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\$1.50 PER YEAR

EXTRA SPECIAL PRICES THIS WEEK AT

KEELAND BROS.

Oats, per bushel.....	95c
Corn Chops per sack.....	\$3.40
Mill run bran.....	\$2.90
Wheat Shorts.....	\$3.10
9 lb White Granulated Sugar.....	\$1.00
5 gallon best Oil.....	90c
Corn Meal per sack.....	\$1.20
Seed Potatoes per bushel.....	\$2.75
High Patent Flour.....	\$2.95
Extra Fancy, the best on earth Flour....	\$3.10
\$25.00 Cotton & Corn Planter for....	\$19.90
Pure country raised ribbon cane syrup per gallon.....	\$1.25
\$1.25 bucket of best grade coffee for....	\$1.00

Extra Low Prices on Kelley Plows

We Buy Chickens and Eggs

Keeland Bros.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

Shoes! Shoes!

MAXINE SHOES
FOR MILADY

Distinctiveness in Maxine Pumps and Oxfords.

Possibly you have never thought of it before, but you must now realize that Shoes add as great distinction to the appearance of well dressed women as any other part of their attire.

As Pumps are destined to be the correct foot wear for Women's Spring and Summer use, we are now ready to show you more and prettier styles than ever before.

Every man around here should put his feet into a pair of our

—“WHITE HOUSE SHOES”—

and appreciate the comfort, style and quality of the foot-wear that is designed and manufactured to please each individual.

**Train Your Child's Feet The Way They
Should Grow**

Shoes shape the growing feet—either rightly, or wrongly. The Brown Shaping Lasts—give the correct, natural shape to Buster Brown Shoes.

We have all the above SHOES in stock, come in and see these SHOES, try on a pair and be convinced of their merit before purchasing your Spring foot-wear.

W. H. Long & Co.

THE VALUE GIVING STORE

LIVELYVILLE

By Regular Correspondent

Livelyville, Feb. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Wilson Sunday.

Cleveland Howford, whom it was feared had met with an accident coming from the training camp, arrived home Sunday. He had been visiting an uncle in West Texas.

Misses Bertha and Modelle Garner entertained their many friends Friday night with a Valentine party. Games were played, musical selections rendered and the hours passed quickly. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and all departed declaring the young ladies superb hostesses.

Miss May Belle Howard spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Palestine.

Miss Anna Lee Mills spent Saturday and Sunday in Percilla, the guest of Miss Lila Dennis.

CAKES FOR SALE

The Baptist Women's Auxiliary will place on sale Saturday several kinds of delicious cakes. Buy one for your Sunday dinner. They will be on sale at different stores.

TREES PLANTED

Wednesday, February 12, was tree planting day in Grapeland, and it was a success in every way. At least five or six hundred trees were set out on the different streets of town. It was a very practical and appropriate way in which to honor the soldier boys who offered their lives on a foreign field for our protection.

EAST TEXAS HOGS

There is no part of the state where pork can be produced so cheaply as in East and South Texas. Yet these are not today the sections of the state where the most herds of the best hogs are to be found. True there are many herds where breeding, size, conformation and other points are kept up to standard, and the number of such breeders is constantly increasing. Let it be the section where such points can be kept up most cheaply. The main trouble comes in the fact that the average hog raiser does not grow feed other than corn for his hogs. Corn is easy to grow, the traditional hog feed, and he thinks that plenty of corn means plenty of hogs. It does not. Nor does it mean cheap hogs or meat raised at a low cost. Corn is not a complete feed for hogs. It will put the fat on them when they are ready to be fattened, and it should be fed to some extent, even if very small quantities, all the time. But there are other feeds that must be provided to grow hogs cheaply. And for the growing of these feeds the sections spoken of are peculiarly adapted.

The feeds needed are the legumes, clovers, beans and peas. Bermuda pasture is a standard and no man should think of growing hogs without providing a good Bermuda pasture for them. Nor is there a farm where a little attention will not provide good Bermuda pasture. Bur clover, lespedeza, crimson clover, for winter and spring, and alfalfa, where it can be grown successfully. For summer and fall peas and beans. These things in plenty for pasture, and then corn as needed for fattening purposes and a small grain feed at all times, will keep up the standard of type and make hog raising highly profitable.—Southland Farmer.

Our Anniversary Sale is still on

9 lb Granulated Sugar.....	\$1.00
4 lb fresh coffee for.....	\$1.00
Best High Patent Flour per sack.....	\$2.95
Best Pearl Meal per sack.....	\$1.20
Best Corn Chops per sack.....	\$3.40
Best Wheat Bran per sack.....	\$2.90
Best Shorts per sack.....	\$3.10
Oats, per bushel.....	93c

Car of Fresh Flour and Feed Stuff just arrived.

Car of Alfalfa, Bermuda and Forney Hay.

Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes and Groceries all going at bargains that cannot be duplicated anywhere.

W. R. WHERRY

We Will Buy Your Liberty Bonds

A Change of Business Methods

Not because of our desire or wish, but because of our tremendous loss in cotton we are forced to quit the furnishing business and adopt the cash method.

This simply means that we are going to offer our \$35,000 stock of merchandise at cheaper prices than you will find in Houston county, not only at cheaper prices, but we are going to offer each week special inducements to cause you to spend your money and produce with us.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL WILL BE:

For every \$10 cash or produce spent at our dry goods counter we will sell you 12 lb best granulated sugar for.....\$1.00

We will pay you top prices for your produce. Come and get our prices and you are sure to do business with us.

McLean & Riall
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

AUTO RACE AT THE M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

National out 170 miles.
Willis-Knight out 90 miles.
Crow-Elkhart out 125 miles.
Oldsmobile out 145 miles.
Haynes out 190 miles.
Overland out 255 miles.
Kissle-Kar out 160 miles.
Ford out 235 miles.
Reo out 145 miles.
Willis-Knight lost 5 miles on attendance.
Crow-Elkhart lost 5 miles each on attendance and collection.
Oldsmobile lost 5 miles on church attendance.
Overland lost 5 miles on studied lessons.
Reo lost 5 miles on collection.
Race Superintendent.

The Bread And Butter Question

The teaching profession is a noble, charitable one, but are you content to work in the charity department of your state when they allow you no pension or protection in old age? Are you willing to go into the great broad fields of business where they can lay up something for a rainy day, and provide your own protection for old age? Six thousand teachers quit the profession in Texas annually. Can you blame them when you compare their annual earning capacity with that of any other class of educated men or women? Those entering the business world through the route of the Bookkeeper, Stenographer, Private Secretary, or Operator draw as beginners salaries from \$60.00 to \$100 per month, twelve months in the year, and soon receives an advance in salary and it is not long if they are made of the right kind of stuff before they are promoted to assistant manager or manager of a large business concern, or engage in business for themselves and are thereby enabled to lay up a comfortable living for old age. Make a comparison of the teacher, who after graduating from the high school spends from one to two years in the State Normal and hundreds of dollars preparing himself, and has been teaching five years in the public schools with the Bookkeeper, Stenographer, or Operator who has only spent from three to six months in obtaining his education after graduating from high school, and from one hundred to two hundred dollars and has had five years experience in the business world, and you will find that the one who has spent only a few months in obtaining his education and a small amount of money is drawing twice the salary of the teacher regardless of the fact that the teacher spent more time and money in the preparation for their life work. More evidence on this subject can be had by writing the Tyler Commercial College at Tyler, Texas, for their large illustrated catalogue giving full particulars of America's largest commercial training school with more than three thousand enrollments annually and reading what teachers say who have attended this institution, of the advantages it offers to those entering the business world where they can greatly increase their earning capacity, enabling them to own own homes of their own and enjoy the comforts that should rightly be theirs.

County Agent Dismissed

At a regular meeting of the commissioners' court held this week the commissioners went on record as favoring the stopping of the county agent work in Houston county. Houston county paid one-half and the government the other one-half of the county agent's salary. Those voting to stop the work were: J. S. Long, J. C. Estes and Ab Beathard. Commissioner Aaron Speer voted to continue the work.—Houston County Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Murray spent several days here last week visiting Mr. Murray's parents.

LAND FOR HOMES MEASURE ADOPTED

Governor Hobby's plan to provide land for the landless is to be submitted to the people May 24, the senate having finally adopted the house joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution embodying the governor's proposition. It would permit the state to give financial aid to heads of families to acquire and improve rural homes, the repayment to be made on long time. If the amendment is adopted legislation will be required to make it operative. Legislation will not be necessary to make affective the other two amendments to be submitted May 24, the state-wide prohibition resolution and that according votes to women. These are self-enacting.

WASHINGTON A FARMER

George Washington, our first President, was a farmer by occupation and preference. He was one of the best farmers of his day. He was constantly corresponding with the most progressive agriculturists of England and the continent in an effort to introduce more productive methods of farming into the United States. He wanted to get the best farm machinery of other countries for American farmers. He carried on experiments in soil fertilization. By careful selection he almost doubled the wool yield of his flock of sheep. He left the farm to lead our armies, but he returned to the farm when the war was over. And it was with reluctance that he left it again to become President of the new republic. After completing his two terms, he spent the last years of his life in active supervision of his large plantation.—Exchange.

ROOF COMPLETED

Contractor DeMoss has completed a new roof on the court house annex. His contract with the county calls for \$300, to be paid when the roof is accepted by the county commissioners, which will likely be at the present term of the commissioners' court.—Crockett Courier.

DEATH AT AUGUSTA

The Messenger joins friends in extending condolence to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lively of Augusta an account of the death of their little 5-year old son, who died Sunday, February 16, of pneumonia.

NEW CONSTABLE

Bill Keen has been appointed Constable of this precinct by the Commissioners' Court to succeed Lon Beauchamp, who resigned. Mr. Keen has qualified and is now discharging the duties of the office.

DEATH AT LATEXO

Jim Dunn died at his home at Latexo Thursday, February 13. Death was caused by influenza followed by pneumonia. Deceased was 30 years old and is survived by his wife.

TIM GARLAND DEAD

News of the death of Tim Garland has just reached GrapeLand. It is reported that he died on board ship returning from France, where he had been in the service. Mr. Garland formerly lived here, being prescription clerk for D. N. Leaverton. His home was at Loraine, Texas.

The Thrift Car

Overland

TRADE MARK REG

There are five things to consider when you buy a motor car—

- Appearance
- Performance
- Comfort
- Service
- Price

Owners who have bought the Overland Model 90 have not been worried about any of these things.

Remember this when you decide to buy your car.



J. E. TOWERY
CROCKETT, TEXAS

ROCK HILL

By Norman

Rock Hill, Feb. 17.—The weather is mighty unfavorable for work at present.

J. L. Nichols visited in the Rocky Mound community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Nichols and children visited her father, Mr. R. H. Cook, East of town, the latter part of last week.

We are preparing a nice program for this Friday night. Everybody is invited.

Rev. C. A. Campbell will fill his regular appointment here Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Willis Hughes and family visited the home of W. E. Page Sunday.

Willie Willis and family from near Oak Grove community visited the home of Mrs. Willis' parents, Z. W. Weisinger, Saturday and Sunday.

Willie Page left Saturday for Latexo, where a job awaits him. Brit Matthews has just come in from the army from which he has been discharged. Word has been received here by relatives that George Hoodnell is in the United States and is expected to be discharged in the near future. He was severely wounded in battle.

The Death Angel knocked at the home of Mr. John Steich last Tuesday morning and took from them the Jewel of their home, their only boy, a baby one year and 2 months old. The community wishes to express to them its heartfelt sympathy.

The remains were laid to rest in the Antrim cemetery Wednesday evening, Rev. W. R. Durnell officiating.

Lizzie Belle Streetman had an operation on her throat, (tonsils and adenoids removed) last Friday evening. She is getting along splendid at present.

Guy Willis has been real sick, but is muc better at present.

1919 WAR STAMPS

War stamps for the present year, maturing in 1924, are being issued under the same conditions as governed the sale of such stamps last year. Thrift cards only partially filled in 1918 may be completed in 1919 and exchanged for war savings stamps of the 1919 issue. Holders of 1918 certificate stamps may redeem them at money-order post offices on 10 days' written notice but such action should not be taken unless it is found absolutely necessary. War saving certificates of the 1918 issue may be registered at postoffice whether completely filled out or not. This should be done as it safeguards owners against theft and loss.

BOYS FAST COMING HOME

Transports bringing American soldiers from France are arriving almost every day at New York. From 3000 to 10,000 returning soldiers arrive daily.

Stokes Carpenter of Route 2 called Saturday to renew his subscription.

READ THE ADS AND SAVE YOUR TIME

The wise shopper keeps in touch with the advertisements of her favorite stores. When she sees announcements of goods in which she is interested, she knows right where to go to find them. She knows when they are put on sale.

No time is lost in aimless looking and asking. Reading the advertisements saves her time for other duties or pleasures.

When a man decides to buy an automobile, he reads carefully the advertisements which tell about the different makes of cars and then he calls to see only those in which he is interested. He does not start out by hunting up the salesrooms and looking at all the cars sold.

These are only a few of the ways in which reading advertisements saves the time of readers. There are many others.

Your weekly newspaper is full of advertisements which are not only interesting but have some special message of benefit to you.

Make a practice of reading them. You will find your time saved and your money better spent.

If you don't sleep well at night from nervousness, indigestion or urinary troubles, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies the system and relieves the kidneys and bladder. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Service is the Thing!

When your motor or any part about your car begins to give you trouble you want it fixed right then—and you want it fixed by expert mechanics so that particular trouble will not recur any time soon. We know our business—have grown up in it—and

We Know How to Give Service

so that we make new customers and hold old ones. The next time you need work done, have us to do it.

We charge a price that does not hurt our conscience and will not annihilate your bank account.

GENUINE FORDS PARTS CARRIED BY US.

FREE AIR AND WATER BATTERIES RECHARGED

Service Garage

KOLB & RAGSDALE, Proprietors

FOR KIDNEY AILMENTS

Pains in the Back or disturbances in the Urinary Organs, there is no remedy more powerful and effective than

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an exceptionally fine restorative for ailing kidneys. Inflammation of the kidneys, Bright's Disease in the early stage, Diabetes, and all irregularities in the urinary organs yield to its great tonic and renovating influence. Weak, nervous people who suffer from pains in the back, too frequent calls to pass urine, torpid liver or constipated bowels, need this admirable cleansing stimulant because it contains the necessary medicinal properties for correcting these debilitating diseases.

Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo

WADE L. SMITH, SPECIAL AGENT

Leaverton's Drug Store

SAFETY SURETY SATISFACTION SERVICE

We offer everything which good service can provide. You are sure of satisfaction and safety when you trade with us. We do the best we can to make every transaction so pleasing that by service offering alone you will gladly come back again and again of your own free will. This fine service is offered to young and old and on personal purchases.

D. N. LEAVERTON

YOUR DRUGGIST

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth of Grapeland were visitors here this week and were the guests of Mrs. Hollingsworth's sister, Mrs. P. H. Blalock. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth have many warm friends in Livingston who are always glad to have them visit here, and who hope that they will some day decide to move back to the best town in East Texas.—Livingston Enterprise.

Avoid a constipated habit, it breeds disease in the body. An occasional dose of Prickly Ash Bitters will keep the bowels healthy and regular. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Sim Finch of the New Prospect community came in to town last Thursday after a load of shingles to recover his barn, the hard wind of Wednesday evening having blown the roof off.

SPELLERS SELECTED FOR THE MATCH

The high school has accepted the challenge from the so-called champion spellers of the city, and upon a distress call made by the superintendent, the following volunteered to defend the good name of the high school: Jo Wherry, Mildred Haltom, Oda Mae Herod, Richard Beazley, Barney Tiller, Bessie Kennedy, Lorene Edington, Earl Kent, Lewis Nance Murchison, Bess Boykin, Loreta Sadler, Adabel Leaverton, Thelma Lee Clewis, Cora Mae Willis, Leta Lively, Bess Howard, Odell Caskey, Eva Gene Murchison, Noma Montgomery, Eura Woodard, Tom Richards, Edith Brown, Mabel Woodard, Elizabeth Leaverton, Rencher Brewton, Dimple Cromwell, Frank Granberry, Zelda Herod, Arthur Guice, Lucy May Murchison, John Kennedy, Otto Walling, Louise Selkirk, Holloway Mitchell, Lela Guice.

The so-called champions, who had the audacity to issue such a challenge, are as follows:

Uzell Brock, Murdoch Darsey, Will Lively, Arthur Walton, Willie Browning, Starley Boykin, Dick Murchison, Lucretia Riall, Bill Keeland, Sallie Mae Walton, Charlie Kennedy, Cleve Sadler, Linnie Leaverton, Ura Herod, Beulah Sheridan, Olan Davis, Roy Brewton, Lewis Herod, Nezzie Kennedy, Tinie Leaverton, William H. Long, Jewel Hollingsworth, Marvin Gilbert, Beulah Long, Charles Hill, Anabel Smith, Nellie Kent, Sam Kennedy, Tom Kent Sr., Edens Hollingsworth, Iris Leaverton, Jack Beazley, Dora White, Mollie Yarbrough, Francis Riall.

The following program will be rendered:

Patriotic song by high school chorus.

Spelling match, town and high school.

Music by the Lively string band.

Declamation—Senior boys, Jot Davis Hollingsworth and Rencher Brewton.

Declamation—Senior girls, Loreta Sadler, Bess Boykin.

Declamation—Junior boys, John Kennedy.

Declamation—Junior girls, Dimple Cromwell.

An admission fee of 10c and 15c will be charged, the proceeds going to redeem the Victory Boys and Victory Girls' pledges for war work.

A basket ball game is scheduled for Friday afternoon with Crockett. Let's all be there and see the fun. Odds are two to one on Grapeland winning.

EPHESUS

By Regular Correspondent

Ephesus, Feb. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Monroe McVey were visiting at Deckert Anderson's Sunday.

Some doctors are saying that everyone who had the "flu" will die this spring. We wonder if they have changed their profession to fortune telling. If this is the case, we do want them telling our fortune.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelley and family were visiting at the home of Deckert Anderson Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Luce visited Mrs. Lell Etta Graham Saturday night.

Services will be held at our church next Sunday, by Rev. McDaniel. Everyone is invited to attend.

Miss Bertha Anderson was visiting Mrs. Minnie McQueen Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Lell Etta Graham is visiting Mrs. Willie Hobson today.

Mrs. Alice Owens was visiting at Mrs. Una Graham's Saturday night and Sunday.

A crowd of men went to the bayou to hunt last night. We don't know what their catch was.

Our school is having very poor attendance now. What the reason is we do not know.

A few more Leudinghaus wagons left! If you want one of the best wagons in Texas, have us to put one aside for you. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

What is it?

We Have it—or a Part of it

If it is WHEAT BRAN—we have it.
If it is SEED OATS—we have them.
If it is SEED POTATOES—we have them.
If it is FLOUR—we have it.
If it is CORN MEAL—we have it.
If it is SALT—we have it.
If it is PLOW TOOLS—we have them.
If it is PLANTERS—we have B. F. Avery's.
If it is FERTILIZER—we have just unloaded a car of Armour's Fertilizer. See us before you buy.
If it is TUBS, BUCKETS, OIL CANS OR WASH BOARDS—we have them.
If it is DOUBLE BIT AXES—we have them and good ones, too.
SYRUP—We have the "LARIPIN"—Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup. Open kettle, guaranteed to be free from any adulteration whatever.
If it is SHOES—we have them guaranteed to be solid leather throughout.
If it is DRY GOODS—we have a big line. See us before you buy.

Buy Where Your Dollars Will Have More Sense.

MURRAY & MANGUM

ABOLISH OFFICE, SAYS RATCLIFF HERALD

The attention of the Herald has been called to the fact that there is no money in the county fund with which to work the various road of the county, and that the tax payers are paying \$125.00 per month to the County Road Superintendent, when he has no finances to work with, and that there are little prospect for finances for this purpose in the future.

Houston County's financial shape cannot be boasted about now, and the Herald believes that every dollar possible should be saved, and if the above is true, then we are in favor of repealing the Houston county road law and abolishing the office of County Road Superintendent, and let the road work be carried out by the Commissioners' Court as it was done before this law was made. If we have no funds to work the roads, then surely we do not need some one as a road Superintendent.

The Herald has no fault to find with the present road superintendent, but we do believe that the tax payers will agree with us in the fact that there is no use in paying out this salary each month unless there is some way that it would profit the people

who are furnishing the money. Houston county, or the eastern part of it, is gradually getting their roads in first class condition and building new ones, and it takes a great deal of money, but the citizens of this end of the county are not complaining of that so long as we can have the roads, but they demand what they pay for and we believe that the County Road Superintendent will agree with us that he cannot do anything without funds, and if there is none available now, and no prospects for any in the future, then why keep the office drawing a salary when it cannot benefit the people?

This is the way the Herald understands the matter. If there is anyone who can show why the office should not be abolished, then we would be glad for them to write the Herald and tell the people about it.—Ratcliff Herald.

Who said Spuds? We have a few more sacks of seed Irish Potatoes. Don't wait, get yours this week at Darsey's.

Mrs. Ed Holcomb and Homer Lively of Augusta went to Palestine Tuesday to see their sister, Mrs. Dick Calhoun, who is reported to be quite ill with pneumonia.

Open for Business

DAY AND NIGHT GARAGE

We wish to announce to the motoring public that our garage, located on the east side near the Farmers Union Telephone Exchange, is now ready for business. As the name implies, we are going to give

SERVICE DAY AND NIGHT

We are well equipped for work and understand our business. So when your car gives you trouble, call us and we will fix you up at a nominal cost.

Your Business will be Appreciated

DAY AND NIGHT GARAGE

HOMER HUGHES and A. E. SHAVER, Props.

THE MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter

SUBSCRIPTION IN ADVANCE:

1 Year	\$1.50
6 Months75
3 Months40

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

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and Cards of Thanks are charged for at regular rates—5c per line.

Our Advertising Rates are reasonable and Rate Card cheerfully furnished upon application.

Phones—Farmers Union System	
Office	51
Residence	11

THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 1919

HOME TOWN FEELING

Some people play a lone hand. They do not form much attachment to the place where they live, and do not particularly regret leaving it if they have to move. And no one weeps any tears when they pack up and go. They respond to no calls for co-operation. And no one feels any particular desire to help them along. The community gains little from their presence. And a town made up of that kind of people is a dead one.

Then there are those who feel an intense loyalty to other home town and all the people living there, to all its undertakings and enterprises. It is partly sentimental affection, partly a keen sense of the practical business value of co-operation and hard work. Grapeland has a lot of these folks. Its progress is due to them. They feel a cordial interest in all our townspeople. You can depend upon their hearty support for any community project. Every local enterprise has their backing. In so far as that idea prevails, the town will realize its possibilities.

When this spirit exists, it is a genuine pleasure to give preference in all business dealings and purchase of materials, to anything that comes from the home town. If a suit of clothes sold here is just as good for the same money, always buy it. One might well buy it, even if it was a little inferior. But thanks to our splendidly stocked stores, that sacrifice is rarely necessary. It is poor community spirit and deficient team work to buy stuff out of town unless we know from investigation that it is not to be had at home.

When a town has this unified, co-operative, reciprocity spirit of team work, you can't stop it. The compact mass of people working for common ends, will beat out a greater population whose energies are divided and scattered.

It was this spirit of co-operation that made tree planting day, in honor of our soldiers boys, such a tremendous success. It is this spirit of co-operation and team work that will put across the light and ice plant. It is this spirit of co-operation that has brought to Grapeland all the good things that we now enjoy.

If it hadn't been somebody's desire to boss the world the crutch factories wouldn't be turning out any more now than did a few years ago.

Let us hope that none of our citizens will suffer from "shell shock" when eggs drop down to where we can again have as many as two at a meal.

A patriotic citizen writes the Messenger and asks if he must stand up in his bed when the young folks next door play the "Star Spangled Banner" at midnight.

CUTTING THE COST

All indications are that the cost of living is shrinking. True, it is not very plain in Grapeland yet, but reports from many sections of the country are that food prices are being adjusted to new conditions. Chief factors are said to be the opening of remote centers of production as the strain on ocean shipping relaxes, and to the unusually mild winter. The average man, however, will not inquire into details of the decline. He'll be satisfied just to know that butter and eggs, flour and meat are cheaper—with prospects of even lower prices.

Just when costs will stop falling no one can predict. It is the usual experience that an extreme plunge results in a rebound. The situation is largely in the hands of the ultimate consumer, and the man or woman with the market basket can exert powerful influence by guarding their purchases. Next spring the man with the hoe can exert more. Unless the buyers study prices and regulate their demands to their needs, we cannot expect prices to come down or stay down.

Appeal for more and bigger gardens is as sensible now as it was during the war. It is none too early to prepare for home production, for now is the time to arrange for planting. The man with the spade is, after all, the man who is cutting the cost, and will cut it still more before the present year is ended.

Another good way to live to be a hundred years old is to leave all the worry to the other fellow.

What the returning soldier wants is not a seat on the platform while the town fathers orate on his achievements, but the little old job back again.

Recently noticed a headline in the World Office 59 Years ago. "He must have been a republican for no democrat would do such a thing."

W. G. McAdoo made his pile, then went broke, so he says. He financed the war and the railroads and achieved the greatest financial record in the world's history, but found it impossible to live in Washington on \$1,000 a month.

President Wilson is now somewhere on the Atlantic ocean homeward bound. He has been in Europe since December helping to shape the policies of peace for the world.

The Valentine Luncheon given by the W. H. M. Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy last Friday evening was a great success in every way, and a large crowd enjoyed the hospitality of this beautiful home from 4 to 8 o'clock. Mrs. Kennedy was assisted in entertaining by the members of the society. The decorations were very elaborate and beautiful. A light course of chicken salad, hot chocolate and cake were served.

Hard-working men and women who are burdened with a torpid liver, feel tired, lazy and discouraged. They know they are lazy and they are ashamed yet it is nothing to be ashamed of. The thing to do is to get the liver started again and to purify the stomach and bowels. There is no better remedy for this purpose than Prickly Ash Bitters. A few doses corrects the trouble and makes work a pleasure. Price 1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

NOTICE—LOST

Poland China gilt, weigh about 90 pounds. Left home December 22; white feet and spot in face, no marks. \$3.50 reward. Notify— Elmer Sullivan. It Percilla, Texas.

Say men, you can get that shirt you have been waiting for so long. A complete line just received at Darsey's.

Spring's Smartest Styles.....

THE CALENDAR HAS BEEN ADVANCED AND IT IS NOW APRIL IN OUR READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT. THE SPIRIT OF PEACH BLOSSOMS, GREEN GRASS AND BUDDING BUSHES IS MANIFEST IN THIS, THE FIRST SHOWING OF CORRECT WEARING APPAREL FOR WOMEN, IN HOUSTON COUNTY. Every express brings new things that draw words of admiration from the ladies who have viewed this first showing. This beautiful style collection has been carefully selected from leading Eastern manufacturers and having been bought in a competitive market, assures you of absolute correctness at the least possible price.

INDIVIDUALITY is manifest throughout the entire line in as much that you will not find any two garments alike. This is made possible by selecting from several lines.

The Coat Suits

Entirely different from any previous season are the suit styles. We are showing them in the leading shades of blue and tan, made along the most popular styles, with and without vests. The coats show a variety in trimmings, while the skirts are all strictly tailored along the newest lines. To get a more comprehensive idea of the extensiveness of this showing, we ask you to come and look.

The Coats

This season's coats are beautifully tailored in many shades and you will find in our showing the most authentic styles pictured in the leading fashion magazines. We especially desire to call your attention to our selection of capes which you will amazingly popular.

Millinery

Early hats are manifest in our millinery showing. These include smartly trimmed sailors, poke effects, etc., made from the season's leading materials. We are featuring all of the leading colors in the new straws and braids, some touched with a smattering of feathers and flowers, others trimmed with the new ribbons.

WE WILL BE PLEASED FOR ALL OF OUR MANY FRIENDS TO MEET MISS WARD, WHO WILL HAVE CHARGE OF OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

Our first showing for spring also includes a collection of the new separate skirt styles.

Our spring dresses have been delayed by the garment workers' strike in New York, but we are promised early delivery.

The new silk waists are also arriving in popular silks.

Lack of space prevents a detailed account of our showing of the new dress goods. However, they are here in pleasing patterns in all popular silks, crepes, foulards and cotton goods.

George E. Darsey & Company
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

LOCAL ITEMS

New Columbia records this week at Darsey's.

Get our prices on feed before you buy. McLean & Riall.

Get your Carbon NOW. Bring your container. Smith's Drug Store.

George Darsey has accepted a position with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Come to my store for your apples, oranges and bananas. Big stock. J. H. Bowman.

W. W. Aiken, editor of the Crockett Courier, was here between trains last Friday.

Kill your ants NOW. Bring your container for Carbon. Smith's Drug Store.

Frank Allen was in Palestine the first of the week on business.

When you are in town eat with Jesse Murdock on the back street. 49-4

If you need fertilizer, we have just unloaded a car of Armour's Fertilizer. See us before you buy. Murray & Mungum.

E. W. Clark of Route 1 was a pleasant caller Saturday. He reported things in his section running smoothly.

FOR SALE

An extra good incubator; egg capacity 160. Mrs. Dora White.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones and children of Crockett were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Smith Sunday.

HOGS WANTED

We are in the market for hogs and will pay the highest market prices. Be sure to see us before you sell. Dailey Bros. tf.

Sam Long has arrived home from a training station in California, having been honorably discharged from the navy, after several months' service.

Sacred music, popular songs, humorous dialogues, jazz pieces, military bands, string instruments, European music—are all included in this week's collection of Columbia Records at Darsey's

Willie Gee has been honorably discharged from the army and arrived home last Friday. He did not see service in France, but was stationed several months at the Panama Canal.

Buy a home-made cake Saturday. On sale at different stores. They have been cooked by the Baptist Women's Auxiliary, and will be nice for your Sunday dinner.

Buy your fertilizer from us. We have just received a car of Armour's Fertilizer. See us before you buy. Murray & Mangum.

LIBERTY BONDS

We will buy them if you want to sell.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank Grapeland, Texas. tf

\$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 Medicine is taken internally and acts on 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 power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

The new Florsheim Shoes are at Darsey's.

FOR SALE

My residence property in Grapeland. W. R. Wherry. tf

Of special interest to ladies is Darsey's ad on page four.

Get your Carbon NOW. Bring your container. Smith's Drug Store.

FOR SALE

Good grade of Mebane cotton seed. Per bushel \$1.50. W. R. Durnell, Route 3.

Dr. W. D. McCarty returned Tuesday from a business trip to Houston.

J. H. Leaverton returned Tuesday from Lovelady, where he had been on business.

Iron beds and bed springs at special prices at—McLean & Riall.

How about a new buggy? I have a swell line and would be glad to show them to you. A. B. Guice.

Mayland Wright arrived home Tuesday after seeing several months service with the American army in France.

"Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and other popular old songs made by the Fisk University Quartette now at Darsey's.

Work on the new Methodist parsonage has commenced and contractor J. B. Woodside says he will have it completed in six weeks.

FOR SALE

A first-class saddle. Price \$35.00. A bargain. J. H. Bowman.

Cleveland Howard has been discharged from the army at Camp Travis and has returned to his home north of town.

Hey, feller! Don't you need a new buggy? See my swell line. Just unloaded a car. A. B. Guice.

FOR SALE

A milk cow, young mule and Mebane cotton seed for sale. Edgar Bean, Grapeland, Texas. Route 1.

The Messenger is requested to announce that Rev. A. M. Shelton, Universalist, former Christian preacher, will preach at Rock Hill Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, the 28th, 1st and 2nd.

LIBERTY BONDS BOUGHT

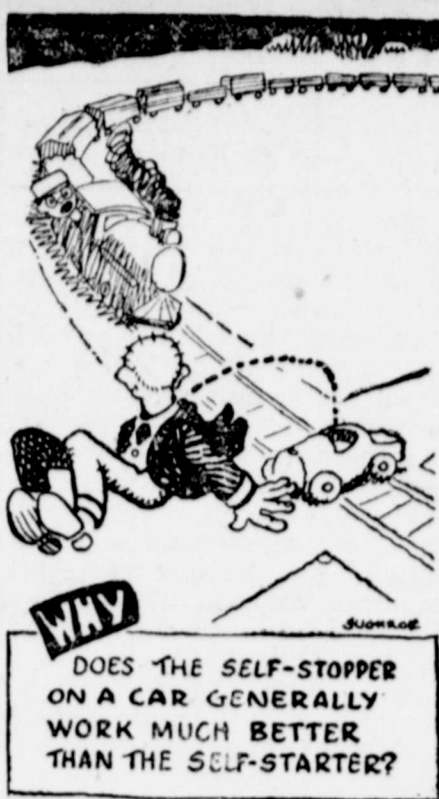
If you must sell your Liberty Bonds we will buy them. Guaranty State Bank, Grapeland, Texas. tf

FOR SALE

A scholarship in Tyler Commercial College. If you are thinking of taking a business course, it will pay to communicate with us. The Messenger, Grapeland, Texas. tf

BETTER LIGHT

at less expense from coal oil. The wonderful new incandescent mantle lamp gives more than ten times as much light as the common coal oil lamp. At the same time it burns less than half as much oil as the old style open flame, center draught lamps. It is the most reliable incandescent mantle oil lamp ever made and offered the public. Would be glad to demonstrate it to you. E. L. Frisby, Agent.



OUR HONOR ROLL

Look at the figures opposite your name on margin of paper. If it reads "Feb. 21 19" it means that your subscription expires with this issue of the paper, and unless same is renewed in a reasonable length of time, we will use the "pruning knife." Subscriptions are invariably payable in advance, unless otherwise arranged for, and we urge your early renewal. A weekly newspaper—the home news—at a \$1.50 a year is the biggest value on earth.

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

- Grapeland — Miss Georgie Cooper. Route 1—E. W. Clark, H. C. Smith.
- Route 2—R. H. Cook, Stokes Carpenter.
- Route 4—Ollie Luce.
- Elkhart, Route 2—P. L. Herod.
- Crockett—Carrie A. Daly.
- Pridy, Texas—Jas. J. Shaver.
- Houston, Texas—Miss Ruth Williams. (By M. L. Williams.)

PRODUCE WANTED

Under present arrangements I will be able to reach the consumers of the city of Houston through seven retail grocery stores. This eliminates the commission man and will enable me to pay what your produce is worth. Bring me your butter and eggs. W. R. Wherry. tf

CAR OF BUGGIES

Unloaded yesterday a car load of buggies. Call and see the many kinds I have to offer. Priced right. A. B. Guice.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. Moore, the dentist, is at the Grapeland Hotel ready to execute all manner of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain. C. L. Moore, D. D. S. tf

"Day and Night Garage" is name of the new auto service shop recently opened by Homer Hughes, Carl Gainey and A. E. Shaver. The garage is located on the east side, and is well equipped for work.

Kill your ants NOW. Bring your container for Carbon. Smith's Drug Store.

FOR SALE

My home, 5-room house, well finished, good barn and garage, one-fourth acre of ground; will take Liberty Bonds in trade. W. E. Kerr.

Traveling in a buggy may not be as fast as in a car, but you'll get to where you're going. Have just unloaded a car of all kinds. Call and see them. A. B. Guice.

Come to us bareheaded and we can fit you in the season's newest Mallory Hat, for men and young men at Darsey's.

Now is the Time to Strike!

Before the ants begin to scatter kill them. Bring your containers; get your

Carbon

and kill the ants NOW, thereby saving both time and expense. DON'T FORGET THE CONTAINER.

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE
HONESTY AND QUALITY WADE L. SMITH

SHOE AND HARNESS REPAIR SHOP

ALL WORK FIRST-CLASS AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Bring me your work and get it done right
J. H. BOWMAN

Abstract Your Land Titles

And let us do the work for you. We have a complete abstract of the land titles of this county down to NOW. Madden & Denny, Crockett, Texas. tf

If you once come here for your improved farming machinery, you will always come. We sell standard makes of planters, cultivators, big and little plows, as well as all kinds of extras. Let us serve you. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

FOR SALE

Silver Lace Wyndotte eggs, \$1.50 per setting; also some fine cockrels now ready for delivery at \$2.00 each. Address—Elmer Sullivan, Percilla, Texas. It

The agitation for a light and ice plant is gaining momentum and it will not be long until the "juice" will be ready to turn on.

Columbia Double Disc records play on most disc machines. You can get your favorite piece at Darsey's.

H. A. LEAVERTON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Will Practice in all Courts
Office up Stairs Over
Kennedy Bros. store
Grapeland : : : Texas

MARRIED IN PALESTINE

Chas. E. Kent and Miss Lura Mae Owens of this city motored to Palestine Sunday afternoon, where they were married, taking their many friends on surprise.

These two young couple were born and reared in Grapeland and their friends are numerous, whom the Messenger joins in best wishes for their future success and happiness.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Owens, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent.

Mrs. I. B. Lansford and Mrs. Dan McLean and daughter, Miss Jennie, of Crockett, attended the Valentine Luncheon at Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy's last Friday evening.

BASKET BALL!

Grapeland vs Crockett

Friday, Feb. 21, at 4 o'clock at Grapeland High School Ground. A SNAPPY GAME!

ADMISSION 10 CENTS

Proceeds go to buy window shades for the High School. Come or send a proxy with a dime. We need the money and the High School needs the shades.

A HOME!



Is the very best investment being offered the American citizen in exchange for his money, considered from a standpoint of finance, economy, sentiment, and eternal satisfaction. The merchant who induces a man to INVEST in a home rather than SPEND his money for less valuable things, is doing a patriotic duty to the investor and the nation.

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

CITATION FOR UNKNOWN HEIRS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Collin Aldrich, deceased, whose names are unknown; R. D. Goree and the heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. L. Hayes and the heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, whose names are unknown; A. A. Granger and the heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. T. Bragdon and the heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased, whose names are unknown; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the City of Crockett, on the fourth Monday in March 1919, being the 24th day of March 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 4th day of February 1919, in a cause numbered 5772, wherein A. B. Spence is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Collin Aldrich deceased, R. D. Goree and the unknown heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, H. L. Hayes and the unknown heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, A. A. Granger and the unknown heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, H. T. Bragdon and the unknown heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased are defendants the cause of action being alleged as follows: Plaintiff alleges:

That plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and is seized and possessed and in the quiet and peaceable possession of the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

First tract: Situated in Houston County, Texas, containing 120 acres about 10 miles North of the town of Crockett, a part of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey and known as the James Owens tract of land, and bounded by field notes as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of the J. F. Lively tract on said survey. Thence North with said Lively's S. B. line to stake 460 vrs to a set stake in said E. B. line. Thence West 1344 vrs to a set stake in the W. B. line of said Lively tract. Thence South with said Lively's W. B. line 460 vrs to corner. Thence East with said Lively's S. B. line 1344 vrs to the place of beginning.

Second tract: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, about one and one-half miles S. W. of the town of Grapeland, being one hundred and sixty acres of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey in Houston county. Beginning 676 vrs South of the N. E. corner of 640 acre tract of Collin Aldrich Headright conveyed by R. D. Goree and H. L. Hayes to A. A. Granger, in the East boundary line a stake for corner from which a sand jack 15 in dia brs N 17 W. 2 vrs and black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 8 vrs. The South 676 vrs to a stake set for corner from which a Hickory 10 in dia brs S. 20 W. 8 vrs and a black jack 20 in dia brs E. 22 W 11 vrs. Thence W. 1339 vrs to a stake for corner from which a hickory 6 in dia brs N. 13 E. 4 vrs and a Post Oak 18 in dia brs E. 20 W. 11 vrs. Thence N. 676 vrs with West boundary line of the aforesaid 640 acre tract to a stake for corner from which a pine 24 in dia

brs S. 20 W. 10 vrs and a Red Oak 15 in dia brs E. 20 S. 21 vrs. Thence East with the division line between North quarter of the aforesaid 640 acres to a stake for corner 1338 vrs from which sand jack 15 in dia brs W. 17 N. 12 vrs and a black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 2 vrs to the place of beginning containing 160 acres of land more or less.

Plaintiff claims title to said property through the following conveyances:

1. A Patent from the State of Texas to Collin Aldrich of date March the 8th 1852 granting title to six hundred and forty acres of land of which the land in controversy is a part.

2. A deed from Frank Allen to W. R. Wherry of date March the 1st, 1909 recorded in Volume 69 page 51 of the Houston county, Deed records.

3. A deed from W. R. Wherry to A. B. Spence of date January the 1919 recorded in Book— page— of Houston county, Deed Records.

4. A deed from Roy Weiss to A. B. Spence of date March the 6th 1910 and recorded in Volume 61 page 53 of the Houston county, Deed records.

Plaintiff also claims title to said land under and by virtue of the statute of limitations of five years and the statute of limitation of ten years.

That the defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of claim of title to the above described land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff but which claim constitute a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said lands; and the further fact that there is no deed of record from Collin Aldrich to plaintiff's grantors also creates a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land.

Plaintiff sues to remove the cloud from his title to said land and that he be quieted in his title and possession of the same.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in Houston county; but if no newspaper is published in said County, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: Barker Tunstall, Clerk of the District court of Houston county. Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the city of Crockett this the 4th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) Barker Tunstall, Clerk of the District Court, Houston County. By J. B. Stanton Deputy.

THE HEN THAT LAYS

is the Hen that pays. If she does not lay, kill her, but before you kill her give her B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy twice a day for a week, and then you will not kill her for she will be paying you a profit. It not only makes hens lay but it is a remedy for Cholera, Roup, and Gapes. We guarantee it to cure or we refund your money. McLean & Riell.

REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, Feb. 17.—Vegetation and forests are beginning to show some signs of life. Some have gardened and some have "yardened," so we are going to try to make things look pretty about the home as well as make something to eat.

Some have "gee-hawed" a little and some corn will be planted this week if it does not get too wet. Not many potatoes will be planted for the market. Some have not sufficient labor and are disappointed in the war boys not getting discharged.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley have moved back home and have greatly improved the looks of their house inside.

Stovall White is another addition to our agricultural gang, although we do not expect him as an addition to our Sunday school, as his best girl lives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denton were visitors to our community one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gilbert of Grapeland visited here yesterday.

Miss Gertrude Fulgam spent Saturday night with home folks.

A trip to Grapeland Saturday showed us that the roads were in pretty good shape and teams were at work on them.

The two days February borrowed from March were real good ones, and for our part, would be willing that they be not paid back.

The following were local visitors yesterday: Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Rials, P. L. Fulgam and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Beazley, Miss Black and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley. As a rule it is a good thing to mix and mingle, although not too often. There is just two ways to look at folks who stay at home and both may be wrong. One is they feel that they are too good, the other not good enough to mix.

The Messenger is always chuck full of good reading.

J. L. Chiles received a photograph of his son's platoon. He says the old boys look homesick, and as a great many of them are from the woods, the contrast is great in many ways; they are all like the rabbit—eager to get back to the brier patch, but they proved they made good from Camp Travis to Sedan.

REDUCING NAVAL FORCE

Forty per cent of the enlisted men in the U. S. Navy are to be mustered out at once, by order of Secretary Daniels.

"DRY" LOSE ONE STATE

After 44 States had ratified the Prohibition Amendment—eight more than were needed—the Connecticut Senate still had the courage to reject it.

TICK ERADICATION PAYS

The expense of permanently freeing cattle from ticks is repaid from 20 to 50 times. The cost of making the necessary number of dippings varies from only 18 to 50 cents an animal. One investigation showed an average estimated increase of \$9.76 in the value of the tick free cattle.

OUR CASUALTY LIST

Slowly the figures of our army losses are coming to light. It is now known that the total number of Americans killed in battle or who died of wounds, or who were known to be missing up to January 10, number 56,590. About 10,000 are "missing." They will probably with few exceptions be numbered with the dead when the final roll is made up.

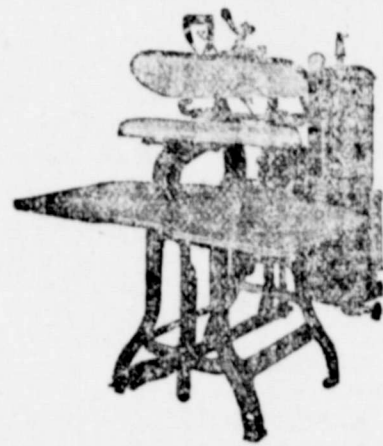
R. H. Cook of Route 2 held us up Saturday and forced us to take \$1.50 for his renewal for 1919. Mr. Cook has been one of our valued subscribers for many years.



THE BUSINESS OF HOUSEKEEPING

should be conducted in a business like manner. The wife who pays her bills by check doesn't have to worry over where her money has gone. She knows. And she never has to pay the same bill twice as has been the case often where payments have been disputed and no receipts available. The husband who opens a checking account for his wife is doing a fine thing both for her and for himself.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank



CLEANING AND PRESSING THE HOFFMAN WAY IS THE SANITARY WAY

New Spring Samples

They are here in a wide range of patterns--priced moderately. We are experts with the tape line.

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When You Feel Bad

Stomach and Bowels out of order, appetite poor and general disinclination for work,

HERBINE

Is the Remedy You Need

It creates energy by cleansing the system of bilious impurities and restoring activity in the torpid liver. Take a dose when you go to bed. You will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It's a fine purifying and regulating medicine. Price 50 cents.

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

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

ABSTRACTS

You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County. ADAMS & YOUNG Crockett, Texas

JOHN SPENCE

Lawyer CROCKETT, TEXAS Office up stairs over Monzing Millinery Store

ECZEMA

Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded without question if Hunt's Salve fails to cure Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm, or any other skin disease. The box. For sale locally by WADE SMITH

C. C. OFFICER Veterinarian Telephone the Goodson Hotel or Drug Stores

GEO. E. DARSEY WRITES FROM LUXEMBOURG

With the A. E. F. Kayl, Luxembourg, Jan. 16, 1919.

Dear Papa:

I have again received letters from all of you together with some papers and was glad to get both the letters and papers and to know that everything is getting along all o. k. at home. This finds me well, doing fine and enjoying life. I guess as much as possible under the circumstances. We are still as much at sea as to our going home time as ever but from the way things look at present, they are going to make a re-organization and classification of the regular army pretty soon and in that case, I figure on heading west about as soon as anyone in the 5th division.

We are in a small town and of course, life gets monotonous at times, but with our trips and my visits to Longwy and Esch, every few days, I guess I am enjoying it about as fine as anybody. We had a minstrel show given by talent from the 21st Field Artillery Saturday night and are to have another by Supply Train talent tonight, and an enlisted men's dance next Saturday night. As you know, I don't dance so I guess I will have to go down to Longwy to a good dinner.

This reminds me of a few prices, which I will quote you so that you can get the correct idea of real high cost of living where it is really high. What would you folks back home think of paying 700 marks (\$175) for a suit of clothes or any price up to 200 marks (\$50) for a pair of shoes about like our army "hobnails." Sugar is priced at \$1.25 per pound; rice at \$5.00 and unobtainable; very ordinary butter at \$2.50 per pound and eggs at about 25c each. I really don't see how this country has kept up and how the people have lived at their present wage scale which is very low. They think 5 or 10 Francs (\$1 to \$2) is exceptionally good pay for ordinary labor today and everybody has large families. I guess the only solution of it is that the whole family works. Also, they have many very good substitutes. I ran across one of them at Longwy the other day. They served what I thought was real Japanese tea and I asked them where they got it and what it cost. I was very much surprised to learn that it was not tea at all and was made from the blooms of the Linden tree, which is their evergreen something like our cedar.

I forgot to tell you about the price of soap. One day, while out on a trip, I picked up what I thought was a whet rock about the size of a thin cake of laundry soap. I carried it to quarters and discovered that it was a very poor stone. Since then I have

learned that it was what the Germans had been selling these people for soap at 12 marks (\$3.00) per cake. Army issue laundry soap is worth about 20 marks (\$5.00) per cake so we get our laundry done for nothing—all we have to do is to furnish a small piece of soap and they wash a person's clothes to get what soap there is left.

And there is something new I have discovered about German money. Of course, on exchange, the mark is only worth the metal it contains but the trade value is more as a rule and varies in different sections of the country. Around here (near Esch) a mark is worth \$1.25 Francs while up near Trieves, a Frank is worth \$1.45 marks so if a fellow had about a thousand dollars, he could get rich traveling back and forth and having his money changed, that is if he had his own time.

I suppose you have read about the quiet Luxembourg Revolution in which the little Grand Duchy was declared a republic. The Grand Duches seemed to be pro-German and she is now out of power and her army of two hundred and twenty soldiers, together with her police force, has been disorganized and dismissed. The French have taken over the city of Luxembourg and I hear that the Grand Duches is to be extradited to Germany where she belongs. It is the opinion of some that Luxembourg should be annexed to France, some say to Belgium, while a big number, perhaps a majority of the people, want it to remain independent. They seem to think that a trade alliance will protect them in international affairs and don't seem to understand the inefficiency of the protecting power of their former trade alliance with Germany prior to 1914. A great many of the people are German in regard to England and France, but all seem to be favorable to Belgium and the U. S. and in fact, I believe they really are, for even the people over in Germany that I have talked to, consider the American army and the American people, their deliverers from Prussianism and look upon President Wilson as a super-man.

Don't take me to be a pro-German for I've already told you something of what I have seen about the German atrocities but I have found good people among the Germans as there are good and bad people everywhere. And I've never been treated anything but the best since I have been in this country. I have a real good, and what seemed for awhile, a very ticklish experience about spending the night in an ex-German soldiers house about a month ago. I haven't the time to tell about it now but it is a real good, and in a way, comical story so you can remind me to tell it to you when I get back home.

I have been agreeably surpris-

How One Hundred Dollars has Grown

Upon what we consider reliable information the following table shows some big returns to investors who were so fortunate as to put their money into companies holding good leases. How do you suppose shareholders in these companies feel about their investments now, and wouldn't you be sore if you had turned down any of this stock while it was selling at par?

\$100.00 invested in Hog Creek	\$5,000.00
\$100.00 invested in Fowler	\$15,000.00
\$100.00 invested in Marine (sold Feb. 8)	\$1,750.00

In addition to the above examples you never think of oil wells without many well known names popping into your mind. For instance, the names of gushers like "Emma Terrell," "Connellee," "McClesky," "Knowles" and others are fast becoming household words. We are just west of the Duke and Knowles wells and due south of the town of Ranger.

BIG RETURNS ON SMALL CAPITAL

A small sum invested in this Company will pay big dividends if we strike a well of fair production. Should we bring in a gusher, and our location gives us every reason to expect a big well, your shares will be very valuable. If other people were not getting immensely wealthy every week in the West Texas fields we would not go into this ourselves, or offer it to the public. But others are making fortunes and we believe that our location is equal to any.

It does not take such a large well to be profitable. We expect to bring in a big one, but even a 500 barrel well is estimated to produce annually about \$365,000 above expenses, which would pay 200 per cent dividends and leave enough in the treasury to drill other wells. Should we bring in one anywhere near equal in production to the Knowles (reported at 7200 barrels per day) you can figure for yourself what your dividends will be.

IF YOU EXPECT TO MAKE MONEY BUY AT PAR

You cannot expect to make the maximum of profit in oil if you wait until the drilling commences. You can buy shares in this company at par today. If a test well now being sunk in the same tract with one of our leases should prove a gusher, this stock will probably be either taken off the market or advanced in proportion to the increase in the value of our holdings. When mailing your subscription please understand that we reserve the right to return your money if shares have all been allotted or the price advanced.

Shareholders will participate in the profits from all three of our holdings. A well will be drilled in Eastland County on our ten acre tract which is just west of the Duke and Knowles wells, almost due south of the town of Ranger and northeast of the Brownwood district, which is now attracting so much attention. This location is one that we believe will be productive of some big wells because we have producing wells on three sides of us and many others are now being sunk to the west of us.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Officers

- J. F. Kempton, Jr. President.
- L. K. Weaver Vice President
- L. A. Williams Sec'y-Treasurer

Trustees

- Tom P. Thornton,
- L. K. Weaver,
- L. A. Williams,
- Emmett Thurman,
- J. F. Kempton, Jr.

WHO THEY ARE

Mr. Kempton is a capable young Dallas business man with a record for honesty and the ability to get results that some of the most prominent Dallas business men endorse.

As president of this company most of his time will be devoted to the careful management of its affairs.

Mr. Weaver is manager of the Western Gears and Parts Co., Dallas, Texas, manufactures and jobbers of standard automobile and truck parts. He has been a resident of Dallas for more than fifteen years and numbers among his friends some of the best busi-

ness men in the city who respect him for his integrity and ability.

Mr. Williams is well known Certified Public Accountant, member of the American Institute of Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. His experience in financial matters and his high standing as an accountant are assurances that all funds will be properly handled.

Mr. Thornton is President and General Manager of the Zeese Engraving Company, which is one of the largest and most complete engraving and electrotyping plants in the south. His host of friends in the southwest recognize him as a conservative capable business man. His business experience will be of great value to this company.

Mr. Thurman, our legal adviser was chosen for his legal knowledge of the oil business, his reputation as an attorney and his unquestioned honesty.

This company was created under a Declaration of Trust which vests control of its affairs in a board of Trustees, pledges the assets of the company for its liabilities, and exempts the shareholders from personal liability therefor.

1919

Dallas-Eastland Oil Co.,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find \$_____ for which please issue me _____ shares of interest in the DALLAS-EASTLAND OIL CO., (a Trust Estate), shares having a par value of \$10.00 each. I understand the shares are fully paid and non-assessable.

Issue shares to _____ Town _____

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

and keep my head open for a while at least. Temporarily, I ed in our winter weather in this section. The weather so far has been much milder than I expected and it is not near so cold as it is at home now. We have had a little snow but it has been very little and has usually melted as soon as it hits the ground. I was expecting much more disagreeable weather than this for you can see from the map, that we are away up in the mountains. We do have lots of misty, rainy weather but today the sun is out and everything is drying out a bit.

I got hold of a kodak the other day and some of us made some kodak pictures but they haven't been finished yet. We expect to get them in a day or so, and when they come, I will send them home so you can see how I look

this end of the line. Give my love to all and write soon.
George E.

NEW FIXTURES

Messrs. Denson and Walton have installed new chairs and fixtures in their barber shop of the very latest design and style, and their shop is now one of the prettiest to be found anywhere.

W. J. Kyle, who recently moved from Cut to the New Prospect community, whose postoffice address is Elkhart, Route 2, says he has trouble in getting his mail regularly, due to the fact that there are other Kyles in that community. To use his expression, "the woods are full of Kyles."

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. P. Lamar by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 3rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, Texas, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of February A. D. 1919, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 5779, wherein W. T. Pridgen is Plaintiff, and J. P. Lamar is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff sold and conveyed by deed to defendant the J. M. Cunningham Subdivisions of Surveys No. 37 and 38, Austin and Williams League No. 340, Jones County, Texas, being the land conveyed by J. M. Cunningham to plaintiff out of said League. That as part consideration for said conveyance defendant made, executed and delivered to plaintiff his six promissory vendor's lien notes, dated December 1, 1916, numbered from one to six inclusive, due in one, two, three, four, five and six years, after date respectively, each for principal a sum of \$100.00, bearing 8 per cent interest from date till paid, and past due interest 6 per cent till paid, payable to W. T. Pridgen or order, providing usual attorney fee clause, and in case of default, right to mature entire indebtedness and foreclosure at holder's election, and each payable at Grape-land, Texas, Houston County.

That default had been made in note one and two and interest thereon, that plaintiff being the holder of all notes, elects to mature entire debt and is forced to place notes in hands of attorney for collection, maturing attorney fees, that said notes or no part has been paid the payment has been requested and refused and is now refused and each is long past due. That a vendor's lien was retained in deed of conveyance as well as said notes to secure the payment of said notes; all to plaintiff's damage of \$825.00.

Plaintiff prays for citation, judgment, foreclosure, levy sale and application as provided by law, for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, Texas, this the 18th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) V. B. Tunstall, Clerk,
District Court, Houston County.
By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.
Issued this 18 day of Feb. A. D. 1919.
V. B. Tunstall, Clerk.
By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Isabelle Herod by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Third Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of February A. D. 1919, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 7796, wherein Hugh Herod is plaintiff, and Isabelle Herod is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on or about August, 1908, and separated June 19, 1918; that on the last mentioned date defendant, without cause or provocation, abandoned plaintiff and was taken by plaintiff in adultery with another; that plaintiff has been an actual bonafide inhabitant and resident of Houston County, Texas, for the past two years; and prays for divorce and general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.
Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 18th day of February A. D. 1919.

V. B. Tunstall, Clerk,
District Court, Houston County.
(Seal) By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.
Issued this 18 day of Feb. A. D. 1919.
V. B. Tunstall, Clerk.
By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Isaiah Price by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Third Judicial District to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 18th day of February A. D. 1919, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 7797, wherein Martha Ann Price is Plaintiff, and Isaiah Price is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married about 15 years prior to the filing hereof and defendant without cause or provocation abandoned plaintiff on or about May, 1908, with intention of not returning and has not returned to this date; that plaintiff is now has been for the last ten years an actual bonafide inhabitant and resident of Houston County, Texas, plaintiff prays for divorce and general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 18th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) V. B. Tunstall, Clerk,
District Court, Houston County.
By J. B. Stanton Deputy.
Issued this 18 day of Feb. A. D. 1919.
V. B. Tunstall, Clerk.
By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.

RAILROAD PROBLEM

Mr. Hines, who takes Mr. McAdoo's place as Director-General of Railroads, explains to a Senate committee the plans he has made.

He would not attempt to manage the railroads as one whole. It would be too difficult. He would have at least twelve regional systems, each controlled by a Government-owned corporation. All of these would work under close Government supervision and direction. Mr. Hines agrees with Mr. McAdoo that the Government should keep the railroads for at least five years. In no shorter time can the necessary experience be gained and the needful laws passed.

The "regional system" he considered important. It would provide some competition even under Government control, and would introduce a little "local touch."

Under present laws the Government can keep the roads only 21 months. The first thing, it seems, is to extend the time to five years. There will be much opposition to this. Everybody submitted patriotically to Government control as a war measure, but few are pleased with its practical workings. The financial loss, too, has been terrible. Such a rate of loss, if continued long, would drain the U. S. Treasury.

Notice To Delinquent Tax Payers

Those owing taxes to the Grapeland School District who failed to pay same by February 1 are hereby notified that they are on the "delinquent list" and a penalty will be collected when the taxes are paid. I will be at Kennedy Bros. store Friday only of each week, and you are urged to pay your taxes to avoid further cost.

Paul Kennedy, Collector.

When your clothes need treatment, carry them to Clewis' Sanitarium. All cases carefully treated.

Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

Miss Ethel Ward of Italy, Texas, arrived Tuesday night from Dallas to take charge of Geo. E. Darsey & Co's. millinery department.



Prices that have a Welcome Sound!

The peace declaration doesn't say anything about lower prices; but we've made a little price-armistice of our own, for the benefit of returning soldiers and sailors, and for any one else who wants to take advantage of them.

Clothes dont cost us any less than they did; in fact, costs are higher than they were. But the clothes we have on hand are ours; we can do whatever we choose with the prices on them; we choose to make some very special prices now on these Hart Schaffer & Marx suits and overcoats.

We'll dispose of our present stock at figures that are really of great advantage to you. We dont know just how soon we'll have any more clothes to sell at such prices; it's a good time to buy for future needs.

Here are the Victory Prices

- All \$35.00 Suits now \$30.00
- All \$32.50 Suits now \$29.50
- All \$27.50 Suits now \$25.00
- All \$25.00 Suits now \$22.50
- All \$20.00 Suits now \$18.00

Men's Hats

The very latest styles in Hats that the season offer, and we will be pleased to show you these good styles. Call and see the new ones.

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