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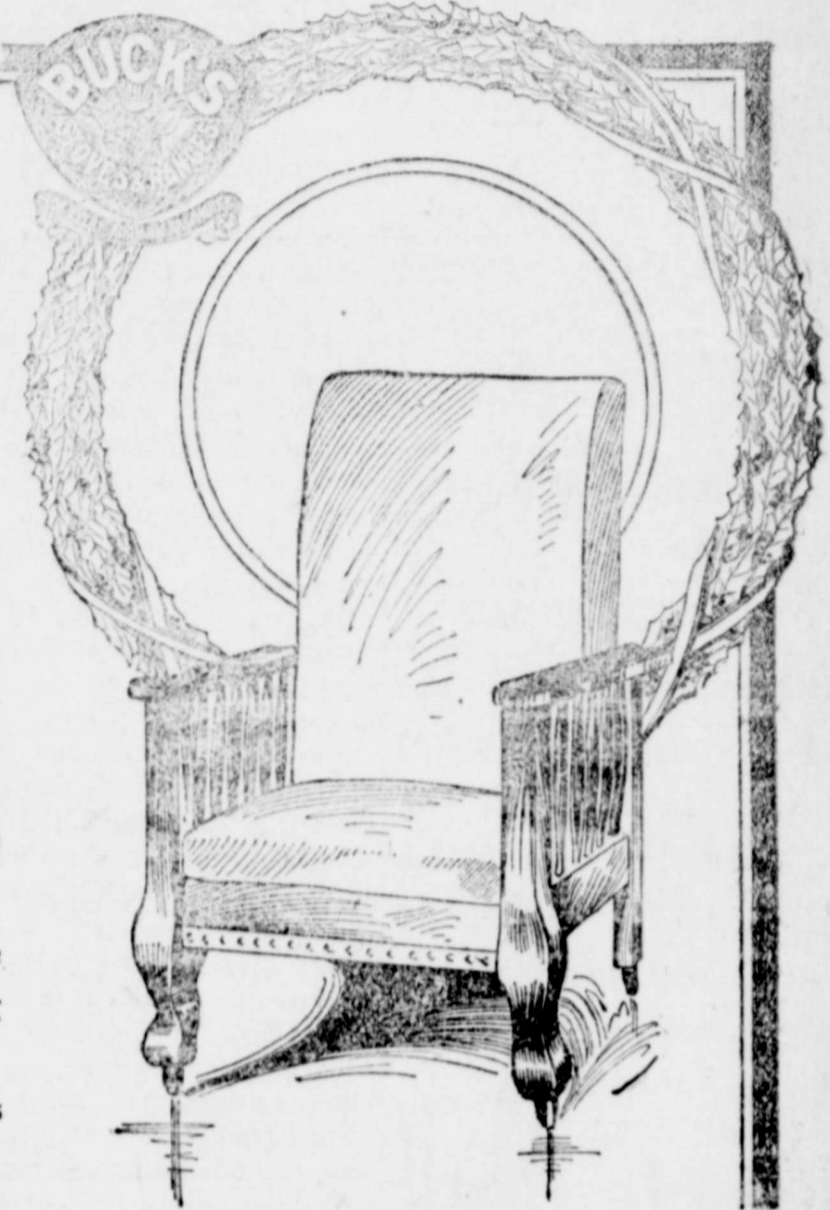


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Boys List

Name	Votes	Prize
Dick Murchison	138525	Saddle
Ben Frisby	44460	Wagon
Leslie Bridges	43551	Wagon
Abner Daily	40900	Gun
Elmer Brumley	30385	Gun
Fordy Newman	29880	Gun
Oakley Bean	25160	Shoes
Houston Lively	23615	Shoes
Luther Dotson	21530	Shoes

The following boys will please call and get a suitable reward for the interest they took in our contest, as we wish to reward all who entered and helped us to make such a success of it: Carl Fulton, Roy Morehead, Willis Shave., Raymond Garner, Enoch Whitaker, Chas Lenard, jr., Virginia Walker, Tom Williams, Bryan Tyer, Verno Phillips, Elma Spruill, Harley Gadway, Henry Redman, Roy Hudnel, Warner Lockety, Elroy Ray, Murdock S. Murchison.

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All \$1.00 wagons now.....90c
All 1.25 wagons now.....\$1.15
All 1.50 wagons now.....1.25
All 1.75 wagons now.....1.50
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Any boy would be glad to get one of these wagons for an Xmas present.

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Dried apples, dried peaches, prunes, canned beans, canned hominy, berries, peaches, tomatoes, cherries, hot tamales, kraut, baking powder; also exacts, nut mags, pine apples, graded cocoanut, chocolate, seeded raisins and pickles:

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3-piece complete sets 12 40 to.....35.00
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Also complete line of all furniture and housekeeping outfits.

Here you will find hundreds of other useful things, such as double and single barrel shot guns, loaded shells, saddles, bridles, harness, etc.

Prize Winners

Girls List

Name	Votes	Prize
Perlina Spence	121151	Saddle
Adabel Leaverton	82750	Stove
Lonnie Mae Guice	49350	Stove
Pearl Spence	34466	Doll
Lennie Haltom	34360	Doll
Clara Coleman	27670	Doll
Laura M. Goodnight	5445	Shoes
Mavy Whitaker	5340	Shoes
Oma Sullivan	5195	Shoes

We also have a Doll for each of the following girls who entered and took the interest they did in our contest: Bessie Howard, Mabel Howard, Annie Rainey Hollingsworth.

Wishing each of you a merry Christmas and happy new year,
Respectfully,
GEORGE E. DARSEY.

Don't fail to come and see us, and see what we have. Get our prices and buy your bill complete. Bring us your chickens, eggs, turkeys, and hides.

GEORGE E. DARSEY

Messenger's Piano Contest.

Are you interested in The Messenger's Big Piano and Premium Voting Contest? Have you been saving your coupons and voting them for your favorite candidate? If not, why not? The girls are working hard and it is your duty to help them out. This contest will benefit this Town and County as a whole. It is our belief that it will cause more trade—new trade to come here than any other enterprise that has been carried out in years. Every contestant and every reader who assists us in making this contest a big success, helps to increase the value of every dollar's worth of real estate within the circle reached by this publication.

There is no mystery or secret about this Contest. What we most desire is to introduce this paper into every home. While

we already have a fine subscription list, we know by doubling this list we can give double value to our many advertising patrons and in this and many other ways help to build up this Town and County to the high standard they should hold in the state.

The editor has always been conservative in such matters, and we have carefully calculated on the cost and outcome of this proposition. We want the largest list of readers in this part of the state and if hustle and hard work, coupled with horse sense and a considerable amount of generosity will get it, we are going after it. An equal determination on the part of several young ladies will make them owners of many valuable prizes without the outlay of a dollar.

Make arrangements to get interested in this contest. We believe that every young lady who enters and gets out and makes

an honest effort to win the first prize, will be a winner for the effort she puts forth, whether she gets first place or not. We grow by the efforts we put forth. Work of this kind broadens and strengthens our character, makes us self-reliant and equips us better for the battles of life.

Trinity River Ripples.

Reynard, Texas, Dec. 13—Xmas is coming at the rate of sixty minutes to the hour, and as for our part we are expecting to have as big a time as circumstances will allow, and want it to last just as long as it is intended.

There are plenty of trees around. Let's get one and put it up in some church and see what old Santa Claus will put on it. Let's all help to make merry, and white-wash a little if necessary to make others happy. So

let's all meet at the church next Sunday evening to hear a good sermon by Bro. Campbell and see about the tree.

Mr. Editor, we had chitlings for breakfast yesterday, and believe if you had been here we could have fooled you on them for oysters. They were sure fine.

Mine eyes have beheld the carriages that without horses go, yet the world moves on.

We are now having some very desirable weather.

Both of our merchants are well stocked with Xmas goods and I endorse your advice—patronize home as much as possible.

Mrs. J. H. Beazley is spending a few days in your town.

We have a new white family in our midst, located with J. & O. Beazley.

Mr. Jim Robertson and family

will move in soon and locate at Homer Beazley's.

Glad to learn that Bully Taylor and family are going to try our country for awhile. We know what he is and know he is O. K. Zack.

Keep the bowels active if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickley Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection. Sold by A. S. Porter.

A. B. Spence spent a day or two at Brenham this week with one of the rural route carriers of that place, who carries the mail on a motor-cycle. Mr. Spence tried the machine and believes he can run one successfully over his route. At any rate he is going to fix up the road and give it a trial.

The Bon Ton has everything lawful in fire works except roman candles.

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Uncle Polk

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BILIOUSNESS, CONSTIPATION,
DYSPEPSIA, MALARIA, CHILLS
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Mr. Caskey Evans, Registered Pharmacist, Jewett, Texas, writes: "I recommended Herbine for a child that had chills and a general debilitated system, and who had tried nearly everything except Herbine. It quickly cured the child and the family now keeps Herbine all the time. They recommended it to others and from that have built up a good trade on it. I believe it is the best substitute for calomel I know of."

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Letter From Albert Tyer.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 9.—Mr. Editor: The ground is covered with snow about six inches and I am seeing my first real sleighing. I have seen quite a few sleighs today and can hear the jingle, jingle, of the sleigh bells nearly all the time.

Cold weather here, the thermometer has been staying right around zero now for quite a while. The wind is cold enough to keep the snow from melting.

In this country there are a great many ice ponds, but the ice has not frozen thick enough yet for cutting. At a great many places here they have no ice factories and one or two men will build an ice house and dig out a pond of perhaps an acre in size and if it does not rain enough in the Fall to fill it three or four feet deep in water they put down a well and put in a pump and pump water in, then when it freezes they cut the blocks of ice out and store it in the house until summer. One man said he did not get quite enough water in his pond and the water froze through to the ground and there happened to be a few cat fish in the pond and when he turned up the blocks of ice the fish were frozen and would be sticking in the ice. I call that a cold deal for the fish.

I noticed in the Messenger a short, but a pointed letter from S. H. Lively about the roads. I was glad to see that and hope he will come again, for there is nothing better for a country, state, county or community than good roads. He has taken the right step and may others follow. I do hope the people responded to his call, for "United we stand, divided we fall."

I noticed W. O. W. contributed quite a nice piece to the Messenger. I hope he writes again. I would suppose he is a Woodman of the World, and Mr. Editor, not that I am trying to get in some advertising for the order, but if the people who are eligible to membership in the order, knew what I do, and had seen what I have seen, those who are not members would lose no time in putting in an application. I am glad to say I am a W. O. W. dyed in the wool, and shall be as long as I can pay my assessments, or until death, for I know it is the poor man's as well as the rich man's order.

Long live the Messenger, and happy and prosperous may its many readers be.

Albert Tyer.

Don't Be Hopeless

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches and pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were.

New, clean, up-to-date Dental Parlor over Crockett State Bank. Instruments kept steril. Will be glad for my friends to call on me in my new quarters.

Dr. Chas. C. Starling,
Crockett, Texas.

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Sold by A. S. Porter.

A new saddle, bridle, blanket or set of harness would be nice. Darsey has them. Don't fail to see Darsey for what you want for Christmas.

Choosing a Christmas Present

When you make a gift of a periodical to a friend or a family you are really selecting a companion to influence them for good or ill during a whole year. If the acquaintances of your sons and daughters were to talk to them aloud as some periodicals talk to them silently, how quickly you would forbid the companionship! In the one case as in the other, the best course is to supplant the injurious with something equally attractive and at the same time "worth while." A food can be wholesome and utterly distasteful. Reading can be made so too. But The Youth's Companion not only nourishes the mind, but delights it, just like that ideal human associate whom you would choose. The Youth's Companion fills that place now in more than half a million homes. Can you not think of another family in which it is not now known where it would be joyfully welcomed?

If the \$1.75 for the 1910 Volume is sent now, the new subscriber will be entitled to all the remaining issues of 1909; also The Companion's "Venetian" Calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold.

The Youth's Companion, Companion Building, Boston, Mass.
New Subscriptions Received at this Office.

Mrs. J. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by A. S. Porter.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

For Sunday, Dec. 19.
Subject—Riches that Never Perish, Matt. 6, 19-34.

Leader—Miss Ethel Guice.
Roll call.

Song No. 10.
Prayer.

Reading Selected—by Miss Lizzie Edens.

Song No. 34.
Solo—by Miss Inez Haltom.

Talk—By Rev. T. N. Mainer.
Song No. 86.

Benediction.

Hexamethylenetetramine.

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Holiday Excursion Rates.

The I. & G. N. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to all points in Texas, Dec. 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, limit Jan. 5th, at one and one-third fare. For further information see Ticket Agent I. & G. N. R. R.

Choked to Death

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by A. S. Porter.

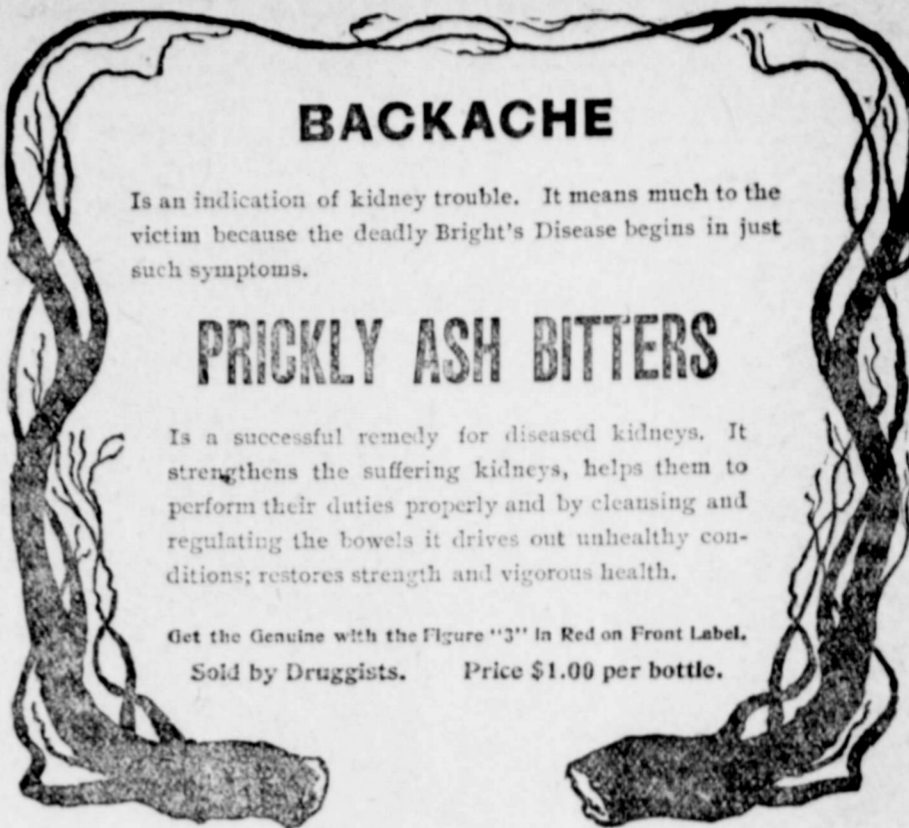
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More Danville Proof.

Jacob Schroll, 432, South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "For over eighteen months I was a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble. During the whole time was treated by several doctors and tried several different kidney pills. Seven weeks ago I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Pills, and am feeling better every day and will be glad to tell anyone interested, just what Foley's Kidney Pills did for me." Sold by A. S. Porter.

There is nothing more appropriate than a nice set of China ware that will make a home present. Geo. E. Darsey has a full assortment and you can buy a full set, or just what you want. Don't fail to see Darsey's line of china ware before making your Christmas purchase.

Foley's Honey and Tar is the best and safest cough remedy for children. At the first symptoms of a cold, give as directed, and ward off danger of croup, bronchitis, sore throat, cold in the head, and stuffy breathing. It brings comfort and ease to the little ones. Contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Keep always on hand, and refuse substitutes. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Buy you a shot gun, Darsey has some extra good values in shot guns, double and single barrel.

Ladies' fascinators make excellent Xmas. gifts. Buy them from W. H. Lively.

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Mrs. Maggie Miller, Hugo, Okla., writes:—I take pleasure in recommending your Herbine, for it did so much for me. I had a sick headache, foul breath, bad taste in my mouth and could not rest well at night. I used one bottle and was cured. I am never without Herbine. I heartily recommend it to all my friends.

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After exposure and when you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from your system. Is mildly laxative. Sold by A. S. Porter.

THE WORLD'S GREAT CITIES

Their Growth in the Course of a Century Has Been Constant and Remarkable.

In an interesting study of the growth of the world's great cities M. de Foville notes that in 1801 there were in Europe only 22 which had more than 100,000 inhabitants. These were London, Dublin, Paris, Marseilles, Lyons, Amsterdam, Berlin, Hamburg, Vienna, Naples, Rome, Milan, Venice, Palermo, Madrid, Barcelona, Lisbon, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Copenhagen and Constantinople. Two only of these cities had more than 500,000—London, 950,000, and Paris, 600,000. Naples came third, with 360,000, and Vienna fourth, with 230,000.

To-day there are in Europe 160 cities having more than 100,000, of which 55 have more than 250,000. There are 25 cities with more than 500,000 people and seven with more than 1,000,000. These are London, 4,750,000; Paris, 2,700,000; Berlin, 2,000,000; Vienna, 2,000,000; St. Petersburg, 1,430,000; Moscow, 1,350,000, and Constantinople, 1,100,000.

In the same class with these he places the following cities of other parts of the world: New York, 4,110,000; Chicago, 2,049,000; Philadelphia, 1,440,000; Singan, in China, 1,000,000. Strangely enough, he makes no mention of Tokyo, with its 1,818,655; Canton and Peking, the population of which is estimated at 1,600,000 each; Calcutta, with 1,026,987, and Buenos Ayres, with 1,000,000.

There are 39 cities in the world having more than 500,000 population, of which 15 have more than 1,000,000. These 24 that remain are, in order: Osaka, Rio de Janeiro, Hamburg, Bombay, Warsaw, Glasgow, Budapest, Liverpool, Brussels, Bangkok, Manchester, Boston, St. Louis, Cairo, Naples, Amsterdam, Madrid, Munich, Barcelona, Birmingham, Dresden, Madras, Baltimore and Leipsic.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT.

When the Portola committee was in the cabin of the Italian cruiser Calabria the other day, bidding goodby to Capt. Casanuova and his officers, Milton Esberg, a member of the committee, interrupted the procession of farewell toasts and parting felicitations with:

"By the way, captain, I expect to be in Shanghai in a month or so. Look me up."

Capt. Casanuova, who speaks English not easily, but with deadly distinctness, received the information with a polite smile, and replied:

"It will give me pleasure to meet anyone from San Francisco. I am afraid, however, that it may not be generally known in Shanghai that Mr. Esberg has arrived. It will be easier for Mr. Esberg to find out if the Calabria is in port, and if this should be the case and he should look me up I would be delighted."—San Francisco Call.

ADULTERATION OF TEA.

Tea was commonly adulterated in England 75 years ago. The London Times of May 14, 1833, reports the case of a defendant charged with gambling, who stated that he earned from \$1.20 to \$1.44 a day by picking sloe leaves and black and white thorn leaves in the fields and selling them for a penny (two cents) a pound to a local cowkeeper. The cowkeeper was visited, and it was discovered that he disposed of the leaves to tea dealers in London. As the duty on tea was then 36 cents, and the cheapest tea on the market brought 96 cents a pound, huge profits must have been realized by the fraudulent dealers.

PAID ENOUGH.

"The preacher that married you says you only gave him a dollar."
"He ought to be glad I didn't sue him for damages."—Answers.

NEW BRITISH NAVAL MONSTER

The Neptune the Largest of Modern Vessels of Dreadnought Type of Construction.

The Neptune is the eighth British Dreadnought battleship built for the admiralty. She is 530 feet long, 84 feet beam, with displacement of 20,250 tons (a thousand tons heavier and 30 feet longer than the St. Vincent, the battleship of the same type launched from the same slip about a year ago). Her engines, which are to be on the turbine principle, will be of 25,000 indicated horsepower, which will give a speed of 26 knots. The Neptune is to be armed with ten 12-inch guns, like the previous Dreadnoughts, but they will be differently disposed. The fore barbette will be in the same position on the forecastle, but the side barbettes will be on an echelon, one being a little more forward than that on the other side, while the superstructure will be so constructed as to enable guns to fire on either side. The broadside fire will therefore be ten guns to the Dreadnought's eight. The other two barbettes will be on the center lines astern, but one will be on a higher level than the other so as to enable its guns to fire over the other; four seven-inch guns are to be placed in the superstructure as the anti-torpedo armament. The armor protection will be similar to that of previous ships of the class, and so will all the internal arrangements, and the new ship will also have four propellers and twin rudders.

EXCITING PART TO COME.



Nurse—Come along, darling, there is no need to wait now. You have given the poor man a pear.

Darling—Yes, there is, nurse. The pear has a wasp inside, and I want to see him jump when he eats it.

WHAT MAKES ELECTRICITY?

Lots of other people, says St. Nicholas, would like to know what makes electricity, but nobody does know it. We know a good many things about electricity, just as we know a good many things about life. But we do not know what makes the difference between a dead tree and a live tree, although we know the difference perfectly. Just so we know that it is dangerous to touch what we call a "live wire," because electricity is passing through it, but we do not know what electricity is. We know how to make electricity do wonderful things for us, but we do not know what "makes electricity."

THE MODEL WIFE.

At a meeting of husbands in a small Missouri village the spouse of one of them received a prize as the "model wife." She possesses the following qualifications: She is a good cook, a good listener, talks only when there is a lull in her husband's soliloquizing or when the company is dull; is instinctively provident as to the children's needs, loves the house and hates the theater; does not spend more than \$10 for a hat, is clever in rearranging last year's gowns, clothes the children beautifully without materially diminishing her husband's pocket-book, which, by the way, remains in his possession, not in hers.—New York Press.

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Good morning! Have you done your Christmas shopping?

The editor has not paid his poll tax yet, but will do so at the earliest possible moment. In the mean time it is not out of place to say, "go thou and do likewise."

We believe the railroad company would readily agree to move the cotton platform and seed houses if the matter was put to them in the proper light. Their removal would help the looks of Grapeland a hundred per cent. What do you think about it?

There is a preacher at Minneapolis, says the Better Way, whose daughter has for company a young fellow who is just beginning to learn the printers' trade. A few evenings ago at church the good man had for his lesson the fourteenth chapter of Matthew, and when he read out in his most stentorian tones, "My daughter is seriously vexed with a devil," the audience tittered.—Western Publisher.

When the forests are all cut down and the mines are nothing but empty holes in the ground, the farm lands of the country will remain capable of renewing their bounty forever. Here lies the secret of our interest in agricultural methods; because, in the long run, they mean life or death to future millions, who are no strangers or invaders; but our own children's children, and who will pass judgement upon us according to what we have made of the world in which their lot is to be cast.—James J. Hill.

An automobile plowing through the sandy streets of Grapeland attracted the attention of the natives Wednesday afternoon of last week about five o'clock.—Grapeland Messenger.

We can't imagine how in the world an auto could pull through the sand of Grapeland. If the Messenger is not jesting that auto could be safely trusted to cross the Sahara desert.—Gregg County News.

The Messenger was not jesting about it, Mr. Smith, the owner of the auto, informed us that he encountered sand near Fairfield far worse than the Grapeland sand.

Let Clewis clean and press your clothes for Christmas and save the expense of buying new ones.

SHINGLES FOR SALE—If you want the best on the market, get the Goodnight shingles; \$1.50 per 1000 at the mill 1-2 miles east of Grapeland.

We take subscriptions for the Galveston News or Houston Post with the Messenger 1 year for \$1.75; separately \$1.00 each. Bring your subscriptions to us.

Mr. Carnes of Houston has located in Grapeland and opened a racket store in the Woodard building just below Mr. Howard's. Mr. Carnes and family are at present boarding with his brother, Rev. A. L. Carnes.

List of Nominees.

- Miss Mollie Vinsen, Crockett
- " Yola Kennedy, "
- " Myrtle Gossett, "
- " Bettie Kelley, "
- " May Fitchett, Percilla.
- " Mae Gregg, Weches.
- " Willie Belle Neel, Elkhart
- " Pauline Langham, "
- " Lucy Stubblefield, "
- " Linnie Ford, Lafexo
- " Bula Bolton, Augusta
- " Sadie Story, "
- " Ciny Wall, "
- " Mary Bell Holcomb"
- " Adelle Davis, Grapeland
- " Lura Taylor, "
- " Inez Haltom, "
- " Mada Murchison, "
- " Loraine Hanson, "
- " Lovie Spence, "
- " Sallie Mae Kent, Grapeland, R F D No 4.
- Miss Kleba Beazley, Grapeland R F D No 4.
- Miss Jewel Luce, Crockett, R F D No 1
- Miss May Trammel, Ratcliff

Letters to Santa Claus.

Dear old Santa: I hope you will get here all right. I want you to bring me a gun, a hobby horse, a horn, some tools, a little automobile, some fire works, fruits and nuts of all kinds.

Yours truly,
Tom Richards.

P. S. Please bring my little brother, Dewitt Richards some apples, oranges, bananas, raisins and nuts.

Dear old Santa: I hope you will be as nice to me as you was last Christmas and bring me as many pretty presents. I want you to bring me a little bugle, a little horn, a little boy doll, a pop gun, a little Studebaker Jr., a tool box, and any other things you want me to have. Don't forget to bring me some fruits and nuts of all kinds.

Killough Richards.

P. S. I want some fire works too, and bring me some painting pencils.

Dear Santa Claus: I want this Xmas. a little bell, a large doll, some little spoons, a little broom, a little trunk, a little dresser, a little wagon and a little basket.

Ada Belle Leaverton.

Dear Santa: It is nearly Xmas. again and I want you to bring me a big doll, and have her dressed nice, and I want you to bring me a bracelet, a story book, some kind of a nice game for children, and don't forget to bring me some fruits and nuts.

Mary Lou Darsey.

Dear old Santa: I am a little girl, seven years old, and I want you to bring me a big doll, some nice toys, a bracelet, a ring, a jewel box and some fruits, nuts and anything else that you want me to have. Your little friend,
Lucindy Darsey.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little express wagon, an elephant, and other toys that is pretty. Don't forget to bring me something that's nice to eat, nuts, candy, apples, raisins and oranges.

I am seven years old, going to school. I am in the second reader, and have six head marks in my speller. Love to Santa,
Billie Walker Sewell,
Augusta Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I have never written to you before, but have decided to write now and tell you what I want. I want a little pistol, a watch, harp, and some nuts, candy, apples, oranges and other good things.

The LAST CALL FOR 1909

We wish to thank you most heartily for your most liberal patronage for this year, and we wish you a happy Christmas. In the meantime we will give you most extra ordinary bargains in the best line of merchandise to be found in Grapeland.

All of our 15.00 Men's suits going this week for 10.00. All our 10.00 suits for 6.90. 5.00 Stetson Hats for 4.00. We can not list all of our goods, space is too small. If you want the best goods for the least money in the County come to our store.

We have everything in groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes and hats, also the prettiest line of Christmas goods in the city, come and see. Apples, oranges, candies, fire crackers, nuts, raisins and cake flavoring.

Fresh car flour, best on earth. Buy your goods from us and be happy, for which we will thank you

Wishing you much happiness and success, we are,

Yours Respectfully,

F. A. FARIS.

You may also bring me a nice picture book. Please bring my little brother, Travie, a pretty bugle and harp, and I will divide my apples, oranges, candy and nuts with him.

Your little friend,
Ottis Pelham.

Interstate Holiday Excursion Rates.

The I. & G. N. R. R. will sell holiday excursion tickets to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Memphis and all points in Southeast, also Mexico, Dec. 18th, 19th, and 20th. Limit Jan. 16th.

For rates and other information see,
Ticket Agent I. & G. N. R. R.

Don't fail to have your Santa Claus bill filled at the Bon Ton.

A. S. Porter, Wylie Caskey, John B. Selkirk and Jim McLean attended the Palestine Gun Club shoot Monday.

J. J. Guice has swapped his residence property in Grapeland to T. S. Kent for the storehouse and lot, now occupied by M. L. Clewis. Mr. Guice has rented the house to Kerr & Co. for the coming year.

A. L. Brown, mail carrier on route No. 3, had a runaway accident last Thursday afternoon, in which he sustained several severe bruises about the head and shoulders. While coming through the Matthews bottom his team became frightened at a bunch of hogs, and when they started to run one of the buggy wheels struck a stump, which threw Mr. Brown head foremost to the ground. He was dragged several feet before getting loose. The buggy was almost completely demolished. Arthur Laseter has been carrying the mail since the accident.

All Kinds of
Santa Claus
Can be Found at
The Bon Ton,
I would be glad to have my friends and the public to call and look over my stock of Christmas Nuts, Candies, Fruits, etc., before you buy. I will appreciate your trade.
NATHAN GUICE, Prop.

Foley's Orino Laxative
For Stomach Trouble, Sluggish Liver and Habitual Constipation.
It cures by aiding all of the digestive organs—gently stimulates the liver and regulates the bowels—the only way that chronic constipation can be cured. Especially recommended for women and children. Clears blotched complexions. Pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes.
A. S. PORTER.

WHITE'S Cream Vermifuge
THE GUARANTEED
WORM REMEDY
THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY
Ballard-Snow Liniment Co.
ST. LOUIS, MO.
—FOR SALE BY—
A. S. PORTER, The Druggist

The Bon Ton is headquarters for fireworks, fruits, nuts, candy and more candy.

The kidneys ache when they are overworked and the trouble gets serious unless promptly removed. Prickley Ash Bitters is a reliable kidney tonic and bowel regulator. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Happiness is but another name for perfect health. Use Prickly Ash Bitters and be happy. It keeps the vital organs healthy and well regulated. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Those fancy boxes of bon bons at the Bon Ton are going fast. Better get yours now.

We are requested to announce that Bro. Arnold will preach at the Christian church Sunday and Sunday night.

Efficient Banking Service,



The completeness of our banking facilities is one of the reasons for the satisfaction among our large number of customers. Naturally, every depositor expects accommodation for carrying on his financial affairs. We aim to supply our patrons with every advantage and convenience that a bank can give safely.

If your ideas are already formed as to what a bank connection will do for you, we want to demonstrate to your satisfaction that our customers receive benefits that you never fancied.

You may not require our services in every department, but whatever your needs are in banking, we wish to serve you. A personal talk with the cashier will clear any doubtful points that you may have about our service.

F. and M. STATE BANK

LOCAL NEWS.

Trade with W. H. Lively.

White Wave flour still \$1.50 a sack at Darsey's.

See Wherry's display of Christmas goods before you buy.

Eggs are still 25c at Kennedy Bros.

Ladies' hand bags and belts at Darsey's.

Bring your laundry, cleaning and pressing to the Bon Ton.

Buy your Christmas fruit from K. C. Alsop.

Buy your Christmas flour from W. H. Lively.

Darsey has plenty of brick and lime.

F. A. Faris is the shoe man, buy your shoes from him.

Pretty line of Misses' boy's and children's caps at Darsey's.

See Alsop for your Xmas fruits.

Darsey has underwear that will suit you.

Stokes Pelham has accepted a position with Geo. E. Darsey.

Chinaware and enamelware at W. H. Lively's.

Buy her a box of candy. Prices 5c to \$10.00 per box. Bon Ton.

Buy ladies' and men's coat sweaters at Darsey's D. G. store.

Try a sack of Ruth for your Xmas cooking at Howard's.

Buy comforts and blankets from Darsey.

I am still paying 25c cash for your eggs K. C. Alsop.

Ladies' trimmed hats at reduced prices at Darsey's D. G. store.

Car of Happy Day flour arrived at Wherry's. It's the stuff for Xmas cooking.

Buy your entire bill from Faris, stock complete, house filled to overflowing with bargains.

Grated cocoanut, seeded raisens, extracts and nutmegs for Christmas cooking at Darsey's.

W. H. Lively is making attractive prices on merchandise. Buy your supplies from him.

Dolls and toys for the little folk and suitable presents for grown folk at Wherry's.

Xmas presents at Howard's for the boys and girls, also for old folks. Call to see them.

Mrs. Hood Pitts of Pecos is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

A big stock of rocking chairs, dressers, bureaus, bedsteads, bed springs and mattresses at Darsey's.

Fire crackers at Wherry's.

KENNEDY BROS. *Kentbeebat*

Get your rubber shoes at Darsey's.

Clewis buys hides and furs and pays cash.

The Bon Ton can fill your fruit bill complete.

Buy your wagon harness—heavy leather at Kennedy Bros.

Darsey is showing some pretty tailored skirts for ladies.

All the latest buttons at Kennedy Bros.

Pure ribbon cane syrup, 50c the gallon at F. A. Faris'.

Wherry keeps fresh groceries. Your trade is appreciated.

The best shoe made for the money. Sold at F. A. Faris.

The Bon Ton has more fruits, nuts and candy than all the town. Buy yours there.

Best bucket coffee for 90c. F. A. Faris.

Ladies' sweaters at Kennedy Bros.

If you want good shoes buy them at Faris'.

If it is a nice dress shoe you want, get the Packard shoes at Kennedy Bros.

You can get the best shoes made for the money at F. A. Faris'.

Buy your Christmas fruit, candy, nuts and groceries from W. H. Lively.

Fresh car flour, chops, meal and bran at F. A. Faris' this week.

Shoes make appropriate Xmas presents and we have them for the whole family. Darsey.

The Kelley axe is the best made. You can buy them at F. A. Faris'.

Buy your flour from W. H. Lively and save money. Get it now for Christmas. We deliver goods to your door. Phone 14.

Will sell you this week our \$25.00 sewing machine for \$19.50. Our \$20.00 machine for \$17.00. F. A. Faris.

Nuts, candies and fresh groceries for Christmas cooking at W. H. Lively's. Phone for a sack of flour. We deliver it to your kitchen.

For Xmas presents, see our knives and Stephen's rifles for your boys, rings and bracelets for the girls at Howard's.

Eggs 30c this week at Faris'.

Fruits and candies at Wherry's.

See Darsey for loaded shells.

Go to Howard's for your Xmas candies, nuts, oranges, apples, etc.

A beautiful line of framed pictures at special prices for Christmas at Darsey's.

Remember you get the best for the least money at Alsop's restaurant.

Our harvest flour is the best High Patent flour made. Fresh at Faris'.

Special cut prices on boy's iron wagons at Darsey's until Christmas.

See those \$15.00 men's suits at Faris' for only \$10.00 this week.

See our line of back and side combs, barrets, bandaus, hair rolls and switches before you buy, at Darsey's D. G. store.

Those wanting oysters for Christmas will please place their order with me by next Tuesday night. K. C. Alsop.

A new stock of plain and fancy lamps suitable for a nice and useful Christmas present at Darsey's.

Car of Corn.

I will have a car of good ear corn for sale this week at the Livery Stable.

S. C. Spence.

SHINGLES FOR SALE.

Plenty of good shingles for sale at my mill 5 miles southeast of Grapeland.

George W. Shaver.

A sack of Oriole flour for wifie's Christmas cooking will be appreciated. It is the best flour sold in Grapeland, and your money back if not entirely satisfactory. Sold by Geo. E. Darsey.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

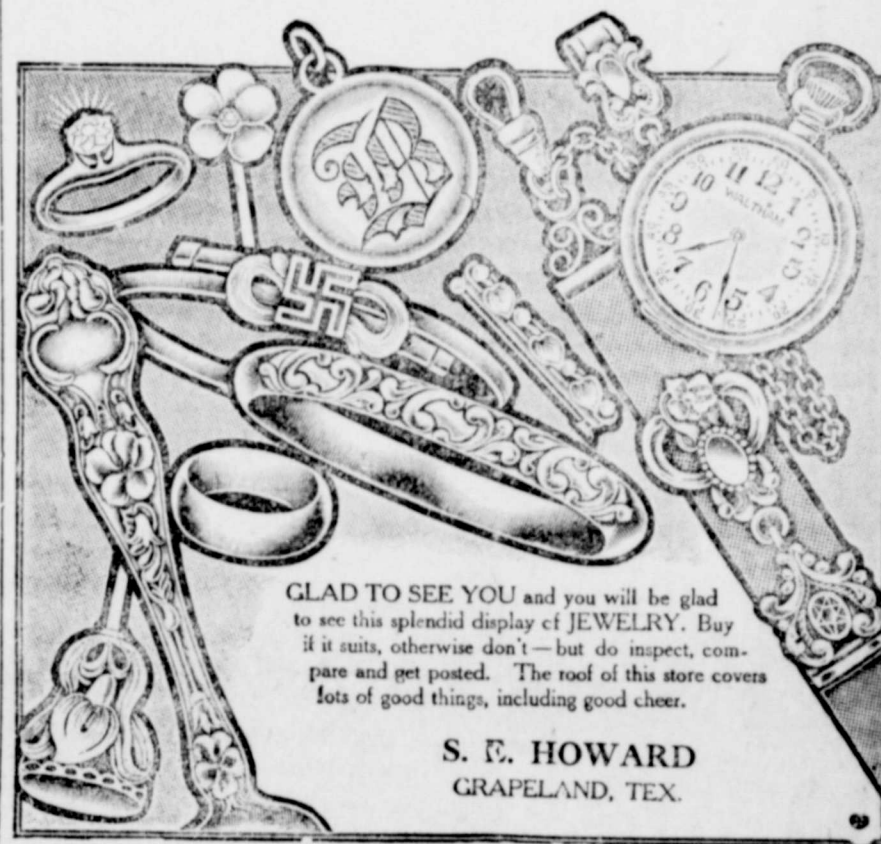
CROCKETT, TEXAS

FOR SALE

We have a life time scholarship in the famous Tyler Commercial College which we will sell at a reasonable discount. If you ever intend going to an up-to-date Business College, now is the time. Prepare yourself to lay away something for a rainy day. Address—**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER,** GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Holiday Jewelry

LARGESTOCK TO SELECT FROM.



GLAD TO SEE YOU and you will be glad to see this splendid display of JEWELRY. Buy if it suits, otherwise don't—but do inspect, compare and get posted. The roof of this store covers lots of good things, including good cheer.

S. E. HOWARD
GRAPELAND, TEX.

Holiday Bargains

AT

Leaverton's Drug Store.

For the Holidays we have made a careful selection of pretty and useful things. Every article is new, all selected with the thought of usefulness and pleasure in giving.

Toilet Sets \$1.00 to.....	\$5.00
Manicure Sets \$1.00 to.....	5.00
Post Card Albums 10c to.....	1.00
Some real nice ones from 25c to.	1.50
Cigar Jars 50c to.....	1.00
Stationery in pretty Xmas boxes	
per box from 25c to.....	1.00
Perfumes in pretty packages from	
10c to.....	1.00

Dolls of every description.

In fact, Christmas gifts for every member of the family. Have a nice line of TOYS and others presents for children too numerous to mention.

Dining Room Pictures in plain and panel effects. Mission finish frames.

Be sure to visit our store and look through our stock.

D. N. Leaverton.

OUR Christmas Suggestions

During the Holiday Season our Store will offer Special Values to Gift Buyers. There will be More Money Saved, More Sensible Gifts purchased, and more real value given if you will Investigate our Offerings before you buy.



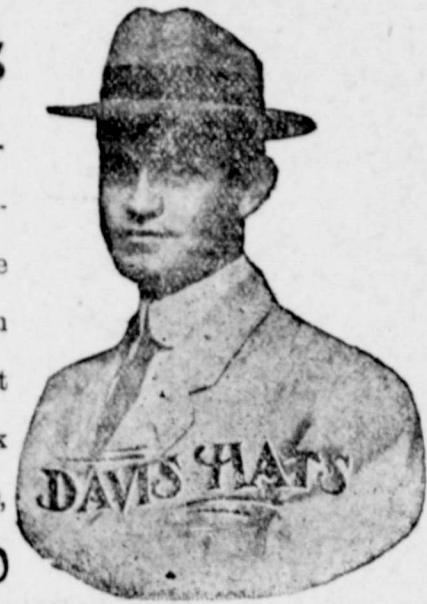
HalfHose.

You cannot purchase half hose of more reliable quality than that which we offer.

Our fancy half hose include the very newest shades in solid colors as well as plain tans and black, per pair 25c and..... 50c

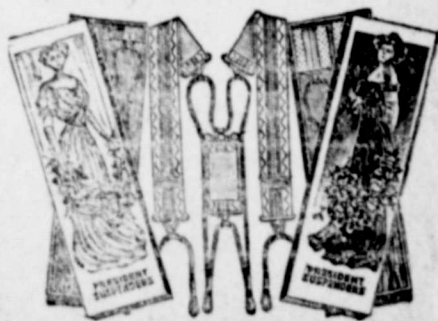
Men's Hats

Make appropriate presents and we have just received a shipment of advance styles in all the new shapes and colors and can suit both your taste and pocket book, in hats that not only look well but wear well. Prices \$1.50, 2.00 and..... \$3.00



Suspenders

One pair in a fancy holiday box, best makes, in a big assortment of pretty patterns, to select from per pair 25c and..... 50c



Suspender, arm band and garter set, one set in a box, good web, kid ends, metal parts will not rust, per set..... 50c

Rugs

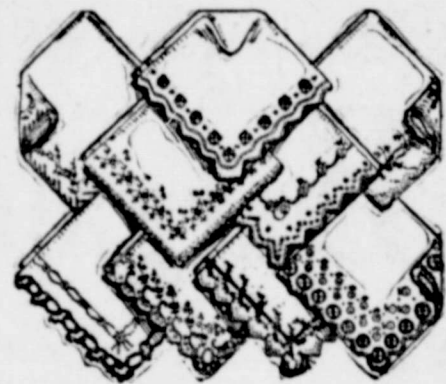
Rugs are always acceptable presents and we are showing the prettiest designs in Velvet and Axminster Rugs you have seen.

All wool Velvet rugs 27x54 ins. 1.50
All wool Axminster Rugs, 27x60 inches..... 2.50
All wool Axminster Rugs, 36x72 inches..... 4.50



Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

In fine sheer material, elaborately embroidered hem-stitched and scalloped edges, all good values, 10c and... 25c



Ladies' Kid Gloves 75c and..... 1.00
Ladies' knit shawls and scarfs 50c to..... 2.00

Men's Neckwear

We are proud of our showing of fashionable neckwear for men. Nowhere can you find a greater variety of stylish shades and designs, suitable for all occasions. Large assortment of plain and fancy four-in-hands and bat-wings. All 50c ties, packed one in a pretty Christmas box, 25c. 35c and..... 50c



Boys' Clothing

If you haven't got your boys suit yet, why not get him one for Christmas? He will appreciate it as much as anything you could give him, and our stock is complete, \$1.50 to.. 6.00

Mens' Clothing

Make yourself a present of a new suit for Christmas. Our assortment is complete and the prices have been reduced below their real value. Per suit \$5.00 to..... 17.50

Fancy Ribbon.

Newest colors in Moire patterns, fancy ribbons for tying Christmas boxes. Also complete line in all widths and staple colors in taffeta and satin.

Pretty Furs for Ladies

From our showing of inexpensive fur scarfs you can find a Christmas present that will not only please, but will be of real value to the one that receives it.

Prices from \$1.00 to..... 5.00

Ladies' Umbrellas

For Christmas presents. 26 inch silk serge cover, tape edge, Parigon frame, steel rod, seven ribs, Boxwood handle, black only, \$1.50 and..... 2.00

26 inch cotton taffeta cover, tape edge, fast color, steel rod, the best umbrella made for \$1.00

Phoenix Mufflers

For ladies or men are not only warm and protect the neck and chest from cold, but are very becoming as well. We have a nice assortment of plain shades put up in pretty Christmas boxes, each..... 50c

Ladies' Neckwear

In the newest and smart novelties for Christmas. Maline bows, fancy jabots, and all styles

of pretty stock collars. One in lithograph box, 15c, 25c and 50c

Fancy Drawn Work Linen

There is no gift a housekeeper would more greatly appreciate than a pretty drawn work or battenberg table cover or dresser scarf, and we are showing a varied assortment of match sets and single pieces. Prices from 25c to..... 1.50

Yours for a Merry Christmas

George E. Darsey.

VOTE for your FAVORITE!

Our Big Voting Contest is on in Earnest, and the Young Ladies are collecting Votes at a Rapid Rate

Here is an Opportunity to Get a Handsome \$400.00 PIANO by a Little Work.

The Messenger's Piano and Premium Voting Contest promises to be one of the most interesting and lively Contests ever held in this section. Any reputable young lady in this or adjoining counties may enter the contest. A number of names are already entered, but some parts of the field are not yet represented.

There is Plenty of Time to do Good Work and the Prizes are Worth the Effort.

FIRST SPECIAL PRIZE

\$10 - IN GOLD - \$10

Will be given FREE to the young lady having the largest number of Votes to her credit when the first count is made at 4 p. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1910.

Remember the Hustler Wins

How to Get Votes:

New Subscriptions.....	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
General Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
Job Printing.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Popular Voting Contest

NOMINATING BLANK

.....19.....
I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

Address
As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatsoever.

Signed.....
Address

Be the first to nominate the winner of the Prize Piano and receive \$5.00 in cash.

20 Votes | Grapeland, Texas, Nov. 26, 1909 | 20 Votes

The Messenger's Free Coupon
Good for 20 Votes in our
PIANO AND POPULAR GIRL VOTING CONTEST

This Coupon is voted for

These Free Votes must reach our office on or before January 26, 1910, in order to be accepted and counted. No money is required with these votes. Every reader of the Messenger should support their favorite candidate and help her to be a winner.

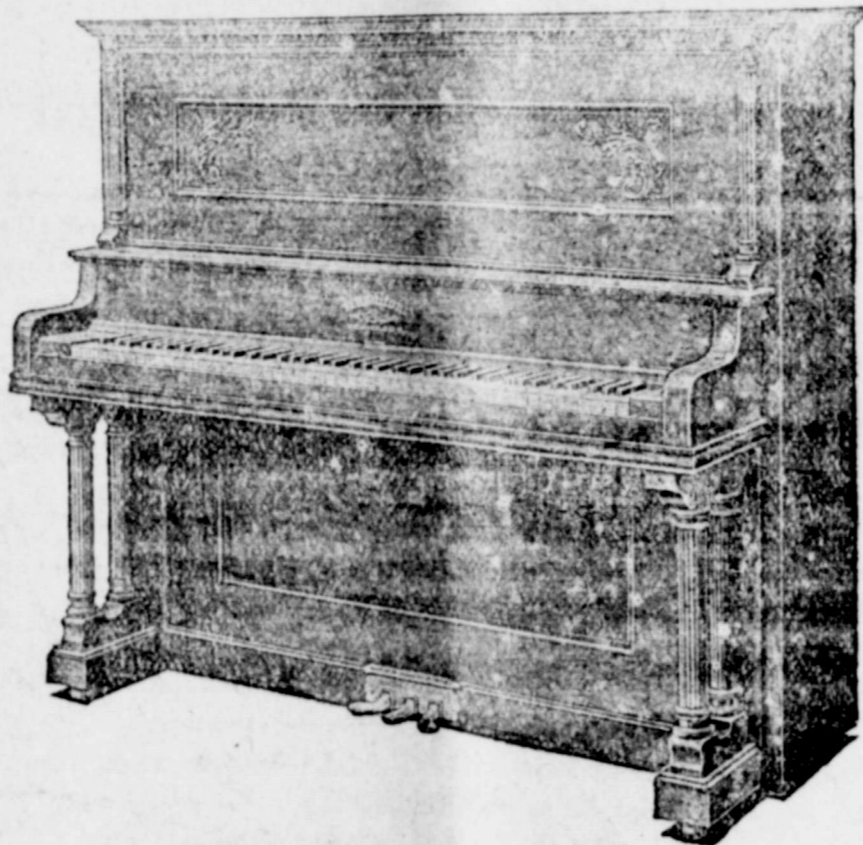
The Prizes offered to the Girls entered \$500 in this Contest amount to about

20 Votes | Free Newspaper Coupons not voted by Jan. 26, 1910; are void | 20 Votes

The Bon Ton Cream Parlor,

MARK ANTRIGNY Proprietor

Will give 25 votes with each cash purchase of one dollar. See us for fruits, candy, nuts, etc.



THE PRIZES:

D. H. Baldwin & Co's.

\$400 HAMILTON PIANO

Furnished by THE MESSENGER

- \$18.00 Ladies Genuine Cut Glass Water Set, given by A. S. Porter, Druggist.
- \$12.50 F. A. Faris, General Merchant, will give a \$7.50 gold Bracelet and a \$5.00 gold necklace.
- \$12.50 Kennedy Bros. will a dress pattern of the winner's selection and a pair of American Lady Shoes.
- \$12.50 D. N. Leaverton, Druggist, will give a Manicure Set and a cut glass puff box, total value \$12.50.
- 10.00 Mark Anthony, proprietor of the Bon Ton, will give a box of fine candy, valued at 10.00

Giving Them Away

The above merchants in Grapeland are giving FREE 25 votes with each \$1.00 cash purchase at their stores. Ask for them and then cast the votes for some girl on the list. You are not doing the square thing by your own or your neighbor's daughter if you do not get the merchants' coupons to which you are entitled, and present them to her, or cast them yourself at our office. Help the girls.

A. S. Porter, Prescription Druggist

DEALER IN

Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, Sundries, Perfumes, School Books and Supplies, etc.

We give 25 votes with each dollar purchase for cash.

Trade With F. A. FARIS, Dealer in

Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Farm Supplies. Cash prices paid for Cotton and Country Products. Ask for Voting Coupons

KENNEDY BROTHERS

FOR BARGAINS IN EVERYTHING

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Groceries, etc. We give voting coupons. Ask for them

D. N. Leaverton, Druggist

Dealer in Drugs, Patent Medicines, Sundries, Sick Room Supplies, etc. Prescriptions carefully compounded. We give 25 votes with each cash purchase of \$1.00. Ask for coupons.

Rules of the Contest.

1 Announcement—This Piano and Popular Voting Contest will be conducted on strictly honest business principals, with perfect justice and fairness to all concerned.

2 Prizes—The first Prize shall be a firstclass piano of a leading make, valued at \$400. Many other valuable and useful prizes will be given.

3 Candidates—Any young lady, married or single, in this and adjoining counties, is eligible to a place in this contest. The most popular lady is the one who shall receive the most votes; to her shall be awarded the beautiful upright Piano. Other candidates to receive their choice of prizes in order, according to their standing of votes.

4 Tie in Votes—In case of a tie, the value of the prizes will be equally divided, or a like prize granted to those tying.

5 Classes of Votes—The votes are issued in coupons of the following denominations:

New subscriptions.....	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Job Ptg. or Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Right is reserved to add additional classes of votes, and other publications, also to change or modify these rules and regulations as necessity demands.

6 General Instructions.—Names of Contestants will be printed in order according to standing and the amount of their votes published regularly after first count is made.

During first 60 days no candidates will be permitted to cast over 5,000 subscription votes during any one week. Advertising, Job Printing, Merchants' or Free Paper Voting Coupon Votes can be voted in any quantity at any time.

Votes will not be allowed on subscriptions at less than regular price of the paper.

Votes once deposited in ballot box cannot be transferred to another.

Postmasters' and Agents' commissions are suspended during contest.

No Contestant will be allowed to take more than one of the Extra Special Prizes that we may offer from time to time.

The publisher is not to tell whom anyone votes for, except in case of alleged error or irregularity.

Each Contestant is requested to send us a cabinet size photograph for publication as soon as convenient.

Make up your mind who you want to vote for before coming to the office, as the editor will positively not decide for you.

Contestants should keep a list of their votes turned in each week, and see that publishers' figures verify it.

All coupons should be placed in envelopes with name of contestants written plainly thereon.

Free 20 Vote Coupons will be published in this paper during the first 60 days of contest and can be voted without cost for any contest.

An Awarding Committee of three good business men are to be appointed to make final count and distribution of prizes.

Contest to run not less than 90 days; date of closing will be announced about 30 days in advance.

The Contest shall close at 4 o'clock on the on the date to be announced later. Two weeks previous to date of closing, the judges are to take the ballot box, carefully locked or sealed, to the bank, where it will be kept on a table in front window during business hours, and in the vault at night, until close of contest, when the awarding committee takes charge and makes final count.

During last two weeks all voting must be done in the locked box at the bank. If secrecy in voting is desired, place your cash subscriptions together with other votes and coupons, in sealed envelopes with name of Contestant on same, and deposit in ballot box. Envelops and subscription blanks for this purpose will be furnished. The strict compliance with these rules guarantees a fair and square deal to all concerned.

Special sale for Saturday, December 18th.

BIG SALE ON AT KENNEDY BROTHERS!

Kennedy Brothers

Kennedy Brothers

Which started January 1st, 1909 and continues to Jan. 1st, 1910. As we have no shelf-worn goods to offer you, we consider

Every Day is Bargain Day With us!

Our goods are all new, bought for cash and marked in plain figures. You will find the prices, quality considered, LOWER AT ALL TIMES THAN ANY SPECIAL SALE.

Below is a Few Specials for Saturday, December 18, Only:

Specials	Anvil Brand Soda 5c lb. 1 lb or 100 lbs the customers. 20 lbs Jap head rice \$1.00. All you want. Standard Granulated Sugar in barrels \$5.85 per hundred. One hundred pounds or more to the customer if wanted. Harvest Queen Flour \$1.50. If not good bring it back. One barrel or a carload to the customer. Lump Starch 5c lb. 1 lb. or a box to the customer.	Specials
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Remember We Want Your Cotton!

Hays Spring News.

Dec. 12th.—There is some sickness in our community at this date. Mrs. W. M. Brown has been on the sick list for several weeks, but we learn that she is fastly improving. Grandpa Warner, aged eighty-three years, has been quite feeble for several days past. We suppose his ailments are the fruits of old age. Little Alma Ward has been quite ill the past week. Dr. P. H. Stafford was the attending physician and pronounced it a case of dyptheria. We understand she is out of danger now. We hope she will soon be fully recovered and there will be no new cases. As the disease is not an epidemic in the country, however, several have been exposed to it, and some children exposed that are of the age that are most apt to have it.

We understand that Albert Price, now living near Salmon will move to our community, locating on the M. L. Lively farm for awhile. We welcome Mr. Price to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark have a new comer at their home. It is a little girl a week old and doing fine, and we hope baby and mother will continue to do well.

We have had some fine rains of late and some good hog killing weather and some are already having spare ribs and backbone to eat.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. We learn that Rev. A. L. Carnes will preach for us another year, and a small crowd gathered this afternoon for Sunday school and preaching, as this was Bro. Carnes' eyeing to preach, but we suppose the cold norther we are now having

bluffed him out as he did not show up.

Well, Mr. Editor, Xmas. is right close to hand and we guess some of the old gobblers will soon gobble their last time. We don't hear much about old Santa Claus out this way, but all of us expect to have a good time in some way. While I think we should all have a good time, I think we should have it the right way and not in the way that a great many do spend it by drinking strong drink and rioting around and turning a cold shoulder to a day that we should keep sacred. Julius.

Lively's Store Caught Fire.

Fire was discovered to be burning in Will Lively's store last Thursday morning about ten o'clock by Mrs. Lively, and as soon as the alarm was given the bucket brigade turned out in full force. The fire was burning between the ceiling and the roof and was getting under pretty good headway when discovered. However the damage was slight, a few goods being damaged by water. If the fire had gotten beyond control, the whole string of buildings to Darsey's furniture store would have gone up in smoke, and probably the buildings on second street. It is a good piece of luck they were saved and we should congratulate ourselves on having the best bucket brigade in Texas. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from flying sparks from the flue of Leaverton's drug store.

We have just received a nice lot of men's and children's suits, all wool, and will close out at a sacrifice. F. A. Faris.

The Racket Store.

Come to Carnes' Racket Store to get your Christmas tricks. I have 5c, 10c and 25c goods in large quantities. Just opened in the Woodard building below S. E. Haward. Call around to see us.

Carnes' Racket Store.

All of the merchants have agreed not to sell roman candles on account of the danger of fire.

We are glad to announce that there will be a Christmas tree at the new Baptist church. Mark Anthony informs us that every detail has been looked after.

The Bon Ton Cream Parlor changed hands Wednesday, Nathan Guice becoming proprietor. Mark Anthony informs us that he may locate in the coast country.

If you find a buggy bridle and a pair of lines, please bring them to D. N. Leaverton at the drug store. They were lost last Thursday night.

Messrs. Kerr of Oakhurst and Keeling of Waverly have rented the store of J. J. Guice and will engage in the mercantile business January first.

To whom it may concern: You are notified to get your hogs off my premises by January 10, 1910.

Geo. Chaffin.

HOGS WANTED.

I will begin shipping hogs about the first of January, and will be in the market for some. If you have a pig to sell see me for prices. Geo. Cathoun.

ABSTRACTS

You cannot sell your land with out an abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the only complete, up-to-date abstract of the land titles of Houston county.

ADAMS & YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

Ben Skidmore and Miss Libby Owens were married Sunday afternoon at the residence of Esq. Jno. A. Davis, that gentleman officiating.

I clean and press clothes and do it right. Also have a nice line of samples for ordering tailor made clothing. A fit guaranteed. M. L. Clewis.

I have just received a lot of up-to-date rugs. They will make excellent Christmas presents. Call and see them before they are picked over. W. R. Wherry.

A new sewing machine would be a nice present for your wife or married daughter. Darsey has them at all prices down to \$13.50 for best guaranteed sewing machines sold in Texas for the money.

THE CTRENUOUS LIFE.

Two men whose offices were on the second floor were on the first floor waiting for an elevator. "You're not looking extra well, Londzel," remarked the lawyer. "No, Rangle," replied the real estate man. "Think I'll join an athletic club. I need the exercise." "Me, too." Still they waited for the elevator.—Kansas City Times.

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