this issue appears the announcement of Judge Lewis Fisher of Galveston, as a candi- more public works and municidate for Congress from this District.

Judge Fisher has been in public life in his home county during the past sixteen years. During that period he has served the people of Galveston County as County Attorney, County Judge, District Judge and for the past seven years has been Mayor of Galveston.

During his term as County Judge, Galveston County constructed the giant seawall on the beach front in the city of Galveston, and in his capacity as and tells us that he will be es-Chairman of the Commissioner's Court he had supervision of this work. This wall after two severe tests stands as a monument to his fidelity to the trust imposed upon Judge Fisher by the people of Galveston.

His record as District Judge river bottom. is an excellent one. He was appointed to this position by Governor S. W. T. Lanham.

District Judge after about five atives and friends. He was acyears to become Mayor of the companied home by his sister. city of Galveston, in which pos- Mrs. L. W. Reed, who will spend ition he is now serving his 4th a few weeks with her parents, term; having been elected to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carr.

the last three terms without opposition. During Judge Fisher's administration as Mayor of Galveston, this great seaport has experienced an unequaled era of prosperity, and there has been commenced and finished pal improvements than for any like period of the city's history.

In conversation with Judge Fisher, we learn from him that he is a strict believer in State Rights, and opposed to any proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States that would tend toward the centralization of government in Washington.

He is a strong believer in and advocate of Organized Labor. He is in favor of a Merchant Marine; a Rural Credits Bill, pecially active in seeking the passage of necessary legislation looking to levying or other protection of Texas rivers to prevent overflows, thus saving to the farmers thousands of acres of valuable land in the Texas

Marvin Carr returned home Sunday night from Alto, where He surrendered the office of he spent a few days visiting rel-

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PEBBLES FROM ROCK HILL

June 5.- The baby of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Streetman has been dangerously ill the past few days.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment here Sunday with a masterful sermon.

The neighbors all met at N. V. Streetman's last Friday and worked out his crop for him, as he had lost so much time on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Lina Helm, accompanied by his daughters, Misses Ruby and Lily, went to Palestine Sunday, where Miss Ruby will attend the Anderson County Summer Normal.

Mr. L. L. Morgan, who will teach in our school again next term is attending the State University at Austin.

Miss Ola Willis, our assistant teacher for next term, left Saturday for Lovelady to attend the Houston County Summer Normal.

Our community is thriving with the educational spirit as though impulsed by a mighty intellectual awakening, and the writer is moved with emotion when he remembers that our county is equipped with an adequate supply of teachersthe trustees of our democracy and the guardians of our intellectual welfare.

The ladies of the Y. L. S. C. are urgently requested to meet in executive session at the school house next Saturday afternoon.

Rock Hill Youth

To the Public.

"I have been using Chamberfain's tablets for indigestion for the past six months, and it affords me pleasure to say that I have uever used a remedy that did me so much good."_Mrs. C. E Riley, Illion, N. Y. Cham. berlain's Tablets are obtainable this country. Obtainable every. everywhere.

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ugar as a hydrocarbon-

NEWS ITEMS FROM WANETA

June 5.-Crops are looking fine here, although we are needing rain. Cotton chopping is the order of the day.

attended.

Miss Susie Hendrick of this place visited relatives and friends

Mrs. Myrtie McKenzie of Percilla was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hen dricks Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Mary Kate Butler of this place left Sunday for Lovelady to attend the Summer Nor-

Quite a number from here at tended Sunday school at Hickory Grove Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Will Lively and Miss Ruby J B Sanders Harrington of this place, and Mr. Cub Clabburn of Densor Springs, were the guests of Miss J T Young Cornelia Gaff Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to say that Mrs Jennie Hoke, who has been sick for some time is better at this writing.

Mrs. Wilson was the guest of Mrs. Lena Penick Saturday.

Mrs. Ozie Rich and her mother, Mrs. Powell, spent the day at Mrs. Lena Barnes' Thursday.

Mr. John Penick went to Grapeland Saturday.

BONNIE

Bowel Complaints in India

In a lecture at one of the Des Moines, Iowa, churches a missionary from India told of going into the interior of India, where he was taken sick, that he had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and diarrhoea Remedy with him and believed that it saved his life. You may know from this that it can be depended upon for the milder forms of bowel complaint that occur in where.

BENNIE E. SMITH ENDORSED

We, the undersigned sitizens of Houston county, do hereby endorse Bennie E. Smith as a qualified candidate for the office of county clerk and recommend him to the public (broad minded thinking people) as being in ev-Rev. Harris filled his regular ery way capable of attending to appointment here Sunday and the duties which will be imposed Sunday night. A large crowd upon him as our future county clerk. And any favors conferred on him will be very highly appreciated by the undersigned at Percilla the latter part of last voters who hereby promise him their support and influence.

H J Laird

A M Beeson

W T Lewis

W Thornton

J E Dickey

J H Bryant

H A Yeager

A R Howell

A Rollo

B H Jones

J A Etheridge

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Notice

The above names of my neighbors and friends proves without questioning that my home people want me for their next county clerk. And the report that is being circulated to the effect that I have been brought into this race purposely to split some other candidate's vote is very untrue and without foundation, as no one has put any money up to induce me to make the] race and if I can't get the office by a fair, square, honorable effort, I shall not accept it otherwise. Thanking my old friends and new acquaintances for past favors, I am yours for a clean race, Bennie E. Smith.

MASS MEETING

The Messenger is requested to announce a mass meeting of the citizens of Houston county. to be held at the court house in Crockett on Tuesday, June 13. At this time the Commissioners' Court will be in session, and the object of the meeting is to confer with the court relative to employing a county demonstration agent. This is a matter that every citizen is interested in, and whether you oppose or favor a demonstration agent, you should attend this meeting if possible.

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What Would We Do Without Sugar?

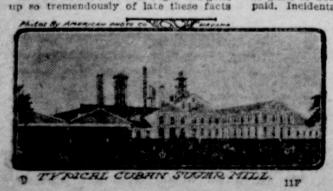
that name may or may not be interest-ing to us, but what is interesting is their statement that it has, as a hydrocarbon, equal food value with the starchy foods are interesting because we find that in stead of the luxury sugar having gone up it is the FOOD sugar that has raised its price. Yet-even though the price is equal food value with the starchy foods and by dipostion larriely adds to the fatty tissues of the body.

Why do we eat sugar anyway? Your first answer might be: "Because it is sweet and tastes good." Of itself the answer would be correct, but the more important fact is that the body craves sugar because it needs it. And when the body craves something it gives us an appetite for it. So primarily that's why we like sugar and things made with sugar and not just because they are sweet.

Certainly the makers of that delicious beverage Coca-Cola must have dis-covered that sugar is up, because one of the principal ingredients in making Coca-Cola syrup is fine cane sugar. Think of it!-they use an average of 80 tons of sugar a day—about 4 carloads. But un-like many manufacturers that company has itself borne the raise and so you and I pay just the same today for our bottle or glass of Coca-Cola that we've always paid. Incidentally, this phase of the sit-

up we have to have our sweet food just

lly, this phase of the situation is a good reminder of the benefits one gets from drinking a beverage as pure and good as Coca-Cola. Not only do we please our palates and derive wholesome refreshment from the drink but we also give our systems that bit of sugar sweetness that they crave and which is necessary to health and tissues. Is it any wonder then that Coca-Cola is so popular and eso universally drunk that it has been called "the drink the nation drinks"?



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In view of the fact that sugar has gone

lways Helps

ania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in experience with Cardui, the woman's ys further: "Before I began to use ack and head would hurt so bad, I Fain would kill me. I was hardly able of Cardy any housework. After taking three bottles began to feel like a new woman. I soon bunds, and now, I do all my housework, as well run a big water mill.

every suffering woman would give

The Woman's Tonic

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

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It mends lacerated flesh speedily, prevents the formation of pus, and in all minor ailments heals without leaving a scar. As a pain relief for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lame Back, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles, there is nothing that acts more promptly or effectively.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

ST. LOUIS, MO.

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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

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. Praer Meeting Thursday night.

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

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Our subscribers are requested to watch the date printed on the paper opposite the name and renew their subscriptions promptly. For an example, your name appears like this-

> John Doe 5 1 16

Means that the subscription expired June 1st, 1916.

RENEW PROMPTLY!

Clipped From Our Exchanges

Other's Views on Current Items

PEOPLE AGAINST BOSSES

The idea that men may have one standard of ethics for politics and another for citizenship is responsible for much turmoil, confusion and dishonesty. Character is only a true estimate of men. Clean men of exalted

character will not be dishonest

anywhere. When political cenventions are manipulated by the bosses and the interests it is time for the people of such a party to arise and put the politicians and bosses out or leave that party to the

Selfishness disrupts organizations. The selfish control conventions and organizations to further their own interest at the expense of the people.

Unless political parties stand for clean politics and high standards of citizenship they have no claims for their existence. Un less a party is a convenient, honest, expressive medium for peo ple who belong to it it has no place in society and should not be supported by honest men.

The people are the sovereigns of this country, not parties They have a right to authorize parties, promulgate principle and elect those who represent them. When any political party or leaders in that party deprive the people of their choice that party will sooner or later fail and such leaders be humiliated. -Farm & Ranch.

The big things that give character to newspapers are:-

- 1. Adequate recognition of the paper as a public utility that has of the successful working of institutions whose political and social ideals are democratic.
- 2. Making a paper that serves the public interest, not a class
- 3. Making a paper independent of party, church, wealth or social influence.
- 4. Making a paper notable for sincerity of utterance and powerful as a moral force.-Waldo L. Cook, Springfield Republican.

No. **666**

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. ive or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

WHEN THE BOWELS DON'T MOVE

At the regular morning hour you're uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. A dose of

It quickly sets things moving. You feel better at once, and after a copious bowel movement, you experience that thrill and joy of living, that exhilaration of spirits and activity of body and brain that only those can feel whose internal organs are in a state of functional activity and cleanliness. It helps digestion, sweetens the breath and restores vigor of body and brain. Try it. Sold by all dealers in medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietore, St. Louis, Mo.

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STENO-TYPEWRITING Is the Greatest Single Forward Step In the History of Shorthand

It makes the typewriter do double duty, take the dictation down as well as take it up. It uses the abbreviating power of the English language the same as in Byrne Simplified Shorthand but with printed characters on all standard makes of typewriters instead of with the pencil. The typewriter has proven to be the most efficient of modern office appliances. The business man likes it because it enables him to turn out his correspondence with speed and accuracy. But he has realized that there was still a weakness in his correspondence from the fact that what he dictated was recorded first with the erring pencil and that which did not go down correct could not come back correct.

He now welcomes steno-typewriting because he sees his dictation going down accurately in print to come back accurately transcribed. Steno-Typewriting is simple because it is done mechanically. It is legible because it is print. It is rapid because become essential in the field it is executed with the eight nimble fingers of the hands instead of one hand cramped around a pencil.

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There perhaps, never was a caused so much favorable comme t as has Steno-typewriting. It is admitted to be the logical

This most modern method of note taking can only be had in this part of the country at the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. The school that is not only the largest of the kind in America, but does the most thorough practical work in Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Stenotypewriting, Telegraphy, Cotton Classing and Business Administration and Finance. There is always a good demand for its graduates and there hasn't been a time in five years that it could supply the demand for its grad uates of Telegraphy.

A large 230 page beautifully illustrated, pictorial catalogue will be sent free to those who request it, stating the course they would likely be interested the forethought often saves

Claude Leaverton has returned home for the summer from Galveston, where he has been attending the state medical college, and is now in the drug store with his brother, D. N. Leaverton.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are requested to anuounce that there will be a 4th of July celebration and picnic at Antrim this year and everyone is invited to come, and we extend a special invitation to all the candidates to come and speak for us and the progrdm will be announced

David Caskey was a caller at the Messenger office Saturday and informed us that he lost a fine young mule last week.

THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



He Just Kinder Couldn't Pay.

Take this bill to Perkins. Telk him long enough it's run."
"Correct," said th' collector; "just consider that it's dun."

Even th' seasons have their littletiffs. There's always a coolness between autumn an' spring.

Good appetites and cheerfulsystem of note taking that has ness foilow the use of Prickly Ash bitters, It purifies the blood, liver and bowels and makes lfie worth living. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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Lawyer

Crockett, : : : Texas

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Forethought

People are learning that a litadv. them a big expense. Here is an instance: E. W. Archer, Caldwell, Ohio, writes: "I do not believe our family has been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy since commenced keeping house years ago. When we go on an extended visit we take it with us." Obtainable everywhere.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following annoucements, Editor Messenger:subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For Congressman, Seventh Congressional District.

> Lewis Eisher, Galveston County.

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

J R Luce of Houston County

For District Attorney, 3rd Ju dicial District.

BF Dent Of Houston County

For County Treasurer: W M (Willie) Robison G R Murchison J. H. Bobbitt C. G. Lansford Leonard Arnold

For County Attorney: JL Lipscomb Sonley LeMay JF Mangum

For County Clerk: O C Goodwin A S Moore (Re-election) Arthur Owens DR Baker

Ed Cassidy Jeff Kennedy Bennie E Smith

For Tax Collector: CW 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 W. F. Murchison Dr. J. B. Smith

For County Judge: E Winfree (Re-election)

For Sheriff:

R J (Bob) Spence (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor: Ed Holcomb John H Ellis (Re-election)

For County Superintendent: J N Snell (re-election)

For Constable Prec't. No. 2: John Scarbrough

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1 E E Holcomb (Re-election)

(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 R T (Riley) Murchison

Stell Sharp

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)

LETTER FROM ALBERT TYER

Gardner, Ill., June 3. 1916.

Chas. Dana Gibson is America's, if not the world's greatest cartoonist. Once he drew a picture and called it "The Fortune Teller" or "Telling His Fortune." There was an old, old man seated at one side of a table with a pleasant smile on his face. At the other side of the table sat a young boy. He had ran the cards and looked at the old man and said: "You will soon go on a long journey." Of course, the boy meant that the old man would cross over the "Great Divide," but the old man seemed to think he was going to take some earthly trip, such as to Niagra Falls, the National Park, the Old Country, or some place and return and tell his friends and neighbors about the fine trip

We must all go on the long journey some time, and if money Ney Sheridan (Re-election) could save us none but the poor would go.

Just a few days ago Jas. J. Hill, the greatest railroad man of the age passed away.

He died at St. Paul, Minn., a distance of 431 miles from Chicago, and just a day or two be fore he died the attending physicians wanted a certain drug and Chicago was the nearest place it was to be had, so the medicine was ordered by 'phone, and a special train was ordered out to take the medicine from Chicago to St. Paul. All passenger and freight trains were sidetracked and this special train made a world record run with this little package of medicine which did no good.

Mr Hill was reputed to have been worth three hundred million dollars. Allowing sixteen dollars to the pound, he had 18,750,000 pounds of silver. Allowing 100,000 pounds per coal car it would require 187 coal cars to haul the money. Now allow 45 cars to the train and we would have four trains and seven cars to put in another train of cotton, hogs, sheep, cattle or goats.

Be it said to his credit that he was a kind, generous, and in general, a fine man.

However, there is one thing sure, we have heard all our lives, that when the rich die, they cannot carry any of their wealth with them, for if they could, this country would soon be short of change.

> Yours truly, . H. A. Tyer.

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

June 5 .- Two weeks yesterthink our summer drouth is on, hood of man. yet the two big rains in May done the corn up. Cotton is do. ing army! Every town and coming fairly well and chopping is in full sway, and the cotton that is not chopped is in good shape.

The picnic was a success and every home was represented with a basket filled with nice ent of our school, is now in Leveedibles. Am not able to give an lady in the mormal, being a mem elaborate report as I was sick ber of the faculty.

KEELAND BROTHERS' 15 Days Special

8 lbs. extra good roasted coffee for	1.00
12 1-2-lbs. white standard granulated sugar	1.00
20 lbs. good rice for	1.00
7 pkgs. Success soda for	25c
11 bars good laundry soap	25c
10 bars nice toilet soap for	25c
Best country made ribbon cane syrup, per gallon	

4 lbs. lump starch for	25c
Seed ribbon cane syrup, per gallon Best high patent flour,	₹50c
per sack	1.50
patent flour, per sack 5 gallons best grade oil for	. 55c
7 boxes matches for	25c
Gross of matches for	41c
for pickling and table use per gallon	35c

Porch Furniture 3.50 Porch rocking chairs, solid oak, large size .----4.00 porch swings complete with hooks and chain 3.25 4.00 porch swings com-5.00 rocking settees, 4 1-2 ft. long, solid oak for----Window Shades

35c window shades 25c for -----85c duplex shades, white 65c and green for ---Fruit Jars

Dozen quart jars 55c Plenty of rubbers and tops.

Dresser Specials

We have 10 extra nice oak dressers extra large mirrors, worth regular 17.50, we are going to close out at this sale

OIL STOVES

15.00 oil stoves for -----17.50 oil stoves

Screen Wire and Screen Doors---Extra Low Prices Screen wire from 5c a foot up

Screen Doors from 90c up

Sale Begins June 10th

Keeland Bros.

Sale Closes June 24th

and unable to attend. Quite a number of candidates were present and some who were never in our midst before.

Mrs. West and son spent last week in Crockett.

Miss Gertrude Fulgham left yesterday for Palestine to attend school and will be away for some

G. B. Kent and daughter, Cora Belle were Grapeland visitors yesterday to see two of her sisters who are on a visit from Miss issippi.

Miss Nan Moore left last night for her home in Louisiana. She is a young lady of marked ability and hope she will visit this community again in the future.

The Sunday school was called in for next Sunday, in order to attend services at Daly's and also the W. O. W. decoration.

The river is flat and work on the lock will begin today, so says engineer Beazley.

It is right laughable to read W. B. Page's campaign echoes, and read between the lines. Of course, there are always two sides to politics and should be, but no one has to or should be day since we had the last big on the side that appeals to rain and we are needing it. It prejudice and ignorance, but let us is an evident fact that the "hill remember that those on the bad folks" are up against it in this side are not demons and those section for corn, unless it rains on the good side are not angels, just right. However, I hardly and keep in mind the brother-

Hurrah for Grapeland's standmunity has their standing army. We wish we could be there Wednesday and take part. Zack.

Prof. C. T. Sims, superintend

FOR ALL

We have ice on hand at all times Deliver every morning Open Sundays until 12:00 o'clock

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THE LEADING DRUG STORE

LAST CAR OF FEED

I now have on hand a car of cow feed and it will be the last car I will be able to get this season. It is hulls and meal ground together and put up in sacks. It is impossible to get crop is crushed. If you need any feed you had better see me J. W. Howard.

W. R. Wherry informs us that he has quit politics.

NOTICE W. O. W.

We will decorare at Daly' second Sunday in June at P. M.; at Evergreen, 4th Sunday in June at 11 a. m.; at Davis cemetery, at 4 P. M. same day. All members are requested to hulls and meal until the next meet at the hall the second Saturday night in June at 8:30

C. L. Haltom, C. C.