

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## Bargain Store BARGAINS

We will save you money if you will let us have your business. But please don't ask us to make deliveries for five or ten cents worth of merchandise. If you will stop and think it is asking too much and no man can sell you the goods at the price quoted and deliver them in small quantities.

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11 bars good soap.....25c  
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All wool serge, 36 inches  
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George Washington brand  
best bleached domes-  
tic, per yard.....10c  
Heavy grade brown do-  
mestic per yard.....10c  
Best quality gingham...10 1-2c  
Good grade book-fold  
ginghams.....8 1-2c  
Best quality prints.....6 1-2c  
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Car of Alfalfa Hay, Chops, Bran and Oats to arrive  
**THIS WEEK**

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

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## Local News Reported From The County Seat

January 15.—The cold snap of Saturday night and Sunday is being keenly felt by all classes. The stock that have not been properly cared for, the people that have not taken pains to keep plenty of wood on hand, and the young gardens have suffered most. Mustard, lettuce, young onions, radishes and other garden truck just developing have been in most instances, killed. Fuel is scarce and the price is "out 'er sight."

While climbing a tree after an o'possum last Thursday night, Joe Smith, a young white man camping and trapping on Trinity river, twenty-five miles southwest of this city, fell to the ground, a distance of twenty feet, his neck being broken and death being instantaneous. It is presumed that the light from a torch in the hands of a companion blinded him and that he made a misstep. His remains were carried to Brazos county, his home.

While out hunting last week, a young man of this city got his hunting boots wet, and upon returning dried them by an open fire. Becoming hardened, the boots were greased with kerosine oil, and while standing by the fire warming, the young man's boots caught fire. He is said to have made record time getting in his stocking feet. Fortunately he was not injured.

Sheriff Spence last week arrested and placed in jail, two bootleggers, Mexicans, that are said to have been doing a land office business at the coal mine at Wootters, ten miles south of this city. A large quantity of liquor was found in their possession.

District Clerk, John D. Morgan, who was carried to a sanitarium some weeks ago, has returned home, somewhat improved. However, his condition is not what his friends would like it to be.

W. H. Musick has resigned his position as chief deputy under sheriff Spence, and is now employed by Leonard Arnold, butcher and groceryman. Jim Henry has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Musick.

### THE FREE SEED GRAFT

What is everybody's business is nobody's business. What editor Milner, of the Rusk County News, has to say about free distribution of seed by the government is very timely, but to stop the useless practice is entirely a different matter. The majority of the people may be opposed to such a practice, but a concert of action in the nature of a revolt is not to be expected, and in fact the distribution of seed will go on and on, perhaps forever. Editor Milner says:

"The free distribution of garden and farm seed by the government through congressmen is a source of extravagance, not



## THE HOUSEKEEPER OF TODAY

Does not have to seed raisins, wash currants, and do lots of other things her mother had to do. She just comes to this grocery and gets such things all ready for use; besides a hundred other things that makes housekeeping easier and life pleasanter.

**CASH GROCERY COMPANY**  
LONG & DAVIS, PROPRIETORS  
PHONE US YOUR ORDER. WE DELIVER RIGHT NOW

## New Goods Every Day

Just now is the time to lay in supplies to start another crop—both for the farmer and for the merchant.

Have you prepared yourself with the things you need? If not come to our store. Our stock is complete again and we can supply your needs.

This kind of weather suggests that one must keep their feet as dry as possible. To do so you must buy "Solid Leather Shoes." We sell that kind. Solid Leather means the best that can be bought. Let your next pair be Star Brand. They are no higher than others.

We have a few Kirschbaum Suits left. They are yours at a big saving.

## McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE  
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

To leave the Store without calling for "GREEN" Coupons is like leaving your Change on the Counter.

## Local News From Waneta Community Reported by Bonnie

(Delayed)

January 8.—Since our last report to the Messenger we have had some rain but not a good season. However, it did a great deal of good. The weather has been warm the past few weeks and most farmers have begun farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulan of Slocum were in our community from Saturday till Monday.

Mr. Culin Barnes and family and Mr. Andy Goff and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrington Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie Elkins, son and daughter, of Kansas, spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Lively. Her daughter remained here to attend school.

There is a great deal of sickness here, mostly chills, fevers and tonsillitis.

Mr. Will Moore and family visited at Mr. Cannon's, near Slocum, from Saturday till Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Killgo of this place has been visiting relatives in Tyler the past few days.

While playing at school last Wednesday, Annis Spurger fell and knocked her arm out of place. Bonnie.

George Shaver is retiring from the saw mill business, having sawed up all of his timber. Mr. Shaver says he will farm this year. He owns a fine farm east of town.

## Nation's Capitol May Be a "Sahara" For The Thirsty

The Sheppard bill forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquor in the District of Columbia passed the senate by the rather impressive vote of 55 to 32. It is said to be assured of even a larger majority in the house. Its passage by that body seems to be a foregone conclusion. Thus it looks as if only the intervention of the president, exercising his veto power, could keep the prohibitionists from reaching the goal they have so long struggled to attain. That the president will snatch their victory from them is hardly to be expected by anyone. He has himself shown a distinct leaning toward the prohibition side. He has expressed his sympathy with it on social and moral grounds, protesting only that it would be politically wrong to put any state under coercion by means of a constitutional amendment to make the nation dry. But that protest cannot be entered in behalf of the District of Columbia, which has no legal claim to a voice in its own government.—Galveston News.

### OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for subscription:

G. R. Murchison, Paul Kennedy, J. F. Lively, J. A. Frisby, Grapeland.  
E. P. Bean, Route 1.  
M. G. Sammon, Percilla.  
C. E. Davis, Huntsville.

to say graft, which should not be tolerated. Just why the voters do not protest against this thing is hard to understand. The very fact that they supinely submit to a practice so contrary to the purposes of the government, is the reason why congressmen make other encroachments not authorized by sound economy. A few of us may cry aloud against extravagance, graft and the prostitution of the government to improper purposes, but it will avail but little unless the great body of the people can be aroused to that extent that they will demand in a telling way that these things shall cease. It is useless for the voters to say they are powerless to cause a halt. Popular government ceases when the voters cease to do their duty."—Lufkin News.

### W. O. W. NOTICE

All members of Elberta Camp 2124 are requested to attend a call meeting Saturday night, Jan. 20. P. H. Parker C. C.



## GERMAN SPIES BUSY IN FRANCE

Artillery Attack Follows Cabinet Members' Visit to Front in North.

## CLEMENCEAU RISKS HIS LIFE

Paris Newspaper Gives an Interesting Example of Former Premier's Courage Under Fire—Arouses Admiration of Soldiers.

Paris.—The question of spies spying is always a live one in France, for many incidents can be recounted which show either that the Germans have close information on what happens in their enemy's lines or that chance is a wonderful thing. For instance, a number of cabinet members visited a town in the north a few days ago, being accompanied by the director of an important mining works near the town. To suit the convenience of this gentleman, the train that took the ministers away was started an hour earlier than had been arranged. An hour later, at the time the train was intended to leave, the station underwent a hot bombardment, and thanks to the change in the time table, the ministers escaped a very bad quarter of an hour.

Almost every returned poilu can tell a story similar to the following: A division famous for its fighting qualities was suddenly moved to a new position so quickly that the men themselves did not know exactly where they were. Within an hour a board was hoisted above the nearest German trench bearing the inscription in large letters, "Welcome to the Gallant —th Division," and giving the exact divisional number.

The Cri de Paris gives another example that occurred during M. Clemenceau's recent visit to the front as chairman of the senate's army committee.

### "Tiger" Saw Slain Soldier.

The section was very quiet, nothing had happened for days there. Earlier there had been some hot fighting and the "Tiger" could see the dead body of a French soldier still hanging on the barbed wire between the trenches. M. Clemenceau gazed at the poor remains with admiration, sadness and then fury. His eyes clouded over and words of vengeance came indistinctly from his lips.

At this moment an explosion was heard close by and then another. Clouds of smoke arose from near where M. Clemenceau stood and the explosions came nearer and nearer. He continued looking at the corpse of the poor soldier.

An officer hurried up, "Monsieur le President," he said (a president of the council or premier remains "monsieur le president" all his life), the major has sent me to warn you that it's a pretty bad place where you are. It is probable that they have sighted you. It's certain that a barring fire is beginning. The major begs you to get under shelter."

"And why so?" asked M. Clemenceau.

"But, Monsieur le President, you may be wounded, and then—"

"And if I were," replied the "Tiger," "would it not be a fine death at my age; the finest a man could dream of?"

### Apostrophizes Dead Hero.

And then he went on in that semi-sarcastic vein that he enjoys: "Just think, monsieur, I no longer love women, and men disgust me; it would be a good time to make a fine finish!" Then turning toward the dead body he apostrophized it with:

"You were young, you had a long future before you; you had done ill to no one, women pleased you and you had faith in men. How much better it would be if you were alive here and an old body like mine were hanging out there in place of yours!"

The artillery fire finished before M. Clemenceau moved on and the staff captain who accompanied him told the story afterward, declaring: "I tell you he was wonderful! Wonderful!" repeating the word "epatant," which means so much in a Frenchman's mouth.

M. Clemenceau is seventy-one and was mayor of the Montmartre district at the time of the last war with Germany.

### Death to Woolly Aphids.

Tobacco dust is death to the woolly aphid. Tobacco good enough for the pest can be raised on almost any farm.

### Weeds Are Robbers.

Remember that weeds are robbers, both of plant food and moisture.

## HORSES AND TRACTORS

Animal Labor Still Holds High Place on Average Farm.

Useful and Satisfactory Piece of Machinery, but Must Be Considered Only as Addition to General Equipment.

That the tractor has not supplanted the horse in furnishing farm power is shown by answers to a questionnaire mailed to 500 Kansas tractor users by Dr. C. W. McCampbell, associate professor of animal husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural college. "Experience of tractor users is a more reliable index to the usefulness of the tractor than theoretical deductions," said Doctor McCampbell. "From the data collected it was found that each of these tractor users was plowing annually an average of 317 acres, and yet he had been able to eliminate only .642-3 of one horse for each 100 acres plowed. He had found use for



Good for Average Farm.

his tractor only 36.6 days per year. It was found that 95 per cent of purchasers of tractors had got them for the sole purpose of plowing wheat ground.

### Additional Farm Equipment.

"From the experiences of these men it would seem that the tractor is a useful and satisfactory piece of farm machinery, but that it must be considered as additional farm equipment. The justification for the use of the tractor lies in the fact that it may under favorable conditions do a special line of work, rather than in the claim, refuted by experience, that the tractor is a satisfactory substitute for horse power.

"The fact that these tractor users are maintaining but eight head of cattle for each 100 acres plowed indicates that they are in the main grain farmers. If the extensive grain farmer is able to eliminate but two-thirds of a horse for each 100 acres plowed, the intensive farmer with his diversified farm will not be able to eliminate any horse power by purchasing a tractor."

## ACRE PROFIT FROM ALFALFA

Provides Large Amount of Nutrient for Every Kind of Live Stock and Feeds Soil.

Here is why an acre of alfalfa is valuable in Minnesota:

It costs about \$12 to cultivate it.

At least 60 per cent of the fertilizer value is returned to the soil when the crop is fed.

A yield of three tons will return \$41.30 if fed to pigs as pasture when the pigs sell for 7 cents a pound.

A similar yield if fed to steers at 6 cents a pound will bring \$42.00.

The same yield fed to cows giving 210 pounds of butterfat at 30 cents a pound will bring \$44.00.

Farm feeds should be judged by the total nutrients produced an acre, bearing in mind the cost of production. Alfalfa provides a large amount of nutrient for every kind of stock. Besides this, it provides nutrient for the soil, hence increasing land value.

### Lost Her Fortune Betting.

Chicago.—Cancelled checks representing \$7,000, said to have been paid to alleged members of the syndicate of handbook operators by a widow, were placed before Federal Judge Landis in the course of his investigation into the betting ring case. A woman is said to have informed the court officials that she lost the sum indicated in the checks and \$23,000 more betting on horse races, and that she is now working for \$2 a day.

### Drought Helps Honey Crop.

Salina, Kan.—Two hundred and fifty pounds of honey in one bee gum tree is the record of the George Reed bee farm in this county, where 4,000 pounds of honey will be gathered this year. Reed says the dry season is responsible, the alfalfa being in bloom constantly, and the bees were able to work without delay. Reed says this year is the best honey year he ever saw and all because of the prolonged drought.

## BIG TRUTH IN "LOAFER LAND"

Job of Clearing Fields of Stumps Can Be Done on Days When Other Work Is Not Pressing.

Everybody hates a loafer around who consumes without giving anything in return. United States agricultural department, in naming stump land "loafer land," has struck upon a big truth that every farmer should take into consideration.

Men who have made careful study of the situation claim that every 12-inch stump on your place wastes 100 square feet of land. At first this statement may seem somewhat surprising and many farmers seem to feel that by pasturing their stump land there is no waste at all.

This is poor figuring, says California Cultivator. In most stump fields there is an average of 150 stumps to the acre, some much larger than 12 inches. With an average of 150 stumps to the acre you are simply wasting 15,000 square feet of land to each acre, and as there are only 43,000 square feet to the acre, you are wasting one-third of your land. Suppose someone were to propose to you that of each 30-acre pasture you shut off ten acres for the pure joy of seeing it wasted. You would think him utterly absurd, but it is no more absurd than to continue letting your land lie in a stumpage.

And after all it doesn't take long to clear off the stumps. The job can be done on the days when you can't work at anything else and by owning a good stump puller or being ready with dynamite you will find a surprising lot of "loafer land" converted to usefulness for the year's end.

## GOOD AS VEGETABLE MATTER

Refuse Hay, Straw Litter, and Other Rubbish Can Be Utilized in Orchard and Garden.

The value of refuse hay, straw litter and other rubbish for vegetable matter on orchard and garden soil has hardly been realized. Much of this material goes to waste every year that might be used to enrich the garden and orchard soil.

Now is the time to apply such materials to the soil, as it will take some time for it to decay and be of use to the soil. By applying this fall and turning it under the soil will be revived and enriched and hence made ready for preparation and planting next spring.

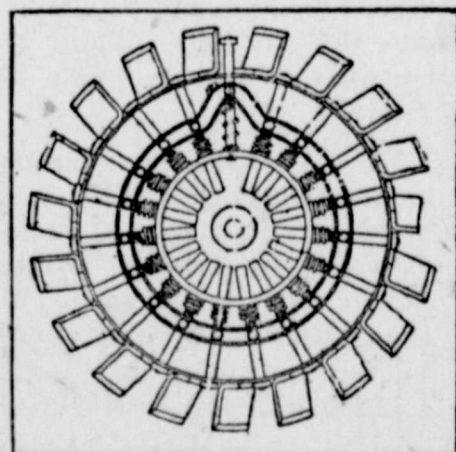
Most gardens could be made far more productive than they have been. To do this it will be necessary to begin on time. Humus is the greatest need in most instances, for without it little can be done in good preparation and ample cultivation.

Barnyard manure is better than waste litter, straw, etc., but manure is generally scarce, not enough being available to improve the soil on most farms. To supplement manure all waste vegetable matter should be used.

## NOVEL ROTARY SPADING PLOW

Farm Implement Recently Patented by California Inventor Has Self-Scouring Arrangement.

Such a rotary plow as shown here has been used in Germany for some time, though many details of construction were different. This plow is a



Rotary Spading Plow.

recent patent of a Sacramento (Cal.) man. The blades of this spading plow are cleared by means of the push rods, which have scraper plates mounted on them and are movable over the blades of the spades. Thus, the plow is made a self-scouring affair.—Farming Business.

### Two Enemies of Roads.

The two greatest enemies of roads are water and politics. Of these, politics is the worst, for water will run downhill, while no one knows which way politics will run.—M. O. Eldridge.

### Time for Garden Work.

Save a half hour at the close of the day for work in the garden. It cannot be better employed.

### Best Selling Apple.

The King apple is said to be the best seller and brings a good price.

## Dr. Sam'l. A. Miller

Practice Limited to Diseases of

## EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas

Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision

## HE HAD NOTHING TO WEAR!

So he missed an important engagement. He also missed a stroke of business. He had several fairly good suits but they all needed

## CLEANING AND PRESSING

Don't be caught in that predicament When your clothes become soiled and wrinkled from wear BRING THEM TO US. We make them look like and prolong their usefulness. :- :- :- :-

## M. L. CLEWIS TAILOR

### Rheumatism

makes the joints ache and causes the afflicted person much misery. For quick relief use

## BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

It is a Powerful, Penetrating Remedy

The relief is prompt and very gratifying to the sufferer. It eases the joints and conveys a strengthening influence that soon restores normal conditions. Use it also for healing Cuts, Sores, Wounds, Burns, Scalds, relieving Stiff Neck, Lame Back or Sore Muscles. It rarely fails to give good results. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

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## YOUNG FRIEND! IF GEORGE WASHINGTON COULD RISE FROM HIS GRAVE

And see our cities at midnight lighted as bright as day, hear the whirl of the electric car, talk over a wireless telephone, send a message by wireless to a ship far out at sea, examine his own bones with an X-ray, view the snowy fields, sunny plains and canals of Mars through a telescope, take a flight from ocean to ocean in an air ship, get run over by an automobile going ninety miles an hour—but what's the use of going back a hundred years? A system of shorthand and bookkeeping twenty years old is of but little use today.

As the steam ship has crowded out the sail boat, the typewriter the goose quill and pokeberry ink, so have the famous Byrne systems of business training, Bookkeeping, Stenotypewriting and Shorthand taken the place of the old systems. The reason is plain; these systems cut the time and cost of becoming an expert accountant or stenographer in half, teach business as well as bookkeeping, let the student begin earning

while the student of the old systems is not half through his course; they give the student a better practical working knowledge, which means a higher salary.

These practical, modern, time-saving systems can be had in this section only in the Tyler Commercial College. You would not think of riding in an ox-cart in preference to an automobile. Then why think of studying the old ox cart systems of accounting and stenography when you can get the Byrne systems which possess such wonderful advantages that they enabled the management of the Tyler Commercial College to build the largest business training school in America, with an annual enrollment of more than 2,000.

For free catalogue, address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

### LEG BROKEN

Otis Brown, a young man living east of town, sustained a broken leg last Friday afternoon while clearing land, when a tree fell on him.

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



# LUMBER IS CHEAP!

Consider these Facts:

**Last Year a Bale of Cotton  
Would Buy:**

30,000 Cypress Shingles; or  
2,000 Feet of Flooring, best  
Grade; or  
30 Gallons of Paint

**This Year It Will Buy:**

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3,500 Feet of Flooring; or  
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**Come On! Climb Aboard the Prosperity Car  
and Stop Kicking about High Prices**

WE HAVE PLENTY BRICK, LIME AND CEMENT

**T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.**  
EAST SIDE RAILROAD GRAPELAND, TEXAS

## Speedy Old "Doc" Stork Was Too Fast For T. & P. and Little Pilgrim Came to Earth 20th Century Style

Dallas, Jan. 9.—Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 3, ran a race this morning with the Stork and lost.

A bouncing baby girl first saw the light of day near Big Sandy at 5 o'clock as the engineer was putting on all steam and the fireman was frantically stuffing the huge mouth of the firebox with coal. But their efforts were in vain.

When they drew up at Big Sandy for water Conductor C. W. Gossett came running up the track from the rear Pullman and said: "It's all off, Bill, we couldn't make it to Dallas in time. The baby has arrived."

Back in the rear sleeper a young mother was snuggling to her bosom a wee bit of humanity and a worried but happy father was looking on proudly.

The little girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pilgrim of Myra, Texas. They were hurrying home from a visit to the East in anticipation of a visit from the Stork. The only persons competent to attend the mother were T. H. Gothard, a drug clerk of 204 Jefferson St., Dallas, and Mrs. W. B. Webber, a motherly old lady of Victoria, La., who were passengers on the train. They did their best, and when the mother and babe were taken to the home of the infant's aunt on Lattimer street Tuesday morning both were pronounced in excellent condition by the physicians.

Rev. George Sexton, Sr., well known Texas minister, was in the same car with the Pilgrim family and he conducted the christening exercises in a novel

way. After it was decided the little miss should be called "T. P. Pilgrim," Dr. Sexton, escorted by Conductor Gossett, went to every car on the train and made a speech and—took up a collection. He raised \$42.15 as a nest egg for the young Pilgrim and then went back and made another speech to the father and mother who were now happy and comfortable after the exciting experience.

"All of us tried to help," said Dr. Sexton, "but most of us were as helpless as that little babe. We ran up and down the car aisles and suggested things to do and hustled hither and thither carrying things that were of no earthly use. Some of us wanted to stop the train, while others wanted to speed up. It was finally decided to speed up, and that engineer and fireman enthusiastically obeyed the instructions of the conductor. We hit the ground in high places through East Texas, but it was no use. That Stork overtook us in the piney woods. After it was all over I decided that the best thing to do to calm my nerves was to make a speech, so I made about eight of them, one in every car. Then I thot I would complete the exercises by taking up a collection, which was a great success."—Dallas Times Herald.

### MOTHERS' CLUB NOTES

The Mothers' Club met in regular session at the school auditorium Friday afternoon, Jan. 12. The meeting was called to order by the Pres., Mrs.

Clewis. The members present voted to pay back dues from the date of re-organization, Sept. 22.

After discussion we decided to apply all funds which may be raised in the near future to fencing the school grounds. Misses Kennedy, Hill, Kent and Denny were named to see each patron, if possible and solicit a donation for this purpose. The social committee: Mesdames James Owens, Stafford and Henry Richards were asked to arrange for a play at an early date to supplement the above fund. Messrs. Sims and Denny were appointed to see those patrons who reside out of town to solicit donations and also to ask merchants to approximate cost of wire for fence and make a special price on same.

The hope is entertained that the fathers will help the mothers and teachers push this plan to a finish and then we will tell you about other good things. We have in mind to make the school grounds the "beauty spot" of the town and "Grapeland School the best in the county."

Secretary pro tem.

### R. R. THAMES DEAD

Mr. R. R. Thames, a prominent resident of the Glover community, died at his home, Jan. 1.

He was born in Falls county, Feb. 11, 1868. His parents moved to Trinity county when he was a small boy, where they resided until the year 1895, when they moved to Houston county, near Enterprise, where he lived until the year 1898. He was married to Miss Bumgarner July 21, 1898.

He was a good man, a loving father and husband and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his death, to whom the Messenger extends condolence.

### Death Angel Visits Antrim Community. Other News Items

Antrim, Jan. 14.—Once more the death angel has visited our community and took away one of our best citizens, Mr. J. F. Williams. He had been suffering for quite awhile with tuberculosis, and Sunday morning about 1:30 o'clock he passed over the river to a better land. He is gone but not forgotten, as he was a good christian man and liked by all who knew him. He had many friends. He leaves a wife and four children, three daughters and one son. To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

There is still a good many cases of lagrippe in the community. Among those who have been sick the past week are Mrs. J. F. Durnell and several of her children, little Vardinian Gray and Mamie, Eula and Lily Ruth Durnell.

We are sure having some cold weather, which is good for hog killing. J. F. Durnell raised the finest hogs in this community. He raised two that dressed 720 pounds of nice pork. That sounds like eating. We believe that every farmer should try to raise meat and bread at home.

The farmers of this community are talking "peanuts." It seems like it is going to be their main crop this year and we believe it will be better than raising so much cotton. While cotton and peanuts are both a good price now, they might drop to a real low price, probably so low the people wouldn't want to sell, then they could feed the peanuts to their stock, but what good could they get out of their cotton? They couldn't eat it nor feed it to their stock, either.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Skeens spent Wednesday and the night with Mrs. Skeens' brother, Mr. Tom Miller and family.

Several from this community attended the literary society at Rock Hill Friday night and report a nice time. Hiawatha.

### Local News Reported From the Rock Hill Community

January 15.—Mr. Harrison has moved into this community and has rented land from C. M. Streetman. We are glad to have new comers as that increases the school.

There was no Sunday school yesterday on account of the death of Mr. Williams of the Antrim community.

On account of the rainy weather, the society was not enjoyable last Friday night, but we carried out the program.

Misses Ula and Loreda Cobb of near Elkhart spent a part of last week here.

Ivy Brinson of Antrim attended our society Friday night.

Geo. S. Kyle, who is going to school at Elkhart, spent a part of last week here.

Our literary society will meet again Friday night, Jan. 26.

Alex Frazier of Elkhart was in this community last week making pictures.

Marvin Baber and E. J. Newman attended Sunday school here the first Sunday.

Rattler.

Hon. W. F. Murchison left Monday night for Sweetwater to visit his sister, Mrs. Lago.

## ARE YOU GUILTY?

A FARMER carrying an express package from a big mail-order house was accosted by a local dealer.

"Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express, and besides you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps pay the taxes and builds up this locality."

The farmer looked at the merchant a moment and then said:

"Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I have here."

MORAL—ADVERTISE

# SPECIAL NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS!

I will begin SHIPPING HOGS JANUARY 27, and will be shipping from then on every few days until the middle of April.

A few days prior to the shipment on the 27th I will be in the market for what hogs I can buy and will pay all the market will allow. The MARKET IS GOING UP and I think it will be better at that time. I am looking for the market to go some higher yet. If you have any SMALL HOGS to fatten for the market to be shipped in March or April I assure you there will be a market for them. I think the price will be fine through those months.

For any special information see me.

## GEORGE CALHOUN

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FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER



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THURSDAY, JAN. 18, 1917

**INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Men associate their resources and form partnerships in business so that the business may have the benefit of more capital than one possesses and greater ability than one man has. Thus in a partnership each brings capital, ability, experience, etc., useful in operation.

A similar arrangement often is useful in the family on the farm. Where there are boys and girls old enough to be of benefit they may be given responsibility in sharing the duties of managing the farm and maintaining the home. Most young people will take greater interest in the farm and its environment when they know that they personally will share in the profits. For this reason it is desirable that they have a per cent of the income from the farm, the livestock, the poultry, etc., to encourage them to do their best. When given a chance to grow crops and use the income, or raise animals or poultry to make spending money young people generally will show considerable ability and originality. They are likely to be satisfied to stay with the farm and contribute to its income so long as farming is contributing something directly to them.

The problem of the farm manager and his wife is to keep the boys and girls interested as well as to earn themselves. This often can be done by a partnership or by giving the young people individual responsibility with its reward.—Farm & Ranch.

In the event of a shortage in gold, we might use eggs as a circulating medium.

While congress is investigating the New York stock exchange and Tom Lawson's famous "leak," why not thoroughly investigate Tom?

The Mothers' Club should be encouraged in its effort to fence and beautify the school campus and should receive the active support of every citizen in the community.

We have heard quite a number of farmers say they are going to increase the acreage in peanuts this year. Others will plant peanuts who did not do so last year, and the present prospects are that Grape-land will ship several car loads of the nuts next season and thereby enrich the country. They are a source of revenue to the farmer that should receive due attention.

**USING EQUIPMENT**

It would be hard to overestimate the value of good farm implements. They mean so much to the farm manager that he does not always give them credit for his success as a farmer.

Man-power should not be required to compete with machine-power. Machines are made to strengthen and exalt the physical power of man. Why not use them for this purpose?

It isn't a question of the first cost of farm implements and machines as it is what they may be depended upon to produce. Good implements should be considered as a part of the investment to bring in greater returns from farm labor and from the farm investment. If they do not do this they are not properly used or else they have no place on the farm where they are not profitable.

Much of the responsibility for making the farm equipment already provided for the farm is on the man that uses it. Some men are more efficient in using implements and machines than others. But all of us can learn to make better use of our equipment. And this is one of the most practical ways of increasing the income from the farm.—Farm & Ranch.

The past year has witnessed many improvements, both in town and the country. On every road leading out from Grape-land you will find new dwellings, barns, etc., and now that the good roads spirit is taking hold of the people you will see greater strides in the future. There is prosperity in the land.

The government again recently issued a bulletin warning farmers not to plant "short staple" cotton. It is known in this country as "half and half." The bulletin says buyers everywhere are discriminating against this cotton to such an extent that the market for all cotton may be seriously affected. In view of this warning, farmers should not take chances but plant their crops from standard-bred seed.

**FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION**

A local National Farm Loan Association was organized in Crockett at the Commercial Club rooms Saturday afternoon, Jan. 13, with the following officers:

President, George Brailsford; Vice-Pres., P. D. Austin; Secretary, Treasurer, H. A. Fisher.

Board of Directors: George Brailsford, L. A. Hollis, Albert Douglass, P. D. Austin, A. D. Bowman, J. K. Jones, J. T. Simmons.

Loan Committee: Stell Sharp, P. D. Austin, J. M. Ford.

Twenty-four members have joined the association and made application for loans amounting to \$34,700.

The next meeting of the association is set for next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, and a full attendance is especially desired as all must sign new application blanks. New members can join at this meeting.

**Fleischer's Knitting Yarn**

These cold days offer opportunity time for knitting and crocheting. You will find a complete line of colors in threads for all purposes at our store. We have a specially good line of colors in Germantown and Shetland Floss at 15c a skein.

Geo. E. Darsey.

**OUR FIRST SHOWING OF WHITE GOODS**

AND

**Muslin Underwear**

For Spring

January is the ideal time to make your purchases of white goods and undermuslins, for now you have a complete assortment from which to make your selections and are able to get better values early in the season than after the stock consists mainly of left-overs. Don't miss this opportunity to make your selections now.

**WHITE GOODS**

In this line we are showing some of the season's most popular fabrics. These consist of the sheerest and most dainty materials in just the weave you will want for your spring clothing. Our showing consists of

- Lawns Organdies Batistes Linens
- Cotton Suiting Table Damasks Toweling
- Voiles Embroideries Insertions Laces
- Fancy Trimmings Handkerchiefs
- Cambrics Longcloth Nainsooks
- Sheetings Tubing

It makes no difference what you want you will find it first at this store. And the fact that it comes from here is your assurance that it is correct as to price and goods.

**UNDERMUSLINS**

Our showing of undermuslins is by far the most elaborate display ever offered to the shoppers of this community. Not a detail has been neglected and our showing includes all the materials in the latest makes and shades at extremely low prices. You should examine these garments whether you buy here or not. Every garment is guaranteed to fit right and wear right. This showing includes several styles in

- Gowns Envelope Chemise Corset Covers Skirts
- Drawers Voile Waists Middies
- Huse Dresses House Aprons Children's Dresses

The line is very comprehensive and is full of attractive values. A complete description in detail cannot be given for lack of space, but the best way to learn of these values is to see for yourself. We have ladies and misses sizes.

**"An Ounce of Prevention"**

Warm clothing is very essential this kind of weather. You cannot afford to risk your health on days like this just for a few dollars. Buy warm clothing and have comfort and health. This store is the very place for you to find what you want and the prices asked are of little consideration when you consider the quality. Underwear, Overshoes, Heavy Dress Goods, Work Shoes, Men's Sweaters, Dress Shoes, Good Hosiery. We have clothing in all sizes for men, women and children.

**GEORGE E. DARSEY**  
**SERVICE FIRST STORE**



**LOCAL NEWS**

Cheese 25c per pound at the Cash Grocery Co.

Rub. my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

R. M. Traylor of New Waverly spent last Friday in Grapeland.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

Mrs. Keissler of Huntsville is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Kennedy.

Mrs. William Alfred Riall is visiting relatives in Pine Bluff, Ark.

We serve Bevo—the great malt soft drink. Try it. Cash Grocery Co.

County Attorney J. F. Mangum of Crockett was here Saturday.

Are you saving S. P. S. Green Coupons? You ought to. McLean & Riall.

J. E. Hollingsworth spent several days in Walker county this week on business.

**FOR SALE**

A good young sorrel mare for sale. See me at the Goodson Hotel. Herman Beazley.

**WANTED TO TRADE**

Light two horse wagon for a one horse wagon. J. A. Frisby, Farmers Union phone 19.

**FOR SALE**

I am going out of the saw mill business and have for sale seven or eight tenant houses, which I will sell cheap. You can use the lumber for many things. My mill and all machinery is also for sale. See me for prices if you are interested.

Geo. Shaver.

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.

Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

Mrs. J. E. Spence and children visited friends in Elkhart the latter part of last week.

A car load of Light Crust flour and feed stuff due to arrive this week. Cash Grocery Co.

**NOTICE**

I now have my feed crusher in operation. A. B. Spence.

**STRAYED**

Poland China sow, marked split in left ear, white face, 2 or 3 white feet, weighs about 250 pounds. If found, notify Alvin Oliver.

O. H. Pitts has resigned his position with Kennedy Bros. and left Tuesday night for points in West Texas, where he will look for a location. C. E. Lively takes his place at Kennedy Bros.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. has an ad in this issue, which will prove interesting to those who contemplate improvements. It shows that lumber and building material has not kept pace with other things in price advances. Read it.

Mrs. Alice Mitchell, and son, of Mangum, Ok., have returned to their home, after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Haltom out on Route 1. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Haltom are sisters, and this was their first meeting in twenty years.

**WINDOW SHADES**

We have just received another big shipment of window shades in the most popular shade of green and green and white. We have plenty for everybody. Geo. E. Darsey.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**Newsy Letter From the Reynard Community**

Jan. 15.—Now, since the big auto contest is over, times will again be normal. Our part of the county was well represented in the contest. Now, I think Bro. Tenny a little over-pious in his views of the contest. As I see it, the Commercial Club simply gave away the car. Their motive may have been a self motive, but not a selfish motive. Their main aim was to draw trade and a crowd, and it cost no one an extra cent except the Club and I hope to see them do something similar in the future, only on a bigger scale. Think Mr. Fisher a fine man and he is doing a good work for the town and country.

Farm work is beginning and some have all the hands they need, while some are short. Very little plowing done yet. Tom Kent and J. L. Chiles are among those who are in for an early garden, both having planted peas.

Hogs are dying here and there but not to an alarming degree. Some to die yet, but hope not until the owners are ready.

Pledger Chiles has quit his job with the Lock folks and will make a crop at home. The dam is about complete and the wickets up and the water is backed up for 35 miles. The first boat was let through the Lock the other day. It was a gasoline launch and had the state license, which entitled it to pass thru. The Lock tender, a Mr. Mosely, is on the ground and has charge.

Doug Beazley brought a bunch of cattle from the Augusta country and will in a few years have some to sell.

O. Heath, the Madisonville cattle man, is in our midst. Understand he will be with us until Spring, buying and seeing after his cattle that are already here.

We do not think the high price of cotton has made a fool of any of our people down this way. All will do our best to make plenty of feed stuff and all the cotton we can.

J. H. Beazley is home a few days. He is taking a special treatment. Hope it may be a success and that his life may be spared several more years.

We expect this year to be more prosperous than last, but of course, weather conditions will play a big part.

Zack.

**MRS. JESSE BISHOP DEAD**

Mrs. Jesse Bishop died at her home in Beakiss, Texas, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, of black jaundice. Her remains were brought here and interred in the Guiceland cemetery Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Bishop was a bride of only a few months, and was, before her marriage, Miss Lena Hodge, daughter of S. M. Hodge, of Buffalo Gap. Besides a husband, father and two sisters, she leaves a host of friends to mourn her death. The Messenger extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**Is It Worth While?**

Why neglect your stock until they die? A farmer lost a fine milch cow this week, when given in time, a 50c package of Dr. Hess' Stock Tonic might have saved her.

With the high price of hogs, cattle and eggs it is worth while.

The more Hess' Stock Tonic you use the more food is turned into bone, muscle and flesh. The more Hess' Poultry Panacea you use the larger the egg yield will be.

Besides all this you have Dr. Hess' Information Bureau at your disposal.

Hess' Stock Tonic is put up in 25c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 sizes.

**BUY IT IN BUCKETS. SAVE YOUR STOCK**

**The Peoples Drug Store**

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

**To the Trade:**

WE ARE MAKING

**A SPECIAL LOW PRICE**

ON ALL OF OUR

**BOYS' CLOTHING AND**

**MEN'S PANTS**

We can save you money on them. The prices we are making will last a few days

**Grocery Department**

Our stock of groceries is complete and can save you money on them. Plenty of SALT and OATS now for sale.

All kinds of PLOW TOOLS! See me and save money. QUALITY IS THE THING

**T. S. Kent**

QUALITY IS THE THING

**Oak Grove News Reported by Our Regular Correspondent**

January 15.—If the weather man has any better weather, we would be glad if he would send a chunk of it down this way.

There is some sickness in the community. Ella Parker has pneumonia in a light form. She is getting some better and hope she will soon be able to take her place at school.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Riley Beason a few days ago and left them a boy baby.

Bill Spruill has moved into our neighborhood and is living on the Kolb place. Mae Bean has moved on his father's place. Mr. Phillips has moved on Geo. Chaffin's place where Lee Burden lived, Mr. Burden moving to the Ray place near New Prospect. John Clark is living on

W. J. Chaffin's place where J. Y. Carnes lived last year, Mr. Carnes going to Will Smith's place. John Shaw and son, Steve, have bought the Darsey place. Old Timer.

**FOR SALE**

One 7 passenger Studebaker car, in first class condition, for sale at a bargain for cash if sold at once. Or will sell for part cash and part on time. See R. T. Kent, or phone No 5, Farmer's Union, Grapeland, Texas.

**YOUR NAME**

Is it on our subscription list?

We will guarantee you full value

**FOR YOUR MONEY**

**No Substitutes Allowed**

There may be circumstances under which a "fair exchange is no robbery," but it wont work in a reputable drug store. In such a store

**PRESCRIPTIONS ARE INVIOATE**

Your doctor is supposed to know what he orders in the prescription he gives you and WE FILL IT TO THE LETTER or not at all.

If we haven't the right ingredients WE NEVER SUBSTITUTE. Substitutes are dangerous. WE GUARD YOUR HEALTH.

Insist on your prescriptions coming to us, where you get protection to life and health.

**LEAVERTON'S**

THE LEADING DRUG STORE



## WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

By H. A. Fisher, Sec'y. Crockett Commercial Club

### LET US TAKE STOCK

The progressive farmer and merchant takes stock once a year, and generally does it about this time, so he can determine how successful he has been the past twelve months and to start the new year with a determination to do better.

While the Commercial Club campaign is only ten months old we think it proper to take stock at this time so as to begin the year on an even footing with our associates.

The foundation upon which we originally proposed to build our structure was a closer co-operative working basis between the farmer and the merchant, realizing that Houston county possessed all the essential natural elements for a highly prosperous agricultural community, and all that was needed to produce the desired results was to put in operation a plan that would bring these elements together in the proper combination.

Nothing new or experimental was to be tried out, but to simply adopt the common sense business plan of co-operation that has been so successfully put in practice in many other like sections of the South.

### TO PROVIDE A BETTER MARKET

The first essential was for the merchants to agree to provide a shipping market, for the surplus over home consumption, for all products the farmers could raise in the territory that is considered tributary to Crockett. The next move was to assure the farmers of this pledge, and a series of school district meetings was held for this purpose.

These meetings were largely attended and so convinced were they that the movement was to be honestly tested, over two hundred farmers joined the Commercial Club, with the understanding they were not to be asked to contribute to its financial support until it had demonstrated its helpfulness.

Our readers, in a general way, are familiar with the progress that has been made along the line of providing a more ready and profitable market in Crockett for products of the farm, and it is not necessary to go into details here. One of the best evidences that material improvement has been made is the volunteer statements from farmers who visit the Club and are interviewed on the streets, that they can now always sell for cash at a fair price anything they bring to Crockett in marketable condition. When it is remembered that less than a year ago the almost universal complaint among the farmers was to the effect they could not sell anything in Crockett but cotton, the importance of the changed conditions that have been created in this respect will be better appreciated. This feature of the co-operative plan has not attained its fullest measure of development. It is in reality only well begun and can and will be greatly enlarged upon, to the added benefit of all concerned.

### THE COTTON MARKET

Speaking of improved market conditions, the action on the part of the Commercial Club in bringing to and extending the financial support necessary to keep an outside cotton buyer in Crockett the past season, resulted in making this one of the best, and at times the very best,

cotton market in the state. It has been estimated by those competent to judge, that this one feature of the Club's work, added over eight thousand dollars to what the farmers would have received had there been no outside cotton buyer here.

### THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

While a good beginning has been made in this department more than a year ago, the consistent support and encouragement the Club has given the cause has materially assisted in developing such a growth that it is now conceded that it has been so thoroughly well launched that there can be no reasonable doubt in regard to its becoming one of the most important links in the chain that is being forged to make Houston county one of the shining examples of progressive agricultural development of the South.

### DIVERSIFIED FARMING

The importance of depending less upon the one crop of cotton, that was so painfully emphasized by the events of 1914, has been featured by this campaign, and we feel to the betterment of those affected. The growing of peanuts, in particular, as a money crop, has been given an impetus that should result in its being adopted quite generally, and to the profit of the grower.

There is being erected a sentiment favoring more and better grade of live stock on the farm, and the growth of the dairy movement with the advent of the silo are conspicuous evidences of a healthful growth in this direction. Thus comes one of the greatest achievements of the Club's efforts in arousing a greater interest in dairying and live stock raising, which is to be the corner stone in the foundation of our permanent prosperity. Here follows another important step in this direction:

### THE ERADICATION OF THE FEVER TICK

As announced in last week's communication, the commissioner's court has appropriated a sum sufficient to cover one-half the cost of sixteen permanent concrete dipping vats, to be well distributed over the county and to be constructed under the direction of a representative of the Government, Doctor Hagg. The farmers in each locality where the vats are located and who will have the free use of them, are to pay the other half of the cost. It is estimated by Government agents who have assisted in this work in other localities, that with such a start we have secured, that the work will spread so rapidly that within a year from this time every head of live stock in this county should be free of ticks and the quarantine lifted, adding thousands of dollars to their value.

### IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD ROADS

The Club has devoted considerable time and energy to the betterment of the roads in the county and feels that in a degree it has been helpful, but claims special credit for effective work in connection with the bridge that is being built across the Trinity river at Riverside. It was the one essential feature that made the Red River to the Gulf Highway an assured fact. When the geographical location of this Highway is considered, it will readily be seen that it is to be the logical route to the Gulf

ports of Texas for a number of national and international highways now being constructed and headed in this direction. At the time this article is being read by the public in this vicinity, the Secretary is due to be in Austin in attendance upon the annual convention of the Texas Good Roads Association, and doing his level best to boost the efforts being made for the enactment of a law creating a State Highway Commission, a necessary step to the state securing its proportion of the \$85,000,000 appropriation of the Government to be divided among the states to assist in highway development. He also hopes to start a movement that will result in hard surfacing the Red River to the Gulf Highway its entire length. When this has been done it will be in condition to be accepted by the Government as a National Military Highway and thereafter be maintained by Uncle Sam. If our plans work out we will be entitled to a portion of that eighty-five million to assist in doing this work.

### COUNTY DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Here is where we do feel proud. When the commissioners' court, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the day that witnessed the largest crowd of farmers ever seen in Crockett, voted an appropriation for the support of a county demonstration agent, a progressive step was taken that should prove the 10th day of January, 1917, to be a genuine "red letter day" for Houston county.

This action paves the way for the helpful assistance of the government and state through their wonderful agricultural organizations, in every way that this most valuable service can be used to advantage. What this may mean to the agricultural uplift of our county cannot well be over estimated.

### FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

We should not close our stock-taking inventory without referring to the fact that the first local to be organized in this section of the country was the one bearing the name of the "Crockett National Farm Loan Association," and that the organization was legally completed and set in motion at the club rooms on Saturday last.

### MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

When this club campaign was started there existed a very marked prejudice on the part of, it is safe to say a majority, the farmers against the merchants of Crockett. The feeling being one of lack of interest in what they were doing, and especially were the farmers outspoken with reference to the absence of a market for their products, and it required a large amount of assurance at the initial community meetings above mentioned to induce many of them to lay aside this prejudice and decide to give the merchants one more trial.

It is the pleasantest part of this recital to record the fact that the secretary is daily being told by those who were most skeptical at the beginning that "the merchants of Crockett have made good." Not only frequent expressions of this kind do we hear, but the changed sentiment is so pronounced that the very atmosphere seems charged with added proof of the fact.

Farmers, you should bear in mind that with the assistance of a competent county demonstration agent, you have a right to expect more help the present year than the one just passed, for many valuable features follow in the wake of one who can call to his aid the limitless resources of the state and federal governments.



## OUR CONSTANT DESIRE

Is to meet the financial requirements of the substantial trade and mercantile element of the community as well as to serve the individual depositor. To this end we bend every effort. How well we succeed we leave to our hundreds of depositors to testify. We invite your account.

## Farmers & Merchants State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK



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If you want to sell your house  
If you want to sell your farm  
If you want to buy property  
If there is anything that you want the quickest and best way to supply that want is by placing an advertisement in this paper

The results will surprise and please you



## 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

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## 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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- Bill Heads
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- Calling Cards
- Leaflets
- Statements
- Milk Tickets
- Meal Tickets
- Shipping Tags
- Announcements
- Briefs
- Notes
- Coupons
- Pamphlets
- Catalogues
- Circulars
- Posters
- Blotters
- Invitations
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- Checks
- Blanks
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Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

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Advertising is the education of the public as to who you are, where you are, and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the world in the way of commodity or service.—Elbert Hubbard.

## Anything to Sell, Buy or Exchange? ADVERTISE

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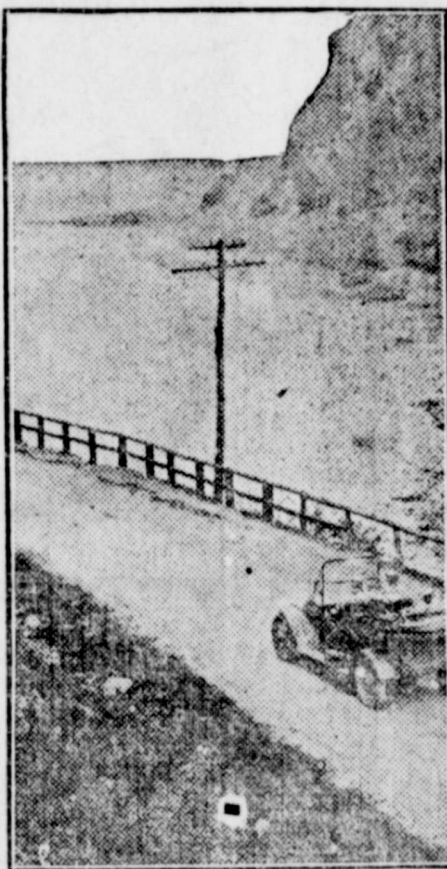


## VALUE OF IMPROVED ROADS

Public Highway Is More Generally Used Than Any Other Means of Intercommunication.

It has been stated, and correctly so, that only 10 per cent of the public roads in the United States are improved; in many states, only 5 per cent have been made good. Therefore, with from 90 to 95 per cent of our highways mere trails across country, Americans are living in a land of mud or dust, according to the season.

Rarely are poor roads easily travelable; improved roads, if improved according to modern methods, are always travelable in the most inclement weather, barring a blizzard and snowdrifts. The force of this observation may be the more readily understood when it is stated that the public road is more generally used than any other



Beautiful Eastern Road.

means of intercommunication. It is free and open to all of the people. It is of benefit to one class more than another only to the extent one class uses it more than another.

Many sections of the country are opposing road improvement, just like the cattle barons of the unstaked western plains—the llama estancia—not many years ago opposed the coming of the homesteader and the railroad. One definition of a "mossback" is that he is a foe to progress. Opponents of good roads are mossbacks of this character. They are bumping their heads on the van of progress solely because they lack understanding of the value of good roads to their own communities.

Too much cannot be said in favor of improved roads. They are worth all they cost. The argument is all one way. Why drive through mud and water with a four-horse team empty over a bad road when a two-horse will haul as much as 12 bales of cotton, for example, more rapidly and surely over a good road?

A little thought along these lines must convince anyone that these United States need good roads about as bad as anything.—New York Commercial.

## MAKING STATE ROADS SAFER

Purchase of Parcels of Land at Highway Intersections of Interest to All Travelers.

A bill authorizing the purchase of parcels of land at highway intersections, now on the house calendar, is of interest to all travelers on the state roads. Any reasonable plans for improving the corners is likely to have general approval. Real estate in the country towns, outside the villages, is inexpensive. The cost of eliminating right-angle turns should not be excessive, and the gain in safety will be appreciable. Many serious accidents have occurred at these abrupt turns, particularly where the dangerous conditions were not revealed by lights. At such points the best remedy is in the relocation of the highway lines, and it may be said that immunity from danger is worth more than the price of a few square feet of unoccupied farm land.—Providence Journal.

## TOAD IS GARDEN POLICEMAN

Seventy-Seven Per Cent of His Diet Is Composed of Insects—Should Be Welcome Guest.

The toad is a garden policeman. Seventy-seven per cent of his diet is composed of insects and the remainder consists of spiders and worms of all kinds.

The toad is in a position to capture his "daily bread" with his tongue. In this respect he is like some who get their living by talking.

A toad should be a welcome guest in a garden or flower bed.

## WEED IS MOST UNDESIRABLE

Keeping Ahead of Noxious Plant Requires Knowledge and Perseverance on Part of Farmer.

A good deal has been said about weeds and all will agree that they are most undesirable. No one cares to grow them in crops and yet they grow, and that luxuriantly, if unrestrained.

Keeping ahead of the weeds requires perseverance and a correct knowledge of the best way to keep them down.

## New Road Machine.

The surfaces of roads are planed, scarified, rolled and made ready for use in a single trip over them by a machine that a Pennsylvanian has invented.

## Easter Dates.

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

## "Daylight Saving" Works Well.

"Daylight saving" was a success in Austria-Hungary, reports United States Consul General Albert Halstead from Vienna. Commenting on the results of the "daylight saving" experiment, which began April 30 and finished September 30 last, he says that it proved most beneficial to the health of the Viennese due to the extra sunlight in working hours, and also did much to save expense for lighting. It is calculated, he reports, that in Vienna alone the people consumed 158,000,000 cubic feet of gas less and saved \$142,000. The city of Vienna required 14,000,000 cubic feet of gas less for street lighting.

## GENERAL FARM NOTES

Don't let the machinery cry for oil.

Sheep will surely pay you if you handle them right.

Now is the time to select from the flock the birds you will use for breeding next spring.

If onions are frozen for storage, they should be kept frozen till time to use them in the spring.

Neatness in all departments of farm work ought to be the farmer's motto and especially in the dairy.

Put some sand over the boxes or bins in which root crops are stored. It will prevent their drying out.

There are five million more horses and mules in the United States today than there were ten years ago.

Very good celery may be raised in a dry year by mulching the plants. This saves the moisture and keeps the soil cool.

Oil is cheaper than repairs and new tools, and when properly used will reduce the friction and increase the life of the farm machine.

Squash should be stored in a dry place on shelves one layer deep. They will stand considerable heat but very little cold and moisture.

## To Classify Fruits.

The internal structure of fruits is likely to give a useful means of classifying the various kinds, and may prove of value in showing the relationship of varieties. In his novel experiments, Prof. E. J. Kraus of the Oregon Agricultural college, has cut thin sections from the center of mature specimens of various apples and pears. The sections were first dehydrated with alcohol, and were then soaked in a mixture of xylol and cedar oil. They became beautifully transparent. The vascular system stood out distinctly, and in many fine photographs has seemed to be always the same for any one kind of fruit, regardless of the place of growth, but his differed much in the different varieties. The structural differences are very striking in both the flesh and the core of the fruits that were brought under observation.

## GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

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It is a corrective medicine for all disorders of the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

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## DIDN'T HAVE TO STEAL MONEY

Janitor Had Double Reason for Remembering Old Adage, "Honesty Is the Best Policy."

"Left that money at the office, by thunder," said Mr. Lewis aloud to himself when inquiring jabs at coat and trouser pockets had proved him walletless. "Must get it—late now—company for dinner—can't be helped—getting old," he mumbled as he hastened back to his office. He found the janitor sweeping. Now this functionary, Dave by name, had two species of sweeps, one the cleansing spirit of gratitude, the other an ingratiating sweep of favors to be asked. It depended upon whether Mr. Lewis had been, or was to be asked, for the never-to-be-repaid loan of a dollar.

This afternoon Dave swept thankfully. His benefactor had "lent" him five dollars to help pay the carriage bill for his late sister's genteel and long-remembered funeral. His sister had ranked high in her church, and was a dignitary in two societies, therefore the extortionate carriage bill of \$20. "It sho was a grand funeral, Mr. Lewis," the bereaved brother had said, as he pocketed the five and reached for his broom.

Therefore, when Mr. Lewis poked his forgetting head inside of his office door, Dave's gratitude was expressing itself in raising dust and moving furniture.

"Stop sweeping, Dave," he called through the veil of germs between them. "Forgot something—had to come back—late—company coming. I left my billfold. Seen it?"

"Yas, sah, hit's a settin' on de suspidore, top ob de hat-rack, ober yonder," the janitor directed.

Mr. Lewis clutched the pocketbook, started to the door, then paused. "Dave," he questioned, standing on the threshold—"why didn't you take this yourself, when you had the chance? You know that carriage bill—"

"Yas, sah, I ain't forgittin' dat ere bill, but I ain't got ter steal from you, Mr. Lewis. You'll len' me de money, jes any time I axes yer."

## Heal by Color's Aid.

H. Kemp Prosser, who designed the two interiors in the French play "La-bergette," thinks persons who wish to retain their vitality and normality in war time should avoid certain colors.

"Cardinal red," he said, "is the symbol of murder, hate and cruelty. Sage green means vile and brown decay.

"Lemon yellow, on the other hand, suggests to persons who are sensitive to color influence, light and life. That is why I suggest this color should dominate color schemes in hospitals and homes for wounded soldiers.

"In my rest room at Chelsea for soldiers the symbolical colors used were lemon yellow, mauve, sapphire, turquoise and blue. A golden piano was draped with a lemon-yellow curtain, on which were embroidered a dove bearing the emblem of peace, an Egyptian symbol expressing the keys of life and a white rose, emblem of power and silence. Beautiful lamps repeated the colors blue, mauve and turquoise."—London Correspondent New York Herald.



**OWNS ENGINE HE ONCE RAN**

Former Engineer, Now President of Railroad, Purchases His Old Locomotive.

Hutchinson, Kan.—Almost a quarter of a century ago O. P. Byers, as an engineer on the Rock Island, was using engine No. 406 on a run between Fort Worth, Tex., and Chichasha, Okla.

Mr. Byers is now president of his own railway, the Anthony & Northern. He needed another locomotive, and found, to his satisfaction, that his old engine, No. 406, was out of commission on the Rock Island. As a matter of sentiment largely, he decided for and secured the locomotive, had it rebuilt, and it is now pulling wheat trains, as No. 4 on the A. & N.

Mr. Byers ran with a freight train over the line, seated in the cab and at the throttle of his old engine, now his in reality.

**Disease in Kisses.**

Allentown, Pa.—Promiscuous kissing was denounced by Dr. Charles D. Schaeffer, chief surgeon of the Allentown hospital, in an address to a mixed audience gathered to foster interest for higher appropriations by the new legislature for institutions to care for epileptics, feeble-minded and other unfortunates. He discouraged it among sweethearts and warned young mothers against allowing their babies to be kissed by strangers. He declared he spoke from the depth of experience, as he had been called upon to treat many patients seriously or fatally diseased by kissing.

**Hen Gobbles Pearl.**

Portland, Ore.—Mrs. Lettie Trapp of this city has a valued pet hen named Clarice. The other day as Mrs. Trapp was feeding her fowls Clarice leaped affectionately up to her shoulder, spied a valuable pearl in Mrs. Trapp's earring, gobbled it and leaped down again, gulping. Mrs. Trapp screamed, first with pain as the pearl was wrenched away, and then with horror at her loss. She caught Clarice and imprisoned her, but could not make up her mind to have the pet dispatched so that the jewel could be recovered.

**Bank Robber Returns \$5.**

Scranton, Pa.—A letter with \$5 inclosed has been received by the Pine Brook bank. The letter said that the writer held up the teller and took the money at the point of a revolver.

"I am taking the first opportunity to pay it back," said the letter, which was postmarked Moscow, Pa. The bank officials will have the missive framed. The robber entered the bank and pointed a revolver at the teller, George Browning, demanding \$25. Browning handed out \$5, which satisfied him.

**LUNATIC IN ARMOR**



This is Mike Inik in the home-made suit of armor he wore when he invaded the Hammond county, (Ind.) court house and shot three men. Inik was always regarded as mildly insane. His victims were Judge Charles E. Greenwald, a court bailiff and a juror. None of them was fatally injured.

**Meteorites of All Sizes.**

Among the collection shown in the new building of the National museum at Washington is a remarkably fine exhibit of meteorites. It includes complete meteorites ranging in size from the merest pebbles to great boulder-like masses, and casts reproducing giant forms like that of Bacubirito, which has been estimated to weigh 25 tons and still rests where it fell in Mexico.

**MAKE USE OF FROSTED CORN**

It Should Be Cut as Soon as Possible, to Save Plant Food—Silage Should Be Covered.

If the standing corn in the field is frosted it should be cut as quickly as possible, or it will cause a great loss of plant food.

An expert says: "The effect of a hard or black frost in freezing the cells of the corn fodder, causes the breaking of the individual cells and the evaporation of sap that should be left in the stalks and leaves. The leaves turn white and become so brittle that in handling most of the leaves and a portion of the stalk will be lost. The corn on the ear will become soft and will only be fit for feeding to hogs and cattle as it will not keep any length of time."

An authority says: "If frosted corn is to be put into the silo, it should be cut as quickly as possible and, if rather dry, well watered as it is put in the silo. The silage should be well packed, to exclude the air. After the silage is all in, let it settle for a few days, then sow oats quite thick over the silage. The oats will germinate in a few days and make sufficient growth to protect the silage. The oats make a better cover than earth or boards and can be easily removed when the silage is to be used."

**CURING POP CORN PROPERLY**

Ears Should Be Left on Stalks Until Fully Ripened—Free Circulation of Air is Essential.

To successfully cure popcorn so it will pop early in the winter, the ears should be left on the stalks until the grains are fully ripened, and then pulled off, husk and all. This may be laid on a floor, or placed in sacks which are more or less open for the passage of air, and hung up in a dry room which is well ventilated and free from rats and mice.

If the husks are removed when the corn is pulled from the stalk, it dries out too rapidly, and the kernels will not pop as freely as they will if dried more slowly.

Popcorn can be too dry at time of popping. Corn after once cured, does best if kept where the air is only moderately dry. Corn kept behind a stove will not pop as freely as corn kept in a room where there is a little dampness part of the time.

**Leper Colony For Holland.**

Holland is to have a leper colony. The country is exposed to the leprosy danger owing to the considerable traffic with its East and West Indian colonies, and there are estimated to be roughly between 30 and 40 sufferers from the disease already within its borders. Plans are on foot to found such a colony in the Veluwe region, between Epe and Heerde. It will be under the control of officers of the Salvation Army who have had experience of this work in the Netherlands East Indies.

**Gigantic Coalship.**

The largest coalship in the world—the Milazzo—recently docked in New York. She was designed by an Italian, Capt. Emilio Menada, who has earned a reputation for himself as an inventor of transporting machinery. The Milazzo can hold 14,000 long tons of coal and 4,500 tons of oil. She is a veritable storehouse of intricate machinery. Coal cars run on tracks in her vast interior.—Popular Science Monthly.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT**

To the officers and members of Belott Camp No. 2231, W. O. W. and the friends and relatives of the deceased.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from the walks of life, our Brother and Sovereign, R. R. Thames, and that by his death this camp has lost an honored member, his family a loving husband and father. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of this lodge and a copy be furnished his family and the Grapeland Messenger for publication.

W. T. Payne,  
J. M. Lockey,  
A. P. Balch,  
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**Sweet Potatoes Can Be Used as Collateral at the Bank**

Nowadays a sweet potato may be collateral for a loan in Texas. A farmer having 100 bushels of sweet potatoes stored in a bonded curing plant of the kind being established under the supervision of the Texas A. & M. College extension department and

the United States government, can borrow \$50 by taking the warehouse receipt to the bank as security.

"It is the first time that a Texas sweet potato has been recognized as having really commercial value," said Dr. R. M. Harkey, field organizer for the extension department of A. & M. College. "During the last ten years," said Dr. Harkey, "60 per cent of Texas' sweet potatoes put up in banks never

reached the markets. Out of the remaining 40 per cent, only 25 per cent brought fair prices because of bad condition."

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank the people for their kindness during the sickness and death of our loving husband and father. May God's richest blessings be yours is our prayer.

Mrs. R. R. Thames and children.