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## Christmas in the Philippines.

This has been a unique Christmas with us. Nine days before Christmas the Catholics begin their celebrations. At half past three every morning their iron throated bells opened up with a banging that would "split the ears of the groundlings". By four o'clock the people were assembled in the church where they heard mass. At night all joined in grand procession. Many of the saints were carried on the shoulders of men. Besides this, they play the flight into Egypt every night. For this purpose they constructed a right respectable donkey and mounted him on wheels. The Virgin Mary rode the donkey and carried the infant in her arms while Joseph led the beast. The carriage which contained these wayfarers was drawn by small boys. A band of musicians marched alongside while a great throng of people displayed the most gorgeous decorations and illuminations. This may seem useless to us but it is certainly impressive to the people for whom it was prepared.

On Christmas day we climbed Mt. Arayat. Bright and early we packed up a fine lot of the best "chow" we could get and set out. I did not take my gun. This may seem a little strange but you must remember the Filipinos have no guns. The government will not allow them to possess guns unless they secure a permit and give a \$100 bond, which is next to impossible with them. They are just like everybody else in one respect: they desire the very thing they can't get. So they would just about give soul and body for firearms. If a fellow is out alone he is in much more danger with a gun than without one. The natives don't intend to hurt him at all but they will ambush him and chop him down with bolos just to get his gun. So instead of taking a gun I took a bolo. The only use I had for the latter was to fight pythons. The python is a snake that grows to the length of thirty feet and is large in proportion. It is said that the monster can swallow a goat or deer as easily as we swallow pills. I thought if one made a special effort it might play a Jonah trick on me. In this event I meant to hew my way out with the bolo.

We toiled hard up the precipitous slope. The tropical vegetation gradually gave way to the semi-tropical and this in turn to the temperate. The temperature changed from a hot summer day at the base to a brisk autumn breeze near the summit. After a five hour climb we "stood tiptoe on the misty mountain top". The view was grand and inspiring. Thus to be lifted above the sordid things of earth right up into the presence of the Infinite has an ennobling influence upon any one. I read in a very ancient and venerable book that Christ himself protested very mildly against the temptation of Satan until the latter appeared to him on a mountain, then he sternly drove the wicked one from his presence.

After we had eaten our lunch

and taken a long rest, we begin to descend. Two hours brought us again to the base of the mountain. Here we bought some roasting ears fresh from the stalks. While Miss Nannie roasted them over a native stove, I took a plunge in a near-by bathing pool. This was very fine. I'm glad that the pool came in the way for as we have eternal summer, there is, of course, no spring-time to remind a fellow that he ought to take his annual bath. I hope to establish the custom of taking mine on Christmas day.

In some of my previous letters I have described certain follies of the Filipinos. This time the joke is on me. I was recently exposed to a malady that was said to be bubonic plague. As soon as I learned the danger to which I was exposed I hastened home to spend my last earthly hours in my own domicile. As the disease had not taken hold of me when I reached home, I set in to destroy the germs if possible. A tomato can full of coal oil and a match soon disinfected my clothes, but it was a different proposition when it came to cleansing my hide. I have heard that whiskey is a good disinfectant and for once I wished for a whole barrel of high-bead. As the wish brought no whiskey I took the best substitute I could get. Very soon I had bathed myself in strong vinegar. The short of the story is that I did not take the plague but lost a considerable part of my epidermis as a result of the result of the bath. Now since the danger is over I have no idea the vinegar did any good. This simply shows what a fellow may do when he doesn't know what else to do.

Listen! I have six brand new suits of clothes. Now don't ask who has had a burn until I explain. The six suits cost me thirty-eight Pesos in Philippine currency, which is equivalent to \$19 U. S. A tailor made suit can be bought here for \$2.50. A pound of beefsteak costs 22 cents. A little figuring will show that a suit of clothes cost less than 12 pounds of steak.

An American wedding was recently solemnized in this province. The bride was a school teacher and the groom a revenue man. There was of course no prospective daddy-in-law here to play the shotgun farce; so the friends of the couple kept up interest by dining and wining, toasting and teasing, giving linen showers, tin showers, silver showers and various other showers until the contracting parties were exhausted before they reached the ceremony. However, they were at last snugly married and both the bride and groom are doing nicely, as far as the public knows.

Cholera is doing some mischief in the Philippines at present. It hasn't broken out furiously but there are sometimes three or four deaths a day as a result of the disease. About nine-tenths of the people who take cholera die with it, and they are not long about it. From the time one feels the first symptoms of chol-

## UNDER EXCITEMENT.

FRIENDS OF CLARENCE DAVIS PUZZLED AT HIS ACTION.

Was Last Heard from at Jacksonville a Week Ago. Deficit \$8,000.

Palestine, Tex., Feb. 8.—The disappearance of Clarence Davis, city assessor and collector, and the deficit of city funds was the absorbing topic discussed by the citizens today.

Today \$400 in checks were found in the cash drawer of the collector, and a deposit of \$400 made by Davis as collector was found in one of the banks. Of the \$29,000 in the hands of Treasurer Gooch it is estimated that some \$800 is due Davis. This reduces the deficit to about \$8400.

Mayor Hearne has engaged J. M. Fullinwider, an expert accountant, to go over the records for the past four years. Mr. Fullinwider has served as assessor and collector and is familiar with the work.

Davis was last seen at Jacksonville a week ago tonight, and it is believed took a Texas & New Orleans train for New Orleans. On that day he deposited about \$800 in checks with the treasurer.

That \$5,000 was deposited and drawn by Davis last Saturday at one of the banks is evidence that the shortage really amounted to some \$2,700, and to his friends his action is puzzling. Many state that recently, for some reason, he was mentally under some excitement that preyed on his mind, and his action was made on a sudden impulse, as it was in his power to have made away with \$15,000 to \$20,000. However, just why the bond of 1904 and the record have disappeared, as well as that of 1906, remains to be seen. No one will positively state just who the bondsmen are, and in the absence of bonds and records the city council Monday night will have a hard nut to crack in making recovery from bondsmen, if it is ascertained who they are.

It will likely be not more than five hours until he be on the other shore with a harp, unless he should happen to miss the trail and get a pitchfork instead of a harp.

There is a young widower in town, one San Pedro, a preacher. Peter and wife frequently "scrapped". The wife is dead. Rumor had it that Peter struck the fatal blow, but the doctor says the spouse played the Socrates trick and drank the fatal hemlock juice to spite Peter. It is said that Saint Peter is well pleased with the result.

A friend in writing me asks: "Do the natives eat monkeys?" No, not when the fellow is well. The monkey is considered too great a luxury for a well man. When the epidemic of smallpox breaks out the people play havoc with the monkeys. Besides being a dainty dish they are thought to be good medicine for smallpox.

Hurrah for the Messenger's staff of correspondents. What other paper can show such a variety of good writers? I am glad to note that Mr. S. H. is a recent contributor. I always did like a fellow that had definite

## Col. W. J. Bryan's Opinion.

The plan of guaranteed bank deposits has probably found favor, among all classes of people and irrespective of political affiliation, more rapidly than any other public question.

The new state of Oklahoma has already enacted a law taxing state banks, the fund thus accumulated to be used in paying the depositors of any state that from any cause becomes unable to meet its obligations. A special session of the Kansas legislature has been called for the purpose of enacting legislation similar to the Oklahoma plan. The governor of Nebraska is considering the advisability of calling a special session of the legislature on account of the growing belief among the people that protection to bank depositors in the form of state or federal guarantees of deposits will stop the hoarding of money, bring into circulation sufficient currency to conduct the business of the country, and prevent a recurrence of such disastrous panics as the one through which we are now passing.

Mr. Bryan has been an advocate of a law guaranteeing deposits in state and national banks since 1893. The legislature of Ohio has adopted a joint resolution inviting Mr. Bryan to address its members in joint session February 18, 1908, on the subject of Guaranteed Bank De-

posits. Mr. Bryan, in discussing the tariff question, insists that residents of the United States should be permitted to buy home-made goods at home at as low a price as the foreigner can buy American-made goods abroad. He also insists that our government should be by and for the people as a whole, rather than by and for the trusts, and administered in the interest of a few beneficiaries of the trust system. He believes that national legislation for the purpose of better regulation and control of interstate commerce and common carriers should supplement state legislation, and not be a substitute for state legislation.

Mr. Bryan's paper—The Commoner—reflects his opinions each week on questions of public importance and in its columns may also be found his magazine articles, public speeches, addresses and lectures, which are referred to in the daily press from day to day.

If you are interested in political questions, if you desire to keep in touch with the progress of the campaign and to read Mr. Bryan's campaign speeches, we will send you the Commoner each week until the close of the presidential campaign and the Messenger one year for only \$1.50. Order quick as this offer will not last long.

Woodell—Royall.

A. M. Woodell and Miss Lucy Royall were quietly married in the presence of a few friends at the Methodist parsonage last Saturday night, Rev. J. C. Cameron officiating. They left on the south bound train for Rogan, where Mr. Woodell is interested in the mercantile business.

While extending to the happy couple congratulations and our best wishes for a happy married life, we very much regret to lose them as residents of our town. The groom is a Grapeland boy, having been reared among us, and enjoys the esteem and good will of a large circle of friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Royall and has made Grapeland her home for a number of years. She was very popular in social affairs and will be greatly missed by her many friends and admirers.

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While in town Monday Walter Howard shined his subscription up twelve notches and also renewed his brother's subscription—W. H. Howard at Troupe. These are the kind of men the Messenger likes to have on its list—men who believe in standing by home institutions and patronizing home industry—and we have a good many of that type.

Good Outlook for Fruit

Crockett, Texas, Feb. 11.—A number of the most prominent fruit growers of this section have expressed themselves as being confident that the outlook for a banner peach and pear crop in this part of the state was never brighter. This point for many years has been a heavy shipping point for peaches and pears, and a number of young orchards recently put out in this county will produce their first good crop this year. Very few of the peach trees have bloomed out, and these seem to be only those in the first stage of blight.

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## PEANUTS IN TEXAS

Thousands of acres of land were given up to peanuts this year, and the profits have been so satisfactory that this acreage will be largely increased the coming year. There are several peanut factories now in the state. We are informed that the factory at Terrell has, during the past season, shipped over 6000 to 8000 bushels per week. These figures serve to give one an ideal of the growing importance of the Texas peanut industry.

One of the strong points in connection with peanuts is that they thrive in soil that is too poor to grow any other crop. The sandy lands of East Texas can raise millions of bushels of peanuts, and add this wealth to the state.

The peanut is one of the richest seeds for animals that the farm can raise. It is far richer in protein—that valuable element that makes flesh and muscle—than either corn or oats, or any other of the staple farm crops. It is a better hog feed than corn.

Though the nut is the essential part of the crop, the vines make a hay that is considered the equal of clover for fattening stock. It is one of the farm products that yield rich crops below ground and above.

In addition to its food value the peanut is rich in oil, and is the equal of cotton seed, or even has more oil to the ton. The oil is just as good, too, and will make just as fine oleomargarine or silver leaf lard. The uses of the oil of peanuts are many, and it is bound to become a rival of cotton seed oil, though it will be a long time before a sufficient quantity of it is produced to supply the market. Again, there are no finer forage crops than peanuts. When the peanuts are about grown and the vines are still green and fresh let the vines be pulled up by the roots and cured into hay. The vines, combined with the nuts that cling to them, make a forage richer than almost any other single crop. As regards food value the analysis shows that peanut kernels with an average of 29 per cent of protein, 40 per cent of fat and 14 per cent of carbohydrates, in the dry material, take a high rank, and should be classed with such concentrated foods as soda beans, cotton seed, etc. The vines, suja bens, cotton seed, etc. The vines as a feed stuff are but slightly inferior to alfalfa hay. The food value of the hay is, of course, the higher the more nuts are left on the vines. The hulls also appear to have considerable value as a feed stuff, being much richer in valuable food constituents (protein, fat and carbohydrates), than cotton seed hulls, which are used extensively for feeding cattle, and are about equal to the poorer grades of hay. In European countries the ground hulls are used to a considerable extent as a coarse fodder. Peanut meal, the ground residue after the oil extraction, is a valuable feeding stuff, highly appreciated and extensively used in European countries. It ranks with cotton seed meal, linseed meal, etc., and in some respects is ahead of them.

As regards fertilizing constituents, the analysis shows that the peanut, like other leguminous plants, is rich in nitrogen, and contains considerable amounts of phosphoric acid and potash. The kernels are rich in these constituents as the kernels of cotton seed, and the vines are nearly as valuable a fertilizer as cowpeas.

There are few mills in Texas for the cleaning of peanuts. The freight rates to the mills in Virginia and North Carolina are prohibitive, higher than the rates from Japan and Spain. Therefore, under present rates, it is not profitable to grow in Texas and ship to the mills in those states for marketing. There should be some regulating of this matter so that the nuts may be shipped at a profit to the grower.

The Brier Peanut Company, of Wakefield, Va., writes that they

may come to Texas to establish a mill unless there be some remedy for present high rates. Now, also, a mill for the extraction of peanut oil is being talked of for Seguin.

Like many other exclusively cultivated plants, the peanut has not been found in a truly wild state, and hence it is difficult to fix upon its habitat. So widely has it been cultivated in Eastern lands that it is difficult to trace its spread from China to Japan, thence through the East India islands to India, and thence to Africa, where in the seventeenth century it was extensively cultivated and had become such an article of native food that the slave dealers loaded their vessels with it, using it as food for their cargoes of human freight. But the weight of authority seems to be in favor of accepting it as a native of Brazil, thus adding the peanut to the other four plants of commercial value that America has contributed to the agricultural world, viz, cotton, corn, potatoes and tobacco. Though it may have been a native of the Western continent it early became a largely cultivated plant in the warmer portions of the Old World, occupying a distinct place in the agriculture of those countries before its merits were recognized in the land of roigin.

## DRAIN UPON THE FORESTS. Are Being Cut Three Times as Fast as They Grow.

Since 1880 the sources of lumber supply have undergone remarkable changes. The first change was in the regions from which the principal kinds of lumber were procured, and this was followed by the substitution of other kinds of wood in their places. Neither the centers of the lumber industry nor the leading classes of woods are the same as they were twenty-five years ago. In 1880 nine States—Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Washington—produced 52.8 per cent, or more than half of the total lumber production of the United States. In 1906 these States produced 51.5 per cent, practically the same proportion, but the changes which have taken place in the output of individual States are very striking. Michigan, for instance, cut 23 per cent of the total in 1880, and but 5.6 per cent in 1906; Louisiana cut 0.7 per cent of the total in 1880 and 7.5 per cent in 1906; Washington furnished but 0.9 per cent of the lumber production of 1880 and 11.5 per cent of that of 1906. The cutting out of the virgin timber in the North and East has been followed by increased drains upon the forest resources of the South and West.

Despite these conditions the amount of timber required has increased year by year. The increase in consumption of timber since 1880 has been more rapid than the increase of the population, and greater than in any similar period in the history of the country. This shows in a striking manner how much the nation depends upon forest products, and indicates how greatly all interests must suffer as lumber becomes scarcer and dearer.

Statistics gathered by the bureau of the census and the forest service show that the quantities of timber used last year for lumber, shingles, ties, pulpwood, cooperage stock, mine timbers, lath, distillation, veneer, poles, tanning and turpentine and rosin, expressed in board feet, reach a total of approximately 50 billion board feet.

While these drains upon the forest are known with reasonable certainty, there are others of which there is no record. These are the demand for posts, fuel, and domestic purposes, regarding which it is more difficult to obtain information, because the products often pass through no market, but are consumed on the farm, where they were produced. Careful estimates, however, place the total of wood used for fuel alone at an equivalent of 50 billion board feet a year.

It will be seen, then, that the

present consumption of wood in all forms is above 100 billion board feet annually. Estimating the forest area of the United States at from 500 to 700 million acres, and the annual growth at 60 board feet per acre, the yearly increase is from 30 to 42 billion feet. At this rate the annual growth barely equals the amount consumed for lumber alone. Considering all the drains the annual consumption of wood is probably three times the annual growth. Detailed estimates of standing timber range from 1400 to 2000 billion feet. Using the larger figure, and considering the annual growth of 40 billion feet, it appears that there is not more than thirty-three years' supply of timber in this country at the present rate of consumption.

At present only about 22 per cent of our total forest area is in State or National forests, the remainder being unreserved public lands, or in private hands. The forest area is amply sufficient, if rightly managed, to produce eventually enough timber to supply all our needs. Yet private owners, as well as the State and National governments, must use their forest lands in a right way if we are to maintain our timber supply.

Circular 129, just issued by the forest service, contains a discussion of the drains upon the forests and the resources and the duration of the timber supply. This publication will be sent free upon application to the Forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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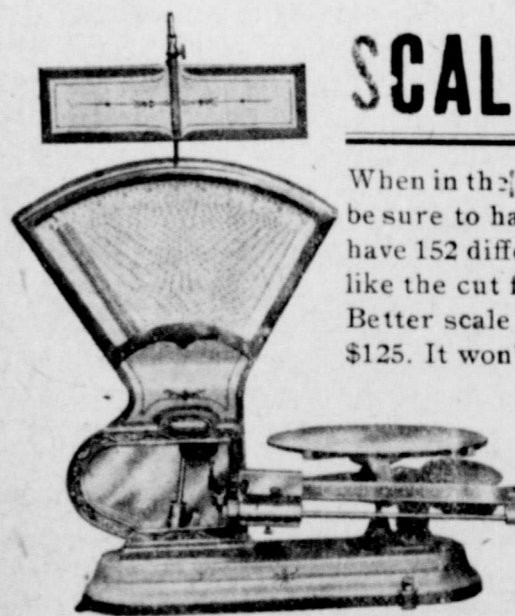
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(By W. C. Griffing.)

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While in some sections of the Gulf coast states the well known Northern or American varieties are found to succeed, yet other special types have been developed, some particularly valuable to the more humid sections, others to the arid, semi-arid, sub-tropic sections, and others to still different conditions.

For the humid sections, the native Muscadine and Scuppernon type do best, and improved selections of these have been made, which we offer. These produce abundantly, and a plentiful supply should be at every home in such section.

While some of the varieties of these types may be extended into more arid sections, yet these are not sufficiently desirable, when we remember that the Vinifera, or so-called California, or European grape can be successfully grown there.

These have been grown and fruited with remarkable success in a large way in West Texas, and are now being planted largely in South, or semi-tropic Texas south and west of Corpus Christi. It is a remarkable fact that in the latter sections they ripen quite two months earlier than the same varieties in California. Malaga grapes, Muscat of Alexandria, Flame Tokay, Rose of Peru, and other famous old world grapes, ripen in June, when they are in no other United States market from any other source, is a thing Semi-Tropic Texas can well be proud of. The Barstow section, and others near by, in West Texas, and from there South, is admirably adapted to them. But we do not recommend them for humid locations.

Our list it will be seen embraces varieties adapted to all the different localities mentioned and planters should be guided by the considerations we have mentioned.

Most remarkable Vinifera grape vines have been brought to notice in Semi-Tropic Texas by our horticulturist, some of which have borne for twenty years, most astonishing crops of these famous grapes.

A very important and interesting fact is that these old vines are invariably grafted on the native Mustang roots, and without doubt their longevity and productiveness is accounted for largely thereby.

We are propagating them so grafted for our customers, but the process is somewhat slow, and for the present there will be few to offer. But they are succeeding well on their own roots, as has been stated, and for the present we must be content with this.

We are studying this great question very closely, and expect to have something very valuable and new to offer our customers in this line next year.

Grape vines bear a fine crop the second year, and frequently give considerable fruit the year they are planted. The Vinifera sorts mentioned are paying handsome profits, up to as high as \$400 per acre, by the third or fourth year.

They ship safely for long distances, and find a ready market because they ripen weeks ahead of the same varieties from other sources, and are so much nearer the great markets of the United States that very handsome profits will be derived from the section indicated.

A peculiar and attractive feature of these varieties is, that in semi-tropic sections they bear a second and even a third crop

each year, under thorough cultivation and irrigation.

Under a good system of cultivation, and with a fair depth of soil, irrigation is not essential for vineyards, except in the semi-arid southwest section. Yet it is our belief that in considerable sections, where the rainfall is ample, the crop could be increased to a very profitable degree by one judicious irrigation during the dry spell, which comes nearly every season.

For the strictly arid sections our horticulturist recommends the stump pruning system, whereby each vine is tied up the first and second year to a stick, and thereby made to assume a low tree, from which the current year's shoots are annually cut back to three or four nodes. This is the cheapest and simplest method, and it seeds the fruit perfectly. But it is only adapted to regions with very dry atmosphere.

For the semi-arid sections, where there is considerable humidity, especially in spring time, this method is not at all suited. In such locations use a simple stake, nine feet high, set two feet in the ground and train the vine to this, whether by tying only, or by the assistance of short cross-arms also. By this method the sun is allowed to reach every portion of the soil, sufficient cultivation can be practiced both ways, and thereby the black rot fungus is less troublesome and more easily combated.

In humid sections the varieties which should be used are little affected by black rot, and the Munson Trellis, so well known among fruit growers, is recommended.

A grape arbor is a thing of beauty, and should be possessed by everyone. For the arid sections many of the strongly growing Vinifera varieties will do admirably. For the semi-arid (or semi-humid) sections the Black Spanish, Herbermont, or Mustang cannot be excelled. For the humid sections, any of the Scuppernon or Muscadine varieties.

This depends on the varieties, sections and methods of training. But generally speaking, 10x10 feet is not far from right. This is frequently modified to suit the requirements of cultivation and irrigation, by planting farther apart one way, and nearer the other, the wide way being the distance it is desired to irrigate and cultivate most frequently.

**COMBINING POULTRY AND FRUIT GROWING.**

It needs no argument to prove that the two distinct industries of fruit raising and poultry keeping fit in together in a remarkable fashion. Such a combination is no longer an experiment, but the possibilities have not all been realized. The needed shade in the poultry yard being supplied by fruit bearing trees, and the special care needed by each branch of the work coming at different times in the season, it only remains to determine the way to bring about the best possible result.

The varieties of fruit trees should be selected that always find a ready sale in the markets. Each section has sorts that thrive best in that section. By a judicious choice one may be sure of good returns when the trees are once established. Apples do especially well when helped by the continued enrichment of the soil by the fowls, and by the wise choice of varieties, may be made exceedingly profitable. On account of their quick growth, plums, apricots, peaches and pears are much esteemed for planting in chicken runs. The plum curculio has a hard time of it with a crowd of vigorous fowls lying in wait for whatever of insect food may come their way.

It is by no means uncommon to find plum trees that never yielded enough fruit to be of commercial value until chickens were allowed a free access to the ground on which they grew. On this account the growing of plum trees in poultry yards is meeting with increasing favor, and it has been found that heavy profits in plums are thus made

possible.

But the combination of fruit and poultry raising does not need to depend altogether on the trees in the yards themselves. There is a wider method coming into public favor as its results are seen and appreciated. Small fruits, it has been found, can be more successfully raised with the help of the poultry than with out. It is not usually practicable to grow the bushes in the regular chicken runs, but other arrangements can be made. One method of accomplishing this came under the writer's eye recently. A farmer, narrating his experience, said that he kept his fowls in their own yards till they devoured all green vegetation in them. Then he turned them into a quarter acre patch of red raspberries planted conveniently for this purpose. Here they had the benefit of a good run and change of surroundings, while the berry bushes received shallow cultivation and insect pests were destroyed. He cut a door in the side of the hen house adjoining the patch which he had enclosed with wire fencing. The fowls seemed very happy, thriving finely, while the bushes afforded them the coolest of shade. When the berries began to be large enough to be a temptation to the chickens, the fowls were turned back into their own quarters, which by this time were fresh and green once more. After the fruit was picked the owner again gave the birds the run of the berry patch where the benefit would be mutual for the rest of the season. The plan worked admirably, and convinced the farmer that he had hit on a most valuable idea.

We often hear of old orchards which seem to be past bearing, producing paying crops again after having been turned into poultry pasture. Such profits are not to be despised. Chickens and garden seem a strange combination, but the younger chicks (not the old fowls), are very useful in a garden in many cases. In one instance, after an experiment of three years on insect infested ground, good results were reported. Wire worm and turnip fly were almost gone. At the beginning not a turnip could be saved. Not one goose-

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THE MESSENGER.

Letter From. S. H. Lively.

Grapeland, Tex. Feb. 2.—As the dark benighted clouds of the money panic has passed over and the chilly hand of Lagrippe has loosened his grasp on me, I thought I would come again.

Some where in the good book we find something like this: "He that knoweth his duty, and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes." I believe there should have been a condition there so as to excuse those that try to do his duty and could not get the majority.

I want the public to know something about our duty as officers. Article 824, A. of the County Commissioner's Guide Says: "It shall be the duty of county clerk to balance each account so kept, and make a tabular statement under oath at each regular term of the commissioner's court for the three months next preceeding the month when such court meets in regular session, to be presented to said court, during the second day of its term, specifying therein the name of the creditors of said county, and the indebtedness with their respective dates of accrual and also the names of persons to whom money has been paid, with the amount paid each, the names of persons from whom money has been received, with the date of receipt and for what account received during the quarter for which such statement is prepared. Said statement shall also show the amount to the credit of each fund separately."

I notice in the finance committee's report that there was not but one commissioner made his report out according to law. I would like to know if while they were serving as officers if they always made their reports out just right. In the future I hope I will have the pleasure of finding out. There is a way to find out all things. The Guide says all officers must make their annual and quarterly reports. If they had done this in the past, all the delinquent taxes would have been advertised every year and the officers books would have been checked up every year. But I find all of our officers have fallen short of their promise. I'll stop long enough to say, that in the future I expect to track the law on all propositions, regardless of public sentiment.

In regard to the taxes, the court was called to meet there a few days ago to discuss the state tax law, there was a copy before us and I don't see any way to dodge the question of the full rendition law. I believe there is a way out yet, that is, if we are forced to render our property in at full value, just get

down and cut the tax rate just as low as we can. I would be glad if we could cut it down to 75cts on the one hundred dollars worth of property. We paid 98cts on the hundred in 1906, and \$1.02 in 1907. If we have to go any higher with the rendition, I don't see any hope but to cut the rate, and as long as I can talk or vote, I will do all I can to cut the rate.

While we were at the last call meeting, there was an order passed that we should have 1500 copies of the new tax law published, and our generous hearted tax-assessor went down in his jeans and paid half the cost. It would be nice if all the officers were as free-hearted as him. It has been asked me a hundred times how the county stood in regard to county debt, whether it was decreased or not, on account of no finance committee report, I could not answer correctly. Now after the February term of court of 1908, I hope I can give a definite answer in regard to indebtedness of the county.

If this escapes the waste basket, I'll come again. Yours to serve.  
S. H. Lively.

### Hon. J. J. Faulk's Card to the Public.

In advance to an active campaign, I wish to make the following statement for the serious and unbiased consideration of the people of the third Judicial District.

Since the formation of this district in 1884, the position of district judge has been filled as follows:

Williams of Houston Co.	8 yrs.
Burnett of Houston Co.	2 yrs.
Lipscomb of Houston Co.	1 yr.
Total.....	11 yrs.
Reeves of Anderson Co.	1 yr.
Gill of Anderson Co.	2 yrs.
Gooch of Anderson Co.	3 yrs.
Word of Anderson Co.	1 yr.
Gardner of Anderson Co.	4 yrs.
Total.....	11 yrs.
Watkins of Henderson Co.	2 yrs.

These figures are not exactly accurate, but they approximate correctness near enough to call attention to the point I wish to make. In the 24 years Houston and Anderson county have had the judge 11 years each and Henderson county 2 years only. Tested by the rule of dividing honors in the counties, Henderson is clearly entitled to it now. I submit that the rule of rotation is fair, all things being equal, and Henderson county should have the preference, provided she tenders a man possessing qualifications, at least equal to the candidate from the other county, or counties. Anderson county has had the judge for the last two consecutive terms of 4 years each, and has now also the district attorney, who is sure to be elected for another term, as he has proven himself worthy and qualified. I know that this rule is based more upon sentiment than principle and it ought not to control at the expense of the public service. In selecting a man for office, the paramount question should be, is he honest and is he qualified? Entertaining these views, I could not conscientiously ask the support of any man unless he thought I possessed these qualities. And I would not ask to be preferred over Judge Gardner unless it is thought that I would fill the position with at least the same degree of efficiency as he. But I submit, that under the circumstances, the voter should prefer me to him, in case he thinks the

public service would be ministered as well by me as it is by him.

I know the people of Anderson county. I know that they are both just and generous, and when they understand the facts, will do justice to a sister county, even at the sacrifice of one of her worthy sons.

I could scarcely hope, and I would not promise to come fully up to the high standard efficiency of some of the men who have filled this place within the last twenty years. I trust, however, without seeming egotism, that I could promise to hold the standard, at least where it is now. But of my merits I judge not; let others judge. However, in my reflective moments, I sometimes doubt my ability to meet and successfully master the intricate problems that necessarily confront the district judge. In a great measure he has the life, the liberty and the property of the citizens in his hands. A mistake through ignorance is understandable. A wilful wrong by him is worse than treason. I sometimes think that the responsibilities of the trial judge are even greater than those of the judge of the court of last resort.

I have never donned the judicial ermine, but by the grace and partiality of my fellow citizens, I have held several positions of trust and honor. My official record is an open book. I have performed hundreds, yea thousands of official acts. Whether in the legislative halls or in the courts of the country, I never shirked duty. I say with pardonable pride I love my official record. It needs no defense at my hands, it is its own defender. From the private walks of life, my people called me to represent them in the State senate. While there, at their request, I prepared and had passed a special road law, but not till after they had been fully advised as to its contents and provisions. After trying it two years, it was not satisfactory and they instructed our representative to repeal it, which he accordingly did, without protest or objection from anyone. For this official act I was criticized by some, but I think unjustly, because a failure to do as I did, would have justly brought down upon my head the execrations of a confiding people. I do not mean to say but what I have made mistakes. If yea, they were overlooked by a charitable people, judging the act from the motive. When a public servant does wrong purposely, he ought to be criticized. I am no man worshiper and never permit my admiration for any man to blind me to his faults and wrongs. My opinion is that when any man undertakes to build up his private fortunes to the neglect of his public duties and at the expense of the public weal, he ought not only to be criticized, but should be discharged from the public service. On the other hand I am no man hater, and when a public servant does right, or what is demanded of him, the people ought to stand by him whether they like him or not. Poisoned shafts leveled at him, prompted by malice or envy, should be hurled back with double force at the source from whence they came. The position of district judge is an exalted and honorable one and if possible more responsible than exalted and honorable. Their selection should be characterized by calm deliberation. Dish rag

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politics should have nothing to do with it, neither should the political huckster or the hot-house politician be allowed to enter the councils of the brave and patriotic citizen in selecting a man for this most responsible position. I have confidence in the people. The body of them will do right and their verdict will be just at the polls, when they know all the facts. Relying upon the justice of our cause we confidently look forward with hopes of success. I still believe in the majority rule to nominate candidates for office. At the proper time I shall submit a proposition carrying out these views.

So that I may be posted, I respectfully request each and all of my friends to communicate with me by letter or otherwise, upon such matters as touching my candidacy as they may think proper. Any letter or communication received will be properly appreciated.

Thanking each and all for the interest up to this time in my behalf, and cherishing the hope that their efforts may be contin-

ued with mine to a successful termination, I am as ever your obedient servant,

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## Married in Crockett

The most surprising wedding that has ever taken place among our people happened at one o'clock Wednesday morning, when Mr. Sam Howard, Jr., and Miss Lilly Johnston were married.

The parents were bitterly opposed to the union and on this account the old time custom of "stealing your girl" through the back door was inaugurated. This being accomplished they drove to Crockett, waking up the County clerk in the dead hour of the night and procured license, going to the home of County Judge Spence where they were married at 1 o'clock.

At this writing Mr. and Mrs. Howard have not returned home. When they do no doubt they will receive the blessings of forgiving parents. We join their numerous friends in best wishes.

Common at Yorkland years ago, was discharged by Judge Wilson this morning. The third trial of the case.

Dr. Wm. Dawes has been appointed county health officer by Judge William Green.

W. P. Miller's city is alarmed over the recent deaths in his family. He believes some strange fate is visiting its members. Early morning he received a message from Ohio stating that one of his brothers had just died. A dispatch said that his sole living brother was ill and at

In this week's issue will be found the announcement of A. L. Goolsby for re-election to the office of tax collector. Gus is just completing his first term and has filled this position of trust to the entire satisfaction of all, so far as we know. He is making the race subject to the action of the democratic primaries and we commend his cause to your careful consideration.

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The infant of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brooks, who live a few miles east of town, died Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Chiles of Reynard paid us a pleasant call while in town one day last week.

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Maggie Williams, wife of "Uncle Yankee Tom" Williams one of our colored citizens died Sunday night from the effects of lagrippe.

Mr. B. E. Blount has decided to remain in East Texas and will cast his lot with the people of Palestine. He has purchased a shop in that city.

## Reynard News.

Feb. 10.—Lagrippe has kind loosened up on us a little and are trying to be thankful.

It is too wet to be pleasant to farmers, though some are up with their plowing. Our people are thinking of planting potatoes, the last of the week, provided T S and G. B. Kent will be the biggest planters. Each will plant about thirty-five bushels. Yes, we are going to "versify" but will plant cotton just the same.

Jack and Oscar Beazley are cutting with a wide hoe this year. Wish the boys well, and hope they will make ends meet. We not only need a little for a rainy day, but also for panic times.

From the reports of dynamite they are moving things around down at the shoals.

Our mail route has changed a little and a few of us have a pull at it going and coming.

J. L. Chiles had a horse to turn over some bee gums last Saturday and stung him pretty badly.

Our colored neighbors have had several deaths last week. Aunt Bauna Brandon had a stroke of paralysis last Thursday and died Saturday. She was an ex-slave and belonged to Dr. F. L. Meriwether. So our old black mummies are slipping away from us to the other world.

Masters Paul and Earl Kent are spending awhile with their papa.

We folks down this way are not afraid of being run over by a train for some time yet, but do feel like we will get to ride on a boat in eighteen or twenty months.

C. H. Beazley lost a good, ten-ant house by fire Friday. Do not know the particulars. ZACK.

## Oak Grove News.

Feb. 8.—It is with a sad heart that I come with my little mite of news this week from this community. When we visit the different burying grounds and see so many new graves and that of our friends and neighbors who have been taken from us in so short a time, and realizing that our time is near at hand, how careful ought we then to live; with what religious fear, a strict account we must give our behavior here.

Mrs. Rafe Parker is still in bad health.

Mr. Dock Clark has had an attack of lagrippe, but is up now.

Mrs. Edgar Bean is on the puny list with grippe.

Mrs. J. V. Ellis has been sick but is improving.

The farmers of this community are taking advantage of every pretty day and are getting along very slow with their work.

We are glad to know that friend Julius appreciates our communications and we will try to make them as interesting as possible.

Old Timer.

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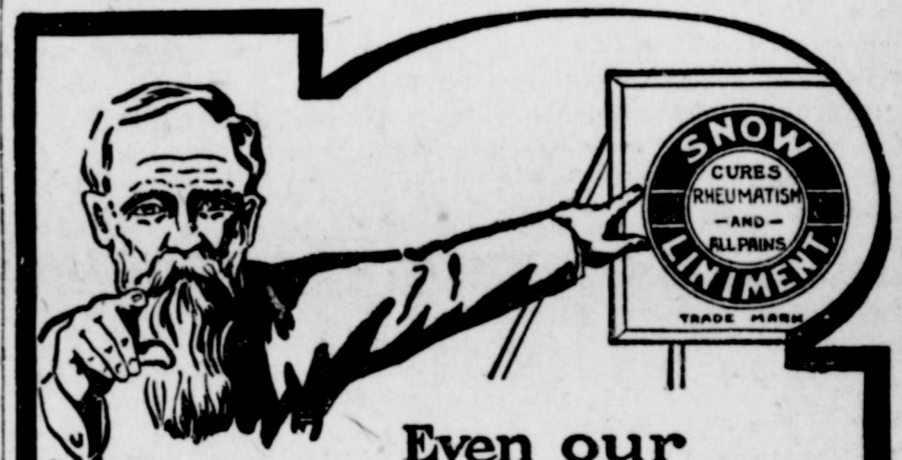
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## Martin—Prichard.

Mr. Lognn Martin of Ft. Worth and Miss Julia Prichard of Crockett were married last Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Jas. Leaverton, one mile south of town. Rev. H. E. Harris of Lovelady performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Martin left on the north bound train for their home in Fort Worth.

It is learned here that W. T. Pridgen and Miss Gertrude Pridgen were married in Waco one day last week. This report was confirmed Tuesday by a telegram from Mr. Pridgen to a friend. We join Wright's friends in best wishes.

Will Keen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keen, died at his father's home at an early hour Monday morning of pneumonia. He was about twenty years of age. This is the third death that has occurred in this family during the past eight days, Miss Fannie Keen, whose death was reported last week, and Mrs. Fred Bridges, who died Saturday morning. To the grief stricken parents, and to Mr. Bridges, the Messenger extends its sincerest sympathy.

Mr. J. L. Kennedy was a pleasant caller one day last week and showed his figures ahead. Mr. Kennedy has been a constant reader of the Messenger since its establishment.

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**PREPARING LAND FOR COTTON PLANTING.**

The average cotton planter has but little conception of the necessity of thoroughly preparing cotton land. Most of them regard ploughing as simply a necessity only when the land is overrun with grass or weeds. However, many are getting out of the idea and realizing that ploughing at other times is a prime object in securing good crops, and in this connection they are particularly realizing that fertilization or feeding to the plant certain plant food at the time of ploughing is also a very important item necessary to the successful outturn of a crop; especially at this season of the year, when there is little else to do, ploughing can be carried on to a great advantage, and it will lessen the amount of work necessary later in the season, when there is a rush on the farm.

There are certain rules which must be observed on the farm in ploughing at this season. There is a possibility that the new soil will be too wet and should not be turned up and allowed to sun dry. This permits the plant food to escape and, more than this, it practically deadens the soil so exposed in its wet state.

Harrowing the soil is practically unheard of in cotton farming, and yet there are tens of thousands of acres of corn and other grain land in the great grain belt that is always thoroughly harrowed before the crop is planted. Farmers who will harrow a small piece of cotton land will find the experiment very profitable. The idea to be carried out under the present conditions is to accomplish as much as possible with the least expenditure of labor. To do this it is necessary to have a half dozen things, but early ploughing is one of the most essential—thorough cultivation, a good season, and above all, high fertilization and proper handling of the crop will work wonders. Try the plan of special preparation on a few acres. Look out for the difference in profits and see if it will not justify fewer acres.

**COTTON SEED MEAL AND CAKE AS CATTLE FOOD**

The total production of cake or meal is about sufficient to feed more than 1,000,000 head of beef and dairy cattle the year round, while the hulls would supply roughage for 250,000 cattle for one year. If 1,000,000 head of cattle were fed on meal and hulls and the deficiency of roughage supplied by native grasses and hay, then the hulls and meal would supply 1,000,000 cattle for the entire year. As fattening cattle are usually kept for only about six months on food of this sort before being marketed, the supply of meal and hulls, supplemented with native grasses and hay, would supply 2,000,000 head of beef cattle for that time. Such a use of these products would create packing houses throughout the South and add another important industry to this section that would be of immense benefit to the whole people.

All of the hulls are now fed in the South to beef and dairy cattle, but a large part of the meal is exported or used in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers. This partial loss to the South of the most valuable feed-stuff produced in any country shows a lack of appreciation and enterprise that should not exist and will not continue for many years, as the value of the meal for feeding purposes is better known each year.—L. A. Ransom, in Cotton Seed Oil Magazine.

**THE DIPLOMA CURRANT AND ITS ORIGINATOR.**

(By Charles A. Green.)

Seventy years ago a son was born to a prominent Rochester, N. Y., nurseryman. When this son was still a young man his father died, leaving the son a large inheritance. The son was industrious and frugal. He was endowed by nature with a desire to improve our various hardy fruits. Early in his life he began to hybridize the apple, peach, pear, plum, cherry, grape, currant and almost all of the fruits grown in this locality. So deeply interested was this son in his work improving fruits that he neglected opportunities to marry, and has never had a home of his own.

Has this man increased his fortune by these labors of a lifetime? No, instead of that he has seen his inheritance, that came to him from his father, fading away year by year. He is now an old man, poor in this world's goods, but joyous in the satisfaction of knowing that he has done the world great service in introducing many valuable new fruits that have been created through his skillful manipulation.

This man's name is Jacob Moore. He originated the Brighton grape, the Diamond grape, the Bart-Sec Pear, the Red Cross Currant and many other new fruits, among these the Diploma Currant.

Jacob Moore's greatest work has been done in improving currants. When I visited his grounds, 10 years ago, I found there at least twenty new varieties of currants of various colors and sizes, but all remarkable in one peculiarity or another. These new currants attracted wide attention. They were exhibited at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, where Mr. Moore received a diploma for the largest and best exhibition of currants ever exhibited in this country. One of these varieties of currants being larger than all the others, and having the longest stem, it was given the name diploma currant.

Having known this new currant for ten or more years and having great confidence in it, I have planted many thousands of plants of this variety for fruit and also many thousand plants for propagation. It is my opinion that it will prove to be the largest currant in cultivation. Since it is remarkably productive and a strong grower, I see no reason why it should not become a general favorite.

But how sad to consider the disappointment of an old man like Jacob Moore, encumbered now with the infirmities of age, realizing that his life work, which has been of great value to the country at large, should be so little appreciated! The man who produces by his skill or discovery an improved variety of fruit, and makes the discovery known over this wide country, benefits his fellow man to the extent of many million dollars, but there are few who realize this. Possibly, after Jacob Moore has died, and his fruits are grown on almost every hillside of America, there may be a few who will sound his praises, but great masses of our people will never do him the honor he deserves.

**IMPROVEMENT OF THE PECAN.**

J. R. Wilmeth.  
 There's meat, money and luxury in it. Don't forget it. This I write for those who already have some pecan growth. It may be the bearing trees, or young seedlings coming on, or stools and shrubs encumbering your bottom field. It matters not which; take advantage of the situation, improve them, educate

them into bearing fine fruit, make them a thing of beauty and profit and a joy forever. If you haven't any pecan growth, plant some. They grow almost anywhere; in the fence corners, along the streams, or in the cultivated fields. But to be sure of something worth the trouble of growing get grafted trees of a reliable nursery. If you plant the nuts, no matter how fine, to make certain of good fruit you must still graft or bud; and it takes time.

The prerequisite to improvement is the source of suitable fine buds to propagate. On Colorado river almost every bend, having a grove of pecan trees, has one or more trees producing superior nuts. This is probably true of all streams from Red river to Rio Grande. These superior nut trees should be marked as a convenient source of supply for propagation material. And if the trees are old and heavy bearers it would be well to cut back some branches so as to bring a new growth from which buds. In the absence of or even with these, in a few have variety, and the best can be had, one should get a good variety of grafted from a reliable nursery. I have them growing hardy always to have good, free convenient. With good, selections on which to bud, do not have to wait long for them. In March, 1903, I put in thirty sprouts on Colorado, and in October, 1904, I had a few mature pecan trees. They have increased much in size and yield in 1906 and 1907.

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Crockett, Texas, February 9.—Mrs. C. B. Isabell died very suddenly at her home ten miles east of Crockett Friday morning at the advanced age of 65 years.

Mrs. Isabell had been in feeble health for some time but her condition was not thought to be serious, and her husband, C. B. Isabell, was in Rusk on business at the time of her death. Mrs. Isabell was the wife of County Commissioner C. B. Isabell and has been a resident of the county twenty-five years.

Mrs. Jack Fulton died at her home just north of Grapeland last Thursday morning, and was buried at the Parker cemetery.

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Mrs. Sam Moore and daughter Miss Alpha, returned to their home in Palestine Tuesday.

A. W. Pelham and family of Palestine attended the funeral of Mrs. Fulton last Thursday.

Commissioner Lively was in to see us Saturday and left a token of his good will in the shape of a wheel.

Misses Orix Moore and Lizzie Pritchard, Mrs. Chas. Hassell and children and Mrs. Julia Barbee of Crockett attended the Martin-Pritchard wedding last Wednesday.