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DETAILS OF ENROLLING NATION'S MEN FOR WAR SERVICE IS MADE PUBLIC

The war department has requested publication of the following:

There was a time in the country's history when military enumerators, backed by bayonets, went out among the people to take a compulsory service census. Today under the principle of universal liability to service the execution of the law is put into the hands of the people.

The approval of the new national army bill and the president's proclamation thereunder will be coincident. All persons within the age limits prescribed will be required to present themselves for registration at the customary voting places in the voting precincts in which they have their permanent homes, on a day which the president will announce. The probability is, that from ten to fifteen days will elapse between approval of the bill and registration day.

The governor of each state will be chief of registration therein. The machinery of registration in each county is to be in charge of the sheriff, the county clerk and the county physician, acting ex-officio, unless a different board shall be announced by the governor. In cities having more than 30,000 population the registration will be under the control of the mayor and selected boards of registration. In order that the designated county and city officials and the people generally can get a clear understanding of the census methods, the following brief outline is given:

The sheriffs or other designated officials, immediately upon receiving notice from the governor shall appoint registrars for each voting precinct.

The proportion of registrars shall be one for each 170 persons to be registered. Each age to be registered will comprise about 1 per cent of the population.

If for instance all men between 19 and 25 years of age, inclusive, are to be registered, the registrar would have to enroll about 7 per cent of the precinct population.

It is desirable to accept the services of competent volunteer registrars to serve without compensation. All registrars must be sworn.

The voting place in each precinct must be prepared for registration. Full printed instructions covering every detail of registration will be in the hands of sheriffs and mayors on the fifth day after the president's proclamation.

The mayor of a city containing more than 30,000 inhabitants, or the officials designated by the governor therein, shall, with approval of the governor, appoint for each ward or convenient minor sub-division containing about 30,000 people one registration board, and shall designate one officer of each board to perform duties similar to those

imposed on the sheriff, as heretofore outlined. If the mayor desires, he may appoint a central board to co-ordinate the work of minor boards.

"On the fifth day after the president has issued his proclamation, clerks of counties and cities of over 30,000 must secure a supply of blanks and copies of the registration regulations from the sheriff or from the mayor. Absentees and the sick will apply to such clerks to have their registration cards filled out. In no case shall persons be given registration certificates. They are to be instructed by the clerk that the burden is on them to see to it that the cards reach the registrars of their home precincts by registration day.

"Persons absent from their home counties may be registered by mail.

"If so absent, a man should go to the clerk of the county where he may be staying, on the sixth day after the date of the president's proclamation. If he is in a city of over 30,000 population the city clerk is the official to whom to apply. The absentee will be told how to register, but he must mail his card in time to reach his precinct by registration day.

"Persons too sick to present themselves for registration must send a competent person to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the issuing of the proclamation. The clerk will give instructions for registra-

tion.

"Officials of educational, charitable and other institutions should apply for instructions to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the date of the proclamation for instructions as to a convenient method of registration.

"The wardens of jails, penitentiaries and reformatories should apply to the county or city clerk for instructions on the sixth day.

"Five days after the date of the president's proclamation complete regulations will be in the hands of all sheriffs and of the officials of cities of over 30,000 population.

"The president is authorized to call upon all public officers to assist in the execution of the law. It is expected that patriotic citizens will offer their services free as registrars. Such services will be greatly acknowledged. Volunteers for this service should communicate immediately with the proper official."

A GOOD DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holcomb of Augusta complimented a number of their friends with a sumptuous dinner last Sunday. A large turkey, surrounded with numerous other edibles, prepared to a queen's taste, graced the table and truly, it was a feast, heartily praised and enjoyed by the guests. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, W. E. Kerr, J. P. Wilkins, Mrs. John Parker, Sidney Lively and family and Rev. A. O. Riall.

Reagan and Sam Long, who are attending S. H. N. I. at Huntsville, visited homefolks at Augusta Sunday and Monday.

ADVERTISING

So much advertising reminds you of the great gas clouds which the armies of Europe are hurling at each other. It envelops you in a thick fog of superlatives and exaggerations in which you can only rub your eyes and gasp for breath.

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

Dorothy's Dime

Grayce looked grim as he threw open the door and then stumbled over the roll of rugs that lay just within.

"Another night has come and that landlord still lives his evil life," he called, and from the dimly lighted parlor came an answering snuff.

Bert Grayce hung up his coat on the half-shrouded hatrack and entered the room. The furniture was swathed in burlap and excelsior, the piano was covered with old blankets and other soft wrappings, and trunks and boxes were piled with some attempt at order along the bare walls and upon the equally bare floor.

On top of the upturned soap box a group of candles sputtered dimly their feeble rays serving to accentuate the absence of gas. Desolation—the desolation of an exodus—brooded everywhere, even upon the face of the woman who sat in a low rocker beside the candles and vainly made pretense of reading.

Her's was a lovable face, framed in masses of silver hair, and Grayce's smile softened and grew more tender as he bent to kiss the still smooth forehead.

"Cheer up, mother mine," he said, laughingly. "All is not yet lost, though the painters remain on strike. Tomorrow the new home will be painted. By Saturday we shall be comfortably settled."

"Are you sure?" demanded Mrs. Grayce, wistfully. "If you are, we will not have the gas turned on again."

"There are electric lights in the new home," he reminded. "You will forget these nights of Egyptian darkness, and the next time we move we shall not order the current turned off until we are safely out of the house."

"To think that at the last moment, with all packed and ready to move, this strike should have come up!" said Mrs. Grayce, with a groan. "Are you positive, Bert, that the painter you have engaged will not be won over by the strikers?"

"Never more certain of anything in my life," was the laughing response. "The painter is no less a person than your accomplished son. I stopped in and ordered the paint sent over this morning. Tomorrow I shall go up and wield the brush, so you must wake and call me early. I must put in a full day."

Bert passed on to his own room, lighting his way with matches, and his mother heaved a sigh of relief. For eight days they had virtually camped in the apartment they had given up, waiting for their new quarters to be finished.

The packers had done their work, the man had come to cut off the gas and the moving vans were backed up to the door when a telephone message came to the effect that owing to a strike of the painters, the new rooms were not yet ready for occupancy.

From day to day the landlord had promised that something would be done at once, but now a full week had passed and hope had commenced to fail, until Bert decided to do the work himself.

He made an early start and eight o'clock found him in a suit of jeans applying the paint with as skillful a brush as though painting were his regular occupation. He worked rapidly and well, and the rooms had begun to assume a habitable aspect when he heard the hall door open and close and looked up, expecting to see the landlord.

Instead, he faced about to encounter the gaze of a pair of brown eyes which seemed to pierce his paint-stained jacket and give him an oddly queer sensation about the heart. The possessor of the eyes was a fragile slip of a girl whose pure oval face was oddly like a picture by some old master. The slender form was wholly concealed by a brown Holland pinafore, and this was splashed with blue.

"So you have come," she said at length. "I was beginning to think that you would be out on strike all winter. I was promised that my floors should be shacked first."

"Yes, but—" began Bert.

"I want no answers," said the girl, with a stamp of her tiny foot. "I am to have an exhibition day tomorrow, and the floors must be done by then, do you hear?"

"Yes, ma'am," said Bert meekly.

"Then pick up your pail and brush and come along," was the quiet command. "If I had not smelled the paint in the hall, you would have spent the day here, when I need you so much more. Come on, please."

She turned to lead the way as though there were no argument to be made, and Bert, grinning over the ridiculousness of the affair, followed after. He saw with pleasure that the other apartment was only across the hall from his own. It was a much smaller place, and it did not take Bert long to paint the floors. The girl stood in the doorway superintending the work, and Bert was sorry when at last he rose from his knees and announced the completion of the job.

"You will have to finish the other apartment," said the girl, severely. "Next time do as you are told, and you will have less trouble. You know very well that the agent told you to do this apartment first. He promised me that he would."

"He'll promise anything," began Bert, grimly, but the tiny foot stamped a warning. The girl did not care to argue the point with a workman, and she dismissed him with a nod.

"Come in tomorrow and give it a second coat," she commanded. "Wait a moment," she added, as Bert turned to go. "Buy yourself a good cigar," she finished, as she handed him a coin.

Bert dropped the dime in his pocket with a murmured word of thanks and backed out of the door. Once on the other side his embarrassment died down, and he paused long enough to ascertain from the card on the door that it was Dorothy Remsen who occupied the apartment. That she was a china decorator he already knew, and vaguely he remembered having heard of her skill.

He was tired when he sought his home that night, but the thought that he would see the girl again on the morrow gave him a feeling that the day had been well spent. He carefully slipped the dime in a locket which he wore on his watch fob and smiled as he thought of his "tip."

He painted the studio doors the first thing next morning, and then turned his attention to his own apartment. It was late in the afternoon when he had finished and was cleaning up. There came a ring at the door, and he opened it to confront a young woman who radiated confusion and penitence.

"I have come to apologize," she said, blushing redly. "I stopped in to thank the agent for sending me a painter, and he did not know that my floors had been done. Then he recalled that you were painting your own place, and explained my error."

"It's a very natural one," he said, with a laugh. "If you were half as desperate as my mother, I should not blame you for kidnapping me with a full knowledge of the facts. I am only glad that I have been of service to you."

"You don't know how greatly you have aided me," she said. "I can never repay your kindness. I am so sorry that I was abrupt yesterday. Will you pardon me?"

The long, slender hand was clasped in Bert's own, and he smiled down into the brown eyes that dropped shyly before his gaze.

Dorothy slipped back into her own apartment, and Bert, closing his door, drew the dime she had given him from his pocket.

"The job's going to cost you more than that, little woman," he said, as he smiled to himself. "It's going to cost you your heart and hand, and they are worth millions of dimes."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Then and Now.

We never heard the word efficiency in those days, so far as I can remember, outside the physics laboratory. Would to heaven it had stayed there! It must not be supposed, however, that we did not work when we did work. As I look about me, I do not see many young men under our present efficient systems who seem to be working harder. Somehow we derived from the old men a thirst for knowledge, a restless curiosity, a joyous knight-errantry in the quest for truth. Surely, that teaching which can induce students to pursue their researches voluntarily outside of the classroom is the best kind of teaching.

I get the impression today that most of the joy of college life is confined to the student body, and that that is often hectic. The faculties seem to me overworked, over-serious, lacking in what we call pedagogic faith—faith that the student may be trusted to get some good out of leisure. I suppose that we shall have to blame, as usual, the Zeitgeist. Crowded curricula, multiform "student activities," and all the full-steam and weighted throttles of modern efficiency are pushing out of college life just the one element that should be characteristic of it—time; time for rumination, day-dreaming, thought.—Robert M. Gay, in the Atlantic.

Hero of Ticonderoga

With one impulse the colonies sprung to arms; with one spirit they pledged themselves to each other "to be ready" for the extreme "event"; with one accord and heart the continent cried, "Liberty or Death."—George Bancroft.

The bloody encounter at Lexington in 1775 fired the blood of the patriots and filled them with burning desire to do some heroic deed in defense of the colonies.



Word reached Col. Ethan Allen to raise the Green Mountain boys and if possible surprise and take the fortress of Ticonderoga. Eager for such exploit he rallied 230 of the valiant mountain boys and on the ninth day of May, 1775, succeeded in getting a few boats and transported 83 men across the lake, and sent the boats back for the rest of the men. But day now began to dawn and Colonel Allen realized that if the attempt against the fort were to succeed he and his daring expedition must act at once.

Nothing daunted by the fact that their force was so few, and making up in patriotic devotion what they lacked in numbers, Colonel Allen called for volunteers for the perilous venture. "I do not urge any to enter on this enterprise contrary to his will, inasmuch as it is a desperate attempt, which none but the bravest of men dare undertake," cried Colonel Allen. "You that will undertake voluntarily, poise your firelock." Every man poised his firelock.

He immediately formed them into line and at their head advanced on the gate of the fortress. The sentry snapped his fuse at the colonel and then retreated to the parade within the garrison. Allen and his men quickly followed and formed in the parade. The garrison was asleep—all but the sentries who did not fully sense what was transpiring. Allen and his men gave three huzzas, and one of the sentries made a pass at one of the men with a charged bayonet and slightly wounded him.

Allen was about to run him through with his sword but thought better of it and only slightly wounded him on the head whereon he dropped his gun and begged for quarter. This granted he showed Colonel Allen the officers' quarters whither the intrepid commander rushed and compelled the commander, Captain Delaplace, to come forth and deliver over the entire garrison on threat of putting the entire force to the sword.

"By what authority?" demanded Captain Delaplace.

"In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress," thundered Allen, as he raised his sword over Delaplace's head. In the meantime the Green Mountain boys had not been idle but had beaten down the barracks' doors and had about a third of the garrison prisoners. With stutted expostulation the commander forthwith submitted and the fort was completely in the hands of Colonel Allen, who in his own account of the exploit says:

"The sun seemed to rise that morning with a superior luster, and Ticonderoga and its dependencies smiled on its conquerors."

FURNISH PROTEIN TO POULTRY IN WINTER

Something Must Be Supplied to Take Place of Bugs, Insects, Grasshoppers, Etc.

(By P. G. HOLDEN, Former Dean of Iowa State College.)

Fifteen per cent of an egg is protein. Protein is the food that makes muscle. The lean part of ham and bacon is protein.

Hens get protein when they eat angle worms, bugs, insects, grasshoppers, etc.

To get eggs in the winter we must give the hens something to take the place of the worms and bugs.

When your father butchers a pig or a cow do you give the offals to the chickens?

Perhaps you can kill a rabbit or a squirrel for them. Skin it and hang it in the poultry-house just high enough that the hens will have to jump a little to reach it. Exercise is good for laying hens.

Or, perhaps you have some milk or buttermilk you can spare for the hens. Milk contains a great deal of protein.

Let it sour before feeding it, as sour milk keeps the hens healthy.

Ground bone or beef scraps are made from the waste and offals in the packing-houses. Some people buy these.

SWEET CLOVER GOOD ROUGH WINTER FEED

If Cut at Right Time, Cattle Will Eat It Readily—Similar to Alfalfa in Value.

Many farmers believe sweet clover to be a rank impostor and a dangerous weed. Professor Kezer of the Colorado Agricultural college, answers the following questions in regard to sweet clover:

"With what success can sweet clover be grown and used as a rough winter food for stock? What has been the experience of others with its use? Will cattle eat it readily? How does it compare with alfalfa and other foods?"

According to the experience of many Colorado farmers, sweet clover can be grown and used successfully as a winter hay for stock. Where alfalfa does well, it is not advisable to use it, because alfalfa will outyield it in three cuttings. Sweet clover will rarely ever make more than two cuttings in a season, and sometimes not over one. Consequently, if grown at all, it should be grown in regions too high for the successful production of alfalfa, or where for some other reason alfalfa cannot be successfully grown.

If cut at the right time, cattle will eat it readily, especially after they have become accustomed to its use. Its feeding value is very similar to alfalfa, although there is usually more waste.

QUANTITY OF SEED TO PLANT

Much Depends on Amount of Moisture in Soil, Size of Kernel and Condition of Seed.

The quantity of spring wheat seed sown varies with the amount of moisture present in the soil, the size of the kernel of the variety used, the condition of the seedbed, and the date of seeding. Under ordinary conditions, four pecks to the acre is best. In the eastern part of the area, where rainfall is high and the soil heavy, rich, warm, and well drained, five to six pecks give better results. In the drier soils of the western portions, three pecks to the acre are sufficient. Where durum wheat is sown, as a rule the seeding is one peck heavier than common wheat under the same conditions.

Beating the Shifting Sands.

Confronted by the task of building a highway over a desert of constantly shifting sands, which in a few years might cover and render useless a roadbed of macadam or concrete, the California highway commission has introduced a type of paving which is portable, so that it can be easily moved to conform to the changing topography of the country. Popular Mechanics Magazine describes the paving as made of plank, built in sections 12 feet long and 8 feet wide, and hauled by wagons to the points where it is needed. This unused thoroughfare extends six miles across a portion of the desert lying between Yuma, Ariz., and Holtville, Cal. The plank sections are built on 4 by 6-inch stringers. The units are bound together by iron strips placed over rows of spikes, one either side and one along the center of the road. Roundheaded bolts running through the planks and stringers are used to hold the strips down. The latter, in addition to joining the units together, keep the spikes from working out of the lumber.

GINGLES' JINGLES

SEEK AND FIND.

Let us beat it from the sadness, let us journey from the strife, there's a path of sunshine somewhere, let us find it in this life; let us not give up a seeking, though the clouds hang low and dark, there's a somewhere that is cheerful—let us flit there and park. We were happy once, yes very, we were cheerful once and gay. What's the reason kindly tell me we are not the same today? Have we lost the trail and where? Can we ramble back in memory, spot the place and say, "right there, that is where I turned and wandered from the straight and narrow road, that's the spot I well remember where I gathered up the load that has handicapped my journey on down the path of fate. Shall I turn and beat it back there, try again to strike my gait, and renew my travels onward, hike again the road of light? Can I do it? Shall I venture? Is there still a chance in sight?" Yes—the gods of peace are calling, shouting in your ear to come, to return, take up the banner, onward march to kingdom come, march in happiness and comfort, march in joyfulness and cheer—peace that passeth understanding, is the promise, you *Erin H. Jingles* will hear?

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RIGHT MANAGEMENT OF BOAR

Animal Should Not Be Used Very Much Until One Year Old—Keep in Best of Condition.

A boar should not be used very much on sows until he is one year old, nor for heavy service until two years old. If one wants to develop a boar to the highest possibility it is not well to use him at all under one year old.

One service per day is enough, but in case two sows are to be served in one day, breed one in the morning and the other in the evening, and let the boar rest a day or so before using him again. One service to a sow is all that is necessary. With such a treatment a mature boar should be able to handle 50 or 60 sows during a breeding season.

The boar should be kept in good condition all the year, but not so fat as to be lazy and clumsy. His ration should be increased before the breeding season, in order to have him gaining at the time he is being used. This keeps him in good condition, and better results may be obtained.

PREVENT INJURY BY RABBITS

Paris Green Added to Whitewash Applied to Trees Will Stop Animals From Gnawing Bark.

According to the experts of the North Dakota agricultural college, damage to trees by rabbits gnawing the bark can be stopped in the following way: Make a thick whitewash, slacking the lime overnight improves it. To each pailful of the whitewash add three teaspoonfuls of paris green, and paint the trees with it. Stir frequently when applying it.

Easily Traced.

"The plot of Dasher's latest book has a sort of vague, elusive familiarity."

"No doubt; he wrote it from the motion picture that was adapted from the stage success translated from the dramatized French version of a Russian problem novel."—Life.

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Modernize the Old Home

We specialize in furnishing ideas and suggestions for the remodeling of old homes. Many of the older homes in our community would be as good as new if the front elevation was changed, or by the addition of a conservatory, sleeping porch or porte cochre.

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LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

This is the last week of school, and when Friday rolls around the session will be a matter of history. It has been a most successful term and one the people of this community can point to with pride. Supt. Sims and his able corps of assistants have been untiring in their efforts to advance the cause of education and raise the standard of the school. Their efforts have been appreciated, as attested to by the fact that the board recently met and re-elected all the teachers, except Mr. Denny, who was not an applicant and will attend school the coming term. His successor is yet to be elected. Miss Mary Belle Hill was elected as the extra teacher.

The graduates this year are Ross Brock, Arwine Skidmore and Miss Lucretia Riall. The exercises will be held at the auditorium next Thursday night. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached next Sunday morning at the auditorium by Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss of Palestine.

The Young Man's Opportunity

Largest and Most Successful Cotton Classing School in America

There is a greater demand today than ever before for the young man who thoroughly understands the cotton business. Such as: Classing, stapling, averaging, buying, selling, shipping, exporting, keeping of gin records, merchant's cotton records, warehouse records, cotton office stock books and other blanks necessary to the business. The representatives of the largest cotton concerns, as well as the merchants and warehouse managers, have highly indorsed our course of instructions. They say we are meeting a long felt want. Bonded warehouses alone require hundreds of young men. We have expert instructors with practical experience in every detail of the business and have installed in this department a cotton exchange board with telegraph instruments attached. Here our students are taught to read price quotations as they come in from Liverpool, New Orleans and New York markets. They are also given the ginners' and government reports on production and the probable effect on prices. Nothing is left undone to make our students efficient in the work. The cost of the above course complete is \$23.00 for tuition, and \$2.00 for books and material. Time for completing is from four to six weeks, owing to the ability of the student. Students may enroll at any time. There is such a great demand for work of this kind, that we have large and enthusiastic classes of men and boys throughout the year. Enter at once. You may take book-keeping and business training, shorthand, steno, typewriting or telegraphy along with cotton classing if you like. Fill in blank and mail today. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

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OUR CROP PROSPECTS

Those who were delayed in planting for any reason should get some consolation from the fact that dry weather in some localities and cool weather in general has somewhat retarded growth of tender plants. Since our seasons are long and there is plenty of time for most all crops no one should hesitate to plant late. It now seems that such tender plants as cotton, sorghum, Sudan, milo, Kafir, peanuts, peas and soy beans will have a better chance when planted somewhat late this season. This should encourage late planting. Recent rains have revived crops and brightened prospects in localities where drouth had prevailed. Where stands of plants were not had in localities the problem will be to plant crops that are most likely to pay best under present conditions.

The Southwest is in most excellent condition. With moisture and warm growing weather now the next few weeks doubtless will give us prosperity in verdant fields and fat livestock.—Farm & Ranch.

TO THE BLACK MAN OF THE SOUTHLAND

I notice there will soon be an enrollment of names of all male citizens, probably between the ages of 21 to 40 years, (the age limit is yet to be fixed by congress) that may be eligible to do service in the war that has been declared. Therefore, let no man shirk or dodge because he is black or has not had all the privileges accorded him that other men have. Let's not be like those school children of New Jersey that were of German blood, when their teacher wanted them to sing "America" they flatly refused to do so, but rather let us say and sing, "My country 'tis of thee, a land I helped to free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; I love thy people still that held us slaves." And then sing to these same people "I'll go with you to the end of the world and then to the world beyond."

This being done, and every man rallying to the flag, everything is bound to be for the better for those who survive. Hoping all to see as I do and our cause to succeed, I am ever for equal rights to all and duty the same, H. W. L. Shepherd, (Colored.)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Program for memorial service to be held at Refuge Friday, June 1:

Opening song.
Address—Rev. Cyrus Campbell. Subject, "Object of Memorial."
Song.
Address—Rev. Jim Lively. Subject, "Christ's Mission on Earth."
Song.
Address—Rev. N. S. Herod. Subject, "Resurrection."
Song.
Address—Rev. M. M. Lambright. Subject, "Final Judgment."

Pure, nourishing blood makes healthy flesh, good muscles and a strong vitality. The reverse is the case when the blood is poor. To drive out impurities and enrich the blood take Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a most efficient blood purifier and system regulator. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

THE JUNIOR A. & M. COLLEGE

The committee, headed by Hon. W. B. Page, having in charge the campaign to secure for Crockett the location of the Junior A. & M. College, for which an appropriation was made at the last regular session of the legislature, has been doing some very effective work during the past week and feel much encouraged to believe that their efforts are to be successful.

A great deal depends upon the kind of an exhibit of the resources of the county that is collected for presenting to the locating committee when it shall visit here to see what we have to offer. Every citizen of the county can help in this matter if so disposed, and it is greatly to be desired that this collection be secured soon as possible. Most everyone has some product of special merit and when these are all brought together at the Commercial Club rooms it will be arranged and prepared for permanent exhibition. The ladies can help materially in this work by looking over their supply of canned and preserved fruit and vegetables. If they haven't anything they consider available why not go out into the garden and select something and prepare it especially for the occasion? You can do nothing better to advance the interests of Crockett and Houston county than to take an active part in this work. H. A. Fisher.

Zack Writes The News From The River Country

May 7.—Another cold wave hit us and we "kinked" up and Saturday and yesterday were peculiar days, but the sun shines today.

Cotton planting is about over and some is chopped but we expect to plant goobers, peas and feed stuff as long as the land and seed hold out. It will not be long until the corn crop will be out of the way so far as work is concerned.

Mrs. Dora White will make her home for awhile with her son on the Stevens farm. We are glad to have her in our midst.

The old reliable S. J. Stanford is in our midst and he will not only drown some worms, but will catch some fish and make it hot for squirrels.

Some of our people were visiting yesterday. Homer Beazley and family visited George Allen's.

Mrs. J. H. Beazley, Mrs. Doug Beazley and Glen Beazley were the guests of J. L. Chiles Sunday.

All the children who had the whooping cough have about passed the contagious stage and those who have not had it need not be afraid to stir out.

Our egg machines are still at work but have slowed up some. Pledger and J. L. Chiles Jr., Geo. Allen and W. L. Fox were among the Grapeland visitors Saturday from this community.

The time seems to be right here when men need to be men and not grass-hoppers and women to be women and not butterflies and it may be that the old world needs slowing up a bit. "Chigger" time is here and don't cut your nails too close. Zack.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday.

MARRIED SATURDAY

Lawrence Goolsby and Miss Corine Turner were married in Grapeland Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foreman, Rev. J. F. Lively officiating. The Messenger extends congratulations and best wishes.

NOTICE TO BREEDERS

Grover, the Maltese and Pencheron Jack, is now making the season at G. W. Garner's. Thank you for past patronage and will appreciate your patronage to Mr. Garner. C. W. Butler. 4t

Supt. C. T. Sims went to Austin last Thursday with his athletic team to enter the state events which were held Friday and Saturday. The team was composed of Roy Wherry, Ross Brock, Pat Taylor, Chester Brown, Tom Richards and Guy Lively. The boys failed to win any of the events, but made a good showing for their first trial, and should not become discouraged, but make a determination to go back next year and win.

Mrs. W. H. Kiser, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves, returned to her home in Humble last Saturday morning.

Bank No. 183

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business, on the 1st day of May, 1917, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 10th day of May, 1917:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$47,917 83
Loans, real estate	6,800 00
Overdrafts	58 58
Real estate (banking house)	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures	1,750 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	35,690 92
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	338 27
Cash Items	797 60
Currency	5,561 00
Specie	1,229 50
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,298 23
Other resources as follows:	
Collection in Transit	417 20
Total	\$104,842 19

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	12,000 00
Undivided Profits net	1,584 15
Individual Deposits, subject to check	60,289 59
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,870 25
Cashier's Checks	48 20
Other liabilities as follows: Dividends unpaid	50 00
Total	\$104,842 19

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State of Texas, } ss
County of Houston. }

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

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of May, A. D., nineteen hundred and seventeen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
M. E. DARSEY }
W. G. DARSEY } Directors
T. S. KENT }

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We buy the BEST lines of merchandise shown by the BIGGEST manufacturers and jobbers in America. That's why DARSEY'S is the biggest and best store in Houston county. There is safety and satisfaction in buying goods of known value. Come to this store and see the values we are offering every day. We are complete outfitters for men, women and children.

YOUNG MEN LIKE "PEP"

Our line of men's and young men's suits include all of the best selling styles for right now. See the patterns we are showing in STYLEPLUS and KOOL KLOTH suits at **\$6 to \$17**

ONE PIECE CAPS are absolutely the latest on the market. We have a complete line for men and boys in all sizes at **25c to \$1.50**

(This shipment was received Saturday)

LION COLLARS

We are showing this week two new LIONS that are right off the bat. Ask to see the "Yorktown," a 2 5-8 inch collar, and the "Marquette," a 3-inch collar. We have more than a dozen styles to select from. Flags free

Our line of Belts, Ties, Shirts, Hosiery, Underwear, etc., is complete. A full line of SPORT SHIRTS on display.



GRADUATION GIFTS

The close of school is at hand and if you have friends who are graduating here or in distant towns you can find suitable gifts in our stock. We shall be pleased to show you the latest novelties in—

- Crepe de Chine Waists
- Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs
- Ivory Fans, fancy Parasols
- Silk and Organdy Collars
- Plain and fancy Silk Hose
- Patriotic novelties in the above

We have just received a pretty assortment of—
WASH SKIRTS, MIDDY BLOUSES,
ORGANDY WAISTS,
MUSLIN UNDERWEAR, and have a good selection of silk and non skid hats in colors.

A new pair of slippers or pumps is essential to your comfort and good looks for the summer and you will find a number of styles at **\$2.00 to \$6.00**

Men, Pay a Little More!

When you want a felt hat pay a little more and get a STETSON; when you need a good pair of shoes, pay a little more and get FLORSHEIM. We are offering good values in all lines and will appreciate your business. However, we do not sacrifice QUALITY for price, and for that reason we are giving the best values in Grapeland for the money.

GEORGE E. DARSEY

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUNER, Editor and Owner

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

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1917

The submarine is the greatest menace standing between the allies and victory. If somebody could invent a machine to put the sub on the blink, this war might not be such a tough proposition after all.

People everywhere, especially the wealthy class in the cities, are said to be buying food products and hoarding them. This represents a danger which will aggravate rather than relieve the acute food situation.

Wednesday, May 16, has been designated as "Grapeland Day" in Crockett, the occasion being the Redpath-Horner chautauqua attractions. The attractions for the day will be the "Schildkret Hungarian Orchestra" and Helen Ring Robinson.

The government plans to take charge of the distribution of foodstuffs. This is right. If

the distribution of foodstuffs will decide the war, as it may, it is just as proper for the government to take charge of that matter as it is for it to assume control of the railroads, telegraph lines and munition plants.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

A. B. Spence, Wade L. Smith, Sam Howard Jr., Julian Walling, Grapeland.

- W. B. DuBose, Route 1.
- J. A. Mason, Route 2.
- A. U. Streetman, Route 3.
- Mrs. C. B. Dailey, Route 4.
- E. C. Lively, Percilla.
- Dave Warren, Elkhart.
- Joe Darsey, Alpine.
- Balis Edens, Galveston.

NOTICE TO FARM LOAN ASS'N.

All members of the association are requested to meet next Saturday at 2 o'clock at the court house to complete the plans for organization.

W. F. Murchison, Pres.

Arnold Clewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clewis, left last week for Houston, where he joined Uncle Sam's forces in the navy department. He will be sent to Chicago to go in training.

Old Timer Writes The News From Oak Grove Country

May 7.—If President Wilson wants a big crop made I think he will have to get in touch with the weather man. Today feels almost like winter out here where we people haven't many clothes to wear, but we are trying to keep warm by the fire.

Our school has been contracted to Mr. Cecil Butler and Miss Modell Jones. Mr. Butler lives in the Lovelady country and Miss Jones lives at Percilla. They both come to us highly recommended and I hope they will teach us the best school we have ever had.

S. T. Parker lost a fine young cow last week and B. T. Masters lost a good cow. C. E. Brooks lost a fine calf.

Mr. Arthur Tyer of Augusta visited in this community Saturday and Sunday.

S. T. Parker's children visited Mr. Geo. Chaffin's children Sunday.

R. D. Parker took dinner with ye scribe Sunday.

Old Timer.

Arthur Owens of Crockett spent Sunday here.

COTTON SEED

The mill has informed me that on account of bad weather, they have held up crushing seed, thinking perhaps there might be a shortage for planting purposes, and instructed me to buy all seed offered this and next week. So if you have a few seed you wish to dispose of now is the time. J. W. Howard.

Pimples and blotches on the skin are caused by bilious impurities in the blood. The right remedy is Prickly Ash Bitters. It removes the cause by purifying the blood, liver and bowels. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

NOTICE WOODMEN

Meeting in our new hall Saturday night has been postponed until further notice. Some of the material for the seats has not arrived and the seats have not been installed.

- M. E. Bean,
- Bill Keen,
- Herod Parker,
- Committee.

NOTICE

The Walling Stallion will make the season at Joe Langham's place and at Grapeland livery stable every Saturday. Fee to insure \$10.00. Fred Hudson.

Have your Suit or Dress

Dry Cleaned and Pressed at

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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 8th 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.

NOTICE TO PEANUT GROWERS

I desire to notify you that I will be prepared to thresh peanuts the coming season in the northern part of Houston and the southern part of Anderson counties. I have the latest Case machine and can thresh 20 to 30 thousand bushels in the season; also can thresh all small grain. C. W. Butler, Percilla.

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- 15c yd laces and embroideries for.....10c
- 10c yd prints for..... 8c
- 12 1-2c gingham for.....10c
- 15c dress linen for.....12 1-2c
- 12 1-2c novelty prints for.....10c
- 10c lawns for..... 8c
- 50c work shirts for.....45c
- \$1.50 dress shirts for.....\$1.25
- \$1.00 dress shirts for.....79c
- \$3.75 shoes for.....\$3.25
- \$2.50 hats for.....\$2.00
- 50c gal. Supreme Auto Oil for.....40c
- 15c gal. best kerosene oil for.....10c
- 6 sacks of Durham tobacco for.....25c
- 4 packages of Arm & Hammer soda for.....25c

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LOCAL NEWS

Get an iron bed at a great saving from McLean & Riall.

Mrs. M. L. Clewis left Sunday for Houston to visit relatives.

If you need stove wood see W. R. Wherry.

We have plenty of seed peanuts. W. H. Long & Co

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long of Augusta visited relatives here this week.

Dr. C. C. Hill is in Dallas this week attending the State Medical Association.

C. W. Fitchett of Jacksonville visited relatives at Percilla Saturday.

Mrs. Lawrence Wilson and child are visiting relatives in Crockett this week.

Miss Ola Baker of Corpus Christi is visiting her parents near town.

W. H. Long & Co. have just received some good wire cots. See them.

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

Harold Hollingsworth of Dallas spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

"Paris Special" is the best flour at any price. Get a sack from McLean & Riall.

J. F. Bridges returned Saturday morning from Dallas, where he had been to attend the state ginners' convention.

Fresh bread at Hyman's restaurant. When you get hungry call around and let "Dad" Hyman fix you up.

FOR SALE

Second hand buggy in good condition. For price see me. Frank Woodard.

N. J. Davis has retired from the grocery business, selling his stock and fixtures to George E. Darsey.

STORE FIXTURES FOR SALE

Having bought the Cash Grocery Stock and fixtures, we will sell the entire lot of fixtures, in whole or in part as you want them, consisting of Refrigerator, Iron Safe, Roll Top Desk, counter cases, Show cases, Oil tanks, Counters, Shelving. If you are needing anything in this line it will pay you to see us at once, as we will not refuse any reasonable offer. Geo. E. Darsey, Grapeland, Texas.

MUSICAL RECITAL

On Monday evening, May 14, a recital will be given at the high school auditorium by the pupils of Misses Linnie Dee Haltom and Lois Sims. No admission fee will be charged and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

NOTICE OF MASS MEETING

Everybody interested in the City Cemetery are requested to meet at the auditorium tonight (Thursday) for the purpose of devising ways and means for its up keep during the coming year. This meeting was set for last Thursday night, but was called in on account of services at the Methodist church.

The ticket-selling committees of the chautauqua will also meet and inaugurate a campaign. All parties who were chosen on both sides are requested to be present and receive instructions from their captains.

FOR SALE

3 Registered Poland China male pigs. Registration papers furnished. Price \$14.00 each. Harry Long, Augusta, Texas.

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, Tuesday, May 22.

George Shipper of DeRidder, La., came in Tuesday night and will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Shipper was formerly in business here, but for the past nine years has been in Louisiana.

JERSEY BULL FOR SALE

One year old Jersey bull for sale. A bargain for someone. Geo. E. Darsey.

C. L. Haltom and Geo. E. Darsey jr. left Monday morning via the auto route for Waco to attend the grand lodge of the K. of P.

Let Clewis clean and reblock your old hat. Then it will look like a new one.

C. B. Lively of Percilla was carried to a sanitarium in Palestine Wednesday for an operation

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

My bottling works are now in operation for the season and am prepared to furnish you with the best bottled drinks. I make a specialty of furnishing for picnics, entertainments, etc., and will appreciate your business. A. B. Spence.

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

RECITAL

Miss Eula Mae Riall and pupils will give a musical recital at the school auditorium Friday night, May 18th. No admission fee will be charged and you are cordially invited to come.

The "Blues" and the "Reds" will meet Thursday night at the auditorium to launch a ticket-selling campaign for the chautauqua. C. W. Kennedy is captain of the "Reds" and W. G. Darsey is captain of the "Blues". Buy your season tickets from the side you want to win. If you desire to be on the winning side, take a tip from us and buy from the "Blues." J.R.O.

The fellows who are trying to get others to enlist could make a mile in 2:01 if a recruiting officer were to tap them on the shoulder.

There were a good many people who "put 'em back on" during the recent cool spell.

A Man is a Man When He is in Perfect Health

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You Well and Keep
Feeling Fit.

Even the most perfect system will become deranged at times. Then you need the help that

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is always prepared to give you. Our drugs and remedies make for health because they are absolutely pure and reliable. Come to us for any aid to health.

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Listen!

Come in and see my complete stock of goods and make your purchases from me.

Everyone spending 3 Dollars Cash with me next Saturday I will give a nice and valuable present.

Men's and Boys' Suits that are dandies. Plenty of hats for boys, men and ladies. In fact, anything you want in Dry Goods, and the prices are right.

Bring me your produce. I have a few bushels of peanuts for sale yet and remember that "Quality Is the Thing."

T. S. KENT

"THE QUALITY MAN."

Music's Influence on Child Life

By JOHN D. SHOOP, Superintendent of Chicago Public Schools

The value of music in the economy of human life is neither widely nor fully appreciated.

We reflect to a greater or less extent in our own personalities the rhythm and harmony which pervades all nature. This rhythm relieves the monotony of existence and is the agency through which we are able to bring ourselves into harmony with the forces of nature and the thoughts and emotions of our fellow humankind.

Music constitutes one of the most pleasing and highest forms of expression through which thought and emotions find utterance. It is the avocation which provides restfulness from the strain of daily pursuits and comes as a solace to the weary brain and as a stimulus to the depressed spirits.

Music forms the basis, also, of the most effective correlation and concentration of the energies and the purposes of the social body. The church has long recognized its power and utilizes it in blending the emotions of its worshipers into a harmonious and unified whole. There is a psychological value in the song which precedes the discourse. It corresponds to the preparation of the seedbed by the farmer to encourage germination and a growth of that which he sows.

There is a marked analogy between the rhythm of nature and that of which the mind of man sooner or later becomes conscious. It should be the aim of education to encourage the discovery of this relationship through the adaptation and application of music in the training of the child at every stage of his existence.

The jingle of the Mother Goose melody, that is always so welcome, and the soothing lullaby that brings to the child peaceful slumber indicate clearly that music is indigenous to the nature of childhood.

If we are careful not to conventionalize too early in the life of the child that which is to supply this yearning and longing for the forms of rhythmic expression, music will naturally and unconsciously weave itself into the fabric of character and personality.

The Season Features Neckwear



Much emphasis is placed on collars and jabots as the spring advances, and prices asked for them prove that the spring is not the only thing that advances. But prices appear not to frighten the lady of fashion who concentrates her attention on the dainty and sprightly new neckwear for spring. For wear with spring suits she insists upon lace jabots and her one-piece frocks demand a collar. They finish the costume, whatever it is, and add a touch of smartness that is worth paying for.

Collars are made of crepe georgette, organdie, net and lace. Those of fabrics are usually lace trimmed, although fine tucks and hemstitching provide all the decoration needed on some of the prettiest designs.

Cape collars of organdie are very dainty with narrow ruffles of the organdie used instead of lace for trimming. These narrow ruffles are not hemmed but are made with a pleat finish. The plainest collars have wide, hemstitched hems. Small tassels have made a place for themselves in neckwear as in all other dress accessories.

One of the new designs in collars is shown in the picture. Either georgette or batiste makes up well in this fashion, but organdie is a little too wiry for it. Some of the new jabots

are merely lace-edged handkerchiefs folded into plaits and attached to a plain high collar, or worn without a collar. As a lace handkerchief is not good for much, in the way of usefulness, it might as well be made to do service in this way. Its days are spent folded away in a handkerchief case with all its beauty hid from eyes that would enjoy it. The fashion for jabots will give the lace handkerchief, and many bits of beautiful old lace, an airing and add to the toilette a detail of incomparable refinement.

Hand-embroidered nets, next to fine lace, makes the most exquisite of collars, chemisettes and jabots and are liked for chemisettes better than anything else. Like jabots, the chemisette appear in both high and low neck designs and there is an endless variety to choose from.

Julia Bottomley

Printed Wool Jerseys.

The newest thing in sports fabrics are the printed wool jerseys, in the bright and popular sports colors, printed in queer designs of several contrasting colors in a manner similar to sports silks.

Origin of the Wedding Ring Of Today Has Been Traced Back to Days of Old Egypt

How many brides, as they tremulously present a coy finger for the clasp of the magic circlet, even suspect that the welcome symbol of hymeneal bliss comes down to them from Old Egypt? In the land of the sphinx and the pyramids was the cradle of emancipated womanhood, where materfamilias ruled her willing household with despotic sway—a fair and benevolent despotism but none the less tyrannical, borrowing her smug authority from the mothergoddess Isis, the indomitable and supreme.

In ancient times the influence of the Egyptian wife extended far beyond the domain of the family dwelling, for she was mistress of the storerooms, the granaries, and all the provisions: "Mistress of the Seals," "Mistress of the Lincens," "Mistress of the Khetemu," the sealed rooms. All the doors, boxes and jars of the household were elaborately sealed and under her sole supervision. This, it is said, accounts for the great number of scarab seals found by the side of females in mummy cases.

In this capacity as supreme arbiter of the household and its appurtenances, on the wedding day the Egyptian woman's lord, but not her master, presented her with a little string of seals which she wore like a bunch of keys. At first the jewels were suspended from a string hung about her neck. Then she wore them on a cord or string tied around her wrist, and later, for greater security, they were attached to the finger by a string or a wire. This wire is said to be the direct forbear of the signet ring and of the wedding ring.

With the advent of locks these seals gave way to keys, and the husband ceremoniously presented his mistress with the keys of the household or estate on a ring. These becoming too cumbersome or uncomfortable, a plain metal band was given with the keys.

Says Cleero: "The key was given to the bride on entering her home to signify that she was appointed mistress—materfamilias—of the house—in fact, to be used by her to lock up her storeroom, and in case of divorce was taken away."

Thus the wedding ring comes—in proud perpetuity to the brides of today from the sacred shores of the drowsy Nile.

MERIT

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS.

Merit does find its true reward. In the final summing up, people pass for what they actually are. The gauge of Merit works straight and sound. Luck and Chance are the mere teasers of Fate.

Merit nothing beneath you.

Do more than is expected of you. Do each task better than people think you can. Believe all things are possible with you and you cannot fall to Merit big. It is better to aim for Perfection and miss it, than to aim at Imperfection and hit it.

Merit nothing beneath you.

Be not troubled over the accidents of Destiny. The rule of Merit will safely guide you into the wide way of Winning. True Merit is the rule and not the exception. Thousands of pages of History illustrate this truth.

Merit nothing beneath you.

Whatever you Merit and are worthy to receive, you will get. Concentrate your thoughts for the purpose of elevating your Aims and Ideals, for these are they that lead you on and up.

Senator Took Oath on Koran.

A recent incident in the new Philippine legislature recalls that when the United States acquired the islands we took into our family brothers-in-law whose religious beliefs always have clashed with Christianity. Senator Hadji Butu, who represents Mindanao and Sulu, took his oath of office on the Koran instead of the Bible.

All the other senators took their oaths collectively by raising their right hands. Then Senator Butu stepped in front of the president of the senate and, placing his right hand over the Koran, read his official oath in the Sulu dialect, the president repeating it in Spanish. When the ceremony was over the president shook hands with the senator, while the other senators and a large crowd in the galleries applauded.

War Hits English Dogs.

A movement has been started in England to reduce the canine population of the island. It is declared by economists that there is a large surplus of dogs and that keeping them is a luxury which the country should dispense with in a period of war time sacrifices.

It is pointed out by the foes of Tige and Sport that England has more dogs per capita than any other country in Europe, with less need of them than any other.



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CULTIVATION IS ESSENTIAL IN ORCHARD



TOPS OF TREES FULL OF BRUSH AND WATER SPROUTS.

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If the best results are to follow the planting of an orchard, it is essential that the trees receive good cultivation. While the details of practice differ widely and the methods that give good results in one section may not succeed in some other where the conditions are different, the frequent stirring of the soil during the growing season is as logical as it is in growing a crop of corn, potatoes or cabbages, and for the same reasons. It is true that trees are sometimes planted in sod and never receive cultivation, yet are successful in some measure. But in most cases of this sort, the degree of success obtained is probably in spite of the sod, not because of it.

The objects of cultivation are usually attained when it is done frequently enough to maintain a good, fine soil mulch on the surface. Cultivation should begin as soon as the soil is in condition to work in the spring; it should usually cease by midseason, or by the middle of July or first of August.

Pruning.

The pruning of fruit trees is an operation that is very frequently much neglected, yet it is one of the most important.

The pruning of a tree at the time of planting has been described. Subsequent pruning should be done each year during the dormant period, preferably in late winter or early spring.

In case of young trees that have been growing rapidly, the previous season's growth is commonly cut back one-half its length. Sometimes even a larger portion is cut off. The limbs should also be thinned out enough to keep the top sufficiently open to admit sunlight and air. Pruning to keep the top open should always be kept in mind. Unless the trees are pruned from the very beginning with this object in view, it is almost impossible so to prune them later in their life when the tops become dense and bushy. If the tops are too dense, the fruit cannot color well and thorough spraying is impossible.

Less pruning is required, as a rule, after the trees come into bearing, though it is just as important to give them regular and thorough attention after they begin to bear as it is before.

While pruning has to be modified to suit the style of training employed with any given plant, each species of plant bears its fruit in a peculiar manner, which renders the maintenance of wood of a certain age and character necessary in order to secure a crop of fruit.

Apple and Pear.

In the case of the apple and the pear, the fruits are borne upon "sprurs" of the previous year's growth only, these sprurs appear upon wood one year or more of age. Heading in or shortening each shoot of the season's growth, therefore, must be done with care in order not to reduce the bearing wood beyond a profitable limit. With these two plants, however, the bearing shoots are not those making the most vigorous growth at the ends of the branches, but they are usually more obscurely located upon the sides of the branches, and make a much smaller growth, for which reason they have been termed sprurs.

Peach and Japanese Plum.

With the peach, however, it is the wood of the last season's growth upon which the fruits are directly borne, and with them heading-in may be successfully employed to limit the quantity of fruit borne by the tree. Japanese plums bear on both year-old wood and sprurs; pruning may, there-

fore, be used to thin the fruit, the same as in the case of the peach.

Quince.

The quince bears its fruit at the extremity of new shoots of the present season's growth, in which respect it differs from both its close relatives, the apple and the pear; but as these shoots arise from wood of the previous season's growth, pruning must be so adjusted that the fruit crop will not be reduced.

Grape.

The grape bears its fruit on shoots of the season, which in turn usually arise from canes of the previous year's growth. Old wood on the grape is therefore of little value; hence the development of so many systems of training which maintain only a single permanent trunk, from the top of which the bearing canes are renewed each year. The so-called "renewal," "high renewal," "Kniffen," "Munson," and various overhead systems of training all possess this feature in common. In fact, it is the only economical way in which to handle native kinds. For the fruit garden, however, where the vines are desired for covering arbors, pruning must be modified so as to secure a screen from the new growth as early in the season as practicable. For this purpose a modification of the "horizontal-arm" system of training will be found most advantageous. By planting the vines closely and carrying up single trunks to a fixed height, and from the top of the stalk carrying out horizontal arms along which "sprurs" are maintained, a short growth from each spur will be sufficient to give a uniform and sufficiently dense canopy of leaves for the arbor.

Raspberry and Blackberry.

Raspberries and blackberries both bear their fruits on short shoots which arise from canes of the previous season's growth. While these shoots are usually axillary shoots, the fruits are always terminal. In the case of the grape, which bears its fruit upon annual shoots arising from canes of the previous year, the fruit is produced at a node, and takes the place of a leaf; several fruit clusters may therefore arise from a single shoot of the grape.

Currant and Gooseberry.

In the case of the currant and gooseberry the fruits are produced on both old and new wood; the fruits appear as axillary growths from the shoot itself, and wood three years or more of age is unprofitable and should be cut away.

Plant something to eat!

FIRST HUMANS BLACK HAIRD

Interesting Theory Formulated by American Expert on Conditions in the Tropical Regions.

Lieut. Col. Charles E. Woodruff, whose long experience as chief medical officer of the American army in the Philippines makes him an expert on tropical conditions, has written a book called "Medical Ethnology," in which he advances some interesting theories on dark-skinned and white-skinned races. The Lancet, in reviewing the book, says:

"The author holds that the first human beings were black-haired animals but not black skinned, as their seat of development must have been in a cold country where conditions of life were hard, necessitating a great development of brain, since only the most intelligent could survive. They were originally cave-dwellers. After a time, when the earth was largely peopled with this race, there arose a large blond type in northern Europe—Nietzsche's "blond beast," the Teutonic superman—who established himself in a dominating position in many countries by right of conquest.

"To this race belonged the ancient Greeks, the original Romans, the ruling race in Egypt, and so forth. Unfortunately this type tends to die out when it migrates from its native climate, and so in time the Romans died out and their empire fell to pieces and the glorious period of the Greek intellect was short-lived. In the same way white races fall at the present day to establish themselves permanently in tropical climates."

The Lancet quotes also some of Colonel Woodruff's opinions on the effect of light, which he considers almost wholly harmful to white men.

"The dark skin of tropical races serves as a protection by cutting off the rays of light; it also assists the body in radiating heat, but at the same time favors absorption from a hot environment, so that dark races stand such heat as that of a stovehole worse than light-skinned people.

"Contrary to common opinion, the author holds that bright light is bad for children at school, rendering them restless and irritable. The neurasthenia which affects white residents in the tropics and their children is due, he considers, largely to excessive light, aided doubtless by high temperature."

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OF THE

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at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1917, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 10th day of May, 1917.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral-	\$35,698.85
Loans, real estate	2,940.89
Overdrafts	128.19
Real estate, (banking house)	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	52,271.99
Cash Items	27.16
Currency	6,536.00
Specie	2,444.20
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	837.61
Collection in transit	439.50

Total----- 106,753.29

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in--	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,750.00
Undivided profits, net-	1,592.44
Individual deposits, subject to check	79,345.27
Time Certificates of Deposits	6,736.03
Cashier's Checks	239.55
Dividends Unpaid	90.00

Total----- 106,753.29

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }

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

C. W. KENNEDY,
President.

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of May, A. D., nineteen hundred and seventeen
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.



J. R. Richards,
Notary Public,
Houston County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
W. H. Holcomb }
E. G. Walling } Directors
M. P. Herod }

News Items

**Reported From
Hays Spring**

May 7.—Everybody is farming in dead earnest. Cotton planting is just about a thing of the past and chopping will begin in a few days. Corn is somewhat backward on account of cold weather, but it is in fine shape. Some have planted peanuts and they are coming up nicely. Gardens are fine. In fact, we are striving hard to raise what we eat at home.

Our Sunday School is progressing fine. We have eighty enrolled and about 90 per cent of the enrollment attend every Sunday. We think that is pretty good for this place.

W. J. Clark made a trip to Crockett last Tuesday.

Chas. Story went to Crockett last Saturday.

Berlus Brown and family visited Dudley Ellis Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Herod of Daly is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Story this week.

Luther Lively lost a horse which was gored by a vicious cow last week.

I will send in the following problem for some of the Messenger readers to solve:

A has \$100 with which he wishes to purchase 100 head of live stock consisting of cows, hogs and goats. He is to pay \$10 each for cows, \$3 each for hogs and 50 cents each for goats. How many of each kind must he buy to get 100 head?

Bigfoot.



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