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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

Had Profitable Week.

Crockett, Texas, Dec. 28.—On December 16, 1907, the Houston Co. Institute opened in the Public High School building in Crockett for a meeting of five days, and was opened with an able address by Rev. Luck. Almost every teacher in the county was present and a great deal of interest and enthusiasm was manifested by the entire body of teachers. Able addresses were delivered to the teachers on different days by visiting teachers, ministers and friends to the cause of education, among whom were Rev. Luck who had been giving a series of lectures on Christianity at the Christian Church, Dr. Woodard of Grapeland, Prof. Stafford Supt. of Mineola School, Hon. W. T. Carter of the Department of Agriculture U. S. A., headquarters at Austin and Judge Newman of Crockett, which was very instructive and much appreciated by the Institute.

The instructions given in the Institute in the form of class work was a new feature in the Institute work, and was by far the most successful one ever held in the county. To say the Institute was a success is only speaking mildly, the teachers of this county left the Institute with a deeper, stronger feeling of interest and resolved as to what they and the schools of this county shall be hereafter. If they have been interested and progressive heretofore it is safe to say that the future progress will by far surpass all that has been. As substantial evidence, they contributed the amount, collectively, of three hundred fifty dollars, (\$350.00), for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a Summer School, 1908, in Crockett, for a term of eight weeks, and empowering their able County Supt., Prof. J. F. Mangum, to hold and use the funds, and with the aid of a committee appointed to take necessary action in regard to carrying out the business to a successful finish. In this connection it is pertinent to mention the fact that the Hon. W. T. Carter has kindly tendered his services to the teachers of the county as instructor in the Summer School on the subject of soil, which will be highly appreciated by the entire school, and it is hoped that the business fraternity of the county and all others interested in the educational and moral uplift of our people will give the teaches their hearty sympathy and support in accomplishing their high aims.

Miss Libby Box.
Sec.—Treas.

Lame Shoulder Cured.

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by

Guice & Son.

Tax Collector Goolsby of Crockett, was in town Tuesday.

Reynard News

Reynard, Dec. 30.—T. S. Kent and P. L. Fulghum went to Palestine to hear Bryan speak.

Misses Jessie and Gertrude Meriwether left Saturday for La Teco to visit.

Mrs. Albert Kent and children spent the holidays with T. S. Kent and family. Albert came in yesterday.

Miss Kleber Beazley returned to Grapeland Saturday, to go to school.

Misses Marv and Addie Pennington and brother Walter and Miss Susie Brown of Hays Spring dined with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beazley Xmas day.

Mrs. Venie Clinton and children of Grapeland spent part of the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. W. F. West had one of his sisters to visit him for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dailey of Daly's visited the family of T. S. Kent from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Laster of Daly's dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beazley last Thursday.

The young folks have had several entertainments during last week

Several of our boys attended an entertainment at Grapeland Saturday night.

There were some good mules stolen from some of our colored people last Monday night. When last heard from they were at Tucker and two white men had them. They are sure of getting them back.

We have had summer weather for Christmas till this morning a norther is blowing.

Health of this community is good. Will ring off for this time.
Zack.

The Girl who Succeeds.

She has so much to do that she has no time for morbid thoughts.

She never forgets for a moment that she is not attractive, nor forgets to look as charming as possible.

She is considerate of the happiness of others, and it is reflected back to her as a looking glass.

She never permits herself to grow old, by cultivating all the graces of heart, brain and body, age does not come to her.

She awakens cheerfully in the morning and closes her eyes thankful at night.

She believes that life has some serious work to do, and the serious work lies very close to the homely, every day duties, and that kind words cost nothing.

She is always willing to give suggestions that will help some less fortunate one over the rough places in life's journey.

She is ever ready to talk about a book or play, rather than permit herself to indulge in the idle woes about another.

She is her own sweet, unaffected self; therein lies the secret of her popularity and of her success—Ex.

There has been much doing in the social realm for the past week, and the young folks have been enjoying themselves to the fullest extent.

A Profit in Chickens.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 31.—Ed. Messenger: For the benefit of others to prove there is some profit in the chicken business I will tell of what I have done.

I had 90 hens, 10 small chickens and three roosters the first of January, 1907. I fed them one bushel of crushed corn each week, and kept account of the eggs we gathered. We have gathered 794 dozen besides what the snakes and jogs got and other losses. We sold 706 dozen and used 88 dozen at home; sold 12 chickens and used 18; we give away 26 grown chickens and 17 small ones and still have 80 hens, 3 roosters and 5 small chickens to begin with the new year.

We sold nearly all of our eggs to Mr. Dacey and sold none for less than 10c up to 25c per dozen. They have brought us \$93.15. No one need to think they can make any profit out of chickens without work. It takes lots of work and care, but it sure does help out in making a living.

Mrs. Emma Whitaker.

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Teacher Called the Bluff.

The principal of the Travis school is evidently "the right man in the right place." Recently a couple of young men pupils refused to be punished for violating some of the rules, drew their knives and informed the principal that there was nothing doing. The teacher, however, thinking perhaps that their ancestors might have at least passed through Missouri at an early day, called the young gentlemen's bluff and proceeded to "show them." He pulled a six-shooter and compelled the young men to put up their knives and then gave them a much needed trouncing.—Rosebud News.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Olan Davis was down from Palestine a few days last week to see his kinpeople and friends.

From Commissioner Lively

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 22.—As I have had to give no account of what I had to say in regard to Mr. Brightman's books, I will state that the court met last week to receive the auditor's report, and I was astonished to find the cost to be \$802.16 instead of \$300.65. But the best of all Mr. Brightman came out all O. K.

My face still burns when I think of paying the enormous price of \$802.16 for a job of work that could have been done for \$200.00. Some might say if it had been a home man he could have shielded Mr. Brightman, but the report had to be sworn to and I stated to the court if a man swore a falsehood in this county, one could from any other county. I am sorry I could not carry my point but I had the pleasure of trying.

After settling with the auditor the question came up whether or not we should let him work on. Two of the court and the judge voted to consider another proposition. Myself and the other commissioner voted not to even consider a proposition. The court visited the auditor while he was at work and he had been at work nine days, and he stated that he had found no big errors up to that time. I suggested to pay him for what he had done and stop the enormous cost. One of the commissioners agreed with me, but there was three against two, and the work went on. I was hopeful the court would make a show in cutting down the expense, but the debt hangs over Houston county. I fear if we have another year's work checked up we will bankrupt Houston county. I want the people to know that I will always fight to thwart such a mess as we are in just now. I think a workman should be worthy of his hire, but I don't think any county official should be so extravagant with the county's money. If all the officers should do their duty I don't see why we could not get the county out of debt, when we have a higher rendition than we have ever had, and taxes still higher. I think if we will cut down all expenses that we have the power to do we can soon cut down the tax rate.

It seems to me the more that comes in the more it takes to run the county. Friends, this should not be. Let's get to business and get this county out of debt. Other county script is worth 100 cts. on the dollar, while ours is worth from 90 to 95 cts. on the dollar.

I hope no one will get offended at me for writing these truths. I feel like the public should know something we were doing.

Yours to Serve.

S. H. Lively.

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Yes 'Tis An Easy Job.

Did you ever count the words in the column of a newspaper? There are over a thousand words in a column. Suppose you sit down and write one thousand words on a subject, and another thousand, and another, until you have written about fifteen thousand words. Try it and see if it is right easy. Keep that up for a month. Then chase a local item all over town, and, after you have secured the right facts—condense them in a few lines—an hour's work that can be read in a few seconds. Do this for a dozen items that seem insignificant after they are printed, but which you know are important; then have the items criticised and inaccuracies pointed out to you when it is too late to correct them. Oh, yes, it's very easy to conduct a newspaper.—Bullock County Breeze.

Most editors are not afflicted with a paucity of words, with a paucity of ideas; and while they do have a pretty hard row and often suffer because of gratitude, the world's cooks have a much harder time. Condensing a news item isn't half so hard as catering to insistent appetite. Besides, the editor's mistakes are often passed over, the cook's never; his work and association are varied, hers monotonous—where he chases an item an hour to be read at a glance, she brews and stews for hours a dish to be devoured at a gulp. A little more appreciation and consideration would produce better editors—and cooks.—Madam Editor in Timpson Times.

Don't Take the Risk.

When you you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic—bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son.

Mrs. Dora Gray, who has been making her home in West Texas for the past year, has returned to Grapeland to live. We extend her a hearty welcome.

Carrie Nation.

certainly smashed a hole in the barrooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quick as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Tq School Tax Payers.

After Feb. 1st, there will be 10 percent added to your school taxes. To avoid the extra cost, please pay before that time. It will be in Grapeland every Saturday. B. R. Eaves, Collector.

General News

FOREIGN.

Teheran, Persia.—The Shah has given up the fight against the Constitutionalists, and yielded to a constitutional government.

Rio Janeiro.—When the fleet reaches port it will be accorded a royal welcome. Ten days will be spent in the harbor.

Washington.—Reports received from several of the Central American governments say they accept the terms of peace recently drawn up by the Peace Conference in Washington.

City of Mexico.—Appropriations have been made for the establishment of a naval school at Vera Cruz.

Mexico City.—The presence of Japanese laborers in numbers is causing ill feeling among the Mexican laborers, and many Japanese are returning home.

City of Mexico.—In a survey of much of the hitherto unknown parts of Mexico, several large villages have been discovered that were never before seen by alien eyes.

Berlin, Germany.—Governor Horne was sentenced for ill treatment of natives of Togoland.

Peking, China.—Chinese soldiers in Manchuria have mutined and killed their officers.

Iquique, Chile.—Two hundred strikers were killed in a riot. Thousand employees in the asphalt mines are on a strike.

Teheran, Persia.—Intriguing priests are to be banished from Persia.

London.—Lord Kelvin, England's great scientist has been laid to rest in Westminster Abbey.

DOMESTIC.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The big tin mills, employing 6000 men are to resume work at once.

Beaumont.—Development in the Gulf Coast oil fields fell off more than half during the first half of December.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A fire in the six-story Heglin block resulted in the death of one man and \$175,000 damage.

Baton Rouge, La.—A drunken negro fired several shots into a passenger car, killing a cadet who was on his way home from the University.

Goldfield, Nev.—The order of President Roosevelt for the Federal troops to leave Goldfield the 30th of this month, has caused consternation among the people generally, and they are petitioning that the troops be allowed to stay indefinitely.

Washington.—Secretary Taft has again reached Washington after his tour of the world, and is warmly welcomed by many officials.

Denver, Col.—A woman demanded her right to be tried by women jurors in a suit to determine whether a dress fitted. The jury decided in favor of the tailor, who was a man.

Norman, Okla.—The administration building of the University of Oklahoma was destroyed by fire.

New York.—A boy stole \$32,000 worth of jewelry from an express wagon, but his booty was in too costly pieces, and led to his arrest.

Jacobs Creek, Pa.—Two hundred men have been hemmed in and most of them killed by an explosion in the Darr mine, but few bodies have been recovered.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—A summary of charters granted to concerns in the South for the past week would indicate that the business prospects have not met with any permanent check. Over five millions is the aggregate capital in the various companies.

Washington.—Statistics gathered by Secretary Garfield reveal the fact that 22,000 lives have been lost in the coal mines in the last seventeen years. A great increase is shown in the past five years.

New Orleans.—The work of constructing the \$6,000,000 jetties has been completed, and already swift current of Southwest Pass is deep enough for the largest ocean going vessels.

Washington.—Secretary Taft expresses himself well pleased with conditions as he found them in the Philippines.

Denver, Col.—Colorado Democrats are arranging that the daughter of Mr. Bryan shall place her father in nomination before the convention. As Colorado is a woman suffrage state, this can be done by sending her as a delegate.

Boston.—The National Guard Association is to meet at Boston the middle of January for the purpose of considering some very important legislation.

Muscogee, Okla.—Three men were

wounded in a shooting affair at Muscogee.

Durango, Colo.—The president of the Smelter City bank was arrested on the charge of false entries.

North Dover, Ohio.—Two persons were burned to death, and a third seriously, in a fire which destroyed an apartment house.

Helena, Mont.—The National convention of wool growers will meet in Helena January 17.

Port of Spain.—A regatta was the main feature of the Christmas holiday of the fleet. The soldiers went ashore.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Bronson has resigned as chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and is succeeded by Capt. Winslow.

Savannah, Ga.—Greene and Gaylor, who defrauded the government in harbor construction two years ago, have been sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, and to pay fine of \$575,749, the amount they swindled the government of.

Kestler, Ga.—Negro secret society halls have been dynamited in several places.

Chicago.—The Honeymoon Special, as an unique advertisement of the road, did not materialize, as the brides did not agree to have so much advertisement, and refused to go.

Seattle, Wash.—A number of lives were lost in a wreck of two freight trains caused by the failure of the operator to deliver orders.

Kershaw, S. C.—Three men were killed in a pistol fight, arising out of a trivial matter.

Pensacola, Fla.—Senator Mallory, of Florida, died at his home, and was buried without ostentation, as he had requested.

Jacobs Creek, Pa.—Only 46 bodies have been recovered of the 228 persons killed in the Darr mine explosion. Accumulations of gas make it impossible for rescuers to work.

Guthrie, Ok.—Charges of evasion of the law requiring a deposit of \$50,000 are being filed against several insurance companies.

STATE.

Ad Toepferwein completed the longest target shooting on record, missing only 9 out of 72,000. He also beat the world's record, with 14,540 without missing.

Austin.—The Attorney General's department has rendered a decision against one person "hedging" for another in the cotton market.

Cleburne.—William F. Ramsey is to be appointed successor to the late Judge Henderson, of the Criminal Court of Appeals.

Austin.—Figures show that 314 miles of new railroad track were laid this year, most of which was put down before the financial stringency.

Temple.—The Santa Fe has secured a number of new high-speed locomotives for use between Bellville and Cleburne. Others will be added for the Houston division. The Katy also has ten new Baldwin engines.

Austin.—The Supreme Court has refused to appoint a custodian for the Waters-Pierce Company, as sought by the State.

Austin.—The Railroad Commission has signed an order calling for a hearing on the two and a half cent fare rate.

Dallas.—Judge John N. Henderson, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, died at his home Sunday night.

San Angelo.—A family came near being burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home and barn.

Austin.—80,000 acres of lands have been awarded to the successful bidders on state lands.

Houston.—James B. Hill of the Pennsylvania lines suffered a stroke of paralysis at his ranch home near Houston, and is in a very critical condition.

Johnson City.—The Johnson City State Bank will reopen for business this week.

Fort Worth.—Ticket scalping met a severe rebuff at the hands of Judge Dunklin, who issued a permanent injunction against future dealing in reduced rate tickets.

Austin.—A Mexican who while serving as deputy constable killed a man last summer, was given 99 years in the penitentiary.

Austin.—Figures compiled by Commissioner Love gives a splendid showing of state banks compared with national, both in this state and in the United States. There being nearly twice as many State as National banks.

Austin.—Articles of incorporation are filed for the Ballinger and Ablene road, with a capital stock of \$200,000.

Sanderson.—The explosion of an engine while taking oil, caused the se-

rious burning of one man, and the loss of the storage tank and much bridge timber.

Houston.—Veterans of Hoods Brigade have selected L. Amentels to design a monument for the brigade, to be erected in the Capitol grounds at Austin.

Eagle Lake.—The First National Bank has been reopened, and ten thousand dollars were deposited with it in little more than two hours after opening, while less than a hundred were withdrawn.

Stephenville.—The new line of railway between Stephenville and Hamilton has been opened for business.

Dallas.—A London loan agency says that out of two thousand loans on farm property only twenty defaulted.

Austin.—Rolling stock of the Union Tank line is forbidden to leave the state.

Victoria.—Frank Jirou has been given forty years in the penitentiary for killing Dan McRea in 1903.

San Antonio.—A representative of numerous business organizations in Maine is in this state for the purpose of securing car lots of buzzards, to be shipped to supply the depleted scavenger ranks of Maine.

San Diego.—John D. Cleary, assessor of Duval County was killed by an unknown assassin in a restaurant at San Diego.

Bracken.—W. Safer, a stockman, who had sold a lot of steers in San Antonio was held up by four masked men and relieved of \$1200.

El Paso.—The dispute over the Chamizal claim has been settled in favor of the present owners. The dispute was occasioned by the changing of the river channel a half century ago. A great part of El Paso is built on the claim.

Sent for Inspection.

A lady recently presented her husband with twins, and his pride and joy knew no bounds. He called in friends and servants to view and admire his treasures, and lastly came old John, the coachman, who had been in the family for years. John looked the youngsters over carefully, shook his head with a puzzled expression, and went away without a word. The disappointed father was very angry, and his wrath was appeased only when John appeared the next day and asked to view the babies again. After much deliberation he soberly pointed to one of them and said, to the parents' amazement:

"I'd kape this wan."

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Hays Spring.

Hays Spring, Dec. 30.—This is Monday night and I will put on my thinking cap, and try to write a few lines to the Messenger.

The health of our community is good at the present writing.

Little Lorena Brown, who has been right ill from an attack of Pneumonia, has recovered sufficiently to start to school again.

School opened up this morning after a vacation of two weeks.

Xmas has come and gone, and did not bring with it anything that we deem very interesting. There was an entertainment last Friday night at Mr. White Sims', which was enjoyed by all who attended.

There was a dance at Mr. Will Spences' last Thursday night, and another one at Ed Clark's to night. We understand that some of the church members have been dancing. That's what we call "gitting there Ely." We think we need a first class missionary preacher in this part of the county a while. Mr. Scott Yarbrough, who has been living on the Murdock place east of Grapeland, moved to the Tom place in this community.

We are glad to have him in our midst.

We saw in the Messenger a short sketch of the death of Grandma Clark which occurred in our community since our last writing. Her death occurred at the home of her son W. J. Clark of this community on Sunday morning, Dec. 15th, and her remains were laid to rest in the Hays Spring cemetery on Monday evening the 18th. Grandma was 77 years of age and had lived quite a number of years in our community and was loved by every body. She left three sons, several grandchildren and a host of friends who were sorely grieved to give her up. Julius.

Catarrh and Headache.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly Street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't do without it." She is right.

Mr. J. W. Jones and family left this week for Jones county where they will reside in the future. We regret to lose such good families as these, but wish them success in their new home.

Everybody loves our baby, rosy sweet and warm With kissy places on her neck and dimples on her arms. Once she was so thin and cross used to cry with pain— Mother gave her Cascasweet, now she's well again. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Singletary of Alto visited relatives in and near town Christmas week.

If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fibre of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially affects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

A New Year's Motto.

"Look to this Day for it is Life, the very Life of Life. In its brief Course lie all the Verities and Realities of Your Existence—the Bliss of Growth, the Glory of Action, the Splendor of Beauty. Yesterday is but a Dream, and To-morrow is only a Vision. But To-Day well lived, makes every Yesterday a Dream of Happiness and every To-morrow a Vision of Hope."

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says; "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

The duck who wrote about stolen kisses being sweet don't know what he was talking about. When kiss meets kiss then comes the jar of honey.

It's all over now, and we have all had a jolly good time. Let us enter upon the new year with a full determination to make it the best year of our lives. Here's to you for a prosperous 1908.

Start the new year right by paying your subscription, thereby easing your conscience.

Mr. Dave Walling, who owns the two brick buildings next to the Totty hotel, is making some improvements in the way of a concrete walk and erecting some new stairways to the upper story.

Southbound passenger train No. 5 went in the ditch Saturday night near Lovelady, and the engineer was killed. None of the passengers sustained serious injuries.

A large delegation of our citizens went up to Palestine Monday to hear the distinguished Col. W. J. Bryan speak. They pronounce the lecture as being splendid.

Jas. Owens, one of our esteemed citizens, and who has been connected with the firm of J. J. Brooks, has gone to Livingston to accept a position with the Livingston Lumber Co. His family will remain here until school is out.

Do you have backache occasionally, or "stitches" in the side and sometimes do you feel all tired out, without ambition and without energy? If so, your kidneys are out of order. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills They promptly relieve backache, weak back, inflammation of the bladder and weak kidneys. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

New Year Greetings.

WE THANK YOU

We thank you for your business given us last year and want more of your business this year. Let us try and make this the best year of our lives. We will do our best to give you full value for every dollar's worth of goods you buy from us. Make our store your headquarters, you are welcome. When you have anything to sell or buy, see me first.

With best wishes for a Happy, Prosperous Year to all our Customers, yours to please,

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LOCAL NEWS.

Bully Taylor was up from Oakhurst a few days last week.

Chas Hill, who is attending the medical school at Galveston, spent a few days here Xmas.

Prof. Perkins spent the holidays with homefolks at Mt. Pleasant.

Walter Holman of Dilley has accepted a position in the depot here.

Miss Eleanor Granberry of Cabot, Ark. is here on a visit to her brother, W. D. Granberry.

Mr. Henry Richards and family of Troupe visited relatives here last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Henry of Groveton spent last week here.

Geo. Richards of Tyler was in the city last week

Mack Martin came in from Big Springs, and spent the holidays.

Alvin Cunningham and wife of Ratcliff are visiting relatives at San Pedro.

Mrs. L. C. Allison of Alto visited her father, J. B. Cunningham at Sanpedro last week.

Tom Sims and sister, Miss Bula of LaTexo, visited friends here a few days last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Saddler of Kirbyville spent the holidays here with relatives.

Miss Cleo Murchison came home from Hunstville to spend the holidays.

Buck Clark and wife came in from Vernon and spent Christmas with relatives west of town.

Dave Driskill of Denson Springs was in town Saturday and paid the Messenger a pleasant call.

Miss Moselle Martin returned to Rusk Sunday to resume her duties in the school room.

Mrs. Gersham Lansford of Crockett visited her father, Dr. W. D. McCarty, a few days this week.

Don't be too late, but buy your seed potatoes before they are all gone. Darsey is unloading a car this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dockery and Mr. and Mrs. Knox Miller of Shreveport, La., visited relatives here during the holidays.

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Odell Faris.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Baptist church this week. The pastor, Rev. H. E. Harris, is being assisted by Rev. McNealy, of Tennessee.

Herod Parker left Monday for Tyler to take a business course in the Tyler Commercial College.

Arthur Owens has returned to Tyler after spending the holidays here.

Harold Leaverton, who is attending the State University at Austin, spent the holidays at home.

Odell Faris, the tailor, extends to his many friends and customers wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Albert Montgomery a lad of about 12 years old, of Elkhart, accidentally shot and killed himself during Christmas week.

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Miss Sallie Watters has resigned her position as hello girl and returned to her home at Lovelady. Mrs. Bell Owens now has charge of central.

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Ainsworth Selkirk, who has a railroad position at Harrisburg, spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk.

Mr. G. I. Barksdale and family of Hastings, Ok., spent the holidays here with relatives. Mr. Barksdale is a brother of Mrs. J. N. Sory and lived here many years ago. His old friends were glad to see him again.

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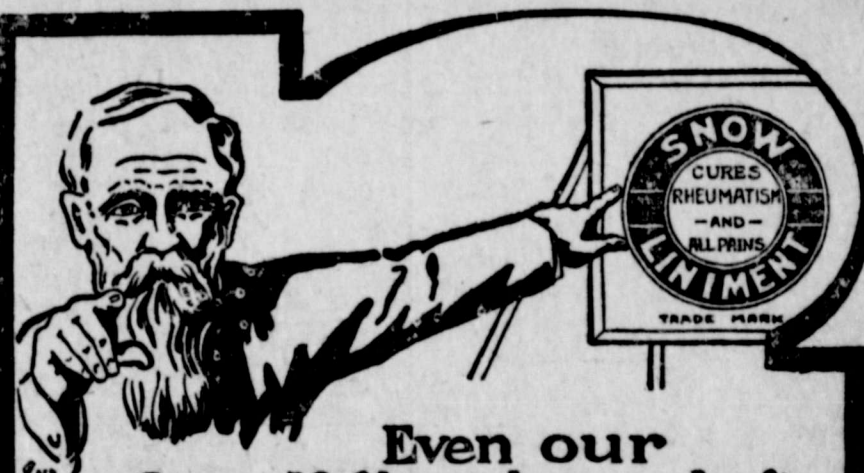
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Rev. John E. Creen of Houston, an evangelist of renown, and known as the "railroad preacher," will begin a meeting at the Methodist church tonight. He was here once before and made many friends who will be glad to see and hear him again.

Mrs. Peter Bridges died at her home north west of Grapeland one day last week and was laid to rest in the Parker cemetery. Besides a host of friends and relatives, she leaves a husband and a little babe to mourn her death. The Messenger extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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TEXAS FRUITS.

The Christmas issue of Texas Fruits, the horticultural journal of Texas and the South, published at San Antonio is a most attractive number. It is considerably larger than preceding numbers, and is well filled with most valuable articles by leading fruit men of the State. This journal is making a phenomenal growth, showing that the fruit growers of the State are a wide awake and progressive lot of people. They realize the value of a publication in the South that deals with questions and subjects concerning them and peculiar to their own conditions. This number is well worth having by every man interested in fruit growing.

THE INTERNATIONAL POULTRY JOURNAL.

The first issue of the International Poultry Journal, is a most creditable number. This journal has a distinct field in Southern Texas and Mexico. Mexico especially buys many fine fowls from breeders in the States, and a journal that reaches a large number of Mexico breeders is most welcome to all Texas breeders who wish to reach the Mexican field. San Antonio, Houston and Beaumont all have live associations, and a journal that will reflect their doings is wanted. The growth of this new journal for Southern Texas is assured.

According to records recently discovered, women in ancient Egypt were truly the lords and masters of the household, and poor downtrodden man had to possess a comfortable dowry before he could hope to attain the joys of married life. In those days, too, no doubt when poor man had to secure a divorce he had the compensation of a good alimony to be paid him by his former wife. The law of compensation doubtless operated there to make life endurable for man.

Senator Bailey denies absolutely that he had any thought of resigning and submitting himself to the Democracy of Texas in the lights they now have. The Senator knows a good thing when he has it cornered, and so he has no idea of taking chances on the strength of 90 per cent or more of Texans who, he confidently believes, are his cordial supporters. It does not occur to him that he might be mistaken.

Cleburne will have the mid-winter meeting of the Swine Breeders Association of Texas on Jan. 9th. Few people realize what an important place the hog holds in the economy of Texas industrial life. These fine cold mornings have seen enacted the closing chapters of the life of many a fine porker in the State. The ranger hog of the pine woods, likewise the sleek berkshire of the black lands and the alfalfa grown porker of North Texas have all gone to swell the larder of the prosperous farmer.

San Antonio, Tex.—Talk of a war with Japan has moved certain doughty Texans to organize a peace society. The movement started at Waco lately and has spread to San Antonio, where the army officers the soldiers in garrison here in first-class war footing, and suggests that the Peace Society might devote its surplus energy to the Bailey War which still goes merrily on, or the prohibition fight, which isn't quite as amicable as a congress of doves. The peace society, however, seems disinclined to interfere with the Texans' inalienable right to a political shindy every two years.

San Antonio, Tex.—Mrs. H. A. Singleton, a pretty little widow, today applied to Judge Camp of the Forty-fifth district court to secure custody of her baby from a Mrs. Appleby of 310 South Alamo street, who has been holding the infant for an unpaid board bill, alleged to amount to \$20. Judge Camp issued the necessary order and laid down the principle that

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THE USE OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER ON COTTON.

The following will be of much interest to serious thinking planters, and if carefully studied will certainly result in much benefit.

It is quite curious to compare the production and yield of cotton in the past several years as shown by the results obtained in the older states like Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, where enormous quantities of commercial fertilizer are used, with the production and yield of the same years in Texas, where comparatively little commercial fertilizer is used.

The planters of Texas are so accustomed to believe their lands are richer than any other section of the country that they are of the opinion that no help is necessary to assist such land. In other words, they depend entirely upon the land and season. What is the result? No matter how rich the soil is unless the season is absolutely propitious, a large crop is not realized, indeed land that is very much poorer with a bad season and the use of commercial fertilizer, produces a great deal more cotton than the rich land and a poor season and no fertilizer under the cotton. We see the cotton crop of Texas falling off or increasing forty or fifty per cent. We never see such a condition of affairs in the older states.

There is an increase or decrease in production, of some five to ten per cent., and we attribute this difference in favor of the older states entirely to the use of commercial fertilizer, intelligently applied. While we have not figures in hand just at the moment, we are arranging to secure them, in order than we can intelligently present the statement. There is but little doubt but that Georgia and South Carolina raise more cotton to the acre on their so-called poor, worn-out lands, than this great State of ours, with its vast acreage of rich soils. Lands, like everything else in this life, becomes worn-out and something must be done to rehabilitate it.

If the season is especially dry, the crop can be helped by the use of certain kinds of commercial fertilizer. If the season is wet, cultivation, together with the use of certain commercial fertilizers, is of great benefit to both the soil and the cotton crop. An acre of land that raises a bale of cotton or more to the acre, costs no more in labor than an acre that raises very much less. We predict that in a few years the State of Texas will use more commercial fertilizer on its various crops than any other State in the cotton-growing belt. The first year we tried to introduce this business in Texas, we sold less than 200 tons the second year we sold about 2500 tons; the third year, which is the season just passed, we sold, in round numbers, 5000 tons. It is a certain fact that where a man obtains credit that where a man once uses these fertilizers, he buys again the next season.

This presentation of facts is written in a serious vein and is well worth most careful study and consideration from anyone who makes his income from planting. We have many testimonials from

prosperous, substantial farmers, indicating the very best results from the purchase and the use of commercial fertilizer. There is no crop and no land and no season that can not be materially benefited and assisted by intelligent up-to-date cultivation.

If anyone, even slightly interested, will call on us or write to us, we will devote just as much time as they ask to discussing the subject. We are intensely interested in the subject, regardless of the fact that we have the goods to sell. Write us, 'phone us, come and see us or let us send our traveling representatives to see you.

The following is an interesting statement: In Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, since 1879, the cotton area has increased 5,966,888 acres, or 269.6 per cent., while the production has increased 25 per cent. The production of these states has increased but 15.4 per cent. more than the acreage. In North Carolina, South Carolina Georgia and Alabama, in the same period, the acreage has increased 45.6 per cent, while the production has increased 96.8 per cent. The production in these States has increased 51.2 per cent more than the acreage. Note the comparison.

The rich lands of Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, have increased their production, as compared with the acreage, a little over 15 per cent., while the production, as compared with the acreage in the states where enormous quantities of commercial fertilizer are used, has been increased over 51 per cent.

These figures are obtained from a publication of the Department of Commerce and Labor at Washington, showing the cotton production and statistics through the crop of 1905.

Why is this great difference? We people in this section of the country claim to have the richest lands. If this is the case, why have we not increased our yields per acre in the same proportion as the older states? We sincerely believe it is because the latter states use commercial fertilizer on every acre of cotton they plant, and we do not.

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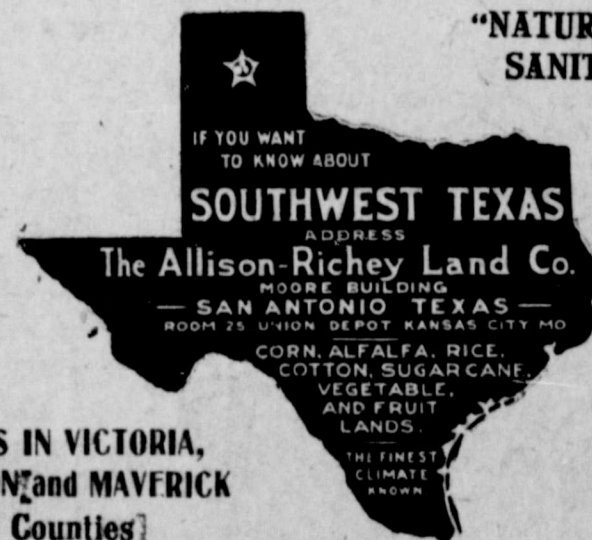
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Madame Emma Calve was born in France the 15th of August, 1870, and dwelt during all her childhood amongst the wild and picturesque sites of Spain. From these early environments come those inspirations, that strength, that truth of conception, which made her one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of our singers and actresses of today.

Not mentioning the reception given to her in all the European drawing-rooms, she made her formal "debut" at Florence in 1890, in the "Cavalleria Rusticana," and, indeed, the entire Italian press of those days testified to the enthusiasm at once accorded her peerless realizations.

Immediately engaged for 1892 at the Opera-Comique, Paris, she renewed her success in "Cavalleria Rusticana," and, indeed, revolutionized the artistic world by her conception of that role; but much more by the production that same year of "Carmen" she proved to the world all those infinite resources of voice and fine comprehension of the most delicate situations.

Heard, remarked, admired by Mr. Maurice Grau, then director of the New York Metropolitan Opera House, her services were immediately acquired for the reason of 1894.

From then on, her successes are innumerable, and the continual ovations received in the presentation of "Carmen" are so vivid in the memory of all that they need not be dwelt upon in this all-too-brief notice.

Every year from that date, New York, and nearly all the States of the Union, have had the pleasure of hearing her voice, and giving well won applause, either in the great theatres of the Republic or in concerts where, most unfortunately, seating capacity was always too small.

The success of Madame Calve has its source not alone in her deep, well matured knowledge of each of her roles, but above all in her voice at once soulful and unique. Madame Calve possesses a contralto-soprano, by which she can descend to the lowest notes and ascend to the very highest, thereby executing, with accompaniment of the flute, the most difficult vocalizations.

Most prima donnas are all of the same pattern, like so many French dolls packed in a box. They may differ as to the cut of their

features and the color of their hair. Nordica is big and blonde and plain. Melba and Eames are big and dark and handsome, and Schumann-Heink is bigger and brunette. But put them up on the stage and so far as personality goes you couldn't sit two rows back and tell 'em apart to save your neck.

But Calve—ah, she is different. She is picturesque-capricious, darling. Here is a piquing, witching personality, as full of contradictions and unexpectedness as an egg is full of meat. She has alternately shocked and fascinated the public ever since she first flashed into its view, the most vividly, really, human, wicked Carmen the world has ever seen. People who don't know an Italian aria from a ten-cent cigar have heard all about Calve and her temper and her pet dog and her lovers, and the Carmen kiss. They are aware that she gets more moey a night for singing than any other woman in the world, and that she is as eccentric and queer as she is gifted and great. Curiosity ought to be good for at least three thousand people when Calve sings here and if we can't furnish that many more who really love music we ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

By the way, Mr. Gordon, Calve's manager, told a funny story about the fair diva the other day. In arranging for the lady's concert tour he told her he wanted many, many photographs of her of different sorts and poses. "I want a photo of you in your auto and one on horse back, and one of you driving in your carriage. And I want one of your house, and one of the porch with you in it, and one of every room in the house with you in it also," he said, with the privileged peremptoriness of the manager. "Vat!" cried the vivacious Emma, with a sidelong glance of her expressive eye, "An' you don't want von of me in my bath-tub—No?"

It is precisely this dash of Gallic salt in the diva's composition that makes her so interesting to a gush-weary public. Even a little naughtiness is preferable to the column of slobber in which we learn that this great singer is supporting a horde of impecunious relatives, and that t'other one has been to sing for some blind woman and left a little gift of a thousand dollars in place of a visiting card.

San Antonio, Tex.—Texans are very much interested in the experiments made by Dr. Leon Landon of Los Angeles in the use of cactus as food. The doctor used a cactus diet for 14 days, making it into soup, omelettes, sherbets, salads and drinking the juice. Cactus preserves have already been made out of the fruit of the prickly pear in this State, and an El Paso firm

ments are being made to manufacture denatured alcohol from it. It has also a long and tough fibre, and some varieties are already utilized by the Mexicans to make rope. Experiments are now under way to demonstrate that both bagging and burlap can be made from the cactus fibre. The plant is exceedingly abundant in Southwest Texas, existing in many varieties, known as prickly pear, sotol, maguey, Spanish dagger, etc. The plant undoubtedly has great possibilities, and a big fortune awaits the man who can show the way to turn them to practical commercial use.

The mid-winter meeting of the State Horticultural Society will be held at San Angelo some time soon. West Texas has come to be a great fruit growing country, judging from the trees planted in these newly settled countries. Soon fruit of various kinds will become a product of great value in this western section, as well as an attractive part of the life of the farmers.

San Antonio now maintains a press bureau supported by the Business Men's Club. The writer in charge, a newspaper man of experience and ability, sends out to papers all over the United States each week articles and photos pertaining to affairs and happenings in Southwest Texas. These articles go out as news, and are used by papers over the country generally. Their benefit in advertising the city and Southern Texas has already become apparent in the bringing of men and money to that part of the State.

THE GIMMICK.

By R. C. Scott.

Near the fozzled edge of a yam-yam tree
Where the burbling breezes waft their way
A Gimmick sat on the ragged edge
Of a bayram bush and chortled gay.

"Oh I am the Wimmus of Foolish land
The Beeker and Bim and lord of the band
I rule o'er the Fozzles that stamp and bray
I'm the real real thing he hooted gay.

"Let none of the breed of the Coo-Fly over the land where my feet
'Coo bird have stirred
For the rage of a Gimmick is great
'quoth he
'And the Wimmus of all of the Gimmicks is me."

Just then a Ding-bat flapped his wings
And sharpened his claws and poisoned his stings.
And swooped with a swop right down on his back
With a shriek of slithering rage—
Alack;
Oh the fight was long and the blod ran red
Till the Wimmus of foolish land was dead.

So this is the moral, my lad and lass
With an ax you can always break
—a glass.

No Monkey Ranch.

An Omaha man was taking an automobile trip through the ranching section of the State, and to save time took a short cut over a bad stretch of road, full of jolts and bumps. During the afternoon his machine broke down, and, as the monkey wrench was missing from his tool kit, he started for the nearest ranch house to borrow one. On arriving he found the farmer repairing his fence.

"Have you a monkey wrench about here that I can use?" he asked. "Ay tank not," replied the farmer. "Yonson in nax saction ha kape cattle ranch, Svenson down har ha kape sheep ranch. Fallar bane big fool to make monkey ranch in dese place."

Identified Her.

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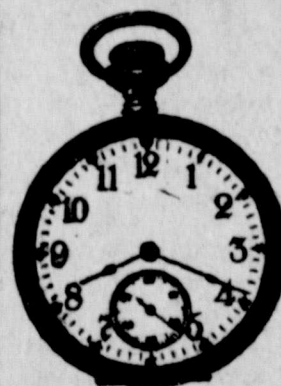
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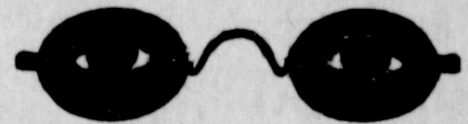
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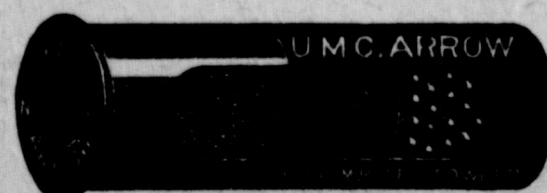
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