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ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

MISS DAVIS WINS

The Special Prize of \$10.00 in Gold by Small Margin. Voting was Lively. Another Special Prize of \$10.00 in Gold is offered.

As has been promised all along, the Messenger presented the young lady having the most votes to her credit when the first announcement was made, with \$10.00 in gold.

Below is found the vote to date and Miss Adelle Davis is the happy winner.

Miss Hanson is safely in second place, and has held the lead all along until Tuesday when Miss Davis took that place. Several of the contestants have a good start in the race for the pinno. Not a girl is disheartened over seeing the \$10.00 slip away and it is possible that the winner of the grand prize has not even her name entered in the list below. Here is the vote at 4 o'clock p. m., Jan. 4, 1910.

We, the committee selected to canvass the votes in the Messenger's contest, hereby certify that we counted them carefully and announce the results as follows:

M. L. Clewis,
W. H. Lively,
F. E. Taylor.

Miss Adelle Davis.....	33,790
Miss Lorraine Hanson....	33,655
Miss Mada Murchison....	9,610
Miss Luna Taylor.....	6,615
Miss Sallie Mae Kent....	5,800
Miss Lovie Spence.....	4,985
Miss Inez Haltom.....	4,715
Miss Stella Whitaker....	680
Miss Ciny Wall.....	570

Another Special Prize.

Girls look here. We want to see how much you can increase your votes in the next four weeks. We will give to the young lady who has not previously won a special prize and who turns in the largest number of votes from now until 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, February 1, 1910. Now all girls will have an equal chance at these special prizes for they will be given, not to the one whose vote is the largest but to the one whose vote increases from now until February 1, so that the candidate who has

no votes to speak of to her credit at this time stands an equal chance with the leaders.

This week there is renewed force to our motto. Get busy. Keep busy.

Here Goes for Another Year.

We feel grateful to a kind Providence and to a generous public, that we will do business at the old stand, and will be found here the coming season. Kind readers whether or not you knew us in any business transaction, we wish for you one of the best years of your life, and if by chance we meet, good will and best wishes for this 1910—for you and yours, and many thanks to all who has contributed to our patronage and reasonable success. Yours for a better year,

S. E. Howard.

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. It invigorates the entire system and strengthens the kidneys, so they eliminate the impurities from the blood. Backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles are all cured by this great medicine. Sold by A. S. Porter.

B. R. Eaves and family have moved back to their farm two miles west of town. John Frisby and family have moved into their residence on the Crockett road, which Mr. Eaves occupied.

Mrs. M. A. Diggs, Mr. Nat Saddler and Miss Edna Saddler of Norton, near Bullinger, were visitors in Grapeland during the holidays, guests of the family of Jno. A. Davis.

Prof. Wade L. Smith returned Saturday after spending the holidays with homefolks at Prosper.

To arrive this week, one car of wire, mixed, all kinds.

Kennedy Bros.

THINGS OF INTEREST

Mrs. McCarter Died at Oriole. All the Happenings of the Week.

Oriole, Texas, Dec. 27.—Your Christmas number of the Messenger has been received and read with pleasure. Glad to notice that all your old correspondents keep up a lively interest in your paper. Glad to learn that the young ladies engaged in the contest are active, and hope their friends will aid them in this matter, for some one will be sure to get the piano.

We have been having bad weather the past week; snow, sleet, ice and plenty of rain. This will put the soil in fine fix for plowing. Our farmers here are busy repairing fences and getting ready to make another crop. Glad to learn that cotton is bringing a good price.

We are now having a pretty time for Christmas and every one seems to be enjoying it; can hear reports of guns and fire crackers in all directions.

Since last writing we have had a death in our community. Mrs. Jane McCarter passed away after a lingering illness at her old home near here, surrounded by most of her children. She was buried in the McCarter graveyard by the side of her husband, who has been dead about seventeen years. Bro. Shinn officiated at the grave, where a large crowd of friends and neighbors had assembled.

Miss Ava Thompson gave a recital at the school house on Wednesday evening, the 22nd, having a very good attendance of the patrons. It was a pleasant occasion. The speeches and dialogues were well delivered, which made the occasion interesting. Miss Ava is pleasing the patrons of the school.

Here are some good thoughts from the Corpus Christi Crony: "We are soon to celebrate an epoch in history. The occurrence of an event at which time was proclaimed, 'Peace on earth and good will to men.' Did the proclamation mean all it said and did it come from a divine source? How can we believe that it did when we look backward down the blood drenched centuries and see how little of 'peace on earth'

man has enjoyed? How can we believe it when we see the leading 'christian' nations bending every effort in preparation for war—savage, gory war—on a scale the world has never seen before? Think! More than half the 'christian' population almost sweating blood in preparation for slaughter. Turning electricity, aviation and all the infinity of blessings God has given for the betterment of man's lot to the purposes of base murder." I hope all the readers of the Messenger will do all in their power to bring about "peace on earth good will to men" during the new year.

As it will not be a great while before we will be called upon to select another set of officers, I hope that all the friends of temperance and law and order will not cast a vote for anyone who is in favor of the whiskey business.

High Price of Living.

Only a few years back a 2-year old Christmas gobbler cost only a dollar. It has not been long since a sizable turkey could be had for six-bits.

Times change, and the price of turkeys changes with them. One Texan has just sold turkeys as high as \$5.40 each, and in one case a single bird, at 18 cents per pound, brought \$6.70.

Why permit oneself to be discouraged over a little thing like that? Why not face the facts and begin to raise turkeys and other products that have gone skyward in price? Why shouldn't at least fifty thousand Texans open the new year with good resolutions to thus get the benefits that are to come of high prices instead of losing all the penalties?

Fell Under a Horse.

Lovelady, Texas, Dec. 29.—Lucian Straughn, a 15-year-old boy, living near here, had his collar bone broken last night by his horse falling on him as he was returning from a party.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickley Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanent. A. S. Porter, special agent.

HON. W. M. LACY DEAD.

Heart Failure the Cause. Body Shipped to Palestine for Interment.

Palestine, Texas, December 29. The announcement of the death of Hon. W. M. Lacy at New Orleans this morning has brought sorrow to his many Palestine friends. A message received here stated that the body would be brought to Palestine for interment. Deceased for years was engaged in the mercantile business here, was elected county treasurer, serving two terms and during Sayers administration was superintendent of the Rusk penitentiary. He left here several years ago to engage in the banking business at Abilene, Texas. His mother, a brother and other relatives reside here.

Going in Business.

Messrs. William Keeland and W. E. Keer have arranged to engage in a general merchandise business at Grapeland and will open up soon after January 1. Mr. Keeland has been with Eastham Bros. for several years, while Mr. Keer has been with the Felder Dry Goods Co., for the past several months. Both of these young men are splendidly equipped to take charge of a business and the trading public of Grapeland will find them up-to-date and reliable. The Post-Item regrets to see these young men leave Huntsville for the town needs them, but they see it otherwise. Our best wishes go with them and we trust their brightest anticipation may be realized.—Huntsville Post-Item.

This firm have opened for business in the building formerly occupied by M. L. Clewis. Both members of the firm are young, energetic men, and the Messenger wishes for them a successful business career.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown left last week for Cleburne to visit their daughter, Mrs. A. B. Dunham.

Arthur Owens will not return to St. Jo, but has a position with Geo. E. Darsey as assistant bookkeeper.



We Begin the New Year by opening up a big stock of Freedman Bros.

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Without Doubt the BEST SHOES ever sold in Grapeland.

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Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

SUBSCRIPTION—IN ADVANCE:
 ONE YEAR.....\$1.00
 SIX MONTHS.....50 CENTS
 THREE MONTHS.....25 CENTS

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as second class Mail Matter.

Among our exchanges that issued Christmas editions where Santa Claus, evergreens, mistletoe and holly were much in evidence, were the Beeville Picayune, Bell County Democrat, and Grapeland Messenger, and they all looked fine.—Velasco Courier.

From what we glean in the editorial columns of the Grapeland Messenger, ye editor nasere this taken a partner. At the advanced age of twenty four years, he has concluded that "it is not well for man to live alone." May you both live long and happily.—Velasco Courier.

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."—Grapeland Messenger.

Your advice is good but is worthless to the News editor, because for once he is ahead of the game. He doesn't have to pay a poll tax.—Knox County News.

What's the matter, old boy? Mentally deranged, got a wooden leg or did your wife get you one for a Christmas present?

D. J. Jones, who formerly resided in this country, but now of Yesso, N. M., is here on a visit. In talking about his new home, Mr. Jones said: "In regard to New Mexico will say that my conclusions are that it is worth anyone's time to live out a claim. It is already a good stock country, and I believe it will become one of the best stock farming countrys in the west. As for health, it can't be better. We haven't lost an hour's sleep on account of sickness since we have been there. I wont advise anyone to move there. Go first and see the country."

During his tenure in office Attorney General Davidson turned into the state's strong box \$2,151,000 collected from illegal combinations. Of this a little more than a million dollars was collected from the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. Mr. Davidson has never swerved from the path of duty and has never made a "big show" of it, but in a quiet way has persued his duties, which is characteristic of the man. In offering himself for Governor of this great commonwealth, Bob Davidson has a splendid record to back him.

Editor Luker of the Grapeland Messenger made a resolution that he would not live single another year. So on Sunday, Dec 26th, he was married to Miss Callie Spence of Grapeland. We cannot sympathize with the bride as she must have known Mr. Luker, having been reared in the same town where he is now publishing his paper. Mr. Luker is a bright and energetic young man, being one of the live hustling kind of newspaper men of the State. Mr. Luker has many friends here who wish for he and his bride a long life of happiness and prosperity.—Livingston Enterprise.

Official Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the
Farmers & Merchants State Bank
 At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business on the 31st day of December 1909, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 6th day of Jan., 1910.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 31989.45
Loans, real estate	3876.55
Overdrafts (secured)	732.45
Bonds and Stocks	000.
Real estate (banking house)	2983.03
Other Real Estate	000.
Furniture and fixtures	1684.40
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	
	\$ 42864.10
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	\$8393.33 46257.43
Cash Items	\$000.00
Currency	7252.00
Specie	2250.97 9502.97
Other resources as follows:	000.
Total	\$ 97026.28

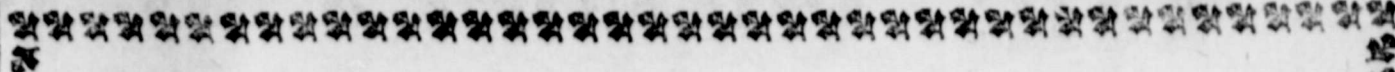
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	2250.00
Undivided Profits, net	2208.98
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	14000.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	63361.80
Time Certificates of Deposit	000.
Demand Certificates of Deposit	000.
Cashier's Checks	7.75
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	000.00
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Due State banking board	197.75
Total	\$ 97026.28

State of Texas,)
 County of Houston,) ss We, Geo. E. Darsey as president, and S. E. Miller as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Geo. E. Darsey, President.
 S. E. Miller, Cashier.
 Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of January, A. D., nineteen hundred and ten.
 Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
 J. R. Richards, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
 W. F. Murchison }
 W. G. Darsey, } Directors
 T. S. Kent }

- List of Nominees.**
- Miss Mollie Vinsen, Crockett
 - " Yola Kennedy, "
 - " Myrtle Gossett, "
 - " Mae Gregg, Weches.
 - " Willie Belle Neel, Elkhart
 - " Pauline Langham, "
 - " Lucy Stubblefield, "
 - " Linnie Ford, Latexo
 - " Bula Bolton, Augusta
 - " Sadie Story, "
 - " Ciny Wall, "
 - " Mary Bell Holcomb "
 - " Adelle Davis, Grapeland
 - " Luna Taylor, "
 - " Inez Haltom, "
 - " Mada Murchison "
 - " Loraine Hanson "
 - " Lovie Spence "
 - " Sallie Mae Kent, Grapeland, R F D No 4.
 - Miss Stella Whitaker, Grapeland, R F D No. 2.
 - Miss Jewel Luce, Crockett, R F D No 1
 - Miss May Trammel, Ratcliff

Elkhart Happenings.
 Elkhart, Texas, Jan. 3—The holidays passed off without any unpleasant occurrences. A spirit of peace and good will prevailed—one that should be particularly emphasized at Christmas time. Parties and entertainments were too numerous to mention. The Elkhart Brass Band is progressing rapidly under the man-



Our Thanks and Greeting:

We have been fortunate to enjoy your good will and valued patronage during 1909. We are truly grateful and thank you most heartily.

Our appreciation is sincere, and we respect and will merit your confidence.

The dawn of 1910 has appeared upon horizon emblazoned with the sunshine of prosperity.

May a golden stream of good luck, good cheer, good health and abundant profit be your harvest.

We wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

F. A. Faris & Son



agement of Prof. H. E. Loraine of Boston, who is an efficient teacher of forty-five years experience. The band, which has been organized only five weeks, plays a dozen or more difficult pieces as readily and easy as bands of years experience. They have played on the streets on several occasions. They also played the old year out and the new year in at the depot. We are proud of them and show our appreciation by assembling in the hall where they practice three nights in the week.

There has been several weddings the past two weeks as follows: Miss Ione Hemby to Otis Cahill of Oakwoods; Miss Bettie Hemby to Tom Camp; Miss Ida Davenport to Frank Font of Palestine; Jim Bridges to Miss Basheba Callaway.

Rev. Frazier of Van Buren, Mo. preached an impressive sermon at the Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Bessie Watkins, who has been visiting at Troupe, returned Wednesday.

Tom Johnson is visiting home-folk at Oakwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alston are visiting relatives in New Orleans, La.

Miss Louise Cameron who is teaching at Slocum, spent the holidays here.

Jim Houston is visiting relatives in Arrow Rock, Mo.

Our little city continues to grow. Materiel is being placed on the ground for Mr. Astor Knox's residence on South Parker Street. Will Lewis of Salmon has bought the parsonage from the Methodist church and will remodel it. Work will begin at once on the new parsonage. Mr. Alkire of Palestine will erect a handsome residence on a lot purchased from the Methodist church. Joe Driskill has completed his hotel and moved into same. Fagan Parker bought the

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 Spring Term Opens Jan. 3, 1910.

house formerly owned by Mr. Driskill and has moved in. Mr. Ben Watson will build a residence on a lot adjoining the White Hotel. Will Rogers has purchased the house and lot formerly owned by Lenard Sullivan. Mr. Stubblefield has purchased the home of Mrs. Stedman. Ben Watson has opened a photograph gallery.

Mrs. Hawthorne, who has been confined to her room for thirteen weeks with Typhoid fever, is on the road to recovery. Her many friends will be glad to see her up again.

Wishing the editor and his bride a pleasant as well as a profitable new year, I remain,
 Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Polk of Rusk returned home Saturday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Johnson near town.

The Woodmen of the World have changed thier meeting nights to 2nd and 4th Saturday nights in each month effective January 1 1910.

WHITE'S Cream Vermifuge

THE GUARANTEED
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THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.

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Miss Davis Wins \$10.00.

The first special prize for the first month of the contest has been paid. Big vote cast

The first month of the contest has closed and the first special prize has been awarded. The vote of each of the contestants is given in another column. The young ladies have been busy and the vote speaks volumes for their efforts.

The second month starts off with this issue and gives promises of much interest.

Another Special Prize of Ten Dollars in Gold is Offered

Another Special Prize of \$10 - IN GOLD - \$10

will be given to the contestant who has not previously won a special prize and makes the greatest gain in votes from now to 10 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, February 1st, 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

.....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,

NATHAN GUICE, 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 Nathan Guice, 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. Envelopes and subscription blanks for this purpose will be furnished. The strict compliance with these rules guarantees a fair and square deal to all concerned.

ENUMERATORS TEST EASY.

Applications Must be Filed With Supervisor Before January 25.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—By January 25 all applications for the positions of enumerators in the Thirteenth Decennial United States Census must be filed with the supervisors of census for the supervisor's districts in which the applicants reside. Between that date and Feb. 5 the supervisors will send out cards to applicants informing them where they are to report for the "test" to be held in every one of the 330 supervisors' districts on February 5 only.

Census Director Durand emphatically states that persons desiring to hold such positions should not stand in fear of the "test" to be made. Any person of average public-school education who can write plainly and reasonably fast will go through the "test" with "colors flying". In fact, the "test" is intended simply to help the supervisors pick suitable persons and to enable the director of the Census to exercise intelligently his power of approval of those whom the supervisors designate for appointment.

It will involve the filling in of either a sample population schedule, by those who will make the count in the cities, or of both a sample population and agricultural schedule, by candidates who will enumerate the county.

To prepare the way and to insure every applicant being given a fair chance, the supervisors will send in advance to each and every candidate a set of printed instructions for filling in these sample schedule.

"We consider that a very important point" said Acting Census Director Willoughby to day, "not only in treating these candidates fairly and giving them a chance to answer the questions properly, but also a means of education of the candidates who are afterwards to be appointed.

"They will study more thoroughly the instructions for filling in these schedules if they realize their chances of appointment depend upon that study than if they were appointed first and had to do the studying afterwards. You will see, therefore, that this test is not an appalling thing. It is not for the purpose of keeping people out of the places. It is applied simply to enable the Director to eliminate those who are plainly incompetent. Any person of good judgment and ordinary common-school education—for the work

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Ballard's Horehound Syrup can be given to babies as well as adults. Try a small bottle at first and after that buy the larger bottles, which are cheaper in proportion."

*Ballard Snow Lintiment Co., St. Louis, Mo. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold and recommended by

A. S. PORTER

requires some little thinking power—can easily pass the test."

Between Feb. the 5 and February the 22 the Supervisors will go through the "test" papers, satisfy themselves as the qualifications of those who have passed, and make their designations or recommendations to the Census Director. The next step will be the Director's approval, and then the supervisors will issue the commissions to the enumerators.

Director Durand expects to have the army of 67000 or more enumerators picked, tested, designated, and commissioned by the middle or latter part of March. From then on until April 15 the supervisors will send the enumerators circulars and books of instructions concerning the meaning of the schedule questions and the way the enumerators should write in the answers obtained from the people of the country.

It is very probable that special agents may be assigned to certain supervisors' districts for the purpose of meeting the enumerators personally and giving them additional information concerning the character of their duties.

Application forms, with complete directions concerning the method of preparing them, can be secured by writing at once to district supervisor, J. W. Madden, at Crockett, Texas.

Rev. I. W. Williams Testifies.

Rev. I. W. Williams, Huntington, W. Va., writes us as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it."

Sold by A. S. Porter.

Dropped Dead in Palestine.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 31.—Mr. W. I. Kennedy, a Crockett man, dropped dead at a local hotel early this morning. He was on his way from San Antonio to Crockett, having been to San Antonio for his health. He was accompanied by his brother, D. C. Kennedy. The remains were taken to Crockett.—Galveston News.

Will Ike had many friends in Grapeland who will be pained to learn of his untimely death. The Messenger extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

It is a dangerous thing to take a cough medicine containing opiates that merely stifle your cough instead of curing it. Foley's Honey and Tar loosens and cures the cough and expels the poisonous germs, thus preventing pneumonia and consumption. Refuse, substitutes and take only the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package.—A. S. Porter.

Alton Lively and family, formerly of Waneta, but who for the past two years have been making their home at Buffalo Gap, have been here the past two weeks. Mr. Lively will move back here to live, and is now seeking a new location. We are glad to have him back.

Simple Remedy for LaGrippe LaGrippe coughs are dangerous, as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package.

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for all stomach troubles—indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, gas in the stomach, bad breath, sick headache, torpid liver, biliousness and habitual constipation. Pleasant to take.

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Fill in your name and address and mail to us at once for our free catalogue.

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Tyler Commercial College,
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A Traveling Salesman.

H. F. Beers, 617 7th Ave., Peoria, Ill., writes; "I have been troubled for some time with kidney trouble, so severely at times I could scarcely carry my grips. After using one bottle of Foley's Kidney Pills I have been entirely relieved, and cheerfully recommend them to all." Foley's Kidney Pills are healing and antiseptic and will restore health and strength.

Sold by A. S. Porter.

Major Whitaker and Miss Vera Ferguson were married on Thurs day night before Christmas, Esq. Jno. A. Davis officiating. We wish them much success and happiness.

Pneumonia Follows a Cold but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, which stops the cough, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from your system.—A. S. Porter.

A TRUE BOWEL CLEANSER

A remedy that purifies the bowels mildly yet thoroughly, strengthens the bowel channels and promotes regularity.

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I have some of those nice Boxes of Candy left, which will be sold very cheap.

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Agency for the Ineeda Laundry, Houston

THE BON TON IS THE PLACE

The Messenger is a "live wire" when it comes to giving the news of Grapeland and surrounding country. Are you on for 1910?

LOCAL NEWS.

Ed Holcomb of Augusta was here on business Monday.

Plenty of pure corn chops at Kennedy Bros.

Lewis Sory visited friends in Livingston this week.

Say! Say! Don't forget to take your suit to Clewis Saturday and have them cleaned and pressed.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hill spent a few days in Houston with relatives.

Just received one car of New Mexico alfalfa hay at Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. G. R. Whately and children of Palestine visited relatives here last week.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelley.

Just received half car of big plows, little plows, all kinds of plows at Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitley of Ft. Worth were visitors here during the holidays.

WANTED—500 men's suits and ladies skirts to clean and press. M. L. Clewis.

Rev. Etheridge Payne and wife of Liberty visited relatives here during the holidays.

We still sell you high patent flour guaranteed for \$1.50, at Kennedy Bros.

Alton Murchison and F. A. Faris spent the holidays with relatives at Thomaston, Texas.

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My farm, 50 acres in cultivation. Apply to J. A. Bean.

I am still in the market for your chickens, eggs and butter. Will pay the cash. On back street. K. C. Alsop.

SHINGLES FOR SALE.

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

George W. Shaver.

Those who have promised to bring us wood on subscription, please bring it in. We need it badly.

Cook and Peary both claim they discovered the North Pole. Clewis claims and will clean and press your clothes.

N. C. Tims of Augusta was in town Tuesday selling cotton and paid the Messenger a pleasant call.

The restaurant on back street is open six days in the week. Come around. I will pay top prices for your produce. K. C. Alsop.

Eugene Walling and Miss Ida Herod were married Sunday, Dec. 26, at the residence of Rev. N. S. Hero, who performed the ceremony. The Messenger extends best wishes.

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.

KENNEDY BROS.



Mark Anthony and his sister, Mrs. Hood Pitts, visited relatives at San Augustine last week.

J. F. Fulton, who has been living in Grapeland the past two years, has moved back to his farm two miles north of town.

Spike Dockery has returned to Shreveport after spending the holidays here. Mrs. Dockery will remain awhile longer.

"Say, John, I want you to take your suit of clothes to Clewis and have him clean and press it for you."

THE AERO AGE.



When the air becomes full of airplanes the humble pedestrian he will have to wear a mirror in front to protect himself.

WESTERN GIRLS STRONGER.

Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the Woman's National Trade Union league, was in New York at the reception in honor of Mrs. Pankhurst, the English suffragist, and was quoted as saying that western girls in factories are much stronger than their eastern sisters engaged in the same work. The Chicago girls, she said, have worse conditions, but this is the first generation to be exploited, and they are still vigorous. The New York women have suffered trade exploitation for too many generations and their strength is sapped. There is more good native American blood in the west, she said, and they are fighting for their own protection. Although this is only the first generation in factory work in the west, she said, the girls were better organized than in the east.

THE GUNPOWDER PLOT.

A curious fate befell Red hall, otherwise known as the Old Red House, at Bourne, in Lincolnshire, where the gunpowder plot is supposed to have been originally concocted. After being for centuries in the possession of the Digby family, this historic Elizabethan mansion was sold about fifty years ago to the Great Northern Railway Company and converted into a station for the passenger traffic; but out of deference to popular sentiment the external appearance of the picturesque old place has been preserved practically unchanged.—London Daily News.

A JOY FOREVER.

"Isn't your hat rather curious in shape?" asked the uninformed man. "Certainly," answered his wife. "It has to be. Any hat that wasn't curious in shape would look queer."—Washington Star.

SETTING A PRECEDENT.

Dispatches from Paris that M. Blanck, who hurt several people at Port Aviation by colliding with the crowd, was prosecuted for "furious driving."

GOOD BOOKS EASY TO OBTAIN

Standard Works Sent Out in Thousands by Libraries in This Country and England.

There are critics and educators who deplore the demand for cheaper novels, on the ground that too much fiction is read as it is by women and the young, and that we should encourage the circulation of the more serious and informing forms of literature. Happily, the problem of cheaper classics and standard works has long since been solved. The various "libraries" that are flourishing here and in England are constantly sending out thousands, if not tens of thousands, of copies of the best works in our literature. The annual or semi-annual lists indicate not only a wonderfully steady demand for "cheap classics," but the additions to the lists embrace books that are not at all light reading. Natural history, biography, memoirs, criticisms, essays, philosophy, theology, poetry, travel, the drama, are all well represented in the "libraries," and no one doubts that their patrons buy books for use rather than ornament. The witticism that "classics are works we do not read but think we have read" does not apply to the eager purchasers of editions that have no external charms, that cannot be displayed in fine cases, and that minister to no taste for handsome bindings and rich paper.

WANTS ALL TO KNOW.

"Just as soon as a woman gets married she wants everybody to know it," said the director of a New York art gallery. "Even women who are beautiful enough to get their portraits on exhibition like to advertise the fact that they have made a good match."

"In my rooms are the portraits of three young women who were married a short time ago. The pictures were put on exhibition while the ladies were still single, and, of course, were listed in the catalogues under their maiden names. Well, as soon as they became brides they wanted the fact chronicled in the catalogues."

"I had a great stack of these catalogues on hand. It was obviously out of the question to throw them away and print a new lot for the sake of those three matrimonial changes. Since I couldn't consent to do that the brides insisted upon my correcting each name in red ink. You will see, by looking through a catalogue, that they are now properly tagged."

A SURE WINNER.



Josh—How did Swift manage to secure the nomination? He has no political influence, has he?

Bosh—No; but he's simply rolling in affluence.

TOLD IN DENMARK.

Returned Explorer—Yes, the cold was so intense at the pole we had to be very careful not to pet our dogs.

Miss Youngthing—Indeed! Why was that?

Returned Explorer—You see, their stails were frozen stiff and if they wagged them they would break off.

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FOR SALE BY

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TAXICAB DRIVERS IN REVOLT

Unique Demonstration Made by Parisians Against Magistrate They Considered Enemy.

A unique demonstration took place in Paris when taxicab drivers, about 2,000 strong, and each driving his car, spent the early hours of the morning recently in a playful riot on their own account. The cry was "Down with police traps, and death to 'flying summonses.'" The number of passing cars in the streets are taken down by the policemen for excessive speed, smoking exhausts, and so on, unknown to the offenders, who subsequently find themselves summoned before a magistrate. The Taxicab Drivers' syndicate held a meeting of protest against the system and at the close the chairman said: "You know the magistrate who convicts you. Let all good chauffeurs follow me thither and play him a tune." "Hurrah," shouted 2,000 drivers, who at once started their motors, leaped on to their seats and were off from the meeting in a wild procession, which drove at 50 miles an hour, terrifying the neighborhood. They all stopped outside the unhappy magistrate's house and began playing a tune. Two thousand motor horns shrieked and groaned, and 2,000 pairs of lungs yelled for all they were worth. All that the police hurriedly sent to the spot could do was to prevent the house from being stormed.

UNCOMPLIMENTARY.

Howell—What do you think of Rowell?

Powell—That it would be a waste of "X" rays to try to locate his conscience.

VARIED FORMULA.

"Did he tell the whole truth?" "Practically. He told the whole truth with a hole just large enough for him to crawl out of it."—Puck.

REPARTEE.

The Guest—Say, waiter, how did this lobster die?

The Waiter—Got into a common broil, sir.

HERBINE

QUICKLY CURES

BILIOUSNESS, CONSTIPATION, DYSPEPSIA, MALARIA, CHILLS AND FEVER AND ALL LIVER COMPLAINTS.

IT IS BY RECOMMENDATION TO HER FRIENDS

Mrs. Maggie Miller, Hagen, Ohio, writes:—I like to place in recommendation your Herbine, for it did so much for me. I had a sick headache, foul breath, bad taste in my mouth and could not get any sleep at night. I used one bottle and was cured. I am never without Herbine. I heartily recommend it to all my friends.

Price 50 Cents per Bottle.

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This remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other harmful drug and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult.

Price 25 cents, large size 50 cents.

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I also do all kinds of clock and watch repairing. Call on me for anything in this line. Office at rear of Messenger office.

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Ballard's Horehound Syrup COMPOUND.

CURES COUGHS, COLDS, CROUP, SORE THROAT, WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL PULMONARY DISEASES.

FINDS IT TO BE A SPLENDID REMEDY.

Mr. J. E. Ryan, Editor Berwick Register, Berwick, La., writes:—I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup Compound in my family for several years, and find it to be a splendid remedy.

I heartily recommend it to those suffering from coughs and colds.

I also recommend it as a safe cure for children when suffering from croup or whooping cough.

Three Sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

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A. S. PORTER.

Taken up at my saw mill 7 miles southeast of Grapeland one black horse 12 or 15 years old; one eye out. Owner can get same by proving it.

T. H. Loryerton.

Mrs. Cecilia Eaves.

Mrs. Cecilia Eaves, 26 years old, died in the home of her father, J. M. Crier, 523 Austin Street, Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after an illness of several months. She came to San Antonio only a few weeks ago from her home in Grapeland. Besides a husband and child in Grapeland there survives a father, mother, five brothers and one sister in this city and one in Grapeland. The funeral services will be held from the residence of a brother, 1013 Avenue C. Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made in City Cemetery No. 3.—San Antonio Express.

W. H. Howard of Troupe visited his brother, Walter, north of town last week.

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When buying see that
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Ask your merchant
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J. W. Howard,

From Buffalo Gap.

Buffalo Gap, Texas, Dec. 28.—The weather the past two weeks has been cold and fine for hog killing. But there are not many hogs to kill here, and our market man gets what there is. Pork is 15c and beef 10c per pound if you have it cut ready for cooking. That seems high, as I have always lived where it was plentiful and cheap.

Our little town is progressing nicely. We will soon have a rail road and will be proud of it. We then can take a ride often.

Mr. Editor, you must be sure to print the Messenger, for we always welcome it in our home. We are proud you have taken unto yourself a wife, for it surely must be lonesome to live alone. We wish you a long and happy life.

Mr. Alton Lively and family left about two weeks ago for Houston county. Hope they will be pleased in their new home.
Cow Boy.

Greeting:

We are standing on the threshold of a new year, the old year having rolled over the precipice of time into the abyss of the past to be absorbed by the stream of endless eternity. In contemplating the events of the past year we are moved to a feeling of gratitude and thanks to Providence for the many blessings we have been permitted to enjoy, and also thankful and grateful to our many patrons who have honored us with their favor and confidence. We hope to merit this confidence for many years to come. We now extend to them our best wishes for the coming year, which we hope will be one of happiness and prosperity to all.
Yours truly,
W. R. Wherry.

Caught in the Rain.

then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary diseases in young or old.
Sold by A. S. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Crenshaw of Coleman, Texas, have been visiting friends and relatives here. Mrs. Crenshaw was formally Miss Benola Harmon, having moved west with her father about four years ago.

The following Grapelandites who are making their homes at other places have visited here the past week: Lee Eaves and Balis Daly of Austin; Miss Eulalia Lively and Mary Lou Tompson and Dudley Eaves of Huntsville; Miss Moselle Martin, Rusk; Joe Bob Oliphint, Creek, Sam Herod, Volga; Mack Martin, Big Springs; Charlie Royall Athens; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Faris, Mrs. P. H. Blalock and Miss Cleo Murchison, Livingston; Oscar Faris, Lufkin; Murdock Darsey and Miss Ima Davis Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Allen, Spring; and possibly many others we failed to learn.

Prickley Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. A. S. Porter special agent.

Bertha Neeley, a negro woman, died last Friday and was interred Saturday in the New Salem Cemetery.

Hays Spring News.

Jan. 2.—The old year 1909 is now a thing of the past. A new year has come, and as a well wisher of the Messenger and its many readers I will suggest and insist that so far as possible that we strive to make the best year of our lives. We believe in many things we can make vast improvements over the year that has just passed and gone. And we believe our Editor has fully realized this fact, as he has recently united him self with one of Grapeland's fairest and most worthy young ladies as a life time companion, and in this you have been obedient to the Scriptures where in one place it says, "it is not good for man to be alone" in another place something like this, "the son shall forsake Father and Mother and cleave to his wife". So we believe the readers of the Messenger will unite with me in congratulating you, Mr. Editor, that you have been obedient to God's Word; and that you have received the highest honor that God could give to man in this life.

The Xmas just passed has been a very quiet one in our community. So there were no happenings worth mentioning, although we heard one young man say that he had spent eight dollars for presents. We suppose he intended giving them to his best girl. We think at this rate there will soon be another wedding out this way.

Mack Herod and family of Merkel, Texas, spent the holidays in our community with relatives and friend. They formally lived in our neighborhood and we're glad to have them spend Xmas in our midst. They will return to Merkel in a few days.

B. R. Eaves and family have moved back to their old home in our community after being absent a year.

Our school opened Wednesday after one week vacation for Xmas. Our school is progressing nicely, and our teacher is doing good work.

Rev. J. E. Bean failed to fill his appointment, the 4th Sunday in December. We never learned the cause of his failure. Next Sunday is Rev. A. L. Carnes day with us, his appointment at 3:30 P. M. We hope to have good attendance.

A System regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickley Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

NOTICE.

It is important that every member of the Methodist church be present Sunday morning, January, 9, at 11 o'clock. The services will be of special interest to you. All others are invited.
A. L. Carnes, P. C.

Howard Alexander, formerly prescription clerk at D. N. Leaverton's, but now finishing his course in pharmacy at Galveston, was here last week shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. Andrew Spence, who formerly lived in the Wesley Chappel community, but now of Chillicothe, spent the holidays here with relatives and old friends.

WE EXTEND

To our Customers and Friends our thanks and appreciation for the patronage with which you have favored us in the past.

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WE WISH

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50c values for.....25c	etc.....
Ladies' ribbed hose, 25c val-	Williams Shaving Soap..... 5c
ues for.....15c	Large heavy goblets, 10c val-
Fancy half hose, 25c values...15c	ues for..... 5c
" " " 15c ".....10c	Gold band 8-inch plates.....10c
Good heavy half hose, 10c	" " cups and saucers...10c
values for..... 5c	Heavy shirt sweaters, worth
Ladies' Jersey Gloves.....20c	\$1.00, for.....50c
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