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Saturday, April 7, I will ship the remainder of my hogs for this season. On that date I will buy all fat hogs offered weighing 150 pounds up, at the highest market price. If you have any to sell see me, and remem-

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A good residence and one acre of land in the east part of town. For particulars call on or address Davis & Edens.

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We have completed our stocks of

**Dry Goods, Shoes
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We invite you to inspect our lines and get our prices.

We carry the AMERICAN LADY and AMERICAN GENTLEMEN SHOES.

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**We want to buy your
Eggs and other
PRODUCE!**

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We are Funeral Directors and carry a complete stock of Coffins and Burial Goods. All calls, especially at night, promptly answered

March Was A Good Egg Month For Grapeland

March was a very good egg month for this city and from the following figures, one can readily see that the hens are doing their part toward aiding the farmers to live at home.

There were 744 cases of eggs shipped from this city during the entire month, which is 22,320 dozens. The average price paid by local buyers for the month was 25c, which amounts to \$5,580.00. These figures will show that the farmers have realized that Grapeland is the leading produce center of East Texas, and that the merchants pay as much and sometimes a little more than they can get for the eggs they buy.

Last Saturday 105 cases were shipped from this point and the farmers received 27c for the most of them, while 25c was paid for some.

Our neighboring city, Crockett, had a Trades Day and automobile parade last Saturday and advertised that the merchants would pay 20c per dozen for eggs on this day as a special inducement, but during the day they managed to "prize" the price up as high as 21c. We give this little comparison to show the people who desire to bring their produce where they can get the best price, that Grapeland merchants do not buy eggs to make a big profit on, but pay a big price to induce people to trade here.

There was a buyer from Waco and one from Palestine to buy Saturday's shipments.

TO SEE PERFECTLY

See Dr. Shelfer at D. N. Leaverton's Drug Store April 13 & 14th. Two days only this trip. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices reasonable. Read other notices in this issue.

WALTON--KENT

Mr. Arthur Walton and Miss Sallie Mae Kent surprised their many friends last Sunday morning, when they were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents at 9 o'clock a. m., Rev. T. L. Fullbright, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, performing the ceremony. Miss Kent is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent and is one of Grapeland's most favored young ladies, numbering her friends by her acquaintances.

Mr. Walton is a popular young man and is associated in the partnership of Denson & Walton, barbers.

These young people have the best wishes of the entire community for a long and happy wedded life.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

April 2.—During the past week very little business has been done in the District Court. The jury that had been summoned for the week were excused from attendance Monday evening by Judge Prince and did not have to appear Tuesday as they had been summoned. The Grand Jury adjourned Friday evening until Monday morning without returning any bills. It is possible that a number have been acted upon, but not written up by District Attorney. Judge Prince went home Saturday at noon, returning Sunday night.

CIVIL DOCKET

A few suits to remove cloud from title of lands were disposed of. The only civil case

How is Your Appetite?

Yes, you will find people around here whose appetites are not of the best.

But then, you will find some people who do not buy their groceries from us.

On the other hand, you will find a great many of our people who never lack for an appetite, whose digestion is never impaired, who are enjoying life to the fullest extent.

And you will find a vast number of people hereabouts who buy their groceries from us.

Which class are you in?

Which class do you want to be in?

--Phone us

--Prompt Deliveries

Cash Grocery Company

N. J. DAVIS, PROP. :: FREE DELIVERY

COME IN

When in Town

And see our complete stock of
DRY GOODS and SHOES

We have some special bargains to show you and can save you money. We have a complete stock in groceries, flour, meal and can save you money on your bill and we bought early before it got so high.

See our Ladies' Skirts. They are Dandies and Cheap; all kinds of Straw Hats For Men and boys.

See Me and Don't Forget

"Quality is the Thing"

T. S. KENT

"THE QUALITY MAN."

NOTICE

In the month of March we sold 960 Brown Leghorn eggs to our friends for hatching. We have not received a complaint. During April we will sell them at \$3.00 per hundred. One setting 50c. Parcel Post Deliveries 65c. Yours for better poultry and more eggs.

W. R. Durnell, Rte. 3.

A "system regulator" is a medicine that purifies and strengthens the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is one of the best of these. It drives out unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

tried was: J. J. Allen by Next Friend A. S. Allen vs Louisiana and Texas Lumber Co. et al. Judgement for plaintiff for \$500.

DIVORCE DOCKET

Cases tried and disposed of: W. A. Livingston vs Dolly Livingston; Mary Taylor vs Berry Taylor; Carey Masters vs Alex Masters; Wm. Nelson Jr. vs Ada Lee Nelson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. R. Connor of Ratcliff, Hayne Mainer of Lovelady and Dave Leaverton of Grapeland were appointed a committee to examine into the finances of the county. They will report for duty later in the term.

CRIMINAL DOCKET

No business was transacted and no cases set.

BIRSKY and ZAPP

By
MONTAGUE GLASS

"I SEE where the president of the Airy-o Club of America has got a new plan to encourage young fellers to learn how to fly," said Louis Birsky the real estate as he laid down the morning paper in Wasserbauer's Restaurant.

"What was the old plan?" Barnet Zapp the waist manufacturer asked. "Well," Birsky replied, "I suppose he took the young feller to one side and said: 'Listen, be a sport. You got to die some time, and a long, expensive sickness ain't so pleasant neither. Get it over quick. Learn to fly.'"

"And naturally the young feller wasn't encouraged," Barnet Zapp suggested.

"Naturally," Birsky said. "So now the president of the Airy-o Club says: 'Looky here, why don't you learn it flying in an airy-olplane and after you graduate I would get you and two thousand of your classmates to fly from here to San Francisco, and who arrives first gets \$20,000?'"

"Aber supposing the feller don't arrive first?" Zapp inquired.

"Then that's his funeral," Birsky said.

"Well then where does the encouragement come in?" Zapp commented. "Furthermore, Birsky, this here president of the Airy-o Club of America has got it wrong. The thing to do is not to encourage young fellers to learn it flying in an airy-olplane but to DIS-courage 'em."

"Well, what he said in the first place didn't sound so encouraging to me," Birsky said.

"What he said was all right," Zapp admitted, "but he didn't lay no pipes for it. For instance, if I would be the president of the Airy-o Club of America and I wanted a young feller he should be an airy-onaut, y'understand, I would find out where the young feller is working and get him felled. I would then fix things so that the girl he is going to marry wouldn't got nothing to do with him no more. H'afterwards I would use all this as evidence why his father should throw him out of the house, and when I got the young feller absolutely in despair, y'understand, I would lay for him at the drug store and just when he is going to buy the poison he is figuring on taking, I would say to him: 'Listen,—since the war has stopped Germany shipping drugs to America, you couldn't rely on poisons no more. Save your money and try something certain. Learn to fly.'"

"Aber not considering the funny side of this thing, Zapp, why is it we ain't got more as one airy-olplane flyer to Europe's twenty?" Birsky asked.

"It's a question from etiquette," Zapp replied. "Over in Europe if a young feller has got a father with a rating anywhere about D to F credit fair, for such a young feller to work for a living is considered like eating with his knife or wearing tan shoes with a full dress suit. So what is a feller like that to do? Cards he soon gets tired of, because you've got to use your head to play cards, and in Europe up to the present war using your head wasn't considered becoming neither. Golf and tennis is all right once in a while, Birsky, but if a feller is hitting a ball mit a club day in day out, y'understand, he might just so well be hitting a nail mit a hammer and become a carpenter. The consequences was that until airy-olplanes was invented, all such a young feller could do to get any excitement out of life was to climb mountains mit snow on 'em or go to Africa and kill once in a while a menagerie animal like a lion or a tiger. However, Birsky, after airy-olplanes was invented, flying became more fashionable than mountain climbing and killing menagerie animals, as it was found out to be just as dangerous, but with less traveling expenses and more convenient to a hospital. So therefore, Zapp, for every son of a millionaire in this country which is working hard to carry on the old man's business and give employment to thousands of operators, y'understand, they got over in Europe a son of a millionaire who is learning to fly in an airy-olplane and has working for him steady two mechanics, a surgeon and a trained nurse."

"Well, you couldn't blame such a young feller in especially if he is going out a good deal into society," Birsky said. "The fact that a feller is learning to fly in an airy-olplane and so to speak could never tell which



"I Would Lay for Him at the Drug Store."

moment is going to be his next. Zapp, makes him in a way very interesting to meet, especially for ladies, Zapp, which they could say h'afterwards: 'Only yesterday he was talking to me the same like you are now.' Also an airy-olplane flyer has got a tropic of conversation more attractive to ladies, Zapp, which I don't care how good looking a young American millionaire could be, y'understand, if he would sit down and tell a lady how he was up till three in the morning figuring the costs on a big shipment of enamel ware wash tubs, and how by re-appointing the overhead, he cut the independent manufacturers' price ten per cent, Zapp, is it any wonder that the daughters of our best families prefers a marriage match with a foreign noble feller? Am I right or wrong?"

"Yes and no," Zapp said, "because while your idee is a good talking point for the president of the Airy-o Club, Birsky, supposing he does promise a feller that if he becomes an airy-onaut, he stands a chance to leave a rich widder provided the wedding takes place before the accident, y'understand, where is the inducement? The fact of the matter is, Birsky, that the members of the Airy-o Club of America is starting in from the wrong end. What them fellers should ought to do is to get after the manufacturers to make up a line of semi-safe airy-olplanes, where if you fly in 'em, y'understand, you will stand a show for your life somewhere between a feller working in a powder mill and a feller in a submarine—in other words, not so safe that it wouldn't be considered a good tropic of conversation with ladies, y'understand."

"For my part, Zapp, I am content to stay out of airy-olplanes till they get so common that talking about flying in 'em will be so much a tropic of conversation as saying ain't it a rotten weather we are having," Birsky declared. "At the same time, Zapp, I think that time is coming fast, on account I seen it in the papers where over in Europe they are learning a great deal from airy-olplanes, and that after the war is over, Zapp, they will make big improvements in 'em."

"The idea of Airy-o Club of America," Zapp said, "is that we shouldn't wait till the war is over but we should go right ahead experimenting on our own account mit airy-olplanes, and learn from one accident to another just what it was about the airy-olplane that killed the airy-onaut. One member of the club in particular feels quite sore that we should be willing to learn by Europe's mistakes and not by our own, so he is offering a trophy for an annual airy-olplane competition for flying across the continent."

"What for, a trophy?" Birsky asked. "He didn't say," Zapp replied, "but the chances is it would be a widder in sterling silver holding in her right hand a cancelled insurance policy and underneath the motto: 'Kindly omit flowers.'"

"And he expects that American airy-onauts will risk their lives flying to the Pacific coast for such a prize?" Birsky said. "I suppose the second prize is a safety razor with twelve blades and styptic pencil in leatherine case complete, and the third prize a year's subscription to any two of the monthly magazines. It's too bad that the North Pole was discovered before this here member of the Airy-o Club



"The Air Would Be Black With Customers."

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill."

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

started in to offer prizes, Zapp. He might of loosened up to Admiral Peary for a cut glass olive dish or something."

"I guess the president of the Airy-o Club thought the same thing as you, Birsky," Zapp said, "because so soon as he got the letter from the member who offered the trophy he comes right back with an offer of \$20,000 for first prize, \$15,000 second prize, \$10,000 for third prize, \$7,500 for fourth prize, and so by degrees down to 'You done noble' for the ninth prize, 'Fine work' for the tenth prize and 'What detained you?' for the 11th, 12th and 13th prizes."

"Sure, I know," Birsky commented, "but twenty thousand dollars ain't to be sniffed at, neither."

"Listen, Birsky," Zapp said. "There is already entered in the Airy-o Club's

contest thirteen concerns which manufactures airy-olplanes in the United States, and, so far as I heard it, they ain't in business for the benefit they will get from the systematic exercise of making up a weekly payroll exactly. So you can trust them fellers to see to it that enough young billionaires learns to fly to net the manufacturer anyhow ten per cent on his investment, and that is the secret of airy-olplane preparedness, Birsky. To the members of the Airy-o Club of America an airy-onaut is only an airy-onaut, but to a feller in the airy-olplane business an airy-onaut is something more than that. He is a customer, Birsky. So, therefore, Birsky, what the Airy-o Club of America must do is to train traveling salesmen for the manufacturers of airy-olplanes, and in case of war, Birsky, the air would be black with customers."

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Hot Bread for Cold Morning

As a race we are said to be addicted to the eating of hot breads. But it is doubtful if there is anything heavier and more indigestible in the American cook's list of hot breads than English muffins. Some of the Viennese breakfast breads, too, are a bit heavy, and probably every country of Europe would have to plead guilty at the bar if accused of producing breakfast breads that defy the requirements of digestibility.

Whatever the real situation with regard to hot breads may be, the fact remains that good muffins or other hot breads make breakfast worth the eating.

Iron Duke's Doctor Still Living.

It is rather bewildering to read in these days that one of the Iron Duke's medical attendants is still alive. Yet it is a fact. The victor of Assaye and Waterloo died in 1852, and it was in the year before that he was attended by a very young medical man attached to one of the London hospitals. Recently the doctor in question, Dr. Henry F. Holland, celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday at Godalming.—London Globe.

Billions in "Movies."

Every time you visit the movies you help to pay the wages of 205,000 employees who draw \$2,300,000 weekly. There are 21,600 moving-picture theaters in the United States and about \$2,000,000,000 invested in the business.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Milk As a "Bracer"

By DAVID STONE KELSEY

The Pasteur institute of Paris makes the declaration that one of the most powerful stimulants known is milk. It has been in use for months now as the one stimulant for the French soldiers in the trenches, and its effect on them has amply justified the statement made by the famous institute in regard to it.

Milk has been used liberally to stimulate the French soldiers before they go into battle and its effects have been such that the French government has urged the sale of milk in preference to other soft drinks behind the trenches when the soldiers go off duty for their spells of rest and recreation.

That the qualities of stimulation should be demonstrated on the fighting men should commend the beverage to those engaged in the pursuits of peace in those parts of the world where Mars does not now rule. While alcohol may fire the brain and dull the sensibilities and thus impart a false courage, milk, according to the learned scientists of the Pasteur institute, performs the work of keying up the individual without affecting the keenness of his senses or the coolness of his judgment. High courage and a clear perception of what they are doing is necessary for the best work in all the arts and professions, as well as in the handicrafts and in trade.

This fluid hitherto has been considered synonymous with all that is mild and peaceful. Advocates of preparedness have referred to "these milk-and-water pacifists." The "milk of human kindness" has no suggestion of powerful stimulation.

But science has discovered, among its many wonders, that the patient cow has put a punch in milk that necessitates the addition of no product of the still to make itself felt on the human system. It has discovered a new and a harmless "bracer."

GINGLES' JINGLES

LET ME SLEEP.

Do not wake and call me early, mother let me pound my ear, for tomorrow is the saddest day of all the sad old year; let me linger on in dreamland, and forget that I'm alive, for tomorrow school commences and we start that same old drive. So please mother do not call me, don't disturb my peaceful snooze, let me be a joyful kiddo don't slip me a flock of blues, when I'm sleeping then I'm happy, even though it's time for school, so just let me linger mother, thoughtless of the teacher's rule. Let me to the death-like clanging of that old school-bell be dumb, let me sleep, the way it listens always puts me on the bum; so I ask you do not wake me, let me slumber mother dear, that I may not know the sadness of the gloom that is so near, that tomorrow may not put me on the blink beyond repair, mother do not wake and call me, let me sleep pray have a *Lenix Single* care.

Do You Contemplate Making Any REPAIRS

If so, the lumberman's assistance will be needed. Perhaps you want to recover your house. You will need **Shingles**. You may want to repaint your dwelling. If so, you want the best **Paint**. Your yard fence needs rebuilding. We have the **Oak Posts**. You may need a new **Door or Window**. We have a large stock. You have been figuring on building a **Screened Porch**. We have all the necessary material to build it. Also, now is the time to guard against the fly by putting in **Screen Doors and Windows**. In fact, we will be glad to assist you in any improvements you want to make

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EAST SIDE RAILROAD - GRAPELAND, TEXAS

ME UND GOTT

The author of the following poem is unknown:

Mine Gott, will you be mine pardner?
You don't know who I am?
I am the German Kaiser,
De Emperor Will-iyam.
You know I whipped dem Belgians,
Und mit bullets filled Russia full,
Und I'll whip France & Italy,
Und blow up Johnny Bull.
Now for all dem odder nations
I don't give a —,
If you shust be mine partner
Und whip dot Uncle Sam.
You know I got the submarines
All Europe knows dot vell,
But dot Edison got a patent now
Vot blows dem all to —.
Now Gott, if you will do this,
Den you I will always love,
Und I'll be Emperor of earth
Und you be Emperor above.
But Gott, if you refuse me this,
Tomorrow night at leven-
I'll call mine Zeppelins out
Und declare war on Heaven.
I wouldn't ask dis of you, Gott,
But it can be plainly seen,
Dot ven Edison pushes dot
button in
I got no submarines.

STATEMENT

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Known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities: (If there are none, so state.) Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, Dallas, Texas. (Signed) A. H. Luker.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April, 1917. J. R. Richards, (SEAL) Notary Public, Houston County, Texas

My commission expires June 1, 1917.

SOME SMILES

In Doubt.

"Do your views on public questions meet with your wife's favor?" "I've never been able to find out," answered Mr. Twobble. "Whenever I voice an opinion my wife merely hums a little tune. I don't know whether she does that to express disapproval, or merely to show that she isn't listening and doesn't intend to."

Not Worth Mentioning.

"Tommy, you've been fighting again." "I'd hardly call it that, ma." "But I saw you through the window. You struck that little Githers boy." "An' knocked 'im out the first lick. It takes two scrappers to make a fight, ma."

Tough Luck.

"Hiram Shucker says a chap tried to sell him a skyscraper while he was up to the city last week." "Did Hiram fall fur that?" "Nope. But he fell in a coal hole while he was lookin' the durned thing over."



Always in Same Place.

"Conductor," said the fussy old lady, "are you sure this train will take me to Bunksville?" "I'm reasonably certain that it will, madam. I've been traveling this route for twenty years, and to the best of my knowledge Bunksville has never eluded us yet."

A Vicious Jab.

"I understand Miss Sereleaf is thinking of getting married." "That has been the understanding hereabouts for the past fifteen years," answered the town gossip.

Progress.

"Just out, old pal?" "Yep. I wuz in quad up to a week ago." "How much was yer bit?" "I did five years an' learned a new trade." "Goin' ter reform, eh?" "Naw, I'm goin' ter quit second-story work an' be a counterfeiter."



Eternal Rest.

"Youngby seems to be an indolent fellow." "So he is. I suspect Loungeby's idea of heaven is a vast hotel lobby filled with big leather chairs, where a person can loaf forever without having the house detective sneaking about and casting suspicious looks at him."

S-mack!

"When you come right down to it," remarked the old man, "the dimple in a girl's cheek is one of the prettiest things in the world." "Yes—when you come right down to it," admitted the young man.

Hot Corn Salad

Take a can of corn and stew it in a little milk, adding butter, pepper, salt and a dessert spoonful of sugar by way of seasoning. Add a half cupful of flaked boiled codfish and two chopped Spanish peppers. When hot, drain the salad on thin slices of brown bread, lightly spread with anchovy paste. The salad must be served as quickly as possible so as to retain its heat.

Generous Enjoyment

"Did your husband smoke the cigars you gave him?" "No. But he enjoyed them just the same when he saw how happy the lovely premium that came with them made me."

Disillusioned

Her Father—Harold seems to have an exemplary character. I don't see why you say your marriage to him was a hideous mistake. Mrs. Junebride—It's just that, I married him to reform him, and now find that he never needed reforming.

FOR WOMEN ALSO

Women who complain of sick headaches, nervousness, constipation or the irregularities peculiar to the sex, revive wonderfully under the cleansing and stimulating properties of

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WADE L SMITH, DRUGGIST

FEATURED FACTS

Divorce pulls the feathers from the wings of love.
Gold is generally at a premium when a dentist handles it.
If wishes were automobiles, beggars might kick for airships.
Even the summer girl doesn't trifle with a millionaire's heart.
Some men brag about their wives as if they wanted to sell them.
No, Cordelia, it isn't the proper thing to eat prunes with a pruning knife.
Many a man who wouldn't make a wife of his cook makes a cook of his wife.
Even an amateur organist can play a wedding march that is entirely satisfactory to the female in the case.
Remorse is a good deal like a wooden leg—it helps a man on his way, but he can see where he'd be happier without it.

POINTS FOR POULTRY RAISER

A little salt in the mash food during the winter is an advantage, though not enough should be used to make it taste salty.
All of the kitchen and table waste is good for the fowls, unless it contains a lot of salt, and it may be fed mixed in the mash or merely as scraps, in a trough at mid-day.
A good way to find out what the requirements of well-bred fowls are, is to visit a poultry show and study the exhibits, talk with the exhibitors and question the judge.
Although damaged grain, sweepings, screenings, etc., can be bought for comparatively low prices sometimes, they are not an economical food because they contain so little available food that will nourish the hen and make eggs.
It is the abuse and not the use of corn that condemns it as a poultry food.
The keeping and care of a flock of pure-bred birds is a pleasure, where the keeping and care of a flock of mixed birds is a task.
Do not feed more food of any kind in troughs or in the scratching litter than the fowls will eat up in a reasonable time, because any that remains is likely to spoil and be a detriment to the fowls as well as a waste to the owner.

Really Easy.

Jones—I say, Smith, you are a good hand at arithmetic?
Smith—Yes; I am considered very good. Why?
Jones—Well, here is a little problem for you: There was a man named Little living in Dublin, who had a daughter. Now, she was in love with a chap she knew her pater did not approve of, so one day she eloped with him. When the old man found out, he was very angry, and at once followed them. Now, then, what time was it?
Smith (angrily)—What time was it? How on earth do you suppose I can tell you? I give it up.
Jones (triumphantly)—Why, a Little after two, of course.

Settling It.

"Pahson," said Brother Buckaloo, "me and Brudder Sankey Smith has less been havin' an intellectual 'spute 'bout de pen and de swo'd. Which does you say, sah, am de mightier?" "Ugh—well, sah," replied sage old Parson Bagster, "dey bofe has deir o'ints o' s'periority. Fr'instance, de swo'd am de best to stick into a man and de pen am de best to stick a man into. Hurrumph!"—Kansas City Star.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

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Some Time

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The OLD MADE NEW

A PLAIN TALK

This statement means just what it says. I MAKE THE OLD NEW. Don't throw that old wagon away. Perhaps a few repairs will make it as good as new. BRING IT TO ME and let me decide.

Then look around on the farm. Perhaps the buggy needs new tires, or a few new spokes, or a piece of fellee, or some other repair, the want of which may ruin it.

Or your FARM TOOLS MAY NEED ATTENTION. Look them all over and see what is needed.

MAKING NEW OUT OF OLD IS MY SPECIALTY. No job is so small or so great that I cannot handle it.

DON'T LET ANYTHING SUFFER FROM WANT OF REPAIRS as long as I am here, for I enable you to put profits in the bank.

J. J. KNOBLE
BLACKSMITH

Shop Located Near Spence's Gin on the East Side



Our Easter Greetings:



IN extending to you our Easter greetings, it is with the hope that you will be one of the best dressed people in town next Sunday. We are doing all in our power to give you the latest styles in wearing apparel and with our prompt service, can add greatly to your wardrobe at a slight additional cost. Come in and see the beautiful array of goods--many of them have arrived since you last looked.

A PAGE of INTEREST to EASTER SHOPPERS

DRESS GOODS



We are making an elaborate display of the newest ideas in dress goods and are showing them in all of the fancy and solid colors. Here you will find a complete assortment of fabrics from calicos to silks, at a price far below the present market value.

Sport and plain Taffeta
Sport and plain Silk Poplins
Wash Silks, Messalines, Crepe de Chines
Plain and fancy Pongees, Palm Beach Suiting
White Suitings and Skirtings
Plain and fancy Organdies
Plain and Fancy Voiles, Etc

We have a good assortment of wool goods, mohairs, and the latest trimmings, laces, embroideries, buttons, etc.

EASTER FOOTWEAR

Never before has a line of spring footwear been displayed in Grapeland equal to ours. Here you will find most any kind of a shoe you want, made on the popular broad and narrow lasts, in all leading leathers and newest styles. We have a good line of sport high shoes and all the styles in low quarters.



- Ladies Mat kid pumps, in colonial and strap design, sizes up to 7, \$3.50 and..... **\$4.00**
- Patent leathers, kids, gun metal, in high and low heel designs and sport effects, all sizes up to 9, 2.00 to..... **\$4.00**
- Ladies white linen boots in sport and high heel models, wear like kid, 3.50 and..... **\$4.00**
- SPECIAL—White kid colonial pumps, full Louis heel, an extra value for..... **\$6.00**

We have plain and fancy hose to match your costume.

MILLINERY AND READY-TO-WEAR

To come to town without a visit to this department is to miss the best part of the trip. We are showing a beautiful line of Easter Millinery and turn out all work promptly. Our millinery line includes all the popular trimmed and plain shapes for ladies, misses and children.



Our lines of ready-to-wear include the latest styles in silk dresses, silk and wool skirts, wash skirts, waists and a complete assortment of the newest middies. For the girls we are showing a beautiful line of Mary Newton dresses in a big range of patterns at 65c to \$1.00. Sizes up to 14. We have a complete assortment of muslin and knit underwear in lines of known value. All garments carried in all sizes.

MEN'S EASTER TOGS



The menfolks will have a complete assortment of furnishings to select from at our store in goods of known value at right prices. It makes no difference what you need, whether a belt or Styleplus suit, we are just as glad to serve you as if you bought a lot. Come in and see the warmest lines in town.

- Men's Dress Shirts—in all colors, laundered and soft fronts and cuffs, sizes 14 to 18, at 75c to..... **\$1.50**
- Men's Suits—in a variety of late styles in STYLEPLUS and other good values from **\$10.00** up.
- Men's Straw Hats—including Panamas, Bangkoks, plain straws, in all popular shapes \$2.00 to..... **\$5.00**
- Panamas at \$3.00 and..... **\$5.00**
- Men's Felt Hats for those who do not care for straws, we are showing spring styles in Stetson and Worth.

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT YOU WEAR YOU CAN GET IT AT DARSEY'S

GEORGE E. DARSEY

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

OUR STORE CLOSSES EVERY DAY AT SIX O'CLOCK EXCEPT SATURDAY



WE KNOW YOU ARE BUSY

But you you had better take a little time NOW and investigate that SIXTY ACRES ADJOINING GRAPELAND on the west. We are instructed to sell it NOW just as it is, without house or fence, at a figure that will make you sorry if you miss it. This fall will be too late. Some other fellow will have it then, and you will have to go further out and pay more. DO NOT DELAY—WRITE US TODAY.

Robert Coane Jr. & Co., 513 Beattie Building HOUSTON, TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Flower pots at Darsey's.
Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.
We carry parts and accessories. All work guaranteed. Guice's Garage.
Martin Baber and family of Elkhart visited relatives here Sunday.
Rub my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.
Sell your chickens, eggs, butter, hides and beeswax to Darsey.
FOR RENT—A neat 5-room bungalow. See S. T. Anthony.
Mrs. Laura Goodson is having another addition made to the Goodson hotel on the west side.

Darsey has flower pots.
Dr. W. D. McCarty spent Tuesday in Houston on business.

Darsey sells paint.
If you want your clothes cleaned and pressed let Clewis do it the sanitary steam way.

PEAS WANTED
I will pay \$2.00 for all the speckle peas you have to sell. J. W. Howard.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All clothes carefully treated for any trouble.

Votan coffee is good coffee. Get it at Darsey's.

Eat at Hatchell's restaurant when in town. Fresh bread for sale. Expect a shipment of fish every Friday afternoon.

If you like new things; if you want the last word in style, and the utmost in quality have your next suit made to order at Dickey's Tailor Shop.

J. W. Howard wants to buy your speckle peas. Will pay you \$2.00 per bushel.

Mr. Dick Clewis, a long-time resident of the Grapeland country and who lives on Ioni Creek, was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office. We were sorry to learn that he had recently suffered from a slight stroke of paralysis.

TAKEN UP
One black hog, marked crop in left ear, weighs about 200 lbs. Owner please call and get it. Frank Woodard.

Mr. A. P. Tims of Slocum was a business visitor to Grapeland Monday and paid the Messenger office a pleasant call.

We haven't come here to fade away. You stay with us—we stay with you. We have in our service a good all around auto mechanic. Give us a call. All work guaranteed. Guice's Garage.

\$100 Reward, \$100
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, Inc.

DR. S. A. MILLER
of Crockett, Texas, specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat; and glass fitting, will be at Grapeland in Goodson Hotel, Friday, April 6th., 1917.

NOTICE
To my friends and the general public: I will be at BISHOP DRUG CO., CROCKETT, TEX., THURSDAY, APRIL THE 12, at D. N. LEAVERTON'S DRUG STORE, GRAPELAND, TEXAS, FRI. & SAT. APRIL 13 & 14th. Eyes examined and glasses fitted. Be sure and read other notices in this issue and come to see me at either place. My Dallas address is P. O. Box 133. G. Ward Shelfer.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Grapeland Independent School District the first Saturday in April, the same being the 7th day of said month, 1917, for the purpose of electing three trustees to succeed Geo. E. Darsey, W. R. Wherry and W. P. Traylor, whose terms of office expire. E. W. Davis and Henry Richards are hereby appointed managers of said election. W. D. Granberry, Pres. Attest: School Board. W. P. Traylor, Sec'y.

DRY CLEANING MACHINE
I have just installed a French dry cleaning machine, which is more sanitary than the old way. No rubbing or scrubbing, which wears out your clothes. All work guaranteed. Give me a trial. Dickey's Tailor Shop.



KRESO DIP No. 1
DON'T RAISE UNPROFITABLE HOGS
KILL THE LICE AND KEEP THE PREMISES SANITARY BY USING **KRESO DIP No. 1**
(STANDARDIZED)
EFFECTIVE — EASY TO USE — ECONOMICAL
Experiments on live hogs prove that a 2% dilution of Kreso dip No. 1 will kill Virulent Hog Cholera Virus in five minutes by contact. Write for free booklets on hog raising and Concrete Hog Wallow Construction. Kreso Dip No. 1 in original packages

Protect Your Livestock!
We are Headquarters for Standard Stock Medicines
THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE
WADE L SMITH
HONESTY AND QUALITY

U. M. Brock and children motored to Livingston Saturday to visit relatives, returning home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ida Totty of Palestine spent several days here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

Be Certain—Be Sure—in Your Clothes Buying this Spring



These are times in which to be sure of the origin of your clothes--to be sure of the maker who produces them and the store which sells them.

The markets are full of merchandise of unknown quality and unknown sources!

A garment made in the Kirschbaum way and sold in the McLean & Riall way means safety--surety -- certainty -- whether you pay as little as \$15, as high as \$40, or some where between.

Kirschbaum Clothes

All Wool--100 per cent and no compromise
\$15, \$16.50, \$20, \$25 and up to \$40

Neckwear	New Spring Hats	Shirts
Cravats in the new floral We're showing the correct Never were there so many treatments especially de- hats in the new Straws. A original creations in shirt- signed for Easter wear. A particularly good select- dom as are shown this sea- fresh new note in neck- ion with wide flat brims son. The materials range wear color is absolutely and high crowns which from madras to silk. Scores essential to the Spring are much in vogue this of patterns and fabrics to turnout. season. choose from at	50c, 75c, \$1.00	\$2, \$3, \$3.50, \$5

McLEAN & RIALL

This Drug Store
SELLS
Reliable Drugs
AT VERY
Popular Prices
Your prescriptions will be compounded from the freshest and purest of drugs and the utmost care as to accuracy will be observed in every detail. Done while you wait.
Toilet Goods
Toilet articles of every variety are sold at very reasonable prices and the quality is always the best.
Face creams and other beauty preparations for women represent the best products of the market. No article of an injurious nature is sold here. They make good.

LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. N. LUKER, - - Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2 1/2c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of GrapeLand and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR-----\$1.00
6 MONTHS---.50
3 MONTHS---.25

THURSDAY, APR. 5, 1917

EASTER AT HAND AGAIN

Very few people stop to realize that Easter has been observed with great solemnity since the days of the early Christian era, and that it marks the joyous mood of the believers over the resurrection of Christ.

The proper time for the celebration of this great day has occasioned much controversy and even as early as the second century a dispute arose on this point between the churches. At this day while all disputes between churches are not settled yet the day is accepted as one for all Christians to enjoy in a common celebration in spirit over the resurrection of their Redeemer.

The popular observances, past and present, connected with the day are innumerable. The use of eggs in this connection is of the highest antiquity, the egg having been considered in pre-Christian mythologies as a symbol of resurrection. It is possible that olden churches adopted and consecrated an earlier custom.

While the egg seems to bring home Easter joys to the heart of childhood the older part of the community seem to take the day as an occasion to bring into life the new finery for spring, and a systematic abandonment of the old and the use of the new apparel, has a tendency to convey the idea of a new birth, or a resurrection.

At any rate, whatever may be the custom, and however the observance may be held, all recognize that behind the worship and the way is the spirit of the day. In this is the real Easter, and it

matters not whether there are special services, eggs or new clothes—the real Easter must be observed within.

A FIERCE PEST

J. M. Spier writes the Tyler Signal that there is something on the cows of his section of Smith County that is worse than the cattle tick. He believes that it is called the chattel mortgage. —Mineola Monitor.

The chattel mortgage is a voracious insect. Often it eats up an entire milch cow at a single gulp. Moreover, the chattel mortgage is difficult to eradicate. It flourishes in one-crop communities, and is so bold in its operations it has been known to appear in an all-cotton farmer's barnyard and consume mules, horses, hens and wagons. The chattel mortgage even sucks eggs. A chattel mortgage, once upon a time, attacked an ox belonging to Hamestring Hicks. "In all my life I never seen such an appetite," said Hamestring. "It et up my steer blood raw, then went down the road to Buck Jones' house and swallowed a cook stove."—Galveston News.

Keep on good terms with all of your neighbors. Life is too short to play the dog and cat act.

Flesh colored bathing suits for ladies have been barred in Chicago, and we suppose there will be much less bathing in that city this summer.

We haven't a real, sure enough flag to hoist on the roof of the Messenger office, but we have a picture of one which we keep hanging on the wall just to the right of our desk alongside a picture of Woodrow Wilson.

Every business man knows and understands that live advertising is an insurance against dull business the same as a fire insurance policy is a protection against loss by fire. Both are economies and a sound business investment.

The U. S. government has reaped millions of dollars from the liquor license, but she will pay dearly for this money in the event of actual hostilities, from the fact that the manhood of the nation has been weakened and its efficiency has been decreased by the use of alcohol. The greater portion of the men available for actual service can offer only a bundle of weak nerves and a booze wrecked physique if the call comes.

If many more U. S. ships are sunk by German submarines, it will be in order for this country to create a "sinking fund."

Much complaint has been made during the past year about the high cost of living. High prices have been attributed to the war in Europe, and now that our own country has become involved in the hostilities, you may look for still higher prices. When Uncle Sam reaches out into the markets to equip an army of a million men it is going to cause a revision upward.

GrapeLand not only tops the market when it comes to paying for eggs, but the hog market shows up remarkably well. We note that one of our neighboring towns boasts that "local buyers are paying as much as eight and nine cents per pound for hogs." We have known hogs here to bring as much as thirteen cents. Bring your produce to GrapeLand.

Every farm home ought to be equipped with a home canner. This year is going to witness the highest prices known in years in food stuff. A canner can be utilized in putting up the surplus vegetables from the garden and fruit from the orchard, and will be a safeguard against the high cost of living. Not only are prices going to be high, but there is likely to be an actual shortage of food stuff before the year is out. The United States must equip and feed a large army, in addition to supplying the allies in Europe, and it is going to be a strain upon our resources. If our farmers want to show their real patriotism in this great crisis, let them supply the markets of the world with something to eat.

Anybody can soil the reputation of any individual, no matter how pure and chaste, by uttering a suspicion that his enemies will believe and his friends never hear of. A puff of the idle wind can take a million of the seeds of the thistle, and do the work of mischief which the husbandman must labor long to undo, the floating particles being too fine to be seen and too light to be stopped. Such are the seeds of slander, so easily sown, so difficult to be gathered up, and yet so pernicious in their fruits. The slanderer knows that many a mind will catch up the plague, and become poisoned by his insinuation, without seeking the antidote. No reputation can refute a sneer, nor any human skill prevent mischief.—Albany News.

ONCE MORE THE PEANUT

The Secretary is authorized by Mr. Self, Manager of the Houston County Oil Mill Company to announce as a fact, that the company will install the machinery necessary to treat the peanut, and do it in time for this year's crop. This announcement, coming in advance of planting time, will influence many farmers who have been somewhat in doubt as to a reliable market. This doubt is now removed, and the industry is to be just as staple as the cotton seed industry and from present information, much more profitable to the grower.

Mr. Self also tells us that he will assist the farmers in getting what peanuts they may need for seed, if they will communicate with him at once. Now comes the thresher. Several



A CHECK BOOK IS THE KEY

which often unlocks the doors of credit. You'll find it easier to buy goods on time if you have an account with this bank and pay by checks on it than if you handed out the currency. The possession of an account here proves your good judgment in financial matters.

We Close Every Day Except Saturday at 4 p. m.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Dr. Sam'l. A. Miller

Practice Limited to Diseases of

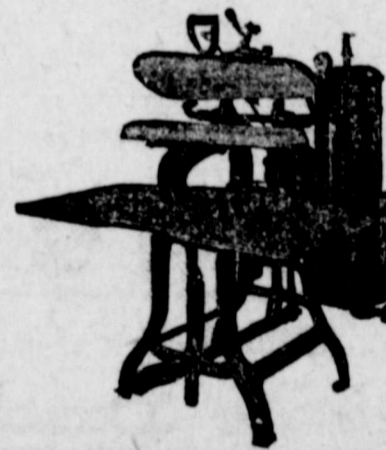
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas

Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision



THE OLD WAY IS OBSOLETE



THE HOFFMAN WAY IS THE SANITARY WAY

No "Bug" or "Germ" can live under the pressure of steam from this machine. Keeps your clothes spic and span, fresh and clean. Have it done right by

M. L. CLEWIS TAILOR

agents have been in town lately exploiting machines that are warranted in every respect and sold as low as \$200. Every school district in the county should own one and every farmer should plant from ten to 100 acres. We know one farmer who is going to plant 300 acres this year.

He tried it out thoroughly last year. H. A. Fisher.

To cleanse the blood, strengthen the kidneys and regulate the stomach, liver and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy that has proved its worth. It promotes activity in body and brain. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

Announcement

D R. G. WARD SHELFER, Optometrist of Dallas, Texas, who comes to our drug store regularly and makes a specialty of fitting spectacles and eyeglasses, will be with us again for two days only, April 13 and 14. Many good people of GrapeLand, Crockett, and this section, have been wearing glasses fitted by Dr. Shelfer for years with the best results. Remember please, Dr. Shelfer has no "partners" peddling through the country deceiving the people, he does business in GrapeLand through our drug store only. Remember the name, place and dates, and come to see us and have your eyes examined. Every pair of glasses guaranteed.

April 13 and 14 only this trip

**D. N. LEAVERTON
GrapeLand, Texas**

Do You See Perfectly?

Do you have Headache, Neuralgia, Nervous, Dizzy Spells, Insomnia? My special ground glasses often cure these and many other troubles.

Be not deceived by peddlers claiming to be connected with me as I have no "partners" or agents, and I do business through responsible druggists only. All glasses ground in Dallas and quickly duplicated in case you lose or break them, as we keep a record of all prescriptions.

Do not put off having your eyes fitted or wear your old glasses too long.

CALL AT D. N. LEAVERTON'S DRUG STORE

April 13 and 14 Only this Trip

— Phone or write me for appointment —

G. Ward Shelfer, Box 133, Dallas, Texas

Useful Mary

It was an alluring advertisement, in the first place. The Josslyns could hardly be blamed for going down to look at the house. It is true Mrs. Josslyn said something about the remoteness of the suburb, a circumstance to which she afterwards alluded.

"At all events it will do no harm to see it," said Josslyn.

Mrs. Josslyn agreed to this.

So they called upon the urbane and eloquent Barker. Barker was the agent for the property and resided in Cedarhurst. He took them around to the "ideal home" and showed them its points. It had points, that was undeniable. It had a few drawbacks, also, but Barker made light of them.

"I like the house," said Mrs. Josslyn, "but it's too large for me to manage alone, and I know we could never get satisfactory help out here."

"My dear madam," said Barker, "you never made a greater mistake in your life. I know myself of a girl whom I think—in fact, I am sure—you can get. I can recommend her personally, because at one time she worked for Mrs. Barker. A good cook, steady, no young fellows trailing about, strong as a horse, neat as a pin and not a lazy hair in her head. If she's out of a place now I'll send her to you and if she isn't I'll send you another equally as good."

Mrs. Josslyn wavered visibly and Josslyn asked a few questions that looked like business. It ended by their saying they would think the matter over and let Barker know within a few days.

The next evening a young woman, who said she came from Mr. Barker, appeared at the Josslyn flat. She had heard from Mr. Barker that Mrs. Josslyn intended moving to Cedarhurst, and Mr. Barker thought she might get a place with her. She had just left the place she had with Mrs. Duckworth. Mrs. Duckworth was a nice lady, but the children were an objection. She could refer Mrs. Josslyn to Mrs. Duckworth, however, with entire confidence.

She certainly looked as if she could. If ever capability was written on a girl's face, it was written on Mary's face. Mary was her name. She was frankly anxious to get the situation.

"I'll come home early tomorrow and we'll go close the deal," said Josslyn, decidedly. "Think of that girl working for four dollars a week when we're paying six dollars to this thing we've got."

Two weeks later the Josslyns were established in their new home with Mary. And Mary was indeed "a

peach," if one is to accept that fruit as a synonym for excellence. She was a domestic treasure. She cooked to perfection and the house fairly shone under her soapy ministrations.

Six weeks of this bliss—and then Mary quit.

Then began the succession of slovenly, incompetent and expensive girls which has continued in the Josslyn family to this day. Mrs. Josslyn says that unless you are millionaires you simply cannot get a good girl to stay in Cedarhurst. But Mary is still working in Cedarhurst.

Mrs. Josslyn called upon the people who had just moved in half a block west of her about a week after her bereavement, and found Mary there. The new neighbor said Mary was a treasure. She really did not know what she would do without her. Mr. Barker, who had rented their house to them, had been kind enough to recommend the girl.

Mrs. Josslyn told her husband about it when he returned home and Josslyn happened to meet Duckworth the same day. He said: "We never asked you about Mary, who worked for you. What sort of a reference did you get with her and how long did she work for you?"

"We had the best of a reference from Barker," grinned Duckworth. "We had the luck to keep her two months, but the renting season was full just then. She's a daisy, ain't she? But I guess Barker's about the only one who can get her to work steadily. He pays her well, though."

Josslyn is not a revengeful man, but if ever Barker is delivered into his hands— "Well," he says, "you'll see."

Turkish Back Wiper

Take a small bath towel such as can be purchased in a five-and-ten-cent store; fold lengthwise through the middle and crochet the folded ends together or not as one prefers. Make four strands of chain-stitch from each end and join to a white ivory ring. When taken by the rings, over one shoulder and under the other arm its value as a back-wiper is quickly appreciated.

The Modern Schoolmaster

Willis—What kind of a school is your son attending?

Gillis—Very fashionable—one of these institutions where you develop the mind without using it.—Life.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

News Items Reported From Rock Hill Country

April 2.—The dread winter has gone and the meadows look very green.

The rain Saturday night made a "hit". Most all the people were in good shape to receive it and now the cotton will come up.

We were sorry to see our school close for we hate to part with our teachers, for they are educational workers.

Messrs. Jessie Willis and Chas. R. and Gratan Streetman, three young men of this community were with their home-folks last week. Mr. Willis went back to Jacksonville to attend school. Mr. C. R. Streetman has returned to Cooper to finish teaching his school and Mr. Gratan Streetman has gone to Huntsville to attend school.

Miss Ola Willis entertained some of her friends and pupils Saturday night, March 24.

Edgar Laseter of Daly's was among the visitors to Sunday School Sunday.

Mr. P. W. Morrison, former teacher at this place, visited friends in this community during the close of school.

We are having prayer meeting at this place every other Wednesday night. The next meeting will be Wednesday night, April 18.

There was a singing at Mr. Z. W. Weisinger's last Saturday night.

Sunday School will begin at two o'clock Sunday, after which there will be an Easter egg hunt. Rattler.

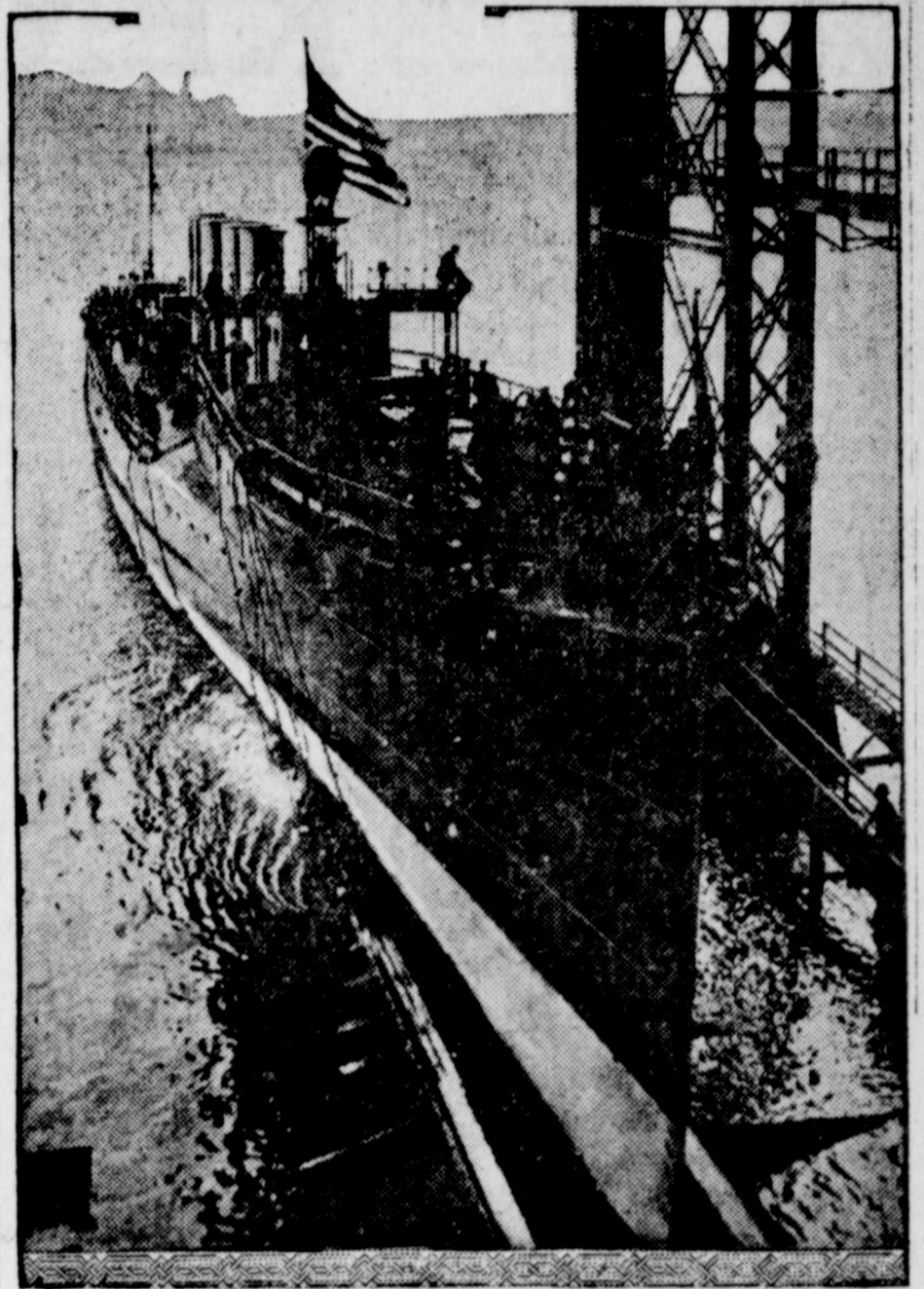
IN MEMORY OF ED STEVENS

Ed, the gentle, the tender, the true husband, father and friend, is dead!

Just as he had taught the creeping tendrils of success to climb upon his cottage of life and the pure roses of joy to bloom beautiful and odorous in the flower garden of his loved ones, the black camel of death knelt at his gate—a harbinger of that unwelcome visitation, which chasteneth the rich and the poor, the great and the lowly alike—that death which rides on every breeze and lurks in every flower, has exemplified the inhumanity of Fate, the omnipotence of a power that recognizes neither seasons or harvests, genius nor mediocrity, youth nor old age.

The battle of life for Mr. Stevens is done, but it is a comforting and cheering thought to know at death his sufferings were short. There is not one who knew him but whose heart will mourn in sincerity and in truth the end of this great hearted man whose years were filled with the philosophy that makes men better and nobler and more content. Mr. Stevens did not have to die to show the sterling worth of his character. He so lived that men knew, appreciated and loved him. He was our friend; he may have been yours, and it is not difficult to say with Beacon philosophically. "It is as natural to die as to be born." We know that death hath so many doors to let out life, and yet in this instance we faint jealousy would have guarded all the exits; for to lose such a friend with the pure sweet song of beautiful living upon his lips, is to feel the hush of sorrow and see the grey clouds of despair, where once was the uplifting,

UNITED STATES DESTROYER JACOB JONES



care-free song of a nobleman, attuned to happiness and the glories of a field and sky, crimson with the beauties of autumn and sunset. If faults he had, they were few and injured no one. His friends were legion; his kind and many acts of helpfulness and charity to others, innumerable. He was a man of high purposes and a clean life—a man among many. In his daily dealings with his fellow-men he gathered many flowers of praise and appreciation and won friendship and allegiance from his fellow-workers in the world's field of action. He lived right as he saw it, because he could not do otherwise, seeing as he did, the good in all things and everyone. He was indeed one of those rare spirits of this earth who, with high purposes and invincible courage, had a desire to help others up, and a record of never giving a fellow being a push toward the bottom of the ladder. He spoke good words of a man or else spoke none at all. He brightened the

path of others and cheered all who knew him. As our friend, as our neighbor, as our Sunday School teacher, we loved him. And now the memory of him is an exquisite benediction; something to be treasured as a halloved remembrance of a grief that draws us nearer Home. To his near, and dear ones we can only say, he is waiting for you at his Master's feet, where there will be no more sorrowful partings. W. L. F.

J. F. BELL REPORTED DEAD

Crockett, Texas, April 3.—It was reported here late Monday evening that J. F. Bell, convicted last year for the murder of J. T. Dawes, and given a life sentence, had died in the penitentiary hospital at Huntsville last week. Neither the date nor the cause of death could be ascertained. Confirmation of report could not be obtained.

W. G. Darsey is now the owner of a five-passenger Dodge car.



ATTENTION MR. FARMER!

The world needs Cotton, Corn, Wheat and other farm products and now is the time for you to make your land produce its maximum. You can't afford to miss this opportunity of a big profit this coming season. The best and cheapest way to make your land yield its maximum is to fertilize liberally with

MERIDIAN FERTILIZERS

The crops raised with Meridian Fertilizers speak for themselves. Ask the farmer who uses Meridian Fertilizers. One-fourth of all the fertilizer used in the territory in which we operate is the Red Bag kind. Look for the Red Bag on the back of every sack. The Red Bag is your guarantee that you are getting the superior Meridian Fertilizers.

LEADING BRANDS

- Meridian Home Mixture
- Meridian Union Special Phosphate
- Meridian Blood and Bone
- Meridian Perfect Guano
- Meridian Ham Bone
- Meridian Meal Mixture
- Meridian Vegetable Grower
- Caddo Cotton
- Texas Special

And many others for every crop need. Look for the Red Bag on the back of every sack.

MERIDIAN FERTILIZER FACTORY,

Offices and Factories at
Meridian, Miss., Hattiesburg, Miss., Shreveport, La.



Sores and Wounds on the limbs or body should not be neglected. They quickly become ulcers and are hard to cure.

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

Heals Quickly

It is an excellent remedy to keep in the house for prompt use when accidents occur. Try it for Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Galls, Swellings, Chafed Skin, Sore Feet, Oak or Ivy Poisoning. It is good for human or animal flesh. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor, ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

Sold by KENNEDY BROS.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for the assistance rendered us during the sickness and death of our dear child. We lived in hopes during her long suffering, but when those darling eyes closed in death it was so hard to say good-bye.

Lon Beauchamp and family.

Screen doors at Darsey's.

After a long winter the system becomes filled with impurities caused by dry, strong diet. In hot weather these impurities cause sickness. Get rid of them now by taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It will purify the blood, liver and bowels and put the body in shape for summer work. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

Before you enlist in the army let Clewis clean and press your clothes.

PEANUTS WANTND

50 bushels of seed peanuts wanted. Will pay \$1.25 per bushel. See me for prices on peanuts on the vine.

Frank Leaverton.

Darsey buys all kinds of produce.

FERTILIZER

We have just unloaded a car of Home Mixture Meridian Fertilizer. Better see us at once if you need any. Kennedy Bros.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

We will move into the new Woodmen building on the east side next week, and invite the public to call on us in our new place. J. H. Bowman.

If your watch needs repairing or if you want to order a piece of jewelry, see me. All work guaranteed. T. L. Brown.

Mrs. W. R. Campbell of Salmon, who recently underwent an operation in the Baptist sanitarium at Houston, is rapidly recovering and will soon be able to return home.

God made bees, bees made honey. Clewis has clothes for less money.

NOTICE TO PEANUT GROWERS

Will have a large peanut thresher which we will operate in Grapeland the coming season. We will also have two small threshers to use in the fields of farmers living a distance from town. M. D. Murchison.

Call at Guice's Garage. We have with us a good ignition man and will be glad to have you give us a call. All work will be guaranteed.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking those that came and broke land for me Tuesday. God never gave me the power of speech to thank you to the fullest extent of my heart. Lon Beauchamp.

Balis Edens, a member of the Texas National Guard, who was mustered out at Corpus Christi two weeks ago, has been called back to the colors and left Monday for Houston to report to his company.

Mrs. P. H. Stafford, Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, Mrs. W. D. Granberry and Mrs. J. B. Liveley went to Ratcliff the latter part of last week to attend a school of instruction of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Louis J. Scholl, editor of the Malakoff News, was a visitor to Grapeland last Friday. Mr. Scholl came for the purpose of looking at the Messenger's old cylinder press with a view of buying same for his office. The deal was made and the press shipped out Saturday.

Mr. Ira Kirkpatrick of Augusta was transacting business in Grapeland Saturday. Mr. Kirkpatrick brought a hog in for one of his neighbors which was sold for over \$40.00. Two weeks ago he was offered this hog for \$20.00, but declined to make the deal, and after it was sold Saturday, he was looking for a man who could sell him a kicking machine.

KENNEDY BRO'HERS.

Good Clothiers



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Now for an early "announcement"
Hart Schaffner & Marx Styles
for Spring are here

You'll be glad to hear it; most men look forward to this event with keen interest. Here are some of the good things you'll see at this store

The styles--the famous Varsity Fifty Five designs for young men and men who like young style. New belt-backs, pinch-backs.

The fabrics--all wool; worsteds finished and unfinished; flannels; serges; homespun; chev-iots; Dixie weaves.

The colors--grays, greens, blues and browns; any number of new ideas you haven't seen before

You'll see the Hart Schaffner & Marx label in all of these garments; it's your guarantee of absolute satisfaction; a small thing to look for, a big thing to find.

Curtains and Draperies

You can freshen the appearance of your home at small cost. New cretones, scrims, marquisettes, in a wonderful assortment. Call and see them.

Corsets for Women

Who are particular about the corset they buy. The corset means perfect fit in your new Easter dress or it may spoil it. Altogether, our line embraces all classes of corsets at prices that will please.

White Goods and Linen

Plain white voile, 36 inches wide, new sheer material for waists and dresses, an extra value for the money. See these values.

White and Fancy Skirting

36 inches wide in gabardeen and other materials, several patterns at very low prices. See them. Mercerized table damask, extra width, heavy quality

and a large assortment of patterns, prices from 25c to.....\$1.25

Boys New Easter Clothing

This spring's new models--pinch-backs with patch pockets in fabrics that stand real hard wear. All the new spring colors and combinations. See these good values before they are gone.

Men's Fine Shirts

A very large assortment of men's fine shirts in striped madras of the finest quality. Soft shirts of satin stripe goods, dimity cords, percales and poplins at prices that will please you. See them.

Women's Shoes for Easter

Your new Easter costume would be incomplete without new shoes. We are offering interesting prices throughout our entire shoe department, including all the latest designs and patterns in low shoes, pumps and boots.

Kennedy Brothers

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