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COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

What Good May We Expect From A County Superintendent of Public Schools?

A correspondent in one of our county papers gives it as his opinion that the people generally would like some discussion as to what good is to result from the separation of the office of County Superintendent of Public Schools from that of County Judge. It is the purpose of this article to state briefly some of the most prominent benefits to be derived from such a separation.

It has been said that we have been getting along a good while without a County Superintendent. Yes, we have been "getting along" with three fourths of our children growing up with only the rudiments of a common school education. Now it is high time we were getting out of the old rut and giving our boys and girls the best possible educational advantages. You will agree with me that the average rural school in Houston County is a poor makeshift. This is not for lack of material. Our young people in the rural communities are really energetic and bright, and our rural teachers are doing their best. The trouble is that there is no unity nor organization about the school work. Every teacher and every student works independently of everything else. There must be unity if much effective work is done. No town of 200 or 300 students would try to get along without a superintendent. The town knows well that a system of town schools without a superintendent is a miserable excuse for the education of the children of that town. But few cities in Texas have a scholastic population as large as that of Houston County. Then if all the cities and independent school districts both large and small measure the efficiency of their schools by the ability of their superintendent, how can our county ever expect to have efficient schools without any kind of supervision? Now I know that the right kind of county supervision will produce good schools. I have seen counties in which the rural schools were in no way inferior to the town schools. Such counties were presided over by able superintendents.

I once heard a bright boy in the geography class of a rural school say that he had been to South America five times. Of course he meant he had been studying geography five years and each year he had reached the subject of South America. I can show you scores of places in Houston County where this condition prevails. Students reach a certain place in their studies by the close of the school term. At the beginning of the next term a new teacher is installed. No records of the school are kept. So the new teacher starts the class at the first of the book and lets pupils beat over the same old subject. This goes on year after year until the most attractive subject is worn threadbare, and students become disgusted with the whole business and leave school poorly prepared for the duties of life. Hundreds of stu-

dents and patrons in this county will bear witness to this fact. No such waste of time and energy is suffered in the independent districts. Why? Because the records are properly kept and any one can tell at a glance where every pupil belongs. With a County Superintendent as the official head of the schools, the records of the rural schools could be kept as accurately as those of the town schools.

A good County Superintendent would soon bring the schools to such a state of organization that a uniform system of report cards could be used for the whole county. By means of these cards the teacher could at regular intervals, make definite statements to parents in regard to the progress of their children. I know from experience that this has much to do with enlisting the hearty cooperation of patrons, and stimulating students to exert themselves to the limit of their ability.

If you have never been a teacher yourself, you can hardly imagine how gladly the young teacher entering the profession would welcome the assistance and counsel of an able supervisor. A few timely suggestions and a little judicious directing would save the teacher many an hour of anguish and make the school worth vastly more to the community. The fact that every teacher in the Houston County institute endorsed a resolution favoring the election of a County Superintendent, ought to signify something to the uninitiated.

Property values in many parts of this county would be greatly enhanced if the rural schools were brought up to a standard where they would meet the demands of our people. As it is now, the farmer in the remote country district must let his sons and daughters grow up with the mere fragments of elementary education or he must board them in town, or he must abandon his farm to tenants and brambles, and move to town where there are good schools. The moral is: "Have a County Superintendent."

Did I understand you to say the County Judge could fill his office properly and at the same time be County Superintendent? Now let me show you that he can not do it. The statute alone requires the following: "The County Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be a person of educational attainments, good moral character, executive ability, hold a first grade or a permanent certificate. He shall confer with teachers and trustees, visit and examine schools, deliver lectures that tend to excite an interest in public education, organize and hold at least three institutes of two days each during the year, approve vouchers, examine contracts, distribute blanks and books to teachers, and he shall spend as much as four days in each week visiting the schools while they are in session. He shall discharge such other duties as may be prescribed by the State Superintendent." The State Superintendent points out a long list of duties of the County Superintendent in addition to those

mentioned above; but I deem it unnecessary to enumerate other duties. I wish, however, to quote another sentence from the school law: "In each county in this state having no school superintendent, the County Judge shall perform all the duties required of the County Superintendent." Now the County Superintendent must visit the schools as much as four days each week, and it will certainly take at least one day each week to perform the other duties of the office. That leaves only one day in each week in which to be County Judge. Can any man properly discharge the duties required of the County Judge of this county in one day each week? I am told by those who know, that it takes all the time of a good, active man to do the work of the County Judge. Then, granting that the County Judge possesses all the required qualifications for County Superintendent (and the chances are ten to one that he does not) it will then be as absurd to talk about one man filling both offices as it is to say the same person can be in two different places at the same time. The law does not presume that these two offices will be entrusted to the same man at the same time except in small and thinly settled counties.

What objection is there to having a County Superintendent? Study the question carefully and I promise you that you will find no real objection. Of course you will hear the cry "Taxation" "Taxation." This is always a convenient weapon for the good citizen who does not understand the merits of a question, as well of the demagogue and pettifogger politician. Now let me assure you once for all that if a County Superintendent is elected no man's tax will be affected thereby to the amount of one cent. You ask how the County Superintendent is to be paid. Half of his salary has heretofore been paid to the County Judge as ex-officio superintendent; the other half comes out of the available school fund. You say that will shorten the school term. Yes, it will shorten the school year not less than one day and not more than two days. But who is it that had rather have school 122 days as we have it now than to have school 120 under proper supervision?

On Saturday, June 30, the question of superintendent or no superintendent will be decided. This is the golden opportunity for the country schools. Every patron and every student of the rural schools, who does not stand for a superintendent, is standing in his own light. As the County Superintendent has nothing to do with the independent district, those of us who live in the independent districts and have our own superintendents will likely take no great stock in the election. But we should all have charity enough to make us willing to see our neighbors in the rural districts have good schools like our own. If so, let us help them get a County Superintendent; and thus confer an inestimable blessing upon the 8400 school children in Houston County. A. W. CAIN, Principal Grape Land High School and Instructor in Crockett Summer Normal.

From The Philippine Islands.

Prof. J. R. Mitchell, a native Houston County boy, but who has been teaching in the Philippine Islands for the past five years, is on a visit to relatives in this county, having arrived from the Islands about the middle of May, first visiting his mother, Mrs. Addie Mitchell, and his widowed sister, Mrs. Harriet Crawford, near Stephenville, Erath county, Texas. He is now in Crockett visiting the families of J. W. Madden and J. R. Sheridan, and greeting his friends generally. Many will remember him as a student at the Crockett City schools about 1894, and he also worked at the First National Bank here a short time after school at that time. He is a son of Zach Mitchell, now deceased, but who lived near Augusta, this county, for a long time just after the war.

Prof. Mitchell has been teaching at San Isidro, Nueva Ecija, where there is a school of about 1400 pupils, with 20 teachers, 18 of the teachers being natives of the island, and two Americans, Prof. Mitchell being the superintendent, or supervisor, of the school. In his school there are only three grades: first, second and third, this school being what is called the "Municipal" school, as distinguished from the High school, the latter receiving all students above the third grade. Nothing but the English language is taught, and Prof. Mitchell says the students are quite apt in learning and understanding this language and seem to like it. He also says that the little Filipinos are very intelligent and make good progress in the most of their studies. But he says that while they are quick, their reasoning powers are not well developed. The memory seems to be overdeveloped and they are willing and anxious and ambitious to learn, and love to go to school. After they pass the first grade, he says they can hardly be kept away from school, such is their thirst for knowledge.

Prof. Mitchell says that "Uncle Sam" is doing a great work there in the matter of education, and the natives seem to appreciate it. Except in certain provinces where there are mischief-making "agitators," there is very little feeling of hostility on the part of the natives against the Americans, the better classes being very kind and hospitable. The Catholic religion is the prevailing one among them and they are very much attached to their Church creed. A few American missionaries are there, but apparently make comparatively few converts from their established religion.

Prof. Mitchell will leave the United States on his return to San Isidro about the first of July, where he expects to remain at least two more years, when he will probably return to Texas and remain permanently.

Rev. J. G. Milam, who travels in the interest of the Alexander Collegiate Institute at Jacksonville preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night.

Prohibitionists Won.

Palestine, Texas, June 16.—An election was held in beat No. 4, of this county Thursday to determine whether or not the saloon should be licensed. The beat went prohibition by a large majority. This beat includes five voting boxes, as follows; Bushy Creek, Elmaton, Concord and Fosterville.

Accidentally Shot.

Henry Sexton, the county road convict guard, accidentally shot himself one day last week with a shot gun. When the gun fired, his arms were folded, with the left hand over the end of the barrel, and the charge went through that hand and tore the flesh from the right arm. The middle finger of the left hand was so mutilated that amputation was necessary. Dr. Stafford dressed the wounds and Mr. Sexton went to his home at Crockett.

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DARING TEXAN WINS MEXICAN BEAUTY AFTER FACING DEATH IN TERRIBLE GUISES

If anything were lacking to prove that love is the strongest passion in the human breast, and that under its influence men and women will do and venture where no other power or motive could move them, the thrilling story that a valiant young Texan has to tell would relieve ordinary mortals of further doubt.

Jack Hondorn recently returned to his old home on the Colorado, in western Texas, accompanied by a pretty Spanish bride, whose heart he gained and whose hand he possessed down in old Mexico after a series of adventures and narrow escapes that would make the fortune of a skilled writer of romance. Old neighbors extended a warm welcome to Mr. Hondorn and his handsome young wife.

Jack grew to manhood in this region, where he was well connected, and always was regarded as a prince of cowboys, honest, generous and brave. Uncomprohated, few people would credit the strange story that these happy lovers have to tell, but Jack bears convincing scars, and there are other tongues to confirm every statement he has made.

About two years ago young Hondorn left his old home in Texas to seek his fortune in Mexico. After knocking about over the sister republic for some time, learning a little Spanish, admiring new scenes, and occasionally falling in love with a dark-eyed beauty of the sanlands, he finally found employment on a big cattle ranch belonging to old Don St. Louis Rivera, one of the richest men in all Mexico.

Love at First Sight.

More than 100 people were employed on this one ranch. There was a palatial residence on a picturesque summit overlooking hundreds of acres of the old don's vast possessions. Here the great rancher's family invariably spent the summer months of the year.

Jack had taken a hand in Jack's affairs from the moment he set his feet inside of the gates of the Rancho Grande de Rivera. On that same day arrived the senora and her daughter Madeline, from the City of Mexico. They had only recently returned from Spain, and they were glad to reach their old home, where they well knew that comfort and luxurious repose awaited them. The smiling blue eyes of the young adventurer of the land of the Lone Star and the dark eyes of the daughter of the south looked into each other's depths at the gate of the hacienda, and the fate of these two was forever sealed.

It was a certain case of love at first sight. "From that moment," says the confident Texan, "I knew that Madeline was my destiny, and I determined to possess her or perish in making the struggle to accomplish my purpose." Bold and determined, combining the sagacity of good generalship and the enthusiasm of a lover with the witchfulness of a trained plainsman, the gallant young Texan soon made an opportunity to surmount the barriers between a cowboy Americano and the heiress of a proud Spanish don. On his knees he poured into her willing ears a stream of words so burning that she found his pleading irresistible. Again and again they met under the twinkling stars, when old Don Rivera slept and the madama was weary, to exchange whispered words of devotion and plight solemn vows.

Father's Anger.

"I love you, Jack. Yes, the good God knows I love you, and I am ready at any moment to go with you to the end of the world," said the warm-hearted girl; "but, oh, my love, papa is terrible. Why, Jack, he would kill you if he knew you even dared to speak to me."

"Never fear, little sweetheart," Jack would say, "one of these fine nights we will gallop away from the Rancho Grande, and beyond the Rio Grande we will be beyond the reach of the old don's anger and his bullets."

"I am ready, Jack. But think—it is only poor little me you are getting—not an extra ribbon, a doubloon or a centavo. And the danger, Jack—for I warn you papa is a man of blood—he has fought duels. He would set the peons to tearing you to pieces."

"With your pretty cheek against mine, sweetheart, dangers are not to be counted," said Jack. "To-morrow night we will ride."

The lovers planned well, but an Indian woman betrayed them. It was a fine night for an affair where hearts play an important part. A glorious

full moon was rising above the summit of an eastern range of mountains. The warm sea breeze was laden with the perfume of the flowers of the plain, and the silence was only broken by the songs of the nightingale and the barely perceptible swish of the swaying strands of moss.

Overpowered and Captured.

Slowly and cautiously the venturesome lovers approached the edge of a grove of trees not far from the gates of the hacienda. He was mounted on a magnificent Comanche racer, and by his side walked another horse of fine form and great fame for speed and endurance. As the Texan slid from his saddle, caressing his pony, he whispered: "Give us a little start and there is not a horse in all Mexico able to catch us."

His bosom swelled with emotion, and every nerve strung to the highest tension, the venturesome young Texan stood peering toward the great palace, confident that he would soon hold the sweetest girl in all the world in his arms. It was the one moment in a man's life when he feels thrills of joy that are never repeated. He heard the click of a latch, and the next instant saw a shadowy form moving slowly towards the grove. It was Madeline.

"Sweetheart mine, not all the treasures of the world, steel, or any power less than God shall ever separate us."

"Soft, mio caballero. Dios mio! que contento estoy."

"And the joy of all the world is crowded into my bosom," whispered Jack. He was just in the act of lifting her into the saddle, when it looked as if a dozen big hands rose from the earth and his arms were seized.

Marvelous Escape from Death.

Don St. Louis appeared, foaming with rage. Tearing his daughter from the side of the struggling youth, he passed her to an attendant, saying: "Lock her up." Then turning to one who appeared to be in command, he said: "It is the Americano ingrate, cursed gringo. I do not care to soil my hands. Juan, tie a rock to his neck and throw him into the river."

Jack knew that the peons were only too glad to obey orders, and strongly suspecting that he had a rival in the bunch, he realized that all hope for mercy was lost. They dragged him to the bank of a stream not far away, and while some were busy hunting a big rock others were preparing strings. It required the united strength of the bunch to overpower the fighting Texan, and when they were ready to push him over the bank Jack dexterously threw out one hand and dragged the leader of the gang into the water with him. The peon had a knife, and when he struck to cut Jack's throat he missed his aim and severed the cord that held the big rock.

The athletic Texan was now master of the situation. He wrenched the knife from the hand of his enemy, and the next moment the water was red with the blood about a floundering peon, and Jack Hondorn was swimming toward the opposite shore.

Back to the Ranch.

One would imagine that this narrow escape would have cooled the passion of the most ardent lover. Not so with the incorrigible Texan. Ten days had hardly elapsed before he appeared at the Rancho Rivera disguised as an Indian, seeking employment. He was given a job herding sheep.

When the indomitable Texan found an opportunity to shed his disguise and open his arms, Madeline ran and threw herself upon his bosom with joy and confidence.

This time fortune again played the lovers false. They encountered a locked and barred pasture gate, with a fence of nine barbed wires on either side. Madeline had been so closely watched that her absence had been noted almost instantly. The alarm was no sooner raised than the whole force of the Rancho Grande was set to scouring the country in every direction. The unfortunate lovers were encountered while riding hard to reach a distant gate. A desperate battle ensued, and Jack caught a couple of hot balls that stunned him for the moment, though neither made more than slight wounds. Again numbers triumphed, and the lovers were torn apart for the second time.

"Never fear, sweetheart! Better luck next time!" shouted Jack.

"There will be no next time," roared one of the peons. "Bring the Colorado diablo caballo."

Tied to Back of Wild Horse.

The wounded Texan was dragged over the ground and firmly lashed to the back of the red devil of a horse. And then while the inhuman devils howled and roared with laughter, the mad red horse plunged over the plains with Madeline's faithful lover lashed to his back. Poor girl! She closed her eyes, and her cries of terror were drowned by the yell of her cruel tormentors.

On sped the wild red horse over hill and dale. Impelled by fright and terrorized by the struggling burden on his back, the foaming animal soon passed beyond the reach of his pursuers. He had been stolen from the Quaymal Indians by Don Rivera's peons, and when he found himself free he at once set out to rejoin his old herd. The bold lover declares that he was never surer of winning his bride than when the foam from the red chops of the wolvas were buried into his face. It was at that moment that he registered an oath to possess Madeline in spite of Don Rivera and his army of peons.

Don Rivera had made bitter enemies of the Quaymals. He had taken their fields away from them and forced the poor Indians to move their village to a mountain valley.

They gave the wounded man shelter, aid and comfort, and when they heard his story they believed him. Soon they all loved the handsome young Texan.

Lovers Finally United.

They said: "We hate old Don Rivera. He has stolen our lands, our horses and cattle. He has coined the tears of our women and children. We will help you to drive a pain into his heart. Only tell us how."

Jack told them how, and they did help him. He had hardly recovered from his wounds when an Indian maiden bounded into his apartment one evening with streams of words of joy flowing from her red lips.

"She is here—we have brought her to you," she exclaimed, clapping her hands.

"Who? What do you mean?" said Jack.

"Madeline, of course."

It was true. In a few moments the astounded lover was rejoiced to find that his devoted friends had succeeded in stealing his sweetheart and bringing her to their village.

Joyous to the verge of insanity over being united, and fearing capture, the lovers were eager to fly towards Texas, but the Quaymal chief protested. He wanted to "drive many pains home to the old don's hard heart," he said. He insisted that the lovers should be married by the padre in the Quaymal temple, and that the affair should be celebrated by a great feast. "The superstitious old don will not dare to come here," he said.

Offered to Buy Daughter.

It was true. Don Rivera had many superstitions. He was afraid of the shadow of a Quaymal. Foaming with rage when he heard that Madeline was with the Texan in the Indian village, he said to his wife: "It is all witchcraft. That man Jack is a ghost. After the peons threw him in the river, with a rock about his neck, and he was drowned, I saw him again. Why, I saw him walking amongst the sheep sowing rot—saw him plainly. It is useless to try to get our daughter back. The devil has got her. We might tempt him with gold."

They did tempt him with gold. The old don sent his favorite padre to the Quaymal village with a burro loaded with gold. "Tell the devil of a gringo," he said, "that I know my daughter's weight, and that I will give him her weight in coined gold if he will return her to me."

"Tell Don Rivera that Texans do not sell their sweethearts or wives," said Jack Hondorn. "His gold is coined tears, and the sweat and blood of the poor and the brave. If he were to pile it to the skies it would count nothing against my love for Madeline."

Panama Canal Employees.

There are 27,000 men employed on Panama canal work, which is 9,000 more than the late French company had.

THE LAWN AND LAWN MOWER

How to Keep the Mower in Good Order—Better to Mow Twice Than Once a Week.

The lawn mower is generally much abused by the majority of those who use it. When nicely adjusted and in good working order it may be kept so by a hair's breadth turn of the adjusting screws or bolts and no one should be allowed to meddle with these parts unless he fully understands them. The blades of the lawn mower strike the cutting bar in such a manner as to be largely self-sharpening and no machine, if well oiled and adjusted, will need sharpening unless it is run into stones or other hard substances that may dull or bend the knives.

The ordinary machine oil used upon larger machines than the lawn mower, on wagons, etc., is too heavy for the lawn mower except in very hot weather and should be thinned with an equal amount of kerosene. No machine will keep in perfect working order for a great length of time without cleaning and the lawn mower which is run through so much dust and dirt should be taken apart once or twice every season, each part carefully cleaned and wiped and then freshly oiled. The machines with large wheels and ball bearings run more easily than many of the older patterns, but the latter, if kept in perfect order, will run with comparative ease and will do good service for many years.

When the lawn clippings are short, not over an inch in length, they will settle down among the grass stems and decay, but if they are too long or are wet they will bunch and in very warm weather will smother the grass stalks and roots under them. In most cases it will require less time and effort to mow twice a week and let the clippings drop on the ground and remain there than to cut but once a week and rake up the clippings, as must often be done.—Chicago Chronicle.

AQUARIUM HATCHERY WORK

Nearly a Million Young Fry Turned Out This Season in New York Hatchery.

Very nearly 100,000 little fishes—their number computed at 988,000, to be exact—have been hatched out in the Aquarium's model hatchery thus far in the present season, the last to be turned out to date being a big lot of yellow perch, some of these from eggs of specimens in the Aquarium, and some from eggs received from the state fish hatchery at Cold Spring Harbor, says the New York Sun.

These yellow perch will be used for restocking with this species the waters in the city parks, and many have already been placed in the lake in Prospect Park.

Next before the yellow perch hatched out here in the present season, were a large lot of salt water smelts, these also from eggs received from the Cold Spring hatchery. The salt water smelt goes up into inlets in the spawning season, and like the shad, for instance, up streams to spawn. The young smelts hatched out in the Aquarium's hatchery were put over the Battery sea wall immediately back of the building into the Hudson.

Before the liberation of the young smelts there had been sent out from here for planting in various state waters, all hatched in the Aquarium's hatchery, young whitefish, rainbow trout, lake trout and hump-backed salmon.

Among eggs yet to be placed in the hatchery in the present season are pike perch eggs from Vermont, black spotted trout eggs from South Dakota, and the eggs of grayling trout from Montana.

The Aquarium's hatchery, with its eggs seen in hatching troughs and jars, and its hatched out young fishes in various stages of development in troughs and tanks, is an object of unflagging interest to visitors.

Luncheon Rolls.

Make a good biscuit dough and roll it rather thinner than for biscuit. Cut into pieces about three inches square. Wet the edges with cold water and in the center of each square put a heaping tablespoonful of cooked meat, well seasoned and chopped fine. Fold the opposite corners together, pinching the edges so that they will not come apart in baking and bake for about 15 minutes in a hot oven.

Peanut Butter.

Peanut butter is easily made at home by passing the roasted and shelled nuts several times through the finest knives of a patent food grinder, the oil in the nut being quite sufficient to make the butter creamy. Should more be needed, add a little pure olive oil. Salt to taste and pack in small jars.

One Man's Way.

Hyker—Ardupp doesn't seem to worry about anything. He makes light of all his troubles.

Pyker—That's right. Every time a creditor sends him a bill he cuts it into strips and uses it for cigarette wrappers.—Chicago Daily News.

DISFIGURING SKIN HUMOR.

Impossible to Get Employment, as Face and Body Were Covered with Sores—Cured by Cuticura.

"Since the year 1894 I have been troubled with a very bad case of eczema which I have spent hundreds of dollars trying to cure, and I went to the hospital, but they failed to cure me, and it was getting worse all the time. Five weeks ago my wife bought a box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap, and I am pleased to say that I am now completely cured and well. It was impossible for me to get employment as my face, head and body were covered with it. The eczema first appeared on the top of my head, and had worked all the way around down the back of my neck and around to my throat, down my body and around the hips. It itched so I would be obliged to scratch it, and the flesh was raw. I am now all well, and I will be pleased to recommend the Cuticura Remedies to all persons who wish speedy and permanent cure of skin diseases." Thomas M. Rossiter, 29 Prospect Street, East Orange, N. J. Mar. 30, 1905.

Disappointed.

"So Mrs. Nurich was held up and robbed. How did she feel about it?"

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A Wide Variety of Savory Dishes May Be Made with Eggs as a Foundation.

In the spring when eggs are plentiful a great many are used upon the farm. At this time eggs are more appetizing than at any other season of the year. Attention is called to this fact in a recent issue of Farm and Fireside by Mary Foster Snyder, who gives some recipes for preparing eggs in various ways. We are sure that many of these suggestions will appeal to readers:

Eggs en Fromage.—Melt one tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan add one scant cupful of rich grated cheese, mixed with six slightly beaten eggs, and stir constantly until the mixture is smooth and creamy. Season to taste with salt and paprika, and turn out immediately on rounds of toast softened with hot milk and melted butter. Serve at once.

Eggs with Dried Beef.—Chop fine one-half of a cupful of dried beef, and put it in a stewpan with one cupful of stewed tomatoes, a few drops of onion juice, paprika and cinnamon to taste, and two tablespoonfuls of butter. Cook slowly for ten minutes, add two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, and three well-beaten eggs. Stir until the mixture begins to thicken, then pour over hot buttered toast, and garnish with hard-boiled eggs cut in slices.

Savory Eggs.—Break five eggs into a bowl, add a pinch of salt and a little chopped thyme; beat them well together. Rub a small stewpan with a cut onion, melt in two tablespoonfuls of butter, then pour in the eggs and stir constantly until cooked, about four minutes. Turn out on hot buttered toast or little pats of hot potatoes, and serve at once.

Baked Eggs with Bread Crumbs.—Butter individual baking dishes, and for each person to be served mix together two tablespoonfuls each of rich, thick cream and bread crumbs, half a teaspoonful of minced parsley, a few drops of onion juice, and salt and paprika to season. Put one-half of the allowance for each person in each baking dish, break an egg carefully over it, and cover with the remainder of the mixture. When all are ready set them in a quick oven and bake until the eggs are set.

Poached Eggs a la Reine.—Cover hot buttered toast, made slightly moist with cream, with fried mushrooms. Put a poached egg on the mushrooms, and pour over all a little cream sauce. Sprinkle grated cheeses over the top and place in the oven until the cheese browns. Garnish with olives.

Egg Croquettes.—Chop hard-boiled eggs very fine. For six eggs make a cream sauce from one tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of flour, one cupful of milk, a little onion juice, and salt and pepper to season. Mix it with the chopped eggs, and set away to cool. When cold form into six croquettes, egg and bread crumb, place in a frying basket and fry in deep hot fat.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOUSEWIFE

An excellent idea is to connect a spring to the refrigerator door, thus keeping it always cold, as children are often negligent in this regard.

To clean gold jewelry with stones in it wash it in warm suds made with yellow soap with ten drops of sal volatile in them. You will find this makes the jewelry brilliant.

When washing black stockings take care that fresh water be used, both for washing and rinsing, and thus avoid having the stockings covered with lint, which is sometimes the case when they are washed in the same water used for white clothes.

Light cotton dress goods hold their color better when washed in this way: Four quarts of boiled starch are made. Half of this is put into two pailfuls of soft warm water and the goods washed until clean. Add water to the remaining half of the starch and rinse. Dry and iron on the wrong side.

Okra is a vegetable that is not appreciated at the north as it deserves. The dwarf varieties do well and okra is an invaluable addition to stewed tomatoes and to soup, should a housewife find it insipid by itself.

Here is a way to remove a grease spot, which answers excellently: First place a double thickness of blotting paper on an ironing board. Lay the material on this and sponge well with benzine. Now put two more thicknesses of blotting paper on top and iron with a moderately hot iron. Remember that benzine is inflammable, so don't do this near a fire or light, and see that your flatiron isn't at scorching heat.

Safe.
Knicker—Would you give your seat to a woman who was plain or old?
Bocker—Well, I'd give it any woman who thought she was either.—N. Y. Sun.

The Arrangement.
Tommy—How do your pa and ma work?
Johnny—Like the house and senate, if one of 'em passes my bill the other kills it.—N. Y. Sun.

He Pitted Them.

A little boy was on his first country excursion, relates the Brooklyn Citizen. Some birds were flying high overhead, and his hostess, a young woman, said:

"Look up, Tommy. See the pretty birds flying through the air."

Tommy looked up quickly, and then he said in a compassionate tone:

"Poor little fellers! They ain't got no cages, have they?"—Detroit Free Press.

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"That man began to kick the minute he entered the office," said the hotel clerk.

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Feet.
Tess—Isn't that Chicago girl tall?
She must be nearly six feet.
Jess—Yes; and if she stood on tiptoes she'd be seven feet.—Philadelphia Press.

Has anyone ever been able to explain why a schoolboy is always most interested in his lesson just when it is time to do the evening chores?

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Anemia makes the patient short of breath so that there is often a sense of suffocation, sometimes there is a cough and the sufferer seems to be going into consumption, at others there is a murmur of the heart and heart disease is feared. In the following case severe fainting spells were an alarming symptom resulting from "too little blood."

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Ethics.
"Do you think we will ever be able to communicate with Mars?"
"My dear sir," answered the astronomer, "you surely do not think I would spoil pages of magazine articles yet to be written by endeavoring to prove the contrary. It would be very unprofessional."—Washington Star.

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Maybe the Wife Had Been Out, Maybe Not, the Effect Was the Same.

Capt. Mark Casto was being congratulated on his gift of \$1,500 from the Carnegie here fund for bravery in the wreck of the Cherokee, relates the New York Tribune.

"The gift was unexpected," said Capt. Casto with a modest smile. "It was as unexpected, though by no means as unpleasant, as the report that a wife made to her husband when he came home at three o'clock in the morning."

"The man came home very quietly. In fact, he took off his shoes on the front doorstep. Then he unlocked the door and went cautiously and slowly upstairs on his tiptoe, holding his breath."

"But light was streaming through the keyhole of the door of the bedroom. With a sigh he paused. Then he opened the door and entered."

"His wife stood by the bureau fully dressed.

"I didn't expect you'd be sitting up for me, my dear," he said.

"I haven't been," she said. "I just came in myself."

Skiddoo!
The young man was trying to think of something else to say when the young woman suddenly spoke up.

"By the way, Mr. Lingerlong," she said. "I tried to call you up by telephone this morning, but I didn't get any response."

"You tried to call me up by telephone?"

"Yes; I wanted to ask you a question."

"Why, I haven't any telephone number."

"O, yes you have. Double six four seven."

The young man made a rapid mental calculation.

"Twenty-three!" he gasped, reaching for his hat.—Chicago Tribune.

"I see the San Franciscans made a brave fight to save their mint."

"Yes, sah; yes, sah," responded the gentleman from the south; "the julep season approaches, sah."—Cleveland Leader.

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Men with ginger help to add spice to life.—Indianapolis News.

Willing to Oblige.
"Give me the city hall, please," said the lady to the conductor of the street car.

"I should be glad to do so, madam," replied the conductor, who was a new man and had been greatly impressed by the rules of the company, which insisted upon employes being courteous and obliging. "I should, indeed, be glad to do so, but the lady over there with the green feather in her hat asked for the city hall before you got on the car. Is there any other building that would suit you just as well?"—Detroit Free Press.

Troubles of Spring Days.
These are the days when the old hen gets in her work assisting the radishes to come up; when the house dog begins a system of excavating in the flower beds and when the neighbor's old cow walks leisurely across the freshly prepared lawn.—Chapman (Kan.) Outlook.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET.

The Houston County Democratic Executive Committee met at the court house in Crockett last Monday afternoon. There was not a full attendance of the precinct chairman and several substitutes were appointed. All business coming before the committee was promptly disposed of and the question of a second primary was brought up and it was decided that as heretofore one primary was sufficient.

Grapeland, Augusta and Percilla stood "pat" for two primaries and fought for it to the end.

Messenger regrets that this question did not carry and believes the committee erred in the disposition of it. We base our belief upon the fact that we have interviewed a number of Houston county's representative citizens upon the subject and a majority favored two primaries. The candidates—all the new ones—were for two primaries. We believe that if the question had been made an issue and put before the people in the true light it would have carried by a handsome majority.

The question of placing the name of a candidate for County Superintendent of schools upon the ticket was brought up. The committee voted to reject the name, claiming that no such office exists. Only one candidate had qualified for this office. He immediately retired from the room and procured a copy of Acts of the 29th Legislature. Upon his return the committee had adjourned. The candidate proceeded to point out the law in his defense and one or two attorneys declared that the candidate's position was correct, whereupon the chairman of the committee agreed to place the name on the ticket. It is generally conceded that the act of the committee in rejecting an application made in accordance with the law is illegal.

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NOT every good man is necessarily rich, or brilliant, but goodness is the quality that will stand when everything else has been swept away.

Texas political alphabet is short. A is for able; B. is for Bell.—Houston Chronicle.

C is for Campbell, who is doing well.

THAT our fathers lived in a good age is an admitted fact, but it doesn't prove that the present age is bad. The man that has failed to keep up with the procession is behind—that's all.

CROP REPORT.

The following information concerning crops appeared in Monday's Houston Post, dated Crockett, June 16:

Crops in Houston Co. are very fine, but have had considerable dry weather and are needing rain. Some few boll weevils have made their appearance in the earliest cotton fields, but so far have done little damage. Corn is fine and with another good rain will produce from twenty to forty bushels to the acre.

The Grapeland correspondent for the Houston Post got things slightly mixed last week in his crop report. After giving a good description of the flattering prospects, he wound up by saying: "There has been too much rain for rice." This would lead one to believe that the esteemed correspondent of the Post had just returned from a visit to Lemp's brewery rather than to the rice fields around Grapeland.

THE talk of increasing taxes for any purpose whatsoever has the same effect on a great many individuals as shaking a red rag at a mad bull—it infuriates them.—Troupe Banner.

THE BANNER gives the concentrated extract of the reception of an increase in taxes in a most admirable form.

You will hear these old bear faced, miserly, grumbling animals—incorrectly called citizens—"yelp" when taxes are raised the least bit, no matter how worthy the object, you are going to hear them howl. A farmer returns to his home kicking about the rough roads and blaming the County Judge with same, but if taxes are raised ever so slightly, you will decide that he was not kicking at all at first, but was only "fooling" as in comparison with the prolonged mutterings he gives out at the increased taxes.

We also hear some narrow-minded, unreasonable, pessimistic people kick in regard to the creation of County Superintendent of Public Schools. They say: "It will increase T-a-x-e-s." Well what if it does, the office is a beneficial step for any county having the number of schools in it that Houston County has, and besides, the one who kicks is unexceptionally the one to be most benefitted and at the expense of some one else, as they pay no tax except a poll tax—and often it is never paid.

THE packers are awfully afraid that this meat investigation business will work an injury to the stockmen who raise the cattle. Their anxiety to protect the stockmen remind one of the extraordinary efforts of the railroad magnates to protect the interests of the "widows and orphans" who hold railroad stock. But isn't this anxiety dodge rather overworked? — Bryan's Commoner.

THE man the world has always needed, and is needing today, is the one that instead of being swayed by popular opinion regardless of moral quality, is capable of discerning between right and wrong principles with the courage to stand by his convictions, and thereby contribute to the moulding of public opinion in things that are true. Such a man, for the time, may go down under the weight, but like the truth he represents, will rise again.

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IT WAS never intended that the Hon. O. B. Colquitt should be elected governor of Texas during the year 1906. He is wasting his time and money foolishly, when he should be attending to his duties as railroad commissioner.

THE anthracite operators refused to advance the wages of the miners on the ground that it would increase the price paid by the consumer. The miners agreed to accept the old wage, and then the operators raised the price 15 cents per ton. A people that will stand for that sort of thing get it regularly.—Bryan's Commoner.

THE following excerpt was clipped from Monday's Houston Post, under the heading of "Sayings of the Ministers:"

"Rev. J. M. Perry at Tabernacle church.—Secret prayer is the dynamo that develops Christian character. While God does not rejoice in man's distress, He does rejoice in man's recognizing Him as the only source of help. Removed from the jargon of civilization and the trappings of society, 'far from the maddening crowd,' we find in secret prayer and meditation the helpfulness of the Divine Presence and the encouragement which comes from the 'still, small voice.'"

Mrs. Wright Dead.

Mrs. Julia A. Wright died at the home of her son-in-law, J. B. Lively, last Thursday night, June 14, at 10:30 o'clock. She had been sick only a short time. Though her death was not unexpected, yet the blow is very severe, and the loss irreparable to the large circle of friends and relatives. She was a true Christian woman, whose life and example will long be cherished in the memory of those who knew her.

Mrs. Wright was 76 years of age, was an orphan and came to Texas with her brother-in-law, Joshua Hollingsworth, in 1848 and settled in Anderson county. She was married to Mr. Wright in 1870, afterward moving to Houston county. She leaves three children—Mrs. Julia Lively of this place, Jot W. Wright and Henry Wright of Palestine; quite a number of grand children, other relatives and a large circle of friends.

She was present and assisted in the organization of the Christian church in Palestine at an early day. She was present at the dedication of the new Christian church in Palestine in April, 1906. She and John T. Taylor

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were the only two surviving members who were present at the organization of that church in Palestine in the years gone by. Her remains were laid to rest in the Davis cemetery, three miles east of town Friday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. O. Riall of Lufkin.

Relatives from Palestine of the deceased attending the funeral are as follows: Mesdames Geo. A. Wright, Julia Robertson, Vir-

gie Moore, Mattie McMeans, Frank Mathis, Fannie McIntosh; Misses Mary Ella Pipkin, Maggie Wright; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Walker; Messrs. Geo. Wright, Mat Welch.

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Miss Ethyl Braly left last Friday for Norfolk, Rusk county, on a visit to relatives. We wish her a pleasant visit.

For The Blues.

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S. E. Howard, O. P. Brown, J. N. Parker and Rev. C. E. Coberly left Wednesday morning for Alto to attend the annual district conference of the M. E. Church.

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Dr. W. B. Taylor, who has been here since January, left Tuesday for Oakhurst where he has accepted a position to do the practice for a large sawmill. Mrs. Taylor, in company with her sister, Miss Carrie Bowler, who has been visiting here several days, has gone to Nacogdoches on a visit before joining the doctor at Oakhurst. We regret very much to lose this estimable family from our midst and join many friends in wishing them unbounded success in their new home.

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Cure for Crow's Feet.

The following little sermon may be taken to heart by man as well as woman. In business or the home life it is equally applicable and breathes of the best spirit to be preserved in all vicissitudes of life: "Be sunny" has grown to be something of a catchword, but it is a pretty good all-around motto for everyday life as well. The cook may have gone away in a temper on the very day of your dinner party—it's a way cooks have—or the dressmaker may have failed to send home your new frock in time for Mrs. So-and-So's reception, but frowns and tears and grumblings will not help matters in either case. It may be that the world contains other cooks, or even that the same one may be induced to return in time to save the day. And if not, why not pitch right in and do the best you can yourself with the best grace you can muster? If your dinner does not turn out quite as well as you would like, just make a joke of the whole affair and let your guests laugh with you. Bless you, they too, have troubles of their own and they will relish almost any sort of a repast that is served with laughter sauce. And as for the dress that did not come, why, since you must do without it in any event, just do without it cheerfully. You have other frocks, possibly, and if you furnish one of them up a bit and wear it with your lightest heart and your gladdest smile, people will simply wonder why they never knew before how pretty you are and how tastefully you dress. That is, the people who count for anything. And as for the others, who care about what they think, any way? There are recipes by the score for eradicating wrinkles and keeping crows' feet at bay; but a cheerful mind discounts all of them. It isn't easy to be cheerful when things go wrong, you say. No; but it doesn't help any to be grumpy, does it? Then, in the expressive slang of the day, "forget it." Cheerfulness is a habit, just as much as worrying—only it is a good deal pleasanter for yourself and everybody else. Get the habit, then; and the first thing you know the worries will have taken flight. They can not stand sunshine. In a cheerful atmosphere they find themselves so distinctly "out of it" that they prefer to make themselves scarce. Therefore, be cheerful. It may cost you something at first, but it will pay in the end. How to manage it? Look out instead of in. You are not the only human creature who has troubles. Every woman has them—and most men—so you can not lay claim to exclusiveness along this line. But the world is a pretty good world, on the whole, and you will enjoy it more than you do now when you begin to look out on it with unclouded eyes. Leave the house or the office or the schoolroom behind you once in a while and take a breathing spell out in the open. And when you do go out, do not always go shopping. Don't bother with bargain days unless you really want something that you can't buy any other time. And even at the bargain counter be sunny. It may seem difficult, but it isn't nearly as difficult as it seems if you only start trying it.

Singular Outcome.

The fact has been noted that the misfortune which overtook San Francisco has kept Cupid and Hymen busy, the number of marriages since the earthquake and fire having been quite unparalleled in any similar previous period. The situation is explained by the anxiety of sturdy young fellows regarding their sweethearts and by their readiness to assume the duty of caring for the gentle victims of the disaster. As illustrating what is going on the first order sent out of San Francisco by telegraph was to a New York manufacturing company for 160 wedding rings, assorted sizes. A town which marries off in that fashion in the face of such a calamity is all right. It would take much more than earthquake and fire to destroy it or quench its spirit.

The American horse refuses to go, and his value has advanced. On January 1, 1897, there were 14,364,000 horses in this country. On the first day of 1906 there were 18,718,000. In nine years there has been an increase of 30 per cent. The gain in the number of mules has been great, but not so large. In 1897 there were 2,215,000. This year, notwithstanding the heavy purchases made by the British government during the Boer war, there are 3,466,000.

FARM, ORCHARD & GARDEN



WEEDS.

In a little work by Prof. Shaw, of the Minnesota Experiment station, "Weeds, and How to Eradicate Them," he says: "In good farming weeds should not be tolerated at all, because (1) they rob the useful plants that are cultivated of their due share of nutriment; (2) they also injure them by crowding them and shading them; (3) they greatly add to the labor of cleaning grain for market and for seed; they are usually not of much value for food; and (5) they frequently interfere with a regular rotation." To which may be added that the longer they are left to grow unchecked, the greater is the work required to completely subdue them. Weeds feed upon precisely the same kind of food as the useful plants amid which they grow, and they are nearly always much more capable of gathering food from the soil. When found growing in a crop, therefore, they deprive either that crop, or the crops that come after that one, of precisely that amount of sustenance which they consume during the period of their growth. The quantity of plant food, therefore, which weeds take from the crops and the soil will be in proportion to the numbers in which they are found. Nor should it be forgotten that plant food externally applied, oftentimes at much cost, as in the case of commercial fertilizers, will be utilized by weeds quite as readily as the plant food naturally available in the soil itself.

TOADS A GOOD THING FOR THE GARDEN.

The gardener should offer every possible inducement to make the toads feel at home and comfortable upon his premises; give them bits of board here and there to burrow under away from the heat of the midday sun, and if they persist in wandering off in search of other quarters, no doubt he would be fully warranted in considering this a case for "benevolent assimilation," and in bringing the truant back to his own grounds for their mutual benefit. The Massachusetts Experiment station has made the toad the subject of some study and publishes the following concerning his habits and the perils in which he lives:

"The toad as a rule feeds continuously throughout the night, consuming in 24 hours an amount of food equal in bulk to about four times the stomach capacity.

"A careful examination of the contents of the stomachs of a large number of toads showed that 9 per cent. of its food was animal matter—worms, insects, etc. Eleven per cent. of the toad's food is composed of insects and spiders beneficial or indirectly helpful to man; 80 per cent. of insects and other animals directly injurious to cultivated crops or in other ways obnoxious to man. It is estimated that a single toad destroys in a year insects which, if they had lived, might have damaged crops to the extent of about \$20."

CHARCOAL AS A REMEDY.

As the hot weather approaches poultry are as liable to diseases of the bowels as are human beings. A change of diet is good; as also is charcoal. Charred wood from the stove, says someone, is an excellent aid in arresting such troubles.

Where the hens have not had a variety, parched grain partly burnt affords a desirable change, and serves nearly the same purpose as charcoal. Oats, corn, wheat or even bran will be readily eaten by hens when they have been regularly fed on a sameness of diet, and such food will greatly aid in arresting diarrhoea or other bowel disorders.

In experiments made to determine the benefits of charcoal in feeding, if any, four turkeys were confined in a pen and fed on meal, boiled potatoes and oats, and four others of the same brood were at the same time confined in another pen and fed daily on the same articles, but with one pint of finely-pulverized charcoal mixed with their food. These had also a plentiful supply of broken charcoal in their pen. The eight were killed, and there was a difference of one and one-half pounds in favor of those supplied with charcoal. They were the fattest, and the meat was superior in point of tenderness and flavor.

MANURE OR CLOVER, OR BOTH.

A correspondent writes: "I have a farm close to town. The soil has been systematically robbed for years. I can have manure hauled out from town at 50 cents a load. If you had the place would you have the manure hauled out or would you seed the land down to timothy and clover?"

We would do both. In a case of that kind we would buy or hire a manure spreader and give the land about seven

or eight loads of manure per acre. Less would do. We would plow in August and thoroughly pulverize it, preparing a fine seed bed, would seed to rye and timothy early in September, or as soon as the soil had sufficient moisture, which it would have if plowed in August and thoroughly pulverized even if the weather was dry. Then we would drill in the rye, going north and south, and next spring as soon as the ground would work we would sow clover and timothy and harrow them in. This method we think would go far to insure not only a good crop of rye but a good stand of timothy and clover. If the timothy and clover were pastured for two years he would have nothing to complain of about the land, if it ever was good. We do not know of any poor land in that part of the state.

HELPS IN HAY MAKING.

All will admit that the ideal place for keeping good well-cured hay is in a hay barn. But often it is impossible to provide such barns owing to a large amount of hay and to the expense attending the construction of such a building. Much hay and even forage for feeding next winter will be stacked out of doors this summer. Hay keeps better with a smaller per cent. of waste in large stacks than in small ones. This applies with equal force to forage crops, such as cornstalks, sorghum, kafir, corn, etc. Therefore, an investment in a stack cover will pay.

These covers make it possible to leave the stock open for several days and can be made to fit any size stack at a small cost. Where alfalfa is cut it often requires several days to cure the hay and perchance, a rain follows the cutting much damage results.

CRIMSON CLOVER.

A subscriber in southwestern Iowa writes: "What can you tell me about Crimson Clover as a cover crop? Will it do well in my latitude?"

Crimson Clover is an annual which is sowed in July or August, and early the following spring is harvested in time for a late spring crop. It does not thrive well in the corn belt states, as it winter-kills badly. It is grown quite successfully as a cover crop in southern Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, where the winters are not so severe as in the central west. It grows quite luxuriantly in the fall and during the mild weather in the winter, making a dense covering over the ground. Where grown, it is either cut for hay, pastured, or turned under for green manure. It has no place as a crop on Iowa farms.

POLLENIZATION BY BEES.

It has been assumed that the blossom of various fruits are pollenized by the winds as well as by bees and other insects; but now the experiment station authorities throw doubt on the question, and Prof. Waugh states positively that pear and plum pollen cannot be conveyed by the winds, since it is sticky and gummy. Whether the pollen of strawberries and raspberries, grapes and apple blossoms can be conveyed by the wind remains to be seen. Most farmers are positive that the pollen of corn is conveyed by the wind. If the wind does not carry pollen from one fruit blossom to another, we must certainly encourage bees to do this work. Possibly all fruit growers will have to keep bees.

DAIRY NOTES.

Patrons of all factories where milk is consumed should support the managers in making a fight for good milk. It frequently happens that the buyers do not dare reject the milk of certain patrons for the reason that to do so would make them powerful enemies. It is unfortunately the case that patrons frequently side with a patron when he is in the wrong. Especially is this so if the factory managers or butter or cheese maker be a new man. The patrons need to be stirred up on this matter.

SCALES ON THE FARM.

Did you ever stop to think that there is more money in knowing than guessing? Scales should be found on every farm. The old proverb "Deliver all things by measure and weight" wears well. To be dealt with fairly and to deal justly is a good plan. Run the stock over the scales, weigh the grain, hay and fertilizers. By this system of checking things the seller is on a level with the buyer, and vice versa. The investment in a platform scale will pay for itself in a short time by the saving effected in weighing everything bought and sold.

Buying a cow is like courting a girl. It is well to know the pedigree and record of her mother. A cow with a poor milk record cannot produce a heifer calf that will prove a profitable milker.

BAGGING GRAPES.

We enclose part of our grape crop in paper bags to produce fancy clusters. Paper bags of the size used to hold a pound of coffee and the next size larger are put on at any time after grapes are well set until half grown. The lower corners are cut slightly so that moisture can escape. The top of the bag is gathered together and fastened around the stem with string, short wire, or pinned. The bags protect the fruit from the birds. The fruit comes out of the bags beautifully clean and free from dust and cobwebs, with all the natural bloom of the grape undisturbed by moisture and with every grape perfect and free from disease. The spores of fungus disease floating in the air cannot reach the fruit when it is thus covered. Bagged grapes ripen more evenly, receiving the heat of the sun slightly tempered by the paper, and are not sunscalded. They show a more perfect color than when ripened naturally.

MAKING OAT HAY.

In many farming sections where natural grasses do not abound, and clover and timothy are not grown a considerable quantity of oat hay is cut for hay. A correspondent living in North Dakota asks us to tell him when to cut oats for hay and also to give its feeding value.

Oats to make the best hay should be cut while the heads are in the milky stage. Cure the same as for hay. A good way to feed oat hay is to pass it through a fodder cutter. Oat hay has about the same feeding value as blue grass or timothy and clover hay. Of course if the rust should strike the oats before time to cut for hay it will not pay to cut the crop. In that case it would be better to harvest the crop for grain.

COWS IN FLY TIME.

Here is something that should be preserved by every reader that owns cows, especially, and good for other cattle also in fly time. The Country Gentleman gives it from its veterinary editor, who says it is a cheap, reliable remedy used on his cows for years, and found to be lasting in results, easily used, and such a comfort to the animals that they could stand and be milked in the field, if necessary: Pine tar, one pound, lard, six pounds. Melt the lard and stir in the pine tar. Keep an old sponge in the pail, and smear a little on back of cow's head, along spine and on brisket twice a week, or when necessary.

THE LIVING ROOT.

The living root itself has the power of disintegrating and decomposing the particles of soil and of dissolving and extracting some of the plant food. This powerful action, by which the solid rock is broken down and its plant food liberated and by which even polished marble can be corroded, goes on only in the presence of moisture. Supply the plant with moisture and its roots are able to set free from the particles of the soil a part of the mineral elements required for its growth. Supply even our sandy desert plains with abundant moisture and immediately they change from a desert to a garden.

LAYING BY THE CORN.

The fullness of next winter's crib depends largely upon how corn is laid by, and when. Don't plow deep. That should have been done, if at all, earlier. Don't hill up to give the wind and sun a chance to dry out the soil. Don't quit too soon. Keep stirring the top soil until the corn is big enough to shade the ground, and don't leave weeds, big weeds, at all events, but try to give the corn a chance to do its best.

FOR THE FAMILY ORCHARD.

Choice of varieties of fruit for the family orchard is a matter of a great deal of importance. The mistake is frequently made of choosing too few varieties for this orchard. The commercial orchard should have but few varieties, but the opposite is the case in the family orchard. It is best to select well-known varieties, of which there are enough to satisfy any epicure.

Do not leave stock in a pasture where there is not plenty of running water and shade. It is not only cruel to do a thing of this kind, but it will stunt the growth of young animals to treat them in this way. Also remember that water in a pond in which the stock stand most all day and fight flies is not fit for any horse or cow to drink. This is especially true of dairy cows. Cows that drink large quantities of such water can never give clean, sweet, wholesome milk. One had just as well milk in the swill pail as to let his cows drink such filth. Cows cannot drink filthy water and give clean, sweet milk. It is an impossibility.

With so much green feed pork can be made cheaper at this time of year than at any other. All the swine on the farm, sows, shoats and pigs, should have a chance to rustle for a large share of their living.

AILING WOMEN.

Keep the Kidneys Well and the Nerves Will Keep You Well. Sick, suffering, languid women learning the true cause of bad health and how to cure them.



Mrs. W. Davis, of Groesbeck, Texas, says: "Baches hurt me so I could hardly stand. Spells of dizziness and sick headaches were frequent. The action of the kidneys was irregular. Soon after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I passed several gravel stones. I got well and the trouble has not returned. My back is good and strong and my general health better."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

PADEREWSKI'S BELBOY.

Musical Youth Made a Hit with the Great Pianist by Playing His "Minuet."

Rosamond Johnson, of Cole & Johnson, composers of that once popular song, "Under the Bamboo Tree," once held a position as bellboy in Young's hotel in Boston. This place, says Success Magazine, he once nearly lost, through taking the liberty of playing Paderewski's "Minuet" for the great pianist. Paderewski, who was staying at that hotel, had rung for a bellboy, and young Johnson answered the call.

Being so fond of music, he made bold to ask the great composer and pianist to play the "Minuet" for him. Paderewski could not understand English then, and the boy thought from his gesticulations that he wished him to play it. So he sat down at the piano and commenced playing. Paderewski's manager happened to enter the room just then, and, enraged at the bellboy's presumption, threw him out of the room and went directly to the management and had him discharged.

As soon as he learned what had been done, Paderewski, who had been pleased with the lad's playing, sent for the manager of the hotel and had Johnson reinstated in his position.

Only Wanted a Square Deal.

"Prisoner," said the judge, "stand up. Have you anything to say in your judgment of the court should be pronounced against you?"

"I'd like to say, your honor," answered the prisoner, "that I hope I will not allow your mind to be prejudiced against me by the poor defense my lawyer put up for me. I'll take it as a great favor if your honor will just give me the sentence I'd have got if I had pleaded guilty in the first place."—Chicago Tribune.

Time to Get Busy.

Her Husband—I thought you were going to visit your mother. His Wife—And so I am. "Well, you had better begin to pack your trunk at once. The train leaves in 48 hours."—Chicago Daily News.

KNIFED.

Coffee Knifed an Old Soldier

An old soldier, released from fee at 72, recovered his health and about it as follows:

"I stuck to coffee for years, altho it knifed me again and again.

"About eight years ago (as a result of coffee drinking which congested liver), I was taken with a very severe attack of malarial fever.

"I would apparently recover, but start about my usual work only to suffer a relapse. After this had been repeated several times during the year I was again taken violently ill.

"The Doctor said he had carefully studied my case, and it was either 'quit coffee or die,' advising me to take Postum in its place. I had always thought coffee one of my dearest friends, and especially when sick, and I was very much taken back by the Doctor's decision, for I hadn't suspected the coffee I drank could possibly cause my trouble.

I thought it over for a few minutes and finally told the Doctor I would make the change. Postum was procured for me the same day and made according to directions; well, I liked it and stuck to it, and since then I have been a new man. The change in health began in a few days and surprised me, and now, although I am seventy-two years of age, I do lots of hard work, and for the past month have been teaming, driving sixteen miles a day besides loading and unloading the wagon. That's what Postum in the place of coffee has done for me. I now like the Postum as well as I did coffee.

"I have known people who did not care for Postum at first, but after having learned to make it properly according to directions they have come to like it as well as coffee. I never miss a chance to praise it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look for the little brook, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

DAVID AND ONATHAN

By COSMO HAMILTON

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Glynde and Hilgay, whose friendship that of David and Jonathan to fight about, were fated to be pitted against each other in everything. They cemented their friendship by blacking each other's eyes when Glynde was nine and Hilgay ten. They both played cricket. Hilgay's most brilliant innings for Cambridge was stopped at 99 by a magnificent catch by Glynde, of the Oxford eleven.

Naturally enough, it came to pass that Glynde and Hilgay fell in love with the same girl. At least, that is only my way of putting it. Glynde and Hilgay would tell you, if they liked you well enough to discuss the matter with you, that they were in love with the only girl in the world. Men in love are never accurate.

There was, to both of them, a touch of tragedy about this last coincidence. They were dining in town together on an off evening to see the "Man of

Hilgay sprang to his feet angrily. "You can't talk," he cried furiously. "You blacked my eyes, and won the beastly cup. Surely to goodness that's bad enough, without your cropping up now and cutting in with the only girl I've ever loved in this world."

They glared at each other like two angry bulls, and then simultaneously burst out laughing. Again simultaneously they hit the bell and broke the thing, and as the waiter bolted in with a scared look they each yelled for two brandies and sodas.

These arrived before they had got through with their laugh, and as the waiter left the room they silently clicked glasses and drank.

"Cigarette?" Glynde shoved his case across the table.

"Thanks, old man," said Hilgay.

For several thoughtful moments the two sat blowing rings. Glynde looked his friend up and down curiously, and thought, with a certain pride, what a good-looking, clean-limbed chap he was. He could well imagine what a poor chance he would stand against a man with Teddy's kind of nose, eyes and hair. Then, too, he was so ripplingly sunburnt, and he had always heard—he understood none of the idiosyncrasies of girls himself—that sunburn went a long way. He suddenly caught Hilgay's calculating eye, and blushed.

And then Teddy ran over Jack.

"Not a dog's chance against a man like Jack," thought Hilgay. "Look at that nose, those eyes and that hair—and the way he tans is simply immense. By gad, too, I never noticed before what awfully decent hands and feet he's got."

Thus both men sat, running up a long list of the other's qualifications which each considered he did not possess.

"Who is to propose first?" said Glynde abruptly.

"Spin a coin," said Hilgay.

Glynde laughed. "What! Even in this case?"

"Why not? We've always done it hitherto."

"Very well, old man. And if you win the toss, I wish you all the luck I know you'd wish me."

"Thanks," said Hilgay.

They got up. Their healthy faces were extremely cheerful expressions, expressions of sporting keenness, honesty, and a desire to do their level best.

A man called Carbis came in wearing evening dress and a bashful grin. He had been at Eton with Glynde and at Christ church with Hilgay. They both disliked him intensely. For a bit that, he was a very decent chap, played tennis with the best of them, and sang songs like an angel with a sense of humor.

"Hallo, you chaps."

"Hallo," said Glynde and Hilgay together.

"Jolly night, isn't it?"

"Jolly," said Glynde.

"Very jolly," said Hilgay.

"You two chaps look jolly, too."

Carbis grinned at them so widely and unaffectedly that it was almost possible for them to see his heart.

"We feel jolly," said Glynde.

"Very jolly," said Hilgay.

Instinctively they both made a move towards the door.

Carbis began to tweak his fingers nervously, although the beam was still on his face. "I say," he said, "you fellows, you might give me a minute if you haven't anything better to do. Will you, please?"

Glynde and Hilgay turned back.

After all he had been to Eton with Glynde and Cambridge with Hilgay. Besides, he sang a jolly good song. They returned his grin with some cordiality.

Then Carbis became flustered. "Er—I'm—I'm intensely happy, and as you chaps have always been my idea of men, and I've always liked you both extremely, I should very much like you to be the first to—know why I'm—I'm intensely happy—er—and to drink me good luck, and that kind of thing. Will you, please?"

"Rather, old man," said Glynde heartily.

"I should think we would, Carbis, old boy," said Hilgay.

"You will? Oh, now come, that's nice of you both. I'm going to be married. The day was fixed to-night. She's really and truly—the only girl in the world."

Glynde and Hilgay exchanged glances of sympathetic amusement.

"I just thought perhaps you'd be good enough to wish me happiness and long life, don't you know. It's a jolly old English institution, and I've known you two—first one and then the other—for the best part of my life, so far."

They waited for Carbis with uplifted glasses. Carbis cleared his throat and steadied the quiver in his voice.

"To the lady who is to honor me by being my wife. Her name is Enid Allerton."

Long after Carbis had hurried away, hot and happy, Glynde and Hilgay stood silently looking into their glasses. The waiter twice came in to clear them away. It was on the stroke of 12, and he was keen on nothing but bed.

They called up two hansoms.

"Jack," said Hilgay.



"HEADS OR TAILS?"

Many Collars" at the Alhambra afterwards.

With something of blattancy Hilgay had said, "Jack, I'm in love."

Jack Glynde put down his cigar and turned very pale.

"I don't believe you. It's—it's absurd? Good heavens, why?" said

because I am, too, and we're dead

in to be in love with the same

little chilled silence fell upon the

men. For a moment they sat

staring at each other, superstitious

error in the eyes of both. Neither

reared to ask what was her name.

Hilgay waited for Hilgay to give the

me and Hilgay for Glynde. At last

he made a simultaneous movement.

Their theater tickets were in their

pockets, but, with that tacit under-

standing which can only exist be-

ween bosom friends, they turned

away from the Alhambra, and made

for the Embankment. Each felt that

was a necessity. The Embank-

ment is the only place in London

where it can be found.

For an hour, arm-in-arm, they paced

the flagstones. Sometimes Glynde's

hand would close hard on Hilgay's

arm, as though to say, "Whatever hap-

pens, old man, nothing matters," and

sometimes Hilgay would squeeze

Glynde's hand tight against his ribs,

and Glynde knew that he was saying,

"Whoever she is, old man, we are pals

to the end." It is well said that the

love of one man for another passes

the love of woman. These two never

parted until the woman came into

their lives.

With a sudden inspiration Hilgay

took out half-a-crown.

"Heads or tails, Jack?" he said.

"Heads!" said Jack.

Teddy Hilgay uncovered. It was

as

You must tell me her name, old

man," he said. Glynde cleared his

throat, took Hilgay's arm, and started

driving away from the Embankment

four miles an hour towards the Ox-

ford and Cambridge club.

In the steps of the club Glynde

made a mighty effort.

"Enid Allerton," he said, and then

he looked sharply round at Teddy. He

felt a wave of blood fly into his face,

and felt his arm tremble.

"Good Lord!" said Hilgay.

"Why, what's the joke? What's

her girl's name?"

"Enid Allerton," said Hilgay.

Hilgay drank his brandy and soda

water. Hilgay's glass was already

empty. So was the smoking-room.

"Good heavens! Isn't the world large

enough for us both?" Glynde's face

was twitching and his eyes blazed.

What have we done? What's the

matter with us? What's wrong with

the world? Why, in heaven's name,

could we always come up against

each other? Do you hear? Why the

devil can't you fall in love with any

of the million other girls there are

asking about?"

"Hullo," said Glynde.

"This is the first time you and I are not going to be pitted against each other, after all."

"No, and it's the first game you and I have ever drawn."

They shook hands solemnly, and without another word got into their respective hansoms.

In Glynde's heart there was a feeling of great compassion for Hilgay, and in Hilgay's a feeling of great compassion for Glynde.

PUSS PLAYED THE PIANO.

Household Disturbed by Uncanny Performance in the Still Hours of Night.

Rising Sun, Pa. — When Jacob Houseman's piano began apparently to play itself in his parlor, near Eagle Point, the other night, Jacob reluctantly got out of bed, reached for his gun and declared:

"Well, if it is ghosts, we'll have it out right now."

Descending the stairs cautiously on tiptoe, he silently opened the parlor door, only to find that the piano, right there before him, kept on playing, without a finger on the keys!

His first impulse was to blaze away, but he thought of the cost of the piano and of the feelings of his aroused family upstairs, and discretion got the better of his valor.

He cautiously opened the top of the piano, and out jumped the gladdest cat that was ever released from musical thralldom of the other sort. Puss had evidently "smelled a mouse," and thought she smelled it in the piano. Observing her mistake, she had pranced across the hammers and wires in the most unconventional fashion.

Scholarship by Phonograph.

A young woman from Australia has just won a singing scholarship in London under novel circumstances. From her colonial home she sent to a well-known professor in London a "record" of her voice, with the request that he would test it on a gramophone and inform her whether he thought its qualities sufficiently good to justify her in taking so long a journey for an examination for a scholarship. The professor listened to the record, was duly impressed with the possibilities of the voice, and wrote to say he thought she might try. Encouraged by this report, she reached England just in time for the examination, and was one of two successful candidates out of 190 competitors.

Housewife for Every Soldier.

The war department has decided to furnish every soldier in the army with a housewife. This announcement though made with full authority, need cause no flutter of joy in the hearts of the waiting army of spinsters, for the "housewife" is not to be the helpmeet and partner that the bond of matrimony gives to man, but only a part of the soldier's kit. It will not exceed four ounces in weight and will contain assorted buttons, thread, needles, safety pins, ordinary pins, and if practicable, a small pair of scissors.

Doctors in Paris Theaters.

The Association of Theater Doctors is about to hold a banquet which must be a pleasant reunion. Each of the Parisian stages has about 40 doctors who take it in turn to be present every day at afternoon and evening performances, but in case of unexpected engagements the doctor whose turn it is to attend may find a substitute, so that there are few medical men who have not at some time or other occupied the reserved box where the doctor may be found in case of need.

Last of Thirty-First Congress.

Andrew J. Harlan, of Savannah, Mo., is the last survivor of the Thirty-first congress, having represented the Eleventh Indiana district. Although 91 years old, he is still hale and hearty. Among the members in this congress were such men as Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, William H. Seward, Stephen A. Douglas, Jefferson Davis and John J. Crittenden.

An Economist.

"Charley," said young Mrs. Torkins, "a man brought this blank from the assessor's office. He wants us to state just how much we are worth."

"What did you tell him?"

"I told him to wait till after the races were over. Then we wouldn't have to pay taxes on so much."—Washington Star.

The Reason.

Little Bessie—I like you better than sister's other beau.

The Beau—I'm glad to hear that. Why do you like me?

Little Bessie—Cause sister never eats the cheap sweets you bring, and I get all of them.—Royal Magazine.

An Awful Blow.

Miss Passay—I never felt old in my life till to-day.

Friend—What happened?

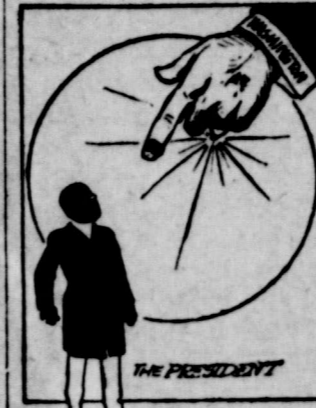
"A girl got up and gave me her seat in a car."—Detroit Free Press.

Ancient Art.

Prehistoric artists have left us works of art engraved on polished shells. Among the most ancient are the masks upon which the human face is depicted.

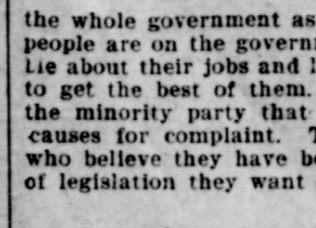
GOSSIP FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Greatest Criticism of a President Is Heard in Washington—City Full of Grumblers.



WASHINGTON.—The good old Biblical saying that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country" might be paraphrased into "a president is not unpopular, save in Washington." It is the fate of every chief executive to be criticized and to become unpopular in the capital city. None in recent years has escaped this fate. Even the sainted McKinley had his critics here at the seat of the government, and his popularity was much greater beyond the confines of the District of Columbia than within them. President Roosevelt is simply on the same plane with his predecessors, and there are few places in the country where less enthusiasm is shown over him than right here among the people who see him and know of him every day.

It is perfectly natural that the greatest criticism of a president should be in Washington. As chief executive he has to act for the whole people, and nowhere is he so representative of the whole government as in the capital city—a city where some 25,000 of the people are on the government pay rolls and whose ruling passion is to grumble about their jobs and look upon their superiors as creatures who are trying to get the best of them. Then when congress is in session there is always the minority party that is picking at the president and trying to discover causes for complaint. Then there is a large contingent of his own party who believe they have been ill treated because he will not boost every piece of legislation they want or distribute patronage upon their demands.



One of the most trying positions in the government is that of secretary to the president. If the chief executive happens to incur the criticism of underlings or of congressmen, his secretary has to bear the brunt of this unpopularity. He is the buffer between the president and the outside world. It requires infinite tact for a man in this position to deal with the hundreds of visitors that desire to see the president every day and sift the worthy from the unworthy, the good from the bad, protect the president from nuisances and bores and at the same time keep the people good natured. It is simply impossible to prevent some friction, but the loyal secretary to the president must encounter the heaviest of burdens and carry them with a smile.

Early in his service in the position of secretary to the president Mr. William Loeb, who fills that place, was made the target for all sorts of complaints, and many a night after his day's duties were ended he wondered if life was really worth living. He was new to the city and not so familiar with national characters as some of his predecessors had been, and he had a hard road to travel. It can be said, however, that but few men placed in that trying position have developed so rapidly and proven so efficient. Compared with several lamentable failures of president's secretaries in the last few years, the administration of Mr. Loeb will stand out as a pronounced success.

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY HAS HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL.



Few people know the responsibilities of a secretary of the president. The public has no idea of the diplomacy that he has to practice to keep dangerous and undesirable people away from the chief executive. In this feature of his work the secretary is assisted by the uniformed police and the plain clothes secret service men who are to be found in the ante-chamber at the White House offices. It is very rare that any scenes are enacted, but once in awhile people denied admission to the president are inclined to make a fuss. Where one of these cases is noted in the public press there are 50 that never get publicity.

Not long ago a United States senator who has been disposed in times past to criticize the manner in which strangers are scrutinized at the White House sent a woman there with a letter of introduction to the president. She was admitted into Mr. Loeb's office, to whom she talked in the wildest sort of manner and displayed a lot of papers containing crazy propositions and wild schemes which she said she was commanded of God to lay before the president. It required all his nerve and diplomacy to get the woman out of the office and out of the building, and he then notified the United States senator that the woman was insane.

"I didn't know the woman," said the senator, "but she belongs to one of the best families in my state, and so I gave her a letter of introduction to the president."

KEEP AWAY DANGEROUS AND UNDESIRABLE.



The agricultural department has done a good deal in the way of improving the breeds of horses and cattle, destroying the mosquitoes, making two blades of grass to grow where one grew before, and achieving success along lines that are calculated to benefit the whole country, but now there is a proposition on foot that throws all the governmental experiments of the past in the shade. Prof. Willis M. Hayes, assistant secretary of the department, has a scheme to improve the human race by the careful selection of parents of future Americans. The success that has attended the breeding of animals has called attention to principles that Prof. Hayes thinks can be usefully applied, of course in a lawful, legitimate way, in the development of man.

Just what plan Prof. Hayes will evolve he does not explain, but if society can be brought to a standard where fathers perfect physically, and mothers perfect in the same degree can be guaranteed the highest human development can be reached. His scheme involves the mating of none but the best types of men and women. There is a good deal of sport made of this proposition of Mr. Hayes, and a good deal of curiosity felt as to what scheme he will propose in a pamphlet which he will soon prepare on the subject.

SECRETARY TAFT'S SYLPH-LIKE FORM.



Secretary of War Taft is a happy man. After five months of dieting and strict physical exercise he has reduced his weight 75 pounds, and to-day only weighs 250. He started in on a course of training shortly before New Year's, with the fixed determination to acquire a sylph-like form that would not be over 250 pounds. Through all the season of feasting in Washington, when his social duties compelled him to attend a big course dinner nearly every night, he heroically abstained from rich foods and ate nothing but crackers and lean meat. He now indulges in a good square meal once in awhile, but keeps in mind the consequences of food that is full of starch and other fattening materials.

Mr. Taft took a special course of dieting, exercising and massaging under the direction of an expert who had been recommended to him by Senator Spooner. Mr. Spooner is not a heavy man, but he has kept himself in the finest physical condition all his life by persistent training and last fall put himself under the care of an expert who would allow no departure from his strict discipline. Mr. Spooner's muscles are like steel, and he recommended his trainer to Mr. Taft. The latter obeyed implicitly every order, both as to dieting and calisthenic exercises.

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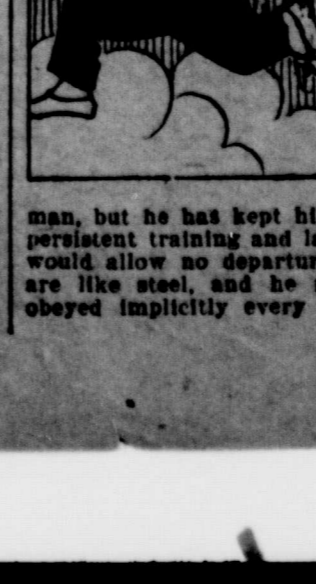
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LOCAL NEWS.

Ring Howard, he has it.

Plenty chops and bran at Darsey's.

Mrs. H. H. Walton has been on the sick list for several days.

Our store will be closed all day July, 4th. Geo. E. Darsey.

Candidate C. G. Lansford for Clerk, was here Saturday.

For prices to suit the times see Tims & Sheridan.

Screen Doors and Wire Screen Cloth at Darsey's.

A. K. Fretz had business at La Texo Saturday.

J. B. Lively wants your beef hides and bee's wax.

HOWARD—Grapeland's leading grocer.

A first class meal for 25cts. at the City Restaurant.

B. H. Logan was in Crockett on business Monday.

Get a sack of Wichita flour. It is the best that is made. Tims & Sheridan.

Mrs. S. T. Anthony is quite ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Miller of Crockett, is here.

Miss Lizzie Pritchard of Crockett is here this week visiting her many friends and relatives.

Good meals. Short orders. Prompt service at City Restaurant. Woodard building.

Miss Myrta Richards left Sunday for a visit to her brother, Henry Richards, at Troupe.

Howard sells the best groceries for the least money. A trial will prove it.

Dudley Eaves, who is attending the normal at Crockett, visited the homefolks Sunday and Monday.

Call at Tims & Sheridan's and get you a pair of Courtney's full vamp shoes. A trial will convince you.

What about painting your house. We have plenty of Linseed Oil, White Lead and Ready Mixed paints. Get our prices. Geo. E. Darsey.

All the business men of Grapeland have agreed to close and sell nothing on July 4th. Come for what you need on the 3rd.

Did you say its hot? One of those Cold drinks prepared by J. J. Guice & Son will make you cool and happy.

Do you wear Schloss Bros. clothing? If not, why not? None better at \$10, \$12.50 and \$15. Geo. E. Darsey.

If you have land for sale you should see me, as I am going to bring buyers from the north here and can sell it for you. A. K. FRETZ,

Mrs. C. B. Prestridge and children arrived in the city Monday from their home at Mansfield, La., and will visit here for some time.

Wearers of Schlots Bros. clothing show good judgement; then you get Quality, Style, Workmanship and a good fit. See our line at \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00. None better. Geo. E. Darsey.

Hog Fencing and Barb Wire at Darsey's.

J. B. Lively will pay you cash for beef hides and bee's wax.

You can get a good Ice Cream Freezer at Darsey's.

Eat at the City Restaurant. Short orders served any time.

Plenty of Fruit boxes and crate at Darsey's.

Miss Mae Caldwell visited relatives at Crockett this week.

The best line of 5 and 10c. fans at Darsey's.

That peach and potato money, if spent at Tims & Sheridan's, will last you longer.

Mrs. Fannie McIntosh returned to Palestine Monday night, after a few days visit here.

Everything that is to be found in an up-to-date grocery store can be had at Howard's.

Misses Florence Keen, and Nell Hill of Daly's are visiting at La Texo this week.

John Gainey of Houston, who has been visiting relatives near town for several weeks, returned home Sunday. His sister, Miss Zera, accompanied him.

ITS OPEN!

The City Restaurant in Woodard building, Main St., Grapeland, Texas. Meals 25cts. Short orders any time.

Constipation makes the cold drag along. Get it out of you. Take Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar cough syrup. Contains no opiates. Carleton & Porter.

LADIES.

GOLD WATCH—by the Grapeland Messenger.

Pair of shoes—by Geo. E. Darsey.

Pair of Giesecke's \$2.50 Key Brand shoes, "always the best," by F. A. Faris.

Millinery Trimmed Hat—by Mrs. Mary Etta Darsey.

Bottle of Perfume—by B. R. Guice & Son.

Box of nice Candy—by Bon Ton Cream Parlor.

Pair Ladies Hose—by Tims & Sheridan.

GENTLEMEN'S PRIZES.

\$20.00 Suit of Tailor made clothes—by the Grapeland Messenger.

Shumate \$1.00 Razor—by S. E. Howard.

Pair of \$3.50 walk Over Shoes—by J. G. Shipper & Son.

Pair of Gent's hose—by Tims & Sheridan.

Winner has choice of comb and brush, box of 5c. cigars, or 30 soda water checks—by Carleton & Porter.

FARMER'S PRIZES.

Paid up life time subscription to the Grapeland Messenger and one years' subscription to the Galveston Semi-weekly News. One Diverse Cultivator.

The young lady receiving the highest number of votes in the entire contest will be awarded the Gold Watch. The young lady receiving the next highest number of votes will have first choice of the remaining prizes, and so on until all the prizes have been awarded. This rule applies in the gentlemen's contest, the first prize being a suit of clothes.

The Messenger-Merchants' Contest

W. F. HAYS, Contest Editor.
CONTEST CLOSES AUGUST 4th, 1906.

Miss Yarbrough takes first place by a hard fought battle; it grows warm between her and Miss Caldwell, who is a close second this week. These popular young ladies are going after subscribers as the most speedy way to advance, and from all indications they have found the key to the situation, as they lead, which is due to the methods adopted.

Miss Davis drops to third this week, but subscribers are easily obtained if you only try. Look at the others. They experience but little trouble in getting them. Misses Lively and Johnston are running closely this week. Who will get ahead next week? The popular Miss Howard has been entered this week, and feel sure she will 'mix it' with 'em. We extend her a hearty welcome, and would advise that she work for subscribers. A first place would gain first place.

Mr. McQueen leads for Gentlemen's prize, while Mr. Richards is in hot pursuit. Due, partly, to those nice cards he has been handing out to his friends.

Mr. Taylor is still in the race, tho' not progressing much this week.

Mr. Guice is coming up steadily and will make a good showing later we believe.

Farmers race remains practically unchanged. A fine chance for some live farmer to win.

List of Contestants:

—LADIES—

Miss Dora Yarbrough, Grapeland,.....	2075
Miss Ada Caldwell, Grapeland,.....	1995
Miss Adelle Davis, Grapeland,.....	1695
Miss Allie Lively, Waneta,.....	1175
Miss Lillie Johnston, Grapeland,.....	1115
Miss Leila Howard, Grapeland,.....	100

—GENTLEMEN—

Mr. Taylor McQueen, Grapeland, R. F. D. No. 3.....	1480
Mr. Hugh Richards, Grapeland,.....	1425
Mr. Frank Taylor, Reynard.....	1185
Mr. Nathan Guice, Grapeland,.....	160
Mr. James J. Cook, Kennard,.....	10

—FARMER'S CONTEST,—

Mr. Jim Weisinger, Grapeland, Route 1,.....	590
Mr. J. S. Ferril, Percilla,.....	75
Mr. J. H. Beazley, Reynard,.....	45

Rules and Plans of Contest.

In each issue of the Grapeland Messenger there is published a coupon good for ten votes for either the most popular young lady, the most popular young man or the best farmer in Houston county, which, after being properly filled out, can be clipped and mailed to the Messenger and credit will be given to the contestant in whose favor it is issued. These coupons are good for one week only and positively cannot be polled after the expiration of the date printed on each one.

A more rapid way to secure votes in this contest is by getting new subscribers and renewals. Votes are issued according to the schedule elsewhere in this column. Coupons are issued with each subscription when cash accompanies the order, and they may be reserved and polled at any time during the contest.

No subscription will be accepted for less than six months and two six months subscriptions will not count as one years' subscription.

The contest will be conducted in a fair and impartial manner, and no one connected with the Messenger will be allowed to take part otherwise than to supervise the voting.

Should any one after having entered the contest wish to withdraw they will be allowed to do so, but they will not be allowed to transfer their votes previously received to another contestant.

Votes must reach this office not later than 8 o'clock Wednesday morning to be published that week. Votes received later than 8 a. m. Wednesday will be published the following week.

An accurate account of all votes received will be filed and published each week, making it plainly seen that the contest is fairly conducted.

Following is the Schedule of Votes allowed on Subscription. Cash must always accompany order for Subscription.

	New	Old	
6 Months' Subscription.....	45 votes	35 votes	25
1 Years' ".....	100 "	75 "	50
2 " ".....	225 "	175 "	\$1.00
3 " ".....	350 "	260 "	\$1.50

VOTING COUPON

10 VOTES FOR

M.....
Most Popular Young Lady Most Popular Young Man Best Farmer (Mark out Two)

R. F. D. No..... Postoffice.....

In The Grapeland Messenger—Merchants' Contest
Not Good After June 28

Thousands annually bear witness to the efficiency of Early Rice's. These pleasant, reliable little pills have long borne a reputation second to none as a laxative and cathartic. They are as broad in millions of homes. Pleasant but effective. Will promptly relieve constipation without griping. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

W. R. Word, of Dyessburg, Tenn., writes: "This is to certify that I have used Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup for chronic constipation, and it has proven, without a doubt, to be a thorough, practical remedy for this trouble, and it is with pleasure I offer my conscientious reference."
Carleton & Porter.

To The Public:—

WE WANT to thank you for your liberal patronage since we have been in business. You keep us continually buying goods and we appreciate it.

A great many have wanted to know why they get such good results from drugs they buy from us. It is this: We buy only in small lots from the best drug houses and before they get old enough to lose their strength they are sold.

Give us your next bill and find out for yourself what others know.

B. R. Guice & Son.

ROBERT CASKEY,
BARBER.

SHOP AT TOTTI HOTEL.

HONING RAZORS
A SPECIALTY. : : :

Agent for Martin Steam Laundry Palestine. All work guaranteed to be the best. : : :

Graveyard Cleaning.

All parties interested in the Murdock graveyard are requested to meet there on Friday, June 29, for the purpose of cleaning off the yard. Bring your dinner and stay all day.
Geo. Shaver.

Former section foreman Bethesda was here this week and moved his family to near El Paso, where he has a good position with the Southern Pacific railway.

Ineeda Laundry Agency...

The Best Laundry in the South. I have the agency for the Ineeda Laundry of Houston. Basket leaves every other Wednesday night. Bring me your washing and have it done right. All work is guaranteed....
Carl Sory, Agent,
At Carleton & Porter's Drug Store

A man who is in perfect health, so he can do an honest day's work when necessary, has much for which he should be thankful. Mr. L. C. Rogers, of Braughton, Pa., writes that he was not only unable to work, but he couldn't stoop over to tie his own shoes. Six bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure made a new man of him. He says, "Success to Foley's Kidney Cure." Carleton & Porter

FOLEY'S HONEY-TAR
for children, safe, sure. No opiates