

## BARGAIN STORE SPECIALS

\$3.25 Ladies slippers for.....	\$2.75
\$3.00 Ladies slippers for .....	\$2.50
\$3.00 Men's low quarter shoes for.....	\$2.25
Scott's Rough Rider overalls, best quality for.....	90c
Cone's Boss Overalls, best quality for.....	90c
High Patent Flour, per sack.....	\$1.40
6 bars of Crystal White Soap for.....	25c
6 bars Bob White Soap for.....	25c
7 bars Silk soap for.....	25c
7 bars Lenox Soap for.....	25c
11 bars Snaps Soap for.....	25c

Just received some new dress goods  
We carry a full line of Shoes and Dry Goods

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

**W. R. WHERRY**

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND

FREE DELIVERY UNION PHONE NO. 45. CALL US UP

## PEBBLES FROM ROCK HILL

July 10.—Our shower of last week is not sufficient. We hope to have more rain soon.

Some of our people attended the picnic at Antrim on July 4, and report a delightful time.

The writer and several others spent the day at the New Prospect picnic and had a pleasant time.

We attended the candidates' picnic at Grapeland last week and think it was the best picnic we ever attended at Grapeland. The candidates seem to retain the courtesy to each other that they had at the dawn of the campaign. We hope the climax will find them with the same feeling toward each other. The Grapeland dinner was a splendid one. After the writer had eaten to his content, some of the Grapeland ladies insisted to "eat more." We admire the hospitality of such citizenship.

Many thanks to the Reynard correspondent and many others who expressed their joy at having attended the Rock Hill picnic. Zack, we have nothing but a rural environment, but a good old country handshake is free in our community, and we always welcome visitors.

Herschel North was at New Prospect for preaching Friday night.

Gratan Streetman went to Galveston on a visit Saturday.

J. J. Cook of San Pedro is a visitor at the home of C. M. Streetman.

Among those on the sick list lately are Mesdames C. M. Streetman and J. J. Willis and little Rosa Ella Langham.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor and children are visitors in our community at present.

Miss Mae Hope Weisinger of Palestine is spending a pleasant visit with Miss Lillie Helm in our community.

The revival meeting is now in progress with much interest being manifested. We hope for a great revival.

Mrs. G. W. North of Rocky Mound is attending the meeting at this place.

H. M. Streetman and Geo. Little made a business trip to Palestine Thursday.

The music school season is now open and we hope the people will give their hearty support to the schools in the various communities. A school will begin at Antrim on July 17, taught by Prof. Woodard of Elkhart and the writer hopes there may be a large attendance.

### CALL THE ICE MAN

He is the essence of economy. He is your best friend in the hot, sweltering days of summer. A few pounds of ice a day will preserve many times its cost in perishable goods. It costs but a few cents a day and will save you many dollars. Call the ice man and save your dollars.

J. W. Howard

F. A. Lively reports from Lovelady that crops are fine, but that boll weevils are numerous in the cotton. The ribbon cane is very promising and also the potatoes.

## LETTER FROM OLD TIMER

July 9.—The wind is blowing from the north and it is cool in the grass patch. A good rain would be acceptable at this time, although I think there will be a good deal of corn made and if the people will save and take care of all the feedstuff, they won't have to haul it from town next year. The pea crop is coming in now and hard times will soon be over.

We attended the picnic at New Prospect on the Fourth and there was plenty to eat and lots left over, and I want to say that if W. M. Brown and Mr. Rose were not sick the rest of the week, eating won't make people sick. The table was fifty feet long and I think they ate at both ends and in the middle too. We were also at Grapeland Friday and enjoyed the day fine. I think by the time Phil and Joe get through chewing the rag it can't be used for making paper, but there is a new issue every two years for the people to wrangle over, whether it amounts to anything or not. The time will soon be here when they will be thinned to one in a hill like we do our corn.

Old Timer.

### HORSE TAKEN UP

By the undersigned about a week ago, on Grapeland and Palestine road, 5 miles from Grapeland, flea-bitten gray horse, right eye gone. Owner can have same by calling and paying for this notice.

Brince Dickson

Gentle reader, had you noted the absence of our "Jabs" this week? No, our amiable paragraher, Jno. R. Owens, is not suffering from indigestion since attending a banquet last week, but although his malady is somewhat similar, we are hoping for the best.—"Devil"

## NEWS ITEMS FROM WANETA

July 10.—There is a great deal of sickness here, mostly chills and fever.

Last Sunday we were all made sad by the death of Grandpa Kennedy. He was eighty-five years old. He had been afflicted for several years and had been dangerously ill for over a month. His remains were laid to rest in the Bobbitt cemetery Monday afternoon. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Edmondson was with homefolks from Saturday until Tuesday.

The meeting at this place closed last Wednesday night, with one addition to the church.

Mr. N. J. Tims and family who have been visiting here, left last Saturday for their home in Buffalo Gap.

Mr. Will Franklin and wife of near Slocum were the guests of Mr. Ross Fortson and wife Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Joe Wilson and sister, Mrs. Deckard of near Rusk visited their mother of this place a few days last week.

Miss Susie Hendricks is visiting relatives at Percilla and attending the meeting this week.

Most everyone here has been attending picnics the past week.

Mr. Cuin Barnes' two brothers and their wives of Dallas arrived here Sunday for a few days visit with relatives. They made the trip in their car.

Miss Mary Kate Butler who is attending school at Lovelady, visited home folks from Friday until Sunday. Bonnie.

### THURSDAY NIGHT

Our reels did not come for Tuesday and we will show Thursday night, three reels of the same high class pictures we have been showing.

ELECTRIC THEATRE

## Advice to Eaters

**Eat the Best  
Pay the Least  
Buy it Here**

The best advice we can give.

The safest advice you can take.

## CASH GROCERY COMPANY

DAVIS & LONG, PROPRIETORS

PHONE US YOUR ORDER. WE DELIVER RIGHT NOW

## Bargains!

## Bargains!

The summer is about half gone and yet we are going to offer you an exceptional opportunity to buy a straw hat at an unheard of price.

### ANY MAN'S STRAW HAT

IN OUR HOUSE REGARDLESS OF COST

For.. 50c

Be sure to look at our bargain table of shoes, small sizes and large sizes, at

75c Per Pair

We have one lot of men's oxfords that are good \$3.50 values, we are offering these at only per pair - \$2.50

Remember we are offering flour at the very bottom, and too, BLUE RIBBON is included.

Received this week: 10 DOZEN PAIRS OF TENNIS SHOES. Your size is here.

Visit our store when you are in Grapeland and compare our prices. We are not afraid of the outcome.

## McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE  
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES



**Bank No. 183**  
**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
Of the Financial Condition of the  
**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**  
At GrapeLand, State of Texas,  
at the close of business, on the  
30th day of June, 1916, pub-  
lished in the Messenger, a news-  
paper printed and published at  
GrapeLand, State of Texas, on  
the 13th day of July, 1916:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$46,440 04
Loans, real estate.	7,500 00
Overdrafts.	355 72
Real estate (banking house).	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures.	1,750 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.	5,133 73
Cash Items.	477 89
Currency.	1,534 00
Specie.	1,865 63
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.	1,152 20
Other resources as follows: Collection in Transit	6 35
<b>Total.</b>	<b>\$69,198 59</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund.	12,000 00
Undivided Profits net	819 75
Individual Deposits, subject to check.	\$80,493 61
Time Certificates of Deposit.	5,810 88
Cashier's Checks.	24 35
Bills Payable and Discounts.	5,000 00
Other liabilities as follows: Dividend.	50 00
<b>Total.</b>	<b>\$ 69,198 59</b>

Total. \$ 69,198 59  
State of Texas, }  
County of Houston. } ss

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
GEO. E. DARSEY, President.  
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of July, A. D., nineteen hundred and sixteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.  
J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
W. G. DARSEY }  
M. E. DARSEY } Directors  
T. S. KENT }

**No. 666**  
This is a prescription prepared especially for **MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER**. Five 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

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Piles and Fistula cured in a few days. No knife, no pain, no chloroforming. Write for Bank references and testimonials from cured patients. Blood and Skin Diseases cured to stay cured. Kidney and Bladder troubles quickly relieved and permanently cured. Arrange terms and payments to suit your convenience. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write for free book on Chronic Diseases.  
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210 1/2 Main Street Houston, Texas

**Bank No. 768**  
**Official Statement**  
OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE  
**Guaranty State Bank**  
at GrapeLand, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1916, published in the GrapeLand Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at GrapeLand, State of Texas, on the 13th day of July, 1916.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$42,161.36
Loans, real estate.	2,187.93
Overdrafts.	29.14
State and county warrants.	460.00
Real estate, (banking house).	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures.	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.	5,349.96
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net.	722.60
Cash Items.	194.44
Currency.	3,838.00
Specie.	1,384.95
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.	674.00
<b>Total.</b>	<b>62,431.28</b>
LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in.	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net.	1,822.36
Individual deposits, subject to check.	36,670.62
Time Certificates of Deposits.	5,386.00
Cashier's Checks.	52.30
<b>Total.</b>	<b>62,431.28</b>

State of Texas, }  
County of Houston. }

We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. KENNEDY, President.  
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of July, A. D., nineteen hundred and sixteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

A. E. OWENS, Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
J. R. Pennington }  
J. B. Thomas } Directors  
M. P. Herod }

Do you want a sound liver, vigorous digestion, strong, healthy kidneys, regularity in the bowels? Take Prickly Ash Bitters. It has the medical properties that will produce this result. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Rev. H. A. Matney, former pastor of the Methodist church in this city, now stationed at Rosenberg, arrived Sunday and went to Augusta to meet Mrs. Matney, who has been there visiting her parents.

**BRIDES BOUGHT IN TURKEY**  
Customary for Parents to Receive Money When Their Daughters Are Married.

The Turkish women are to be counted among the most industrious women of the earth. They certainly do a vast amount of work. They make carpets, screens for doors, workbags, horse clothing and blankets. A Turkish girl makes all the kbitka or tent domestic carpets and other household requisites before she is married. If she gets married without completing this task, it is expected that she will, by her own labor, refund the money which her parents have given her as her dowry. This dowry usually consists of a hundred sheep and a certain amount of money, which a bridegroom pays down in a lump sum to the parents of the bride. He also treats his friends to a succession of horse races and other sports. An important part is to decorate a camel with the handsomest trappings, which are sent to the bride's tent. On this she goes forth to receive congratulations of her relatives and friends. It is on this she is carried away by the female relatives of the bridegroom. She and her attendants feign to resist the act by throwing raw oats at the other women.



The Amateur—I've shot off my gun several times, and it kicked me over every time.  
The Guide—It must be a source of satisfaction to ye to know that ye brought down somethin', anyway.

**Office Coat for Women.**  
The office coat for women has finally arrived, though it's not a bit manish. It's made in black silk or pongee, a standard loose coat that's becoming to everybody. You slip it over your frock or your blouse and skirt as soon as you enter the office. It envelops you from throat to knee and protects your clothes beautifully. And it has the recommendation of being "nifty" looking—not the ugly garment that the little feminine person grimaces at when you speak of "sensible" clothes.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**Changing Custom.**  
"Before I married," said the old-fashioned man, "my wife made me promise to quit smoking."  
"And you kept your word?"  
"Yes. But what's the difference. Custom has changed. Now I'm doing my best to get her to promise not to begin."

# This World is a Looking Glass

If you smile it smiles back at you; if you frown you will see one; if you have money in the Bank you will smile, when the reflection will be caught up by others, making the World happier as we pass through.

We have the bank for your money and will smile when you deposit with us, promising you every courtesy and accommodation consistent with business principles.

We have inaugurated a CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB which you can join with 2c, 5c, 50c or \$1. The 2c class pays you \$13.32 two weeks before Christmas if kept up. The 5c class pays \$33.30. You can join now--it means a happy Christmas. ASK ABOUT IT.

## THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

**TURTLES WERE DUCK BLIND**  
In Barrel Below Snappers Were Concealed Birds Being Shipped in Violation of Law.

There are persons who take a snapping turtle seriously, and, despite his ill nature and tendency to remove pink little fingers, learn his peculiarities and read his innermost appetites. One of the latter is John B. Thompson, federal inspector under the migratory bird law, and he knows mighty well that no turtle will eat ice in any circumstances, says a St. Louis (Mo.) dispatch to New York Herald.

Recently five barrels of live snapping turtles arrived at the Union station, consigned to purveyors to the restaurant trade. Now, a turtle is not a migratory bird. The barrels were filled in with ice, and Inspector Thompson could see the turtles stamping their feet, blowing into their hands, throwing their shells up around their necks, and making every possible effort to keep comfortable in the intense cold.

"There is something in those barrels," said Inspector Thompson, addressing no one, "besides turtles. I shall forthwith look into this matter, barrel by barrel." This he did while the snappers whistled through their teeth to indicate that the heating arrangements were not as advertised.

In the bottom of the barrels 87 wild ducks, bound and gagged, were going whether they knew not. It is the closed season on migratory birds, and the ducks ceased to migrate immediately.

**INFINITELY VAST AND LITTLE**  
They Baffle Understanding and Cause Apparent Contradictions in Scientific Facts.

The infinitely little and infinitely vast alike baffle the understanding, developed as it is by our concrete finite life. Creation is typified by the sphere. A circle is a straight line that at every point ceases to be a straight line, and the earth's surface is a plane that every moment ceases to be a plane. Following the surface of the earth does not carry us to the under side, because there is no more an under side than there is an upper side—there is only a boundless surface. But if it were possible for us to build a globe on the globe, as large as the one we inhabit, would it not have an upper and an under side?

The rain causes the grass to grow, and the sun causes the snow to melt, but we cannot apply the idea of cause, in this sense, to nature as a whole, but only to parts of nature. Gravitation caused Newton's apple

to fall, but what causes the earth to fall forever and ever, and never to fall upon the body that is said to attract it?—John Burroughs, in Atlantic Monthly.

**PRaising Vocational Schools.**

Vocational schools were praised by Mayor Curley of Boston at a state conference of teachers. The city executive said: "Any institution that prepares boys and girls for good citizenship and equips them with all that is needed to increase their earning capacity cannot be too highly commended. Such institutions lift men and women to a higher plane of living and solve many of the problems that confront the community."

**NEEDED ONE.**

"What caution was that your father gave you with your bundle of fireworks?"  
"He told me to remember that fingers are something one should always keep on hand."

**THE RESULT.**

Jacob—You know, Esau, you asked me for my pottage.  
Esau—Yes, and I made a fine mess of it.

**ITS KIND.**

"Will there be any profit on this beauty show?"  
"Well, there ought to be a handsome one."

**INTERESTED DECISION.**

"The suffragists are beginning to embark on a silent course."  
"That so? Then I'm going to urge Maria to join 'em."

**CARRYING OUT THE IDEA.**

"What kind of a hat would you get if you were I, to go with this awning-stripe dress?"  
"I should suggest a shade hat."

**Nothing But Frowns.**  
"Frown at the world and it frowns back. Smile, and you get a smile in return."  
"I dunno about that. I've had that last part fail to work when trying it on a pretty girl."

**Of Course.**  
"That fellow is an old grump. He'd be sour if you went to him with a golden opportunity."  
"Well, a golden opportunity ought to be able to stand a little acid."

**Taking Life Easy.**  
"How's your son?"  
"Fine! He's taking life easy since he graduated."  
"What's he doing?"  
"Sticking pigs at the abattoir."

## WE GIVE PROFIT-SHARING COUPONS

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**THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE, Wade L. Smith, Prop.**

CALL TODAY AND INVESTIGATE HOW YOU CAN PROCURE BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL ARTICLES BY REDEEMING OUR COUPONS AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED WITH EVERY CASH PURCHASE

# HERE IT IS!

## This Store will Allow you 62c Cash the Moment you Join OUR SAVING BANK SUIT CLUB

This is the easiest, happiest way to buy men's clothes that the world has ever known!—a genuine "painless plan" for answering the clothing ills. You lay aside a few pennies each week—mere chicken feed cash— not as much as your newspaper and cigars—pennies that you would ordinarily count as thrown away. Then they work while you sleep, amounting up to a grand total that will buy you the finest made-to-measure suit you ever had. But that is not all. This is a profit-sharing plan that should be ap-

preciated by all money saving men. Because this club will give us a more than double tailoring business, we share the profits with you. Every member gets a pass book with an allowance of 62c plus a discount of 5 per cent from the price of the suit. We simply turn over to club members a liberal share of the dividend on the business they give us. No one but club member will be allowed this 62c eash allowance or the 5 per cent discount on suits.

### THE PLAN IN A NUTSHELL

On the day you join the Club, a credit of 62c is placed to your account—with the compliments of this store. You pay an initial fee of 21c which pays your club fees until July 22nd, when you will make the second payment of 42c. Thenceforth, each week you make a regular deposit—adding 21c to the deposit made. By September 30th, you will have a total of \$17.00 to your credit as shown in the table herewith.

### HOW IT WORKS OUT

Suppose you order a \$16 suit. 5 per cent of \$16 is 80c—making the cost to you only \$15.20. With \$17 to your credit we will rebate you 1.80 in cash. Or suppose you order a \$20.00 suit. Deducting 5 per cent from \$20 leaves \$19, so by paying \$2 more you get a 20.00 suit. If a 25.00 suit you get a discount of 1.25, making the cost of suit 23.75, leaving 6.75 for you to pay. Whatever the price of the suit you choose you get 5 per cent discount from that amount.

#### Here is the way you Make your Deposits:

Placed to your credit on joining the club . . . .	\$ .62
Initial Deposit. . . . .	.21
July 22nd. . . . .	.42
July 29th. . . . .	.63
August 5th. . . . .	.84
August 12th. . . . .	1.05
August 19th. . . . .	1.26
August 26th. . . . .	1.47
September 2nd. . . . .	1.68
September 9th. . . . .	1.89
September 16th. . . . .	2.10
September 23rd. . . . .	2.31
September 30th. . . . .	2.52
Total paid in. . . . .	<b>\$16.38</b>
Total to your credit September 30th . . . . .	<b>\$17.00</b>

And you get a discount of 5 per ct. from price of the suit selected.

#### ALL PRICES MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES

This store will forfeit \$1,000 to anyone who can prove that we have altered our regular prices to meet the terms of this club. All goods are marked in plain figures—on our regular price basis.

What we are giving you is not a "discount" or a rebate; it is your co-operative dividend on this wholesale selling plan. The club makes it possible for us to sell fifty suits where ordinarily we would sell ten. It is sound business for us to share the profits with you.

#### BETTER THAN THE SAVINGS BANK PLAN

This plan is a twin cousin to the Christmas Club plan inaugurated by the Savings Banks. But it is better than the Christmas Club plan, for surely it is more important to see you save for a necessity like clothes than for a luxury like gift-buying.

And what savings bank in the land would pay you 5 per cent on your money? Really, we're giving you 6 per cent when you consider the extra 62c allowed you when you join the club.

### GET IN ON THIS PLAN TODAY

REMEMBER THE CLUB STARTS ON ELECTION DAY—JULY 22nd, and no members will be received after that date. If you want to join, BRING US YOUR 21c and we will give you due credit as stated above. If at any time you should wish to draw out of the club, you may do so and will refund the actual cash you paid in.

AND IN THE MEANTIME, if there is anything you need in summer clothing, we ask you to come to this store where you will find a complete stock at all times. We have a number of articles that are HOT WEATHER COMFORTS and you should get yours today: Shirts, Sport Shirts, New Neckwear, Athletic 2-Piece Suits, Athletic Union Suits, Knit Underwear, Wash and Dress Pants, Summer Suits, Shoes, Hosiery, etc.

Come Out on the 22nd and Vote. You owe it to Yourself and to your Country.  
BE PATRIOTIC! SHOW THAT YOU ARE

**GEORGE E. DARSEY** SERVICE FIRST STORE  
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

# The Best of Everything in Drug Store Merchandise!

Have you ever thought how necessary it is that your prescriptions be accurately filled? We have a man in charge of this work who has both the schooling and the experience, and you may be assured that when your prescriptions are filled at Smith's they are filled correctly.

No one questions the quality of the SHERWIN-WILLIAMS line of Paints and Varnishes or the Berrycraft Varnishes.

But few, if any, question the quality of Dr. Hess' Stock Foods--they are the best you can buy. We also carry the LeGear's and the Bee-Dee lines of stock medicines.

If you desire quality Jewelry, inspect our line. We buy from one of the largest and most reliable houses in the country. We get the big discount by paying cash, hence are able to sell you quality goods at a very reasonable price. Satisfaction guaranteed.

We attribute our remarkable growth in the drug business to two things, namely, our motto: "HONESTY AND QUALITY," and the fact that we share with the people the burdens of the increased price of drugs.

Here are three articles that should be in every home:

- Kreso Dip 25c, 35c, 65c and.....\$1.35
- El Vampiro (fly poison) 10c, three for... .25
- Hydrogen Peroxide (three days only) at .15

For the remainder of the week we offer reduced prices on the following articles:

- 4 10c cakes Graddpa's soap for.....25c
- 25c Peroxide Hydrogen for.....15c
- 25c Liver Klenzor for.....15c
- 50c Liver Klenzor for.....29c
- \$1.00 Blood Purifier for.....67c
- 50c Moxine Chill Tonic for.....27c
- \$1.00 Black Draught Dip and Disinfectant 67c
- \$1.00 LaCreole Hair Dressing.....85c
- \$2.25 25 lb pail Dr. Hess' Stock Tonic...\$1.95

There are many other articles in the toilet article and patent medicine lines upon which we can save you money.

Don't forget our Profit Sharing Coupons and Certificates. Many have already sent in and secured premium articles without one cent cost to them and are now saving for more.

Now is the time to put in your summer and fall supply of Quinine. For the remainder of the week, only, we will offer you the following prices in the standard--Powers & Weightman:

- 1 oz. bottles.....\$1.25
- 1-2 oz bottles......65
- 1-4 oz bottles......35

YOURS TO PLEASE

The People's Drug Store "HONESTY and QUALITY"

WADE L. SMITH

## MID-SUMMER DRESS GOODS

We are pleased to say that our stock is now complete for your Mid-summer dress goods you will want and we will take pleasure in showing you any item that you may want.

We feel sure that you will find most any item you may want at this season of the year at our place and we will take great pleasure in showing you these goods any time you will allow us the pleasure of showing you

**KENNEDY BROTHERS**  
THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

### LOCAL NEWS

New dress goods at Darsey's.

Albert Tyler of Elkhart was a visitor to Grapeland Saturday.

Ladies, see the new sport stripe dress goods at Darsey's.

Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett is spending the week here with relatives.

Miss Cora Parker of Elkhart visited relatives in Grapeland this week.

Awning stripes--the very latest for skirts and waists--full line at Darsey's.

Mrs. J. B. Cunningham has gone to Henrietta to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Allison.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey, a girl baby, the young lady arriving Sunday afternoon.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new and give good service.

M. L. Clewis.

Misses Maud McConnell and Lucretia Riall of Crockett were Grapeland visitors Friday afternoon.

Rev. B. C. Ansley attended the District Conference of the M. E. Church at Willis the latter part of last week.

### NOTICE MASONS

A special meeting has been called for next Saturday night, July 15. Work in E. A., F. C. and M. M. degrees. All members urged to attend, visitors welcome. By order of the W. M. W. D. Granberry, Secretary.

### FOR SALE

Two scholarships in the Tyler Commercial College at a discount. The Messenger.

Mrs. C. E. Dockery of Shreveport, La., is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Spence.

B. H. Gardner Jr., Miss Kate Gardner and Miss Ferguson of Palestine were Grapeland visitors for the week end.

J. L. Chiles of Reynard was here last Friday to take in the picnic and remained over until Saturday morning.

Dick Murchison and Campbell Lively spent Sunday in Galveston enjoying the cool sea breeze and taking a dip in the surf.

If the women could vote they would unanimously elect Darsey's store as the most sanitary and up-to-date store in the county.

### CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Friday night we will have Charlie Chaplin in "The Star Boarder," with two other good reels. Don't fail to see this, the biggest laugh in the movie world. Electric Theatre. 10c.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER**

A. B. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1916

**VOTE FOR DENT**

Hon. B. F. Dent has a strong following of friends in Houston county who would find gratification at his election as district attorney. They know him and they believe in him. They know his record as county attorney and they know his record as a private citizen and friend. They are going to vote for him and they would feel keenly his defeat. But, if his friends will all turn out and work for him from now until election day and vote for him on election day, they need have no fears of his defeat. Assurances come from the other counties of a strong support for him and all that is now needed is that his friends get busy. Ben Dent is not running on any possible short comings of his opponent. He is making the race on his own ability as a prosecutor and merits as a citizen. As a prosecutor he is not untried and as a citizen he stands without a peer. Let it be repeated that the people of this judicial district will reflect credit on themselves as well as on the candidate when they elect Ben Dent as their district attorney.—Crockett Courier.

It gives us pleasure to reproduce the above item from the Courier and add a word of endorsement to it. Mr. Dent's prospects for election are bright. The editor recently visited a portion of Anderson county, in company with Mr. Dent and the people of that county are taking kindly to his candidacy and we feel reasonably sure that he will carry it by a handsome majority. Let his friends in Houston county push his candidacy and on election day stand behind him as a solid wall, giving him the biggest majority a home man ever received. The people know Ben Dent and appreciate him as a citizen, so on election day let us tell the world how much we appreciate him and the confidence we have in him as a public official.

There never was a candidate for public office but what was exceedingly anxious to win the good will and the votes of the people on election day. There never was an intelligent voter but what he was equally anxious to know something of that candidate, of his qualifications and of his ability to make good. No candidate can possibly expect to meet every voter face to face and but few of them ever meet the majority. It thus becomes necessary to take them on faith or by reputation, a proceeding that is not overly satisfactory to the voters. The simple and effective method, therefore, of bringing the voter and candidate together is through the medium of the local newspaper, and of late years this fact seems to have

been thoroughly impressed upon the minds of the wide awake seeker for public favor. No candidate can do better than to speak to the people through the columns of his home paper. Therefore, the Messenger is glad to call the attention of its readers to the many messages presented to them this week by the various candidates in this, our special campaign edition. We hope that you will read every statement and give every candidate due consideration before casting your vote. Fitness for office should be your guide in making up your ballot and the character of the candidate should be investigated.

No matter how dark the clouds may be, there is a world of cheer on the other side, and our advice to you is to break through.

A kind word is worth much, costs nothing and leaves a green spot in the memory. Harsh ones are the cause of wither, blight and decay. Which do you use?

The candidates have been having their fun, but in another week Vox Populi will take a hand in the matter, then the candidates will get theirs.

Was there an item of news concerning yourself or your family that did not get in the last issue of the paper? If so, it was because we did not learn of it and you did not tell us. We want every legitimate piece of news in this community, and we ask you to tell us what you know.

Georgia employs practically all of her county prisoners in the construction of roads. It's the only sensible and practical way to employ them. It's good for convicts physically and improves the roads wonderfully. We wish Houston county would go back to the system of working county prisoners on the public roads.

To those of you who receive a copy of this issue marked as a "sample copy," we earnestly solicit your subscription. Especially should every citizen in the north part of Houston county take his local paper. The cost is a trifle and the satisfaction obtained by keeping up with the news happenings of the county will amply compensate you for the amount paid for subscription. The Messenger stands for civic righteousness and anything that tends to build up our county and community. We believe we are entitled to your support and will appreciate your subscription.

**Constipation and Indigestion**

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Chamberlain's Tablets are mild and gentle in their action. Give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the agreeable laxative effect which they produce. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton left Sunday morning in their car for points in West Texas. They will visit Mr. Leaverton's sister in Kaufman and brother in Midland, and will be absent about thirty days. We wish them a pleasant trip.

**Give the Young Man  
a Chance!**

We are living in a day and age when young men are being called to the front in all lines of worthy endeavor. Their country is calling them in times of threatened invasion, commerce is calling them and the political affairs of the nation are calling them. The young man of today will be the old man of tomorrow, therefore the young man of today must be equipped for the duties of tomorrow. If the young men of the country are not given a chance to-day, the incentive for tomorrow's equipment is greatly diminished. As a young man heeding the call of tomorrow and ambitious to serve in some useful capacity to his fellow countrymen, hence I am asking the support of the democrats of Houston county in the race for COUNTY TREASURER.

Thoroughly imbued, early in life, with the knowledge that the young men must prepare themselves for an upward step before that step may be successfully taken. I feel that my preparation is such as to qualify me for and the ambition such as to deserve the office for which I am asking at the hands of Houston county democrats. Now, if the democrats of my native county will give me a chance, my promise is the fullest rendition of public service. To simplify matters, you elect me and I'll do the work.

I am asking your support as a young man intellectually and morally equipped for the office for which I am seeking, and if you believe that my qualifications are such as to merit the office and that the young men of the country should be given a chance, I ask that you cast your vote for me in the primary July 22, and I beg to assure you in advance of my heartiest appreciation. And if you should see fit elect another, remember that I am still your friend and co-worker with the other defeated candidates in the upbuilding of our country.

Yours for future service,  
**LEONARD ARNOLD.**

**Something About Sheriff's Accounts for Criminal Process Issued Out of the District Court in Felony Cases.**

Judge B. H. Gardner went into office as District Judge, January 1, 1905, and he went out in the last of December, 1912, and was succeeded by Judge Prince.

**HOUSTON COUNTY**

The Sheriff's Account at the term just before Gardner went into office.....\$1749.70  
The largest account in Houston county under Gardner ..... 765.19

**ANDERSON COUNTY**

First account presented to Gardner was for over.....\$1500.00  
He approved it for only..... 592.80

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

For eight years under Gardner the accounts aggregated....\$3685.13  
or an average for each year of.....\$460.64  
For three years under Prince they aggregated.....\$5862.05  
or an average for each year of.....\$1954.01

Political Adv

**JUDGE FISHER REFUTES THE CHARGE THAT HE IS A REPUBLICAN**

To the Voters of the 7th Congressional District:

There is being circulated through this district an unsigned circular charging that in 1896 I voted the republican ticket, and also an affidavit signed by H. W. Rhodes to the same effect. I desire to say to the voters of this district that I never voted a republican ticket in my life. I was appointed Judge of the District Court of Galveston County in 1905 by Governor S. W. T. Lanham, and the voters of this district may rest assured that if I had not had a clean democratic record, Gov. Lanham would not have appointed me to the district bench.

The man H. W. Rhodes, who makes this affidavit, was convicted of lunacy in the county court of Harris county on the 4th day of June, 1914, in Cause No. 6226, the State of Texas vs. Henry W. Rhodes, in Lunacy.

I am not the first man in public life to be assailed in unsigned circulars nor to feel the heavy hand of the whiskey ring. This is but another effort of the Gregg-Campbell combination to defeat

a man who has been in public life for sixteen years, and the only thing they can produce against my record is an unsigned circular and the affidavit of a crazy man.

LEWIS FISHER.  
(Political advertisement)

**LOCAL NEWS FROM EPHEBUS**

July 10.—We have some sickness in the community this week. Mrs. Andy Kelley, Mrs. Joe Turner and three of Mrs. Will Robbins' children are on the sick list.

There was a delightful entertainment at Mr. S. H. Graham's Saturday night. A large crowd was present and everyone reports a fine time.

Mr. John O. Grounds and family visited at Mr. Hugh Goolsby's Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Parker visited at Mr. J. M. Anderson's Sunday.

We had singing at Ephesus Sunday evening as usual, but had no Sunday school because

the literature has not arrived yet.

Enoch Whitaker of San Pedro visited in this community Sunday.

Mr. George Manning spent Saturday night and Sunday with us and helped with the singing. The children were all delighted to have their old teacher with them.

Mr. Joe Ham and family visited at J. M. Anderson's Sunday.

Monroe Anderson has gone on a two week's visit to his sister, Mrs. W. R. Revel, in Leon county.

The ladies of this neighborhood are very busy, canning up lots of fruit and vegetables to eat with that back-bone and spare ribs next winter. The men have set out sweet potatoes in every space large enough to "scrouge" in a row. Oh, we don't expect to starve, and now the watermelons are smilin' on the vine.

**COTTON CARNIVAL, GALVESTON, JULY 4-16. I. & G. N. Ry. SPECIAL EXCURSIONS**

for special days. Season tickets on sale daily. For rates, schedules, etc., see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Ry.

**THEATRE PARTY**

Last Friday evening Mrs. A. B. Spence entertained with a theatre party in honor of Miss Mary Spence of Crockett. After the show the guests were delightfully entertained at the Spence home with progressive conversation and music, while delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were: Misses Velma Lee Hale of Alto, Marie White, Esther Darsey, Rena Ross Richards and the honoree and Messrs. Roy Montgomery of Lovelady, Mr. Ingleman of Ratcliff, Jack Murchison, Grady Stevens, Dan McLean Jr., and Jas. H. Ryan.

**Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoe Remedy**

Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purposes for which it is intended. Buy it now. Obtainable everywhere.

Ely Willis and family of Groveton are visiting relatives in the San Pedro community.

**Biliousness and Stomach Trouble**

"Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness," writes Miss Emma Verbryke, Lima, Ohio. "I could eat very little food that agreed with me and I became so dizzy and sick at my stomach at times that I had to take hold of something to keep from falling. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I decided to try them. I improved rapidly. Obtainable everywhere

**TO THE DEMOCRATS OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Further replying to Judge Prince, I have to say, I have not sought to attack the record made by Judge Prince, but when he undertook to make capital for himself by showing that he had a better record in the matter of reversals and business disposed of than any of his predecessors, I thought it proper to explain that, owing to changes in the rules and the law, it was not fair to compare the record of a Judge before January 1, 1913 with that of one in office after that date.

However, it appears that, notwithstanding the said changes, my record in Anderson county does not suffer by comparison. And it is a fact that I had been in office four years before I was reversed in any case, civil or criminal, appealed from Anderson County, nor had I been reversed in any civil case tried before me without a jury. On the contrary Judge Prince has already been reversed in four cases appealed from Anderson County, and three of them were civil cases tried without the aid of a jury, or on instructed verdict.

I still insist that Rule 62a adopted by the Supreme Court November 15, 1912, and the law adopted early in 1913 requiring all objections and exceptions to charges be made before same is read to the jury, and the suspended sentence law, all have a wonderful effect on preventing appeals and reversals and in aiding judges in disposing of business. I never said cases can be tried as fast under the present law as under the old but the present law is an aid in finally disposing of the cases. Every lawyer knows I am right in this statement.

Judge Prince claims credit for convictions, but I had always understood that was a matter for the State's Attorney to boast of. If a judge is to be credited with the convictions had, then is he to be debited or charged with the acquittals and suspended sentences? If the number of convictions had in a specified time is the test of a Judge's qualifications, it is pretty hard on a judge who tries a long winded case if the jury brings in a verdict of not guilty, or, if in the trial of a large number of cases, verdicts of not guilty are returned. If the number of convictions is to be the test, then my immediate predecessor missed the opportunity of his life, to have a good record, when he accepted only fourteen pleas of guilty by a negro boy who was willing to plead guilty in twenty-seven felony indictments then pending against him.

As to my qualifications as Judge I am willing to leave it to the lawyers and the citizens who have been about the Court when I was presiding.

**SHERIFF'S ACCOUNTS**

In my circular letter of May 10, 1916 I called attention to the fact that the sheriff's accounts in Henderson County under Judge Prince averaged \$1,954.01 a year, as against \$460.64 a year under me. At that time I supposed the difference was due largely to the resumption of witnesses, but Judge Prince says that he never has "witnesses summoned twice," and he further says only once his District Attorney "had all criminal process reissued." In view of the fact that Judge Prince does not claim that there was any

material increase in the criminal business, and only once was all criminal process reissued, the differences in the accounts is the more mystifying.

Judge Prince speaks of the advantage over him in my ability to scale the accounts of sheriffs. In reply to this I have to say I do not recall that I ever cut the account of any sheriff in Henderson county; more than that, I can say I never saw any sign of graft in any of the three Henderson County sheriffs who served under me.

There was one account in my district originally presented to me for over \$1500.00 which I approved for a little under \$600.00, otherwise I do not recall cutting accounts more than two or three times, and in small amounts, during the eight years I was in office. In this connection I must say I do not agree with the statement that the district court has no control over the amount of the sheriff's account. The Judge has some control over the process to be issued, and he should carefully examine accounts before approving same, and if there is a disposition from any source to swell or pad the accounts by having unnecessary witnesses summoned or otherwise issuing unnecessary process, the Judge should set down on it.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. H. GARDNER.  
(Political advertisement)

If your brain won't work right and you miss the snap, vim and energy that was once yours, you should take Prickly Ash Bitters. It cleanses the system and invigorates both body and brain. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**You Need a Tonic**

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

**GARDUI**  
**The Woman's Tonic**

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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**Order Your Overland Now**

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There was a demand for this car never before equalled in automobile history.

This justified the purchase of raw materials at before-the-war prices.

So now you can get the same car—with improvements—for \$55 less.

The price will not be lower, for cost of materials is rising.

There is an enormous demand for this car, 60,000 have already been sold, so order your car now, to make sure of getting it.

**Advantages**

En bloc 35 horsepower motor      Demountable rims, with one extra  
Electric starting and lighting system      106-inch wheelbase  
Electric control buttons on steering column      Deep divan upholstery  
Four inch tires      One man top; top cover

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

**LOCAL NEWS FROM ANTRIM**

Health of our community is very good at present, with the exception of a few cases. Lee Martin is rather sick at present and so is Walter Blackwell.

The old proverb "Thou shalt live by the sweat of thy brow" is certainly believed in by the people of this community, as they are in a hurry to get thru with their work before it gets much warmer.

Quite a number from this community attended church at Rock Hill Sunday. Among them were, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Durnell and children, Mrs. G. L. Waddell and children and Mr. John Durnell and son, Virgil.

Mr. Jim Ritchie made a business trip to Elkhart Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Martin spent last week with her son, John Martin and family. She was accompanied home Saturday by two of her grandchildren, May and Lee Martin, who returned home Sunday afternoon.

Last Tuesday the people of

this community celebrated the fourth with a picnic. Some very fine speakers were present, among them were, Rev. G. W. North of Rocky Mound, Prof. W. R. Campbell of Salmon, Prof. Will Woodard of Elkhart and Rev. W. R. Durnell of this place. The program consisted of religious speaking, recitations, music and singing. A fine dinner was spread and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Mr. Dan Miller and family and his mother visited his sister, Mrs. H. A. Skeens Saturday night and Sunday.

The Baptist meeting at this place will begin next Saturday, July 15. It will be conducted by Rev. J. S. McDaniel. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and be with us in this meeting.

A singing school will begin at this place Monday 17th, conducted by Prof. Will Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell Sunday.

Hiawatha.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

For Congressman, Seventh Congressional District.  
Lewis Fisher,  
Galveston County.

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:  
B H Gardner  
Anderson County  
J S Prince (Re-election)  
of Henderson county

For State Senator:  
J J Strickland  
of Anderson County  
J R Luce  
of Houston County

For District Attorney, 3rd Judicial District.  
B F Dent  
Of Houston County

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

For County Attorney:  
J L Lipscomb  
Sonley LeMay  
J F Mangum

For County Clerk:  
O C Goodwin  
A S Moore (Re-election)  
Arthur Owens  
D R Baker  
Ed Cassidy  
Jeff Kennedy  
Bennie E Smith

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  
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  
(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  
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 Prec't. No. 5:  
C. R. Taylor (re-election)

**LETTER FROM NEW PROSPECT**

July 20.—Crops in this community are beginning to need rain. The wind from the north for the last few days has made the corn look bad, but if we could get a good rain right away there will be lots of corn made.

The Methodist meeting which has been going on for the past week closed yesterday. Bro. Carr of Rusk did some good preaching during the meeting.

There was quite a little mad dog scare in the community last week.

The Fourth of July picnic here was well attended and lots of dinner. Several from other communities were present.

Mrs. M. J. Hudson has been out here visiting friends and relatives a part of last week.

There wasn't any Sunday School here Sunday as Brother Florence wanted to make the children a talk before preaching.

Mr. Perry Herod has purchased a new buggy.

Bro. Florence and wife took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Musick yesterday.

Mrs. H. M. Brown has been on the sick list part of the past week. Allen Baker has also been sick.

Mrs. Z. A. Parker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ritchie at Grapeland.

Mr. S. T. Parker and Mrs. Ann Baxley of Oak Grove took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker Sunday. A Reader.

**NOTICE**

To the Various Precinct Chairmen of the Democratic Party of Houston County:

In accordance with the provisions of the Terrell election law, you are hereby requested to hold precinct conventions between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. on Saturday July 22nd, A. D. 1916 to elect delegates to the County Convention, which will meet at the court house in Crockett, Texas, Saturday, July 29th, A. D. 1916 at 2:30 p. m. to elect delegates to the State Convention to meet in the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas, on the second Tuesday in August, the same being the 8th day of August, A. D. 1916.

I would suggest that precinct chairmen hold precinct conventions at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Saturday July 22nd, Primary election day and see that none but Democrats participate in same.

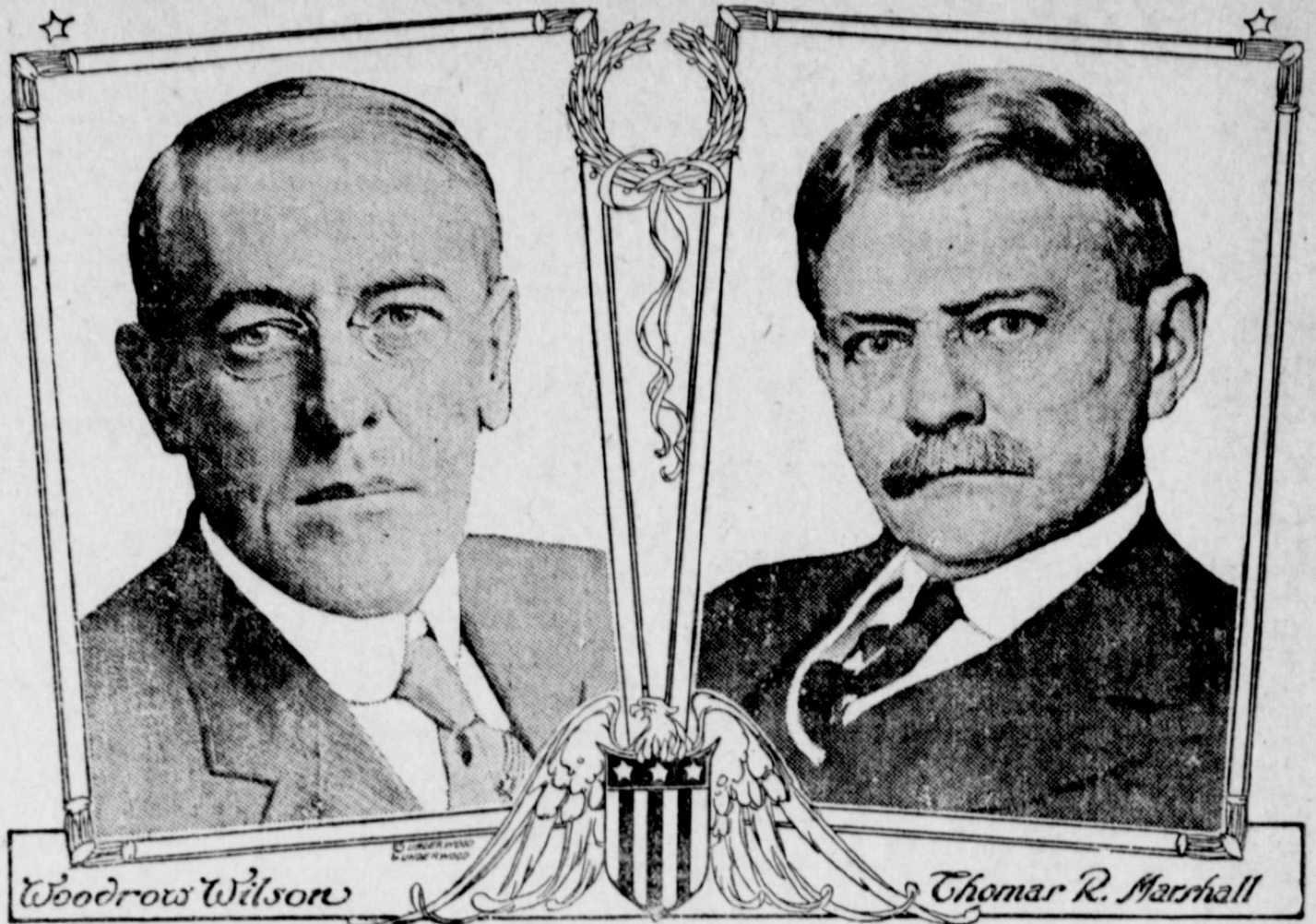
C. C. Allen,  
County Chairman.

**CALL FOR PRECINCT CONVENTION**

In accordance with the call issued by our county chairman, I hereby call a precinct convention to be held in Grapeland at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Saturday, July 22, for the purpose of electing 6 delegates to the county convention A. H. Luker,  
Chairman

**BASE BALL** — Palestine vs. Crockett at Crockett, 4:30 p. m. Friday July 14. Admission 25c, grandstand 10c extra.

Mr. and Mrs. Keissler of Huntsville spent several days here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kennedy.



**THE TOWN SLOUCE**

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



When She's Cranked Up Cy Cawkins Goes 'Till She's Run Down.

A collector of bills who was grouch Demanded th' payment of stough, But th' debtor was rough An' made a big blough, And th' creditor left in a deuce of a hough.

A man may have a wife too many an' not be a bigamist.

**GRAPELAND HAS CHAMPION EPICUREAN OF THE SOUTH**

We take pleasure in announcing to the public that Grapeland can now boast of the champion medium weight eater of the South.

Heretofore he has been known in this part of the state as the "Jentle Jabber" of the Messenger.

But all outstanding records were broken last week at a little picnic given by one of his relatives at the railroad pond south of town.

For lack of space we will not attempt to publish a list of the edibles consumed by the aforesaid "Jabber," but we want to state that he finished the said repast by drinking one and a half gallons of punch, with two gallons of buttermilk for a chaser. We are contemplating taking him to the Dallas Fair this fall, and to the San Antonio Exposition in 1918.

One Who Was There

**A HOT IRON**

will have a wonderful effect upon your personal appearance. We clean and press anything that you wear. We do it promptly, scientifically and cheaply. When it leaves our shop it will have "tone" and "front" to it. It will attract attention in any crowd and so will you. You send it along—we'll do it.

CLEWIS—Tailor.

**ICE FOR ALL**

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

**LEAVERTON'S THE LEADING DRUG STORE**

Jess Bishop left Tuesday for a trip to Dallas and Ft. Worth.

Miss Corine Walker of Palestine visited the family of C. L. Haltom a few days this week.

Mrs. Clarence Pearson of Palestine is visiting the family of Maj. J. F. Martin.

The Messenger is requested to announce that Rev. R. L. Brooks will begin a revival meeting at Rock Hill July 25. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

He eats heartily in the hottest weather who uses Prickly Ash Bitters. It keeps his stomach, liver and bowels in perfect order. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Bear in mind that Barker Tunstall hopes to be your next District Clerk. Your vote will help to elect him and will be appreciated. adv.

The farmers of the Union community shipped the first car of watermelons from Walling spur Tuesday. Another car will be shipped the latter part of the week. The price is good.

Miss Vera Sims is home for the summer from Winona, where she has been teaching music.

The Daly's-Reynard revival meeting will begin next Wednesday, preaching by H. E. Harris. All members are requested to meet there Monday and build an arbor.

M. L. Williams.

Miss Lura Mae Owens gave a luncheon at Whitescarver lake last Wednesday evening, honoring Misses Velma Lee Hale of Alto and Miss Angeline Allee of Crockett. Everything good to eat was prepared for her guests and after a swim supper was spread upon the banks of the lake, where the guests were invited to "eat, drink and be merry." The Personnel: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Owens, Misses Velma Lee Hale, Angeline Allee, Clo Gray, Lura Mae Owens and Messrs. Jas. Ryan, Jim Parker and Jno. R. Owens.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS** FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS** FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER



# To the People of Houston County:

Grapeland, Texas, July 13, 1916

In asking you for the responsible office of COUNTY CLERK, I respectfully refer you to the following extract from the Grapeland Messenger of date of February 17th, as to my experience, ability, etc:

"Arthur is well and favorably known to the people of Grapeland and surrounding communities and needs no introduction to them, but to the voters of the county who are not acquainted with him, the Messenger is glad to extend the assurance that he is exceptionally well qualified to fill the high office to which he aspires. His record has been one of the best. When barely fourteen years of age, he received a first grade teacher's certificate, being the youngest person in the State of Texas to ever receive that honor. He also received his diploma from the Grapeland High School the same year. When only fifteen he had graduated from business college and was holding a responsible position. Since that time he has steadily climbed in the business world, having had three years banking experience and two years in a law office, and for the past three and one-half years has been bookkeeper and office man for Geo. E. Darsey of this place, where he has made many friends by his honesty and efficient business methods. The Messenger does not hesitate to join his many friends in recommending him to the voters of Houston County as being worthy of their confidence and support."

If you can favor me with the advancement I so sincerely desire, I will serve you as I will serve you as I have always served my employers: Honestly, faithfully and to the best of my ability.

Very respectfully,

**ARTHUR E. OWENS.**

## VOTE FOR **SONLEY LEMAY** for COUNTY ATTORNEY

He is a product of a Houston county farm and has lived in Houston County all his life.

## To the Voters of Houston County:

I am in dead earnest about wanting to be re-elected as your  
**DISTRICT CLERK**

I have done my best to make you a good officer and if you will support me in the coming primary I will do my best to make you a more efficient one.

**JOHN D. MORGAN.**

## BUILDING A HOUSE

### IS A MAN'S JOB AND REQUIRES CLOSE PLANNING AND BUYING

When you build a house there is no more vital point to be considered than the buying of the LUMBER and materials.

We sell everything in the lumber line and will gladly QUOTE YOU PRICES and give you other valuable information at any time. You have but to ask us and the information is yours. Then, too, the information and advice we give you may save you a good many dollars in the cost of your house

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We are now in our new quarters and invite everyone to pay us a visit.

We will try to run an up-to-date garage and give everyone the best of SERVICE  
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### DODGE BROTHERS CAR

The car to PULL THE SAND AND HILLS at a moderate cost.

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## TO THE VOTERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY:

It may be that I have not had the opportunity of meeting you since I announced for re-election to the office of COUNTY TREASURER. Four years ago when I had an opponent you gave me a vote that I am proud of, yet being defeated, and I trust that in this campaign I will have your support and influence. I certainly appreciate what you have done for me in the past and trust that I may depend on you for your support and influence in the future. I have tried to discharge my every duty so far, and if elected will continue to do so.

Yours sincerely,

**Ney Sheridan**

### AMATEURS WITH THE CLUBS

Writers Who Have Made Names for Themselves Fail to Shine on the Golf Links.

Some time ago at a luncheon at Delmonico's there were gathered Bob Davis of Munsey's, Irvin Cobb and Sam Blythe of the Saturday Evening Post and Herbert Corey, relates Vanity Fair.

An argument arose as to whether Cobb or Corey was the better golfer. Neither had ever seen a golf match or had ever handled a club. And both ranged something beyond two hundred pounds in the way of displacement. Davis backed Cobb and Blythe backed Corey for \$50 a side. A taxi was subpoenaed and the party forthwith moved to Dunwoodie, where the battle was staged, it being understood that neither golfer was to be told what club should be used nor advised as to how it should be used. The match started at the first hole at three o'clock. It was concluded at the third hole at 4:50 o'clock. Cobb won the first hole in 27 strokes against 35. Corey rallied gamely and took the second in 29 strokes against 31. But Cobb broke up the match by grasping the finer points of the game at the third hole, where he turned in a tidy 24, Corey conceding the match where a perfectly played niblick from a deep bunker into the cup would have given him no better than an even 30.

### PICTURES GO OUT OF STYLE

Fashion Has Decreed That Just Walls Should Adorn the Room for the Present.

Pictures, it is said, are going out. No more will the notable still life entitled "Fish" adorn the Louis Quinze rooms of the best families, nor will Landseer and Rosa Bonheur contend for the position of honor at the head of the stairs. Pictures are going out.

Well, blank walls do not a prison make, nor reprints a salon. It used to be thought, before the fashions began to operate, that picture making was one of the eternal traits of the human composition, and that the desire to see pictures in the home was another. All that has been changed by fashion's stern decree. No more pictures. Just walls.

To those who are worried a word of consolation may be spoken. Let them not destroy the pictures or dispose of them. Ten years from now a chance will come. The Raphael Madonna will be enthroned again over the mantel and Watts' "Hope" will set off a "Reading From Homer." Meanwhile, if pictures must go out, it is to be hoped that a little sanity and a deal of beauty in house decorations will enter.—Exchange.

### DRIVEN TO SLANG.

Mary Wilkins Freeman is probably one of the writers one would least expect to find using slang; yet, in a letter written a short time ago to Harper's Magazine, she uses language that would delight George Ade. Her explanation of this lapse from her customary style was that after spending some time with a certain acquaintance of hers—a very superior woman, who never used anything but the choicest expressions—she "had been prone to slang as the sparks fly upward."

### THEIR OBJECT.

"The allies are after the Turks good and hard, aren't they?"  
"Sure. They are trying to ring their Darda-knells."

### EQUIVOCAL.

"Do you believe the story that Bill's girl leads him by the nose?"  
"I should call that statement miss-leading."

### SOMETHING LIKE IT.

"I hear your husband is crazy about his new auto."  
"I should say so! He's a perfect autocrat."

## To The Voters of Commissioners' Precinct No. 1:

Percilla, Texas, July 3, 1916

Being engaged in farming makes it impossible for me to make a house to house canvass in the interest of my candidacy, therefore I appeal to my friends to stand by me, not only with their votes, but with their influence also.

I have no special hobby to offer the people—just a strict business, economical administration of the county's affairs.

Thanking the people for their past favors and thanking them in advance for any favors they may bestow upon me in the future, I beg to remain yours for a better Houston county,

**OSCAR DENNIS**

CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

PRECINCT NO. 1.

## To the DEMOCRATIC VOTERS of HOUSTON COUNTY:

Gentlemen:

In offering as a candidate for Representative at the primary election to be held in July next, I assume the loss of my vision may be given as a reason against my ability to do the work incident to the position, and while I admit it is in some respect a hindrance, it is not a bar. I had the honor to represent our county in the Thirty-second Legislature, and from experience thus obtained, I feel that I am sufficiently familiar with the details of the work to perform the same in a satisfactory manner; otherwise in justice to myself, and from a proper regard for the best interest of the people, I would not ask for the office.

In 1912 I was a candidate for re-election but withdrew from the contest just on the eve of election, and at a time when I had every assurance of success. I was impelled to take this step because of my then failing health which I feared might not be sufficiently restored to enable me to perform the duties of the office, in which event it might necessitate the trouble and expense of another election. Since that time I have fully recovered and am now in perfect health so far as I know.

Mr. Stepter of Palmer, Ellis County, a man entirely blind, represented his county in the Thirty-second Legislature and was serving his second term. He and I roomed together during the regular session.

Mr. Gore of Oklahoma, represents his state in the United States Senate, and has done so since that state was admitted to the Union. He is also entirely blind.

Mr. C. R. Stephenson of Crockett, served two terms in the Missouri Legislature though he has been blind since early childhood. Thus we have precedent for blind men serving as members of legislative bodies.

On account of my affliction I will be unable to meet the voters as I would like to do, renew old acquaintances and form new ones, hence would ask my friends to speak a word in my behalf as occasion offers, and especially to those with whom I am not acquainted, and to the young men who have recently arrived at the voting age.

I expect to attend the appointments of the candidates during the campaign and hope to meet all of you upon these occasions.

My candidacy is of my own initiative, unsolicited by any man or set of men, and if elected I promise to act on all questions with which I have to deal in a fair and impartial manner, free from prejudice or preconceived opinions.

Respectfully,

J. B. SMITH.

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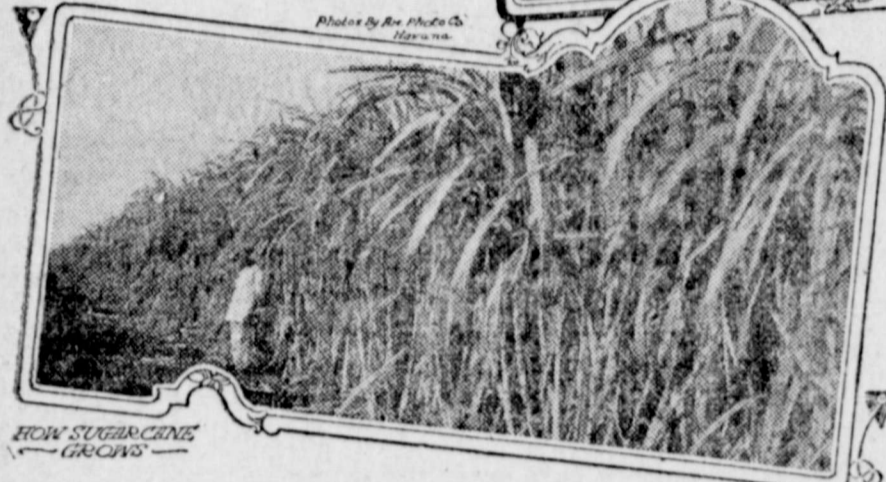
# What The War Is Doing For The Farmer

The European war is not an unmitigated evil; nor yet is it an unmitigated blessing for this country. We shall not attempt to go into the ethical side of the question at all, nor shall we discuss "war brides", munition plants or other similar phases of the situation. We shall look at the war purely from the standpoint of prices for raw products, either produced here in this country or imported from foreign countries. And of course when we consider raw products we must carry the subject further on into the matter of the prices we get and the prices we must pay for finished products. We shall confine our consideration, too, to those products which have their origin on the farm either in the raw state or finished and manufactured into edible or wearable articles.

Let us take wheat, for example. We all know that the war has put the price of wheat way up. Very well—this means that the whole country, city, town and rural population



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Now Coca-Cola, as you know, is really an agricultural product—a product of the soil. Cane sugar—the very purest and finest—constitutes a large part of Coca-Cola syrup. As you know, sugar has gone way up—so every glass of Coca-Cola you drink makes some farmer's heart gladder.

So it is with the pure fruit juices that, combined, produce the indelible flavor of Coca-Cola. Not so much in quantity seemingly when you consider—a single glass of this delicious beverage, but enormous when the entire Coca-Cola output is considered.

Yet this product of nature—of the farm—increased in cost though it has been to the makers, has not been raised one penny in price to dealer—or to you. The price at the soda fountain and in the bottle has not risen one iota.

Now inasmuch as the rural population alone of America consumes millions of bottles and glasses of Coca-Cola every year, you and the other agriculturists of this country will not only be able to continue to please your palates and get delicious refreshment with this beverage at no increased cost, but you will be sending back to the farm bigger profits and more money at no greater expense to yourself.

as well are paying more for their flour—therefore the wheat raiser should theoretically be getting rich on a product which costs him no more to raise than formerly and for which he gets more money.

But wait a minute—there are other things to consider in this matter of growing rich off the war. Cotton and wool and meats and farm machinery and sugar have gone up too. This means that while the wheat raiser is getting more for his product, he is also paying some other agriculturist more for his product. This cuts down somewhat on the profits the

war is bringing to the farmer. Then it would seem that the best way to keep ahead of the game is for the farmer to pay the farmer who raises his necessities the increased prices that the war has brought about and when buying his luxuries or those things that are not bare necessities of life to pick and choose from amongst them those that have not gone up in price in spite of the war.

For example, here is a peculiar situation in regard to a beverage which is so universally liked that it has become almost a staple. The name of that beverage is Coca-Cola.



### PAT'S CONVERSATION.

Pat was called into court to testify to a talk he had with the defendant in a civil suit, and everything went along as swimmingly as a flock of bullfrogs until the lawyer attempted to bring out the important points of the conversation.

"Now, then, Pat," said he, encouragingly, "please tell the court what you and the defendant talked about."

"Yis, sor," answered Pat willingly. "We talked about fifteen minutes."

"No, no, no!" interposed the lawyer. "I mean, what did you and the defendant talk over?"

"Yis, sor," was the calm rejoinder of Pat. "We talked over the telephone, sor."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

### THREADED NEEDLES AT HOME.

Threading needles at home, skimping in lunches, denying themselves all amusements and carrying work home are some of the ends that they were compelled to resort to before the strike of clothing workers was called in order that they might earn as high as \$7 a week, girl strikers in Chicago said. Sarah Mold, who formerly was employed in one of the largest houses, said:

"I often threaded as high as ninety needles at home so I would not lose the time. I did work besides at night, which I carried home, and when I complained that I did not feel able to do this I was told by the foreman not to waste my time going to picture shows. Since 1913 there has been a general cut of from 25 per cent to 50 per cent in wages, and where I formerly earned twelve or fourteen dollars a week, I now can make only six or seven dollars."—Chicago News.

### PROVED HIS CASE.

"Jim told me last night that I was the only girl he had ever kissed."

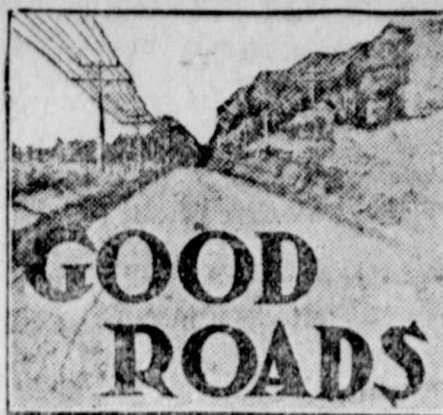
"Did you believe him?"

"Yes. And so would you if you had seen the awkward way he went about it."

### OFTEN CHANGES IT.

"Here's a man claims that joy beautifies the face."

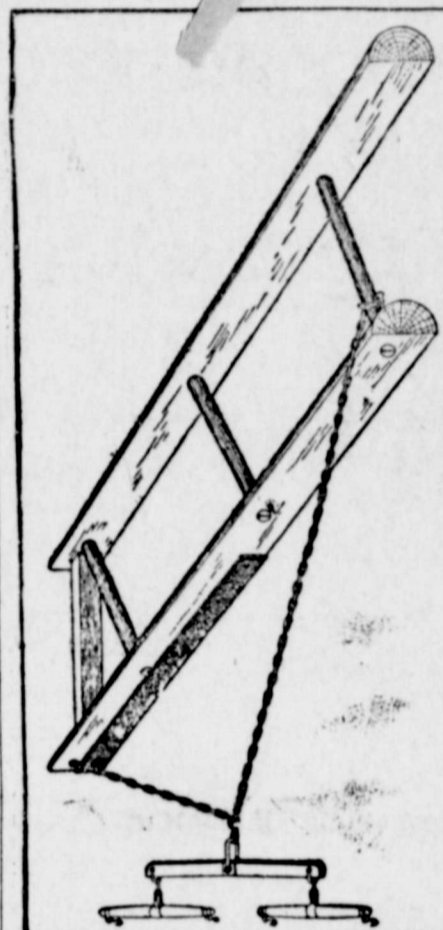
"I have known a joy ride to refute that theory."



### GOOD USE FOR A ROAD DRAG

Implement is Light, Easily Handled and Should Be Worked Soon as Possible After Each Rain.

There exists a prevailing opinion in the minds of those who have used the King road drag that the persistent use of this simple drag will do the ordinary earth roads more good for the amount of time and labor required than any other method of working ever proposed. Some of the best earth roads have been made good by the use of this simple implement. In fact, some advocates of the drag claim that the trustees of many townships could well afford to sell the heavy road machines to a junk man and invest the proceeds in a number of split-



Perspective View of Splitlog Drag.

log drags. Spasmodic use of the splitlog or similar drag or the like use of any road-working implement will not make bad roads good. The drag is light and easily handled and should be used as soon after each rain as the condition of the surface will permit. The job was quickly finished and the results are surprising where the dragging is carried on throughout the year. Possibly the most marked improvement from the use of the road drag will result from the early spring dragging.

### BUILDING MORE GOOD ROADS

America Now Has 6,000 Miles More of Improved Highways Than France—Total Now 31,000 Miles.

According to the Good Roads Year Book of the American Highways association, recently issued, America now has 6,000 miles more of good roads than France, the total for this country now amounting to 31,000 miles.

Of this 5,000 miles were built in 1912 and about 6,000 in 1914, making a total of over one-third of the entire mileage of the good roads of the country.

New Jersey was the pioneer state to provide state aid for public highways in 1871, and Massachusetts and Connecticut soon followed, but it is only during the last ten years that the state-aid policy has been in effect to any considerable extent.

### PHASES OF ROAD PROBLEM

Those Interested in Work Will Find Joint Congressional Committee Report Quite Handy.

Persons interested in the good roads problem, either from the engineering or the legislative standpoint, will find the report of the joint congressional committee on federal aid to good roads a convenient source of information. It not only contains the most extensive data ever published on this subject, but contains a bibliography which gives a list of books, pamphlets and speeches on all phases of the good roads problem. The report is printed as house document 1510, Sixty-third congress, third session, and copies may be secured by application to members of congress.

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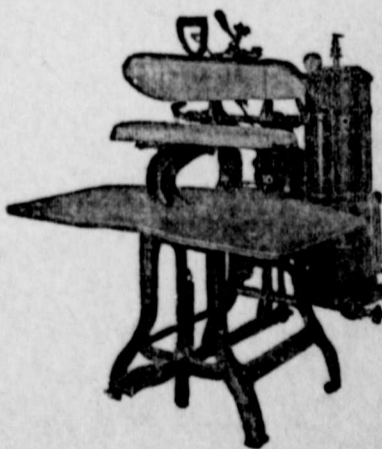
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## EUGENE HOLCOMB

Candidate For

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

SECOND TERM

It has always been the custom of the Democratic party that when an officer makes good he is entitled to a second term and I believe that I have faithfully discharged my duty and rendered you the best service possible. I ask your support for a second term in the coming election.

## E. Winfree

Candidate for Re-election as

County Judge

Desires to express his appreciation to the people for what they have done for him in the past, and hopes to be able to serve them better in the future. While he has no opponent in this race, still he will be appreciative for for every vote cast for him July 22.

## To Every Democratic Voter in Houston County:

The date of the primary election is fast approaching and in as much as I have not been able to see and talk to every voter in the county with reference to my candidacy for the office of DISTRICT CLERK, I have chosen this method of soliciting your careful consideration and asking you to be as fair with me as you would with your neighbor or yourself. I have no malice toward the two other gentlemen who aspire to this office, but I believe that I am more entitled to your support for the reason that I am a self-made man whose future lies before him.

I'm capable and I hope to be judged deserving by the people. All that I have accomplished in life has been attained by hard work. I know no other secret to success. I hope to become a citizen of value to our county. The thing I need is an opportunity. My qualifications for the office are all that any man could ask.

I believe that two terms in a county office is all that any one man is entitled to provided a man can be placed in his stead who is as well qualified. I believe, too, that young men should be given preference, provided they are as competent to fill the office.

The question for you to decide in this race is: Will you vote for Mr. Morgan for a third term--two terms is democracy--or will you vote for a man who has served the public since he was 16 years of age, has a record of faithful service and who seeks a position of better pay and broader opportunity.

If your sympathy reaches out to deserving young men, kindly help me secure this position and if elected, I promise in the performance of the duties of that office equal courtesies to all and special favors to none.

Yours for District Clerk,

JOHN F. GILBERT

### J. N. SNELL

Candidate for Re-election to office of  
**County Superintendent**  
of Public Schools

Hereby expresses his appreciation and thanks for the loyal support that has been given him during his first term in the work of educational improvement, and he will appreciate the continued support of the people and their votes on the 22nd of July.

**A. E. Owens**

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## The War Situation

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It requires a cool head, an honest conscience and unallayed patriotism to maintain ones normal poise under the conflicting and exciting emotions. We cannot all be diplomats and adjust public affairs in this perilous crisis, nor can we be true prophets and draw aside the curtains for a glimpse into our nation's future destiny; but we can endeavor to be fair-minded and patriotic. We can be democrats in our conviction and in our practice.

If a fellowman, at a great deal of trouble and expense, is fortunate enough to be chosen to a public trust, and when so chosen he responds to that trust efficiently and fairly, we can extend to him the time-honored, democratic courtesy of re-election.

My Dear Sirs: I have not said, and shall not say, anything disparagingly of the host of gentlemen who deny me this courtesy which they would not hesitate to claim for THEMSELVES, but I appeal to the good sense and fairness of my fellow-people to again pay me the high and esteemed compliment of electing me to the COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Very sincerely yours—FOR A SECOND TERM,

**A. S. MOORE.**

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# To the Voters of Houston County:

Four years ago, at the last judicial election, you elected me District Judge. First, I want to thank you for this honor, but words fail to express my full appreciation because it is an honor to which I had aspired since boyhood. But, when you conferred this honor upon me by intrusting to my care the important duties of District Judge, I assure you that I have ever kept in mind my obligations to perform them. So many of you have so little to do with the courts that you do not know whether I have succeeded or failed in the important duties entrusted to my care. So I take this method of briefly acquainting you of how I have attended to my official duties. The records of your District Court show what my predecessors and I have performed and the length of time consumed in doing it. I know no better way to arrive at a correct conclusion of how I have succeeded than to compare what I have accomplished and the work done by them. Just a cold statement of what I have done, with no reference to what has been done by my predecessors would necessarily convey but an inadequate idea of whether or not any merit should attach to my administration. And, I assure you here and now that no criticism will be offered by me of any of the administrations of any of my predecessors. I believe that the records will bear out the statement that Judge Gardner accomplished more in the disposition of civil and criminal cases than any of his predecessors. And, before comparing records with him, I want to say that I have not one criticism to make of the rapid dispatch of business by his court, nor have I ever heard of such criticism, every one admits that in this respect his record is good; only a few District Judges in Texas have done as good.

In Anderson County, we have each had time to try all cases, and in that county there is little or no difference in the amount accomplished per year. There my court has transacted some more business than was done by him, but had there been more business to do Judge Gardner would have done it, as Anderson County has more time for holding Court than her business requires. But, in Houston and Henderson Counties, our time is limited to an insufficient length of time for the disposition of the business of the Court.

In Henderson County, during the eight years preceding my administration, the business disposed of, as shown by the civil minutes, covered 1054 pages, about 132 pages a year. There were twenty-nine felony convictions, in which there were no reversals, and thirty-four acquittals. Not quite four convict-



JOHN S. PRINCE, for re-election as District Judge

ions and a little over four acquittals per year.

During three years of my administration the civil business disposed of by me covers 480 pages, or 160 pages per year. There has been twenty-five felony convictions, in which there were no reversals, and eight acquittals, making over eight convictions and less than three acquittals per year.

In Houston County, Judge Gardner's civil minutes covered 108 pages a year and mine covered 132 pages per year. Here he had 93 felony convictions and fifty acquittals, or not quite twelve convictions and a little over six acquittals a year. I have had sixty-five convictions and thirteen acquittals, or about twenty-two convictions and four acquittals a year.

"JUDGE GARDNER'S CIRCULAR"

Judge Gardner recently issued a circular, which he mailed to each of you. I did not dignify it by replying to it, as after a careful examination of same, I believe that it failed to show any good cause why I should be voted out and he voted in as District Judge, but, I shall briefly and kindly give it some attention here. In his circular he stated that under the present law more business can be disposed of than under the former law. Had Judge Gardner been trying them under the new law instead of the former, he would not have made the statement, because under the former law when the evidence closed the lawyers began speaking to the jury, and while they were speaking the Court wrote its charge, and when they had finished speaking the charge was then read and the case went to the

jury. Under the present law, when the evidence closes the lawyers go to their offices, or elsewhere, and all remain idle while the Court writes its charge, this will take from thirty minutes to two hours, when the charge is prepared a copy is given to the lawyers on each side, they must have "A reasonable time in which to examine it," and while they are doing this the Court and jury are idle. The Court of Criminal Appeals holds that five hours is not an unreasonable length of time for them to consume in such an examination. When the lawyers on both sides finally get through with the charge, they bring it back to the Court, it is then read to the jury, then the Court sits idle while the lawyers speak, and yet, you are told in this circular that business can be transacted more rapidly under this law.

Again, he states that my appeals have been heard under one law much more favorable to the trial Court. My cases have been affirmed in the Appellate Courts under the same rule and the same law that Judge Gardner's cases were heard under. True, there is a new rule mentioned by his circular, but this rule has never been invoked in any single case appealed from my Courts. I refer you to my many cases shown in the reports on every lawyers' shelves.

Again, he states that the Suspended Sentence law expedites trial, and again he is in error, for under the old law the jury passed on the guilt or innocence of the defendant, while under the Suspended Sentence law,

they must pass, not only on the defendant's guilt or innocence, but if they find him guilty they must then pass on whether or not his conviction should be suspended. And, on this last issue, I have had many hung juries. So, instead of expediting trials this Suspended Sentence law causes many mistrials, and never expedites one.

No, I did not compare the divorce minutes for the reason that the time of the Court is never consumed in such trials, as it requires only about five minutes to try such cases. And I throw the mantle of charity over this gratuitous slur contained in the circular, and pass on to another matter.

In the circular, attention is directed to the fact that the Sheriff's account in Henderson County, is much larger than it happened to be in previous years. And while the circular carefully avoids making the statement that this is caused by having the witnesses in felony cases re-summoned, yet, it is so adroitly written that you are left to make this inference, the inference is wrong. Only once has such a thing occurred, and this was by an error of the District Attorney, for which he should not be censured, as he was doing what he thought was his duty. You are now being told that this causes a higher tax rate, if you pay taxes on ten thousand dollars worth of property it will increase your taxes less than one cent. Many of you do not know that all sheriff's accounts are recorded in the District Clerk's offices, and if a sheriff willfully draws one dollar to which he is not entitled, it is a felony. And if the District Judge approves such account, he can and should be impeached. Surely, Judge Gardner does not intend to say that Sheriff Morrow is a felon and that I should be impeached. No, he doesn't make this charge, he knows this is a mere coincidence, out of which he is trying to make capital. If there is anything wrong with these accounts, it should be and would be pointed out. A former Sheriff of Henderson County, K. Richardson, had one account that amounted to \$8,500.00 and he was entitled to collect same. The account was approved by Judge Lipscomb. The truth is, the District Court has no control over the amount of the Sheriff's account. True, he approves it, every item is written down and sworn to by the sheriff. One account may be for ten times as much as the next one. My sheriff's accounts in Houston County are only slightly larger than my predecessors, while I have had about as many felony convictions in my three and one-half

years as he had in his eight years.

Judge Gardner states correctly, I think, that crime is on the decrease. And this copied from a newspaper item written eight years ago: "Judge Gardner longs to see the law enforced, and the people will back him in it."

My record in Henderson and Houston Counties, where our terms of court are limited, shows that I have had twice the number of convictions had in his court for the same length of time. And if he has the advantage over me in his ability to scale down a sheriff's account, may I not offset it with my capability to try cases more rapidly and successfully? For, had I had only the same number of convictions had in his Court, then over fifty criminals now in the penitentiaries, sent from my courts, would have escaped, for in all of Judge Gardner's circulars, he assures you that he tried every case he could try, not even taking vacations in the summer time. Surely the enforcement of the criminal law of Texas is of as much importance as keeping a watchful and suspicious eye on some subordinate official, in scaling down his accounts.

My experience as County Judge of Henderson County, directed my attention, especially to the expenses incurred by the District Courts, and I have sought in every way possible to minimize this account to the tax payers. And I believe that the expense of my Court has been less year for year than any Judge since Judge Burnette. And the District Court now disposes of about double the business it did when Judge Burnette was on the Bench.

I believe that no District Judge in Texas has had a greater percentage of his cases affirmed than myself.

In conclusion, I refer you to the fact that I have succeeded in performing more work per year than any predecessor. I have faithfully, fearlessly, impartially and untiringly endeavored to do the civil and criminal business of our court, which you entrusted to my care, following always my own conceptions of duty.

With the four years experience, which I have had on the Bench, I hope to do even better during my second term. Believing in the righteousness of my cause, and knowing the sense of justice that permeates every heart, I submit my candidacy into your hands and ask that you follow the unwritten law of Democracy, by giving to me a second term.

JOHN S. PRINCE.

## In his Address to the Democrats of the 7th Congressional District, Judge Campbell, among other suggestions, has the following to say:

As a candidate for Congress at the primaries to be held July 22nd, I will appreciate your vote and influence with your friends in my behalf.

Galveston County has always been my home. I was County Judge during the trying times in the two years following the great storm of 1900.

I am now a member of the Thirty-fourth Legislature and in my third term. Two terms were conferred upon me without opposition.

I am a democrat and have always waived my individual preference in the interest of unity and strength and, therefore, I stand by the nominees of the party.

I favor an act of congress, which will provide an adequate system of rural credits. I believe a plan of marketing should be established for the benefit of the producer, and means of supplying information as to the sources of demand and the extent of consumption of the products of our farms and fields.

I advocate the extension and improvement of public highways by the federal government, to the end that some relief may be had from the congested condition of our cities and which will tend to the betterment of our agricultural interests.

I will support enactments for government control of flood conditions, development of effective methods of drainage and reclamation of arid lands.

Our rivers and harbors should receive just and liberal appropriations that will aid in the prompt, adequate and cheap movement of the commerce of this country and in conjunction with this, our inland waterways should be deepened and extended.

We should depend less upon ships of foreign countries, for it is evident from the changed condition brought about during recent years, that an adequate merchant marine is vital to the interest of our commonwealth.

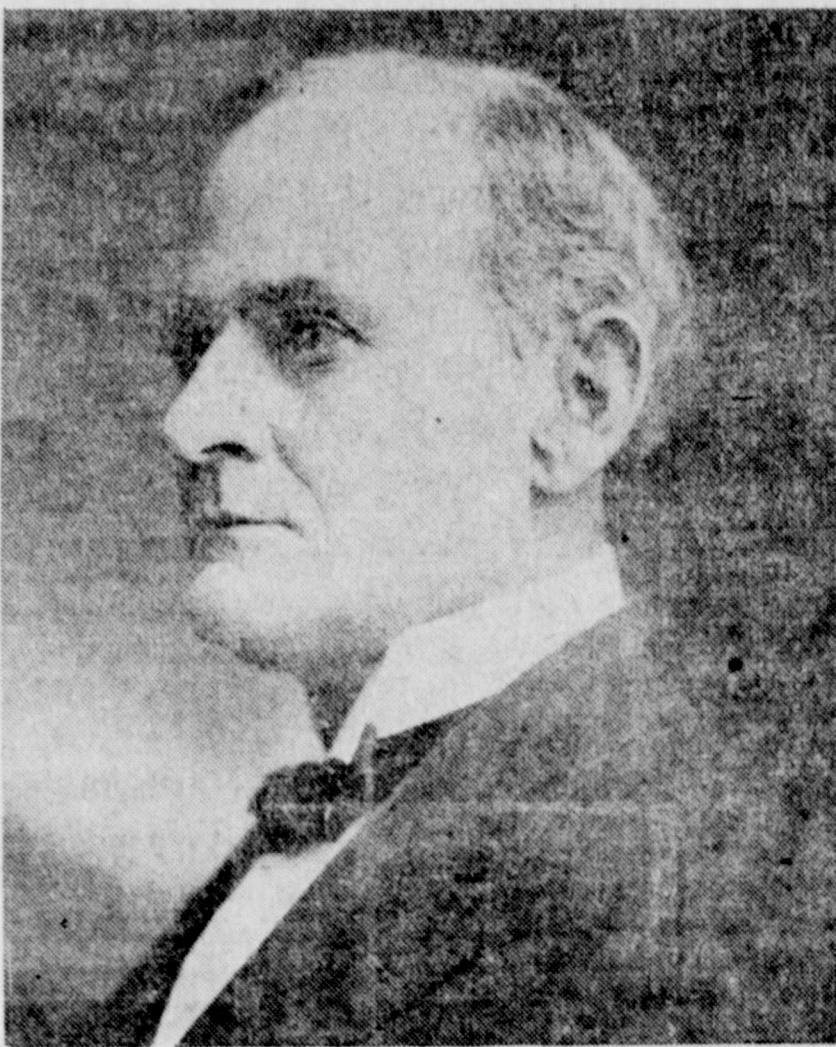
Time has shown that the administration's policy of preparedness is prudent and conservative and affords no reasonable foundation for fear of militarism. The conditions of modern warfare have demonstrated the need of a stronger army and navy, and common sense commands that we should not delay in making ample provisions for the defense of lives and property of our people.

If elected, I would exert my most earnest efforts to the welfare of organized labor, and shall vote for, and uphold all measures that will tend to relieve the pressure of want, and to provide better wages and safer conditions for those who toil and mainly produce the wealth of our common country.

The pension laws should be revised. More than half a century has passed since our civil war closed, and the burden does not diminish.

Federal pensions cost nearly two hundred million dollars a year, to which our State contributes for the benefit of other sections of the Union, receiving next to nothing of the apportionment.

I believe that our people are deriving much benefit from our monetary and tariff reforms, though the wars of Europe, which



began so soon after the last national election, have rendered it more difficult to determine their ultimate effect.

The results that have been worked out, however, have been sufficient to vindicate the wisdom and statesmanship of this, and other measures enacted by democratic administration.

I am a state rights democrat, and therefore, I do not believe in taking from the states by act of congress, or by constitutional amendment, the right of local self-government now vested in state of Texas.

I believe in the principles of local option as embodied in the constitution of Texas by its wise framers.

In addition to the foregoing, Judge Campbell has a great many other good things to say, but space forbids the publication of them all in this page.

### Just a Little of His History

Judge Campbell was born and raised in Galveston county, and is without doubt the favorite of a large majority of that county, for congressman.

He has been a life-long, "dyed-in-the-wool" democrat and his name is synonymous of Democracy; his unswerving loyalty to party principles is proof of the confidence reposed in him by his people, therefore, after the great storm of 1900 they elected him County Judge.

Under his administration the great and beneficent improvements were inaugurated that have proven such a safeguard to the people of Galveston and gave them the confidence of their island home, that has won for them the admiration of the world.

He planned the great sea wall, made the contract for same, issued and sold the bonds and nothing remained to be done thereafter in this greatest of protective works, except to issue warrants against the funds by him provided,

One term as county judge had been the only position of emolument held by Judge Campbell, but he served his people and state in the 32nd, 33rd and 34th Legislatures, where his capacity

for work and attention to duty added to his ability and learning made for him an enviable reputation, and he refers with pride to all members of those Legislatures.

It is fit that such a man should be advanced by his party, and he asks the support and vote of every Democrat in the district, promising his undivided time and attention to their interests, and to all his constituents an open mind, and an attentive ear after, as well as before election.

We quote hereto, an extract from a letter of date June 2nd, 1916, from Hon. W. L. Hill, member of 34th Legislature from Huntsville, Texas, as follows:

"With reference to the candidacy of John W. Campbell for congressman, I beg to say that I have known Mr. Campbell since his boyhood and no man ever lived who possessed a higher sense of honor, and more rugged integrity and a more conscientious intelligent conception of his duty as a man and representative to his people than does he. I cannot too strongly commend John Campbell."

Extract from a letter from John H. Kirby:

"There is no more patriotic man in the world than John Campbell. I served with him through the Thirty-third Legislature and had opportunity to take his measure both as a man and a public servant. He is all pure gold, big hearted, big-brained, honest, dependable and capable. I would feel that Texas had honored herself in choosing such a representative in the congress. He would reflect credit to the entire state."

John W. Campbell, announced his candidacy for congress from the 7th congressional district, in the month of February last from Galveston county Texas. Soon thereafter, appeared the announcement of Lewis Fisher of Galveston for the same position, both subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Thereupon, Judge Campbell proposed to Judge Fisher, (as shown by Galveston News of date June 28th) that they two have an eliminating primary between themselves among the

democratic voters of Galveston county, to determine thereby, which of the two, would be the choice of the democracy of Galveston county for congressman. In the Galveston News of date June 29th, Judge Fisher very promptly declined to accept such proposition. We are convinced that Judge Fisher had very good reasons for declining to participate in such primary among democrats only. He must have remembered that in the year 1900 he, (Fisher) ran independent against the regular democratic nominee for county attorney and with the help and solid support of the republicans and independents was elected. It must have occurred to Mr. Fisher, that again in the year 1902 he, (Fisher) again ran independent against the regular democratic nominee for county judge of Galveston county, and with all the republican strength, and that of the "Mugwomps" he was again able to defeat the Democratic nominee, and wishes of the democratic party, and was elected. Perhaps at the time Mr. Fisher declined the eliminating primary in Galveston, he remembered the time he worked so hard, and voted for Hawley for congress on the republican ticket, and he must have remembered the time he cast his vote for McKinley for President against the democratic nominee. Mr. Fisher must have remembered that all these matters were fully known to the democratic voters of Galveston county, and that such republican affiliations were still remembered by the good old fashioned democrats of Galveston county, and perhaps he thought that Democrats of the 7th congressional district would not be fully informed of such affiliations prior to the primary election. But they are facts, which he will never disprove nor deny before the public.

Now, on the other hand, Judge John W. Campbell, having been a true and tried Democrat during his whole life in Galveston county, never having voted anything but a democratic ticket, is willing and anxious to have the democrats who know them both, to decide which of the two, (if either) shall represent them in the Congress of the United States as a Democrat member, elected to represent a democratic constituency.

Certainly, when all the facts are known to the voters of the 7th congressional district, the Democratic voters will as between the two, decide that Judge John W. Campbell is a better democrat than Lewis Fisher, and no man will contend for a moment, that he is not efficient, able and well qualified to fill the position with credit to himself, and to his constituency. If anyone should for a moment doubt the correctness of any part of the foregoing, they are at liberty to investigate the same by reference to the Democratic Executive Committee of Galveston, but they will not be denied by Lewis Fisher.

## VOTE FOR JOHN W. CAMPBELL OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

# To the Democrats of Houston County:

In offering myself as a candidate for the office of TAX COLLECTOR, and in further view of the fact that it has been charged that I am not a product of Houston County soil, I feel that it is just and proper that I should give at least a short history of my life. I was born in Polk county, Ga., 36 years ago. My mother died when I was but 8 months old. After a few years my father, broken both in health and finances, moved to the Lone Star State and settled on a farm, I myself making a regular hand in the field from the time I could reach the plow handles.

When I was 15 years of age my father's health had reached such a state that he was forced to give up the farm. It therefore became necessary for me to seek other employment to provide for myself and those dependent upon me. To begin this undertaking at the tender age of 15 years I had but the prayers of an invalid but a Christian father. My first position was at a lumber yard in Crockett, where the labor of a man was required of me. As to how well I performed that and subsequent duties I respectfully refer you to anyone who has known me for the past 21 years, and if their statements will justify you in believing that I will properly discharge the duties of Tax Collector, if elected, I will thank you very kindly for your support.

It is true that I was not born in Houston county, but I believe you will agree that I have proven my fidelity to Houston county when I have lived 21 of my 36 years here. I married a Houston county girl and we have four children, all born in Houston county, and it is my greatest desire to provide for and educate them as a true father should.

Very respectfully,

## T. R. - ROY - DEUPREE.

# Farmers Union Record of J. J. Strickland



**J. J. STRICKLAND**  
Candidate for State Senator

To the Farmers of the 13th Senatorial District:

I was chairman of the legislative committee of the Farmers Union of Texas during the 31st, 32nd and 33rd legislatures and I personally attended the sessions of these various legislatures, both general and special.

I knew Hon. J. J. Strickland of Anderson county as a member of the House of Representatives during the 31st legislature. He was a true and loyal friend to the farmers and supported all Farmers Union measures. HE WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT BODY WHO WAS SHUNNED BY ALL SORTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST LOBBYISTS FOR THEY KNEW HIM TO BE AN INCORRUPTIBLE AND UNPURCHASABLE FRIEND OF THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE.

Respectfully,  
J. I. TOWNSEND,  
Chairman of Legislative Committee  
of Farmers Union of Texas.

### A DAY LABORER

Says Strickland is a Friend of the Friendless

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I see in the papers that Hon. J. J. Strickland is a candidate for State Senator at Palestine, Texas. He helped me when I couldn't help myself and I recommend him as a friend of common people. I was night watchman at the State University on a salary of \$40 per month and he was a law student batching in a cabin near the University and doing his own cooking. Out of this small salary I had to pay \$6.00 house rent and support a wife and children. I had been in the employment of the University for a number of years, but never had had a raise in salary and had lost the use of one of my hands while in its service by running into a live wire at night. When the bill was up appropriating money for the University and raising some of the higher officials' salaries, Mr. Strickland remembered me and on the floor of the House made a plea in my behalf and had my salary raised from \$40 to \$65 a month. I was a friendless laborer in the employ of a big institution and Mr. Strickland took it upon himself to look after the welfare of myself and family and I shall never forget him and am at my own expense sending this message to the voters of his district. Furthermore, I will spend my small means if necessary in coming to his territory and testify to his moral worth and fidelity to the Man Who Toils.

Yours truly,  
ED MUSGROVE.

## An Opportunity is Wanted By a Worthy Young Man

This is an age in which great achievements have been made in every line of industry, due to our educated and well drilled citizenship. That time is long since past when a man can make a success in life without first making due preparations for same.

While many of us may at times become discouraged for the lack of opportunities and because of the fact that we are faced by every hardship and difficulty; but we are the architects of our own lives and the degree of our success will be determined by our own individual efforts. We should not become discouraged because our life track is not oiled with wealth, for our greatest men have grown into greatness by surmounting obstacles and difficulties thrown in their way by poverty. Difficulties only serve to call out great qualities and make greatness possible. The spark in the flint would sleep forever were it not for friction and the greater qualities of true manhood and womanhood would be dormant in our bosom, if it were not for opposition.

I was born and raised in Houston county near Augusta. After you have made the proper investigation of my character, qualifications, etc., I assure one and all of you that I will appreciate your support from the very depths of my heart. I am,

Yours very truly,

**C. W. Butler Jr.**

## To the Voters and Citizens of Houston County:

CROCKETT, TEXAS, JUNE 29, 1916

While, as a candidate for Sheriff of our county I have no opponent, and, in the nature of things will be nominated, still I desire to make a statement to you through the public press.

Gratefully I express to you my sincere appreciation for the honor and trust you bestowed upon me by electing me as your sheriff two years ago.

This honor is a signal one and one any man should be proud of. However much I may appreciate that I was two years ago elected to serve you as sheriff, there is another thing that I am as equally thankful to you for, that is the earnest, cordial support and assistance so willingly extended me at all times in my effort to make you an efficient officea. Whether or not I have made you such an officer is not for me to say or to judge, but honesty and candor compel me to say that all, or anything, I may have done in the discharge of my official duty deserving your commendation, was made possible only by reason of the aid and assistance rendered me and my associate officers by the law enforcing citizens of Houston county.

No officer ever has, or ever will, intelligently and efficiently discharge his official duties unless he has the active assistance of the citizenship whom he attempts to serve. I hope and trust that the same generous and willing assistance may be extended me in the future as in the past.

I have stated above that in the nature of things I will be nominated. I earnestly thank you for the condition which renders that statement true. Full well I know had it not been for your friendship and kindness I would today be resisting the efforts of some good man to defeat my re-nomination.

The fact that I have no opponent in this campaign is due entirely to the many kind words and expressions of the citizens of Houston county, and for which I am truly and sincerely thankful.

In conclusion, I want to assure you that my very best efforts will always be exerted to serve you faithfully and well. Thanking you again for your many kindnesses to me and mine, I am, respectfully yours,

**R. J. SPENCE.**

## TO THE VOTERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

On the 22nd day of July, the voters of Houston county will exercise the highest prerogative of American citizenship--the right of a free people to register their sovereign will at the ballot box, there to say who shall be their public servants. In the exercise of this prerogative, they assure the candidate for public office that his fate does not depend upon the whim or favor of the demagogue, but rests secure within the fair-minded consideration of an electorate wherein every man is the master of his own vote. Upon this principle I submit my candidacy for the office of County Attorney. This is an office unique among the offices of the county, it being the only one which the law requires shall be filled by a lawyer. It is well that it should be so, as it is distinctively a lawyer's job. The County Attorney must represent the county in all civil actions; he must give advice and counsel to its officials; he must protect the citizenship of his county by prosecuting the violations of law. In the performance of these duties he is constantly opposed by the able efforts of experienced lawyers, and he must be able to successfully pit his experience against theirs if he properly serves the people. In presenting my qualifications for this office I beg to state that after preparing myself for the practice of law by graduation from the Law Department of the State University and licensed to practice from the Supreme Court, I have practiced my profession, and no other, for more than three years. Holding to the belief that this office is not a training school nor an experimental station, and that a man should get his training by actual practice on his own account, and not at the expense of the county, I have practiced law until I felt that I was sufficiently familiar with the preparation of cases, the developing of evidence, the presentment of causes, and other matters that can only be learned through experience, to justify me in asking the people for the County Attorney's office. It is now my ambition to fill this office and if the people give my candidacy their support and elect me, I will serve them faithfully with the best service of which I am capable. My conception of the duties of the office is that no innocent man should suffer persecution and that no guilty man should escape prosecution, and that its administration should be according to right and justice and not according to policy.

Respectfully,

**J. L. LIPSCOMB.**

## JOHN H. ELLIS

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION  
TO THE OFFICE OF

## TAX ASSESSOR

of HOUSTON COUNTY

Points to his record of the past as his pledge of fidelity to duty in the future.

Your influence and vote this time will be appreciated as it has been in the past.

**Primary July 22nd**