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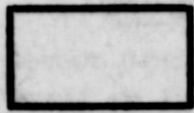
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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Thanks-giving



We wish to thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage and co-operation in making

Our Store Grapeland's Leading Dry Goods House

Through your help our store has grown and we expect to enlarge it so we will have

THE BEST STORE IN HOUSTON CO.

Thanking you again, we are,
Yours truly,

Mistrot Bro's. & Co.

"The House of Quality."
GRAPELAND, TEXAS.

CROP REPORT WAS A LITTLE WRONG

INCREASE GREATER THAN GIVEN OUT

Cotton Now Shipped and on Platform and Yards Show Increase of 587 Bales over Last Season

In the hurry of getting the figures of the railroad company relative to shipments of cotton and cotton seed this year and last, some little errors crept in, and while they only go to make a better showing than that of last week, we are going to reproduce the story and this time it is right.

Of cotton shipped out of Grapeland, the total to Monday noon was 5190 bales; there were at that time 390 bales in the yards and on the platforms, making the Grapeland receipts to Monday noon 5580 bales. At the close of the 1910-11 season on July 31st, 1911, there had been 4993 bales of the fleecy staple shipped out of this station, so that now we are 587 bales ahead of the entire previous season.

Of cottonseed shipped here are the figures:

	1910	1911
Sept.	24 cars	19 cars
Oct.	27 "	49 "
Nov. (to 18th) 18 "	32 "	
Total	69 "	100 "

In the month of December 1910 and January, February and March, 1911, when the last of the seed for that year was shipped, there were 18 carloads billed out, which makes a total of 87 cars of seed shipped for the season against 100 so far this season.

It is estimated that we will nearly if not quite double the shipments of the 1910 season, and while the price paid for the staple is not so good by many cents as that paid last season, it is now going up slowly and the prediction is that it nearly will, if not quite reach the September price by the close of the year.

THE LATCH-STRING ALWAYS HANGS OUT

From the Maypearl, (Ellis county) Herald we clip the following:

"J. A. (Skinner) Brigman and family left Wednesday for Grapeland, Houston County, where they go to make their future home. To our idea Mr. Brigman is making the proper move for there—East Texas—a man can raise what he lives on, and what he has to sell is profit. Our best wishes go with you Skinner, and may you enjoy health, happiness and prosperity in your new home."

Brother Lusk of the Herald is right. In this end of Houston county "Skinner" will find the best chance to "get ahead" that Texas has to offer. Land here is good and no land sharks have run the price out of sight. To men of Mr. Brigman's type, we most cordially extend a welcoming hand and we are assured that he will find that he is among friends.

Mrs. S. C. Spence and mother, Mrs. Bruton, of Crockett visited relatives in the city Sunday.

We are the FURNITURE People

"THE PRICE IS THE THING."

Keeland Bros.

SUCCESSORS TO WHITLEY & KEELAND.

"The Price is the Thing."

Telephone No. 34.

Cash Register CHECK - NEWS

Don't Forget to Turn in Your CASH REGISTER CHECKS

For our second call not later than next Monday and then watch for the count and standing of contestants in next weeks paper.

Mark your name and address on each package of votes turned in and state whether for boy or girl.

The boy and girl having the largest number of votes at this call will each get

Three Dollars in Cash

The boy and girl having the second largest number of votes will each get

Two Dollars in Cash

The boy and girl getting the reward at our first call will not participate in the cash rewards at this call.

George E. Darsey

Grapeland, Texas, November 23rd

GREAT WRECK AT KEELAND BROS

Friday morning about 9:30 o'clock, the long line of shelving on the north side of the store, stacked to the limit with canned goods, crockery, glassware and the various condiments that are cased in glass jars and bottles, cut loose from its holding against the dividing wall and fell with a crash over the counters and show cases below.

Mixed pickles, vinegar and syrup were ankle deep over the floor and the canned goods and broken crockery that littered the aisle looked like the aftermath of a healthy cyclone. The damage was not great, probably about \$25, and by vigorous effort, the boys soon had the shelves back in place and business was resumed.

Don't waste your money buying strengthening plasters. Chamberlain's Liniment is cheaper and better. Dampen a piece of flannel with it and bind it over the affected parts and it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all dealers.

Your Capital

Your spare time is your unemployed capital. Think of the idle moments you lose at night that could be profitably spent in taking, by mail, lessons in Book-keeping, Shorthand, Penmanship, Business Letter Writing, Business English, Arithmetic, etc. For prices on Home Study By Mail, address Jno. F. Draughon, President, Nashville, Tenn. For catalogue on courses at college, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Dallas, Texarkana, Denison or Ft. Worth.

Coughing at Night

means loss of sleep which is bad for everyone. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops the cough at once, relieves the tickling and dryness in the throat and heals the inflamed membranes. Prevents a cold developing into bronchitis or pneumonia. Keep it always in the house. Refuse substitutes. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Mrs. S. H. Yarbrough and children of Trinity are visiting relatives in the city.

GIVE YOUR LIVER A FAIR CHANCE

Stop Drugging it With Calomel—
Dodson's Liver-Tone, a Vegetable Liquid Medicine—
Works Without Harm

If your liver stops working it is a mistake to try to whip it into action with doses of calomel.

It's so much simpler and safer to cure your liver troubles with the pleasant tasting liquid, Dodson's Liver Tone. You can get a large bottle at Porter's drug store for fifty cents and every member of the family can use it. Dodson's Liver Tone is an all vegetable liver medicine that starts the liver to act within a few hours and has no bad after-effects. No restriction of your habits or diet necessary.

A. S. Porter guarantees it to be a perfect substitute for calomel and will give you your money back if you are not pleased with the medicine.

Get a bottle instead of calomel next time.

G. W. Maize returned to his home at McAdams Monday morning. He had been here several days prospecting and we hope he will find a place to suit him.

FROM FAR OFF KENTUCKY

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 15.—The weather is beginning to be cold and I am now realizing how cold it gets in the north. We have had some severe cold weather, with sleet and snow, and the north wind buzzing as if it were coming off the north pole.

Say, Mr. Editor, why don't you and the people in and around Grapeland boost that place more? It's the best country in the U. S., and if anyone doubts this send them up here, or anywhere up here, and they will go back to Houston county with a satisfied mind. That old sand around Grapeland looks poor indeed, but the farmers can make more off of it raising speckle peas, besides other stuff, than the farmers can make here in a year. I've seen just as good corn grow right in Grapeland as the corn exhibited here at the fairs. I was expecting to see something fine up here in the way of fine stock, as Kentucky is noted for its fine mules and horses. If it is they keep them hid all the time, for there is just as good, if not better stock in Houston county than I've seen here. The fine (?) cows remind me of a Texas nanny goat that has been half fed through the winter. So boost Grapeland up; I'll help you all I can.

Glad to notice that S. E. Howard is having good success selling lots he has put on the market. Every lot sold means a new house for Grapeland some day. Let the good work go on.

The farming land of this country is very high, so the farmers tell me, and I can't see why the lands at home are not worth more, for it is better land, will produce more and is easier to till, and, in fact, better in every way. If the people of Grapeland would advertise more and tell the world what they have and all push together much better results could be obtained. If you tell a farmer here that land at home sells for \$15 to \$20 per acre he will laugh at it and say, "I am afraid of such cheap land; it must not be any good; anyone would starve to death on such poor land as that." So let us all work for home and make it just what it ought to be.

I can say one thing for Louisville: it is noted for its cafes and policemen, so you see plenty of booze and a fellow to keep you quiet. JOHN L. GUICE.

The boy's appetite is often the source of amazement. If you would have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only create a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Mary Lou Thompson of Ioni was in the city last week and went up to Palestine to visit a few days.

"There could be no better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My children were all sick with whooping cough. One of them was in bed, had a high fever and was coughing up blood. Our doctor gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the first dose eased them, and three bottles cured them," says Mrs. R. A. Donaldson, of Lexington, Miss. For sale by all dealers.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM AND BLADDER TROUBLE



TAN BUTTON Shoes

For Misses and young Ladies in the famous Buster Brown Make!

Cap toe, medium heavy soles, Cuban heels, made of Russia calf leather, sizes 2 1-2 to 5, a pair..... **\$2.50**

Patent Button Shoes

For Women and Young Ladies, in all sizes
\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50

Children's Velvet Coats

With wide colors and revers in dark red beautifully trimmed with black braid, age 3 to 16 years, each..... **\$3.50**

Infants' Long Coats, made of casimere and bedford cord, beautifully embroidered collars and skirt..... **\$1.00 and \$1.50**

Children's Bear Skin Coats, plain and curly, colors red, navy, gray and white..... **\$2.50 \$1.75 and \$1.50**

Rugs and Art Squares

A big assortment of beautiful patterns and rich colorings in Axminster and Velvet rugs economically priced.

Velvet rugs, 27x54 inches; at..... **\$1.50**

Axminster rugs, 27x54 inches, at..... **\$2.00**

Axminster rugs, 36x72 inches, at..... **\$4.00**

Granite Art Squares, 9x12 feet, at..... **\$4.75**

Tapestry and Axminster Art Squares, 9x12 feet... **\$10.00 AND UP**

Overcoat Time

We are showing some very handsome styles in 50 inch Cravanetted coats, lined through the body and shoulders only, light weight but warm and dry; they are well tailored of good materials and are practical, good looking coats. Black, gray and tan and the most attractive values you ever saw.

\$8.50, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15

SOME SEASONABLE OFFERINGS IN MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Men's sweaters from..... 50c to \$2.50
Men's wool gloves..... 25c, 50c and 75c
Men's wool underwear, a garment..... \$1.00
Men's wool overshirts..... \$1.00

Men's wool hose..... 25c
Men's outing night shirts..... \$1.00
Men's Ribbed Cotton Union Suits..... \$1.00
—WE GIVE CASH REGISTER CHECKS—

DARSEY'S DRY GOODS STORE

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS

for backache, rheumatism, kidney or bladder trouble, and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills purify the blood, restore lost vitality and vigor. Refuse substitutes.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON DRUGGIST

J. E. Parker, 2021 No. 10th St. Ft. Smith, Ark., says that he had taken many kinds of kidney medicine, but did not get better until he took Foley's Kidney Pills. No matter how long you have had kidney trouble, you will find quick and permanent benefit by the use of Foley's Kidney pills. Start taking them now. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Miss Zera Gainey returned Sunday night from Houston, where she spent a few days visiting relatives.

Notice

The Stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Grapeland, Texas, are requested to be present at a call meeting of the stockholders of said Bank to be held Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 1911, at its Banking house in the town of Grapeland, Texas, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. to consider the proposition of increasing the Capital stock of said Bank from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

GEO. E. DARSEY, Pres.
W. D. GRANBERY, Cashier.

HERBINE

For the Bowels

A Cure for Chronic Constipation, Torpid Liver and Irregular Bowel Movements.

Constipation is the most common disorder of the bowels. It affects both sexes and all ages but is more prevalent among women because their duties in the household require less physical exercise than the occupations of men; therefore women suffer most from its baneful effect.

A constipated person is an easy victim when exposed to any serious disease—Pneumonia, Typhoid Fever, Malaria, Rheumatism, Small Pox, Yellow Fever and Bright's Disease gather their annual harvest of death among those who are habitually constipated. Even though they escape these diseases, such persons are always ailing more or less. They have headaches, bad digestion, dizziness, vertigo (blind staggers), sallow complexion, fatulence, loss of strength; and no energy at all. Herbine has a most admirable effect in the bowels; it is cooling, purifying and regulating. It puts a prompt check on biliousness, wind in the bowels, nervousness, heartburn, bad breath, low spirits, drowsiness in the daytime and nervous wakefulness at night.

Price 50c per Bottle.

JAMES T. BALLARD PROPRIETOR ST. LOUIS, MO.

For Weak Sight or Sore Eyes, use Stephens Eye Salve. It cures.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER, Druggist

Do You Take the Messenger regularly?

Foley's Kidney Pills

What They Will Do for You

They will cure your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes.

D. N. LEAVERTON.

The Old Reliable Seed Buyer

wants to buy your

COTTON SEED

"Will pay as high a price as any buyer, a square deal to all and always on the job. Be sure to see me before you sell"

J. W. Howard

With Houston County Oil Mill
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

ROYAL & LIVELY'S Meat Market

FRESH MEAT
EVERY DAY

Free Delivery on Saturdays

We will appreciate your
Business

We also keep Barbecued Meat.

ROYAL & LIVELY

In the Woodard Building
Below S. E. Howard's.

THE ENEMY OF CHILDHOOD.

The greatest enemy of childhood is the tape worm and similar parasites. They are the direct cause of the loss of thousands of children who were so weakened by the pernicious action of these pests that they became easy victims of disease. The best protection against worms is to give the children an occasional dose of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only removes worms, but acts as a general tonic in the stomach and bowels.

Price 25c per Bottle.
Jas. F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER.



TAYLOR & DAILEY'S MEAT MARKET

Fresh Meat
at all times

Courteous Treatment
and your business will
be duly appreciated

Taylor & Dailey
PROPRIETORS

Comments and Observations

By George Louis Payne

There is at least one thing that you can put down as true now or at any other time, and that is that "birds of a feather will flock together." "Birds of a feather" will not only "flock together," but they will follow each other up to the end of the earth -- they are inseparable. Always remember this, and you will never again become perplexed over some certain mysteries, physiological or otherwise, such as have been dumbfounding you in the past.

It is said that the River Dee, in Scotland, has been the theme of more poems than any other, stream in Great Britain. But for the subjects of real aspiring poetry, nothing shines like some of the wonderful rivers, creeks, and bayous in this part of the world, which are either as dry as powderhouse, or overflowing the country, tearing up trees by the roots, washing away farms and all there is on them, and creating general consternation.

It has been a good many years since Ananias was born, and lived and died, and, his disciples in this day and time are numerous, to say the least of it -- their magnitude of number covers the expanses of every nation in the world, civilized or uncivilized. But so far as we are concerned, the pronounced adherent of his looms up in great proportions in the light of a saint compared to the fellow who is always surmising things, suspicioning things, drawing up groundless ideas about what people are or are not, and what people think, or do not think, or what people think of him or do not think of him, who is always arrived at conclusions through his own foolish imagination, no matter how far from the truth his presumptions are.

Now that the time of year for the repairing and building of farm fences is near at hand, we shall once more, in the course of time, behold with mortal eyes the agriculturist who takes pleasure in extending his fence a quarter of a mile one way or the other just in order to get to fence up a road.

What characteristic is there in a good person more prominent and inherent than peacefulness? What an addition to any community, to any sphere of society, is a peaceable person! What a blessing to civilization, at large, is he! What a useful member of society! What a virtual godsend to humanity! He does not like the turbulence of disorder. Wrangles, disputes, disturbances among people, among neighbors, are disgusting to him. He wants to see everybody at peace within themselves. He wants to see a peaceable, happy progressive people. He loves peace because it is peace, because it stands for the highest and best that his mind can conceive.

He loves peace not only because of that which it means to him, but because of that which it means to all people, to everybody.

Peace does not mean retrogression, quietude does not mean stagnation, but far from that. Civilization has not been carried forward at the point of the sword and before the cannon's mouth. The community noted for its disorders does not make advances with its churches and its schools.

Besides, the peaceable person is not the coward, moral or otherwise. The desperado, with his dislike for peace, has never been known to be so willing to face the battle line, nor to stand without flinching when the cannons boom. The participator in petty rows has never been known to be so willing to die for his country's sake. Nor have these two characters ever been known to show any great moral courage. Surely people have not forgotten the peace-loving Washington, and the peace-loving Lee, and the praying Jackson! The same instinct that causes one to love peace causes him to be to the fore when peace cannot be had, and he is needed to battle for right.

Of course you have seen the blusterer, the fellow that is so fond of disturbances and wrangles. What spot of creation is free from him? You have grown very well acquainted with him, and you know he seems to stagnate if he is not in a row, and so his activity to keep from stagnating. And you have seen his right hand partner, his confidential co-worker, the fellow who disseminates all the neighborhood gossip, and who works up fresh disorders when business along that line is dull. We have had a good deal to say here of late about this last named person, and we intend to continue to lambast him so long as we can write. He is an undesirable citizen, if there ever was one or ever will be one. He is an enemy to the peace of community life and home life. He is as great a nuisance as ever embarrassed a neighborhood. And you have seen the lawyer who would encourage disturbances that they might procure a few fees that they would otherwise miss. And you have seen the peaceable person.

And all praise to the latter! Would that we had more like him. May his number multiply and multiply; and his example direct an influence upon others to espouse the doctrine "of peace on earth and good will toward all men," as enunciated on the plains of Arabia some two thousand years ago.

ABOUT TUR- KEY PRICES

The little note in last week's Messenger seems to have been misunderstood by our farmer friends -- the one referring to the price of the fowls in the Houston market, we mean.

That article said: "They will easily command 15 to 20 cents per pound in that market."

This is true so far as the retail market is concerned, but that is not the price here. The shipper from Grapeland has to pay express and commission charges, and to expect the buyers here to pay the Houston retail price would be folly.

This paper does not know what Mr. Howard pays for turkeys but he and all the other buyers of Grapeland will always pay all that the state of the big markets will allow, for turkeys or any other product of the farm. Grapeland is the best market in Houston county, or any other county in the state for that matter, for any crop or produce. Its merchants hold the prices to the highest level the business will stand and you can make no mistake when you bring your produce here.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM, MIGRAINE AND BLADDER

ELKHART ENJOYS FINE FALL TRADE

Last week a representative of the Messenger paid Elkhart, our neighbor city on the north, a short visit.

He found a live, thriving little city, one of the kind that is a parallel to our own Grapeland in most of the things that go to build up a town. They are working on the organization of a commercial club and there are several definite prospects for improvement along commercial and civil lines that seem reasonably sure of fruition.

All the merchants report a fine fall business and both of its fine gins have been working to the limit all fall.

Elkhart is going to be heard from in the coming years. It is blessed with a bright, conservative bunch of brainy business men who are getting down to work for the improvement of their town and unless Grapeland wakes up, gets a move along improvement lines, they will grab some of the good things this city should land.

However, the race for honor in the municipal class is still open with our own Grapeland still leading, and with our wealth of undeveloped natural resources, there is no reason why we should not increase that lead.

In severe cases of sore lungs, you need an internal and external remedy. Buy the dollar size Ballard's Horehound Syrup, you get two remedies for the price of one. With every dollar bottle there is a free Herrick's Red Pepper Porus Plaster for the chest. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Mrs. Mattie Banks and daughter, Miss Ethel, are visiting relatives in Grapeland. They have been spending the summer at Goodnight and Fort Worth, and will not return to their home in Alto until Christmas.

Every family that has children is liable to have croup; invariably at night. If Ballard's Horehound Syrup is kept in the house, it saves going after the medicine at an inconvenient time and checks the attack promptly. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

T. L. Ward and family left last week for Rayland, Texas, where they will reside in the future. We regret exceedingly to lose Mr. Ward and his estimable family.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Among those remembering the Messenger recently are Hardin Pennington, Oscar McQueen, W. W. Adams, Chas. Cook, W. T. McQueen, A. S. Price and Speer Darsey.

Backache, Headache, Nervousness and rheumatism, both in men and women, mean kidney trouble. Do not allow it to progress beyond the reach of medicine but stop it promptly with Foley's Kidney Pills. They regulate the action of the urinary organs. Tonic in action, quick in results. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Furniture

More
Furniture

Better
Furniture

Cheaper
Furniture

If you want to see the biggest, best and cheapest line of Furniture in Grapeland, go to Geo. E. Darsey's where you can buy anything in Furniture, Bed Springs, Mattresses, Stoves and Sewing Machines for less than you can buy them elsewhere.

Don't pay any attention to what other dealers tell you but go to Darsey's where you get the best prices on guaranteed standard goods without misrepresentation.

Don't forget the place, Darsey's furniture department.

George E. Darsey

Our Motto: "Better Furniture For the Same Money, and the Same Furniture for Less Money."

Not What You Pay, But What You Get Is the Real Test of Value

We make no statement that we are not willing to back up. We are making some very Low Prices and our merchandise will compare in Quality and Price with any house in Grapeland. We don't tell you that our competitors can't sell you as good goods, but we say that for good, clean merchandise with Quality and Low Prices combined, ours is the goods to buy. You get full value for your dollar. We find that we must reduce our stock of shoes, and to do it we have 400 pairs to go regardless of price.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOE THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A LITTLE MONEY

Our \$10.00 Suits for \$7.50 Our \$15.00 Suits for \$10.00 Our \$17.50 Suits for \$12.50

These are brand new goods, the very latest styles and woollens. The reason we are slashing the price is that we are going out of the clothing business. Come and examine the stock, see the goods. You will be convinced that your money will buy lots of goods, besides if you trade \$25.00 with us you get a \$6.50 Reed Rocker free for \$1.50. Yours for more business,

W. F. Murchison

Grapeland, Texas

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THURSDAY, NOV., 23, 1911

THE PRICE OF COTTON

The continued low price of cotton is very discouraging, although the price has been going up a few points the past week.

Farmers who planted their crop on a twelve and fifteen cent per pound basis are going to lose money if they do not exercise good business judgement.

The difference in the price now and corresponding dates last year is about four and one-half cents per pound, which makes a vast difference to the producer and causes stagnation in business generally.

Speaking along this line the Farm & Ranch says:

"The price of cotton is not

commensurate with the cost of production. Labor is high, farming implements costly and supplies for the farmer's table expensive, cotton cloth in demand at good prices; why should not the raw product bring better prices?"

To realize a good price for cotton the farmers of the south must learn the art of sticking together and market the crop slowly.

A Birmingham banker, addressing the Cotton Growers' Convention at Montgomery in September, said: "It is certainly false economy to rush your product pell-mell to market, to be placed upon the bargain counter and bought at whatever price the buyer chooses to dictate. Something is wrong when the boll weevil and the worms are called a blessing because they reduce the size of the crop. Something has gone awry when a crop of eleven million bales will sell for more money than a crop of fourteen million bales!"

Grapeland, with its wealth of merchantable timber, presents a fine opening for some good wood-working industries. Why not make an effort to land some of them? Other cities get them with less to offer than we have.

The best way to fight cotton speculators is to produce everything possible to run the farm and produce as little cotton as you can. Why plant a large crop of cotton when cotton doesn't pay? Reduce the acreage. If you want to produce paying crops plant food products. Even the cotton speculators must have food crops. —Farm & Ranch.

Grapeland would look much better to the stranger within our gates if Main street was cleared of the litter that now graces(?) it and was used less as a storage for surplus stock.

Don't lose sight of the fact that Houston county is soon to have a greatly increased mileage of the best of "good roads"—the kind that reduce expenses for the farmer and builds up his land values.

Grapeland's cotton shipments this season will be greater than ever before in its history. We don't need any congratulations or sympathy, thank you, but we do need some industries with hustlers behind them to help us take proper care of this prosperity.

The western congressmen and senators are up in arms against President Taft's "Commerce Court" and it looks now as if the act creating it would be repealed this session. This court has recently set aside the ruling of the Inter-State Commerce Commission relative to the "long and short haul," a railroad rule that has worked more hardship for the inland cities of the west than anything else in history.

If anybody tries to tell you that Grapeland is a "dead one," just cite them to the fact that no little city in the state entertains more traveling salesmen than does this one. A check of the register of the Denton Hotel shows that this one hotel cared for eighteen "knights of the grip" within the last three days. These hustling gentlemen "pass

up" the decadent ones and confine their activities to the cities that have backbone and brains.

The Grapeland Messenger, a paper published by A. H. Luker, has done more for that town than any enterprise in it. As a result of its labors it is receiving a heavy advertising patronage. —Lufkin Daily News.

Thanks for the compliment, Mack. You will always find us on the firing line and pulling for those things that will help build up the Grapeland country. We are after a Commercial Club now, and watch us get it.

MANY SETTLERS ARE COMING HERE

From information gleaned from the reports of Station Agent Edington at this place, we learn that immigration to Houston county has been very good for the past two months. Within that time, ten new families of settlers have come to Grapeland who have brought their household goods with them. Aside from this, there have been a few families that have settled here who, before they left their former residence, sold out their belongings and bought new outfits here. This shows that this community is growing and that people are beginning to find out that this section of Houston county is a good place in which to live.

Let the good work go on. We have plenty of room and we like good company.

Fred Smith, formerly of Galveston, but lately with C. L. Manning, at the Main street restaurant, has accepted a position with the Taylor & Dailey market.

TO CONSOLIDATE BUSINESS HERE

T. S. Kent, the popular general merchandise merchant of this city and Reynard, informs the Messenger that between now and the first of the new year he will close out his business in Reynard and devote his entire time and energy to the upbuilding of the Grapeland house.

Tom Kent jr., who is now in charge of the Reynard store, will after January 1st, be connected with the Grapeland store.

The chill microbe meets its fate in Herbine. There are thousands of these germs in the air you breathe and any derangement of the liver, stomach or bowels gives them the opportunity they seek. A dose of Herbine destroys them, clears them out completely and promotes a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Dr. W. R. (Roy) Cain and wife left Saturday night for Tyler where they will in future make their home. Dr. Cain has been practicing his profession in Grapeland the past ten months, and in that time has made many firm friends in the city and surrounding country. Professionally he is one of the best and personally he was a friend to be proud of. The Messenger and all the legion of friends he and Mrs. Cain have made here, are one in wishing them every success and happiness.

Peas Wanted

I want to buy one or two cars of peas in the hull at \$20.00 per ton.
J. W. HOWARD.

Clothing Week



We are showing the largest stock of CLOTHING of any house in Houston county, and at prices that defy competition. You must see the many styles and values in our clothing to fully realize the extraordinary values in them.

STYLE, QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP IS OUR MOTTO

We will at all times be pleased to show you our clothing and assure you that we will save you money on your CLOTHING.

Walk in and allow our salesmen to show you the good values offered in CLOTHING by our house.

Kennedy Bros.

GRAPELAND, - TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Lively sells good shoes.

Best groceries at Kent's.

Men's hats at greatly reduced prices at W. H. Lively's.

T. S. Kent has received a car of chops, bran and flour.

Fresh Crockett bread always at Manning's.

The freshest line of groceries in the city.—W. R. Wherry.

Buy your hat from Lively and save money.

Buy your shoes from Kent if you want the best.

Plenty of chops, bran and oats
KENNEDY BROS.

When you need a pair of shoes go to W. H. Lively's and buy the best—the Friedman-Shelby shoe.

Web Finch of the New Prospect community is building a new residence.

Homestead Paint! No better paint at the price.
KENNEDY BROS.

Cutlery; in pocket knives, razors; table ware, scissors. Call at Howards.

W. M. Killian and John Morehead of Salmon were in town Monday.

We are headquarters for good shoes. Just received a new stock.
W. H. LIVELY.

Miss Ethel Lively, who is teaching at Antrim, was shopping in the city Saturday.

Galvanized saddle boards, galvanized valley tin, the lowest price at Kennedy Bros.

Good merchandise, fair prices and courteous treatment at Wherry's always.

Received this week one car of choice ALFALFA HAY—extra heavy bales.
KENNEDY BROS.

STRICTLY CASH
Remember that all feed-stuff is sold for cash only.
J. W. HOWARD.

Beef hides bought at the City Meat Market and highest prices will be paid.
TAYLOR & DAILEY, Props.

We are showing a line of saddles that can't be beat. If you want a saddle see us.
KENNEDY BROS.

Sneezing, moping fowls have Roup. Cure them quickly with Conkey's Roup Remedy. Get it on a "money back" guarantee at Leavertons.

Remember, we have a full line of the old reliable Charter Oak Stoves and Ranges. Equal to none—superior to all.
KENNEDY BROS.

FOR SALE—50 acres of land, well improved, 1 mile from town. For price and terms see
W. H. LIVELY,
Grapeland, Texas.

Ladies, bring in your coat suits and have them made new. Send them to our laundry—we guarantee satisfaction.
J. W. CASKEY.

Lively always has it first.

Plenty of chops, bran and flour at Kent's.

Geo. E. Darsey went to Trinity Monday morning on business.

T. S. Kent's line of SHOES is the best in Grapeland.

Plenty of lime in 40 lb. packages at
KENNEDY BROS.

W. W. Adams of Percilla was transacting business in Grapeland Saturday.

You always get something good to eat when you go to Manning's restaurant.

One car of brick to arrive next week.
KENNEDY BROS.

Hens laying? Why not? A trial package Conkey's Laying Tonic will cost you nothing at Leavertons if you bring this ad.

With every cash purchase I give you a Profit-Sharing Coupon, redeemable in cash. Ask for them. W. R. WHERRY.

Mrs. Cooper of Grand Saline, Tex., has bought a farm near Waneta and will make that community her future home.

We are headquarters for wagon and buggy harness and all parts for repairing.
KENNEDY BROS.

Red Goose School shoes are absolutely the best shoes on the market. They stand the wear and tear of the Tom-boy. Sold only by
W. H. LIVELY.

W. H. Whitescarver and family have moved into the John Guice residence, and Mr. Brock has moved into a new residence recently erected by Dr. McCarty.

FOR SALE—100 acres of land 3 miles south of Grapeland on the Crockett and Grapeland road; for sale cheap. For price and terms call on Jno. A. Davis.

Rev. W. S. Stoakley and Henry Holcomb, enroute to Marlin to attend the Annual Conference of the M. E. church south, stopped over a few hours in Grapeland Monday.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
We will gin on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until further notice.
SPENCE BROS. Ginners.

POLAND CHINA PIGS.
I have good thoroughbred Poland China pigs ready for the market at \$5 each. Route 1, four miles north of Grapeland.
S. W. DUTCH.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.
Until further notice we will gin on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
HEROD & Co. Ginners.

For Sale
We have for sale, a check on the Leyhe Piano Co. of Galveston good for \$107 at their office on any piano you select. This prize was won in their great piano contest which has just closed, and owing to the fact that the party who this check was issued to has a piano, wishes to dispose of it at such a low discount you can't afford to miss this, if you are contemplating buying a piano. This check is void after December 8th. For further details call at the Messenger office.

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

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Will educate your boy, but his education is not complete without a fair knowledge of business. He can soon grasp the principles of ordinary business transactions by having an account with a bank. You can do your boy no greater service than in encouraging him to have a bank account with THIS BANK. We say THIS BANK, because his business will be welcome here and his affairs will have our careful and considerate attention at all times.

WE ISSUE INTEREST BEARING TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Farmers & Merchants
State Bank
Grapeland, - - - Texas



Lively sells it for less.

Go to Howards for groceries.

Plenty of chops and bran at
W. H. LIVELY'S.

Miss Clara Lively visited the homefolk near town Saturday and Sunday.

See us if you want a good standard watch, either in Elgin, Hamden or Waltham at Howard's.

Fresh oysters Tuesday's and Fridays; fish once a week, cooking right at Manning's.

You can save money by trading at Wherry's. He shares his profits with you.

Satisfy your hunger when in town by eating at Manning's restaurant. He keeps everything good to eat.

Jewelry! Jewelry

The largest line in town and satisfaction guaranteed on what you buy. Call and see for yourself.
S. E. HOWARD.

Work will commence on the grading of the streets in the new Sycamore Addition of Grapeland, at once and the work will be finished by the 1st of December.

I want to buy your remnant cotton, beef hides, eggs, cotton seed and other produce. Highest market prices paid.
J. W. HOWARD.

NOTICE.

People who have crippled horses and colts to be shod, will please try to bring them in during the week days, as I am too busy on Saturdays to give them proper attention.
WYATT DRISKELL.

A move to put on foot a company for the purpose of installing electric lights in Grapeland, has been started and the chances for its success seems very good. This is a public utility that this city needs as much as it needs anything and it is one that would pay well here.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Notice to Public

I am ready to do your dental work. I will not be in Grapeland after December 1st until after Christmas. I extract teeth without pain.
C. L. MOORE, D.D.S.

Candy Pulling

There will be given at the Kandy Kitchen next Friday night Nov. 24th a Candy Pulling. You will be highly entertained. Don't fail to come.
KANDY KITCHEN.

Sale of Hats

The season is closing and I am selling out my stock of hats at ACTUAL COST. There are yet many pretty designs. I have an over supply of feathers to close out AT COST.
MISS JEWEL TAYLOR.

Notice to Advertisers

We must insist that all display ads be turned in Tuesday morning. It works untold hardships on the force for lots of ads to come in on press day, and sometimes causes the paper to be delayed.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage during our big sale. By your help it has been the most successful sale ever held by us and we are duly appreciative. Remember us when you need anything in our line.
KEELAND BROS.

W. P. Traylor returned Tuesday Morning from Galveston where he went last week to purchase a new stock of goods.

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

REMEMBER



That we have every facility for turning out neat printing of all kinds. Letter heads, bill heads, office stationery, etc., furnished at the lowest prices first class work will permit.

**HIGHEST
MARKET
PRICE**

Paid For
COTTON SEED

See Me Before You
SELL

OLAN DAVIS

With Houston Cotton Oil Co.

J. W. CASKEY
TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business
will be
Appreciated

Baths at any time—
hot or cold water.

Laundry basket leaves Wed-
nesday and returns Saturday

C. C. Starling
Dentists

Office over Crockett State Bank
CROCKETT TEXAS.



You
May
Talk
to One
Man

But an advertisement in
this paper talks to the
whole community.

Catch the Idea?

FOLEY'S GRINO LAXATIVE
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

Reynard News

Nov. 20.—Everything is moving along smoothly enough down this way and every one is busy trying to get through gathering their crop. There is still lots of cotton to pick yet.

Sunday was a beautiful day, and a good many went to Daly to attend church.

J. L. Chiles has gone back to Crockett to spend another week on the grand jury. He was accompanied by Mrs. Chiles, who will spend the week with her mother.

Claude Roquemore spent a few days in Oakwood last week.

Mesdames R. B. Edens and Jennie Grison of Grapeland spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Edens' sister Mrs. J. H. Beazley.

Mr. and Mrs. Laseter and daughter of Daly spent Sunday afternoon with J. H. Beazley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley moved to their home last week. They had been living with Herman's father since they moved from Grapeland.

T. S. Kent is closing out his entire stock of goods here at cost, and will run only the store at Grapeland.

Our little school is getting along nicely.

Bro. Williams will preach for us next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody come.

Health of this place is good.
ZACK.

A Household Medicine

that stops coughs quickly and cures colds is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Mrs. Anna Pelzer, 2526 Jefferson St., So. Omaha, Neb., says: "I can recommend Foley's Honey and Tar Compound as a sure cure for coughs and colds. It cured my daughter of a bad cold and my neighbor, Mrs. Benson, cured herself and whole family with Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Every one in our neighborhood speaks highly of it."

Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

J. A. Colville and J. C. Denson, both of Hill county, are the guests of Mr. Denson's son-in-law, Eugene Lively, for a few days. Both the gentlemen are farmers in their home county and come to Grapeland combining business with pleasure, as, should they find conditions here to suit them, they will probably invest in some Honston county land.

Guard your kidneys; the health of the body depends on those small but important organs. They extract uric acid from the blood which if allowed to remain in the system would cause dropsy and Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful kidney tonic; it heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion, cleanses the bowels. It will prevent or cure Bright's Disease.

A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

MARRIED

Thursday evening, at the home of the bride, Mr. Jack Fulton and Mrs. Joe Shipper were married, Rev. W. A. Craven officiating. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Fulton went to Mr. Fulton's place about one mile north of the city, where they are now at home to their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are old settlers in Houston county and have a host of friends who will join the Messenger in wishing them a full measure of happiness in their new relation.

Tenderness or aching in the small of the back is a serious symptom. The kidneys are suffering. Take PRICKLY ASH BITTERS at once. It is a reliable kidney remedy and system regulator and will cure the trouble before it develops its dangerous stage. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

Real Estate

I can sell you town lots, acreage farms, large or small, close to town or in the country, improved and unimproved land, just as you want it on terms to suit purchaser. If you want anything in real estate see me first. JNO. A. DAVIS.

"It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Hugh Campbell, of Lavonia, Ga. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers.



STOP

THERE'S DEATH AHEAD

If you allow yourself to get weak and listless, fagged out, debilitated and run down.

Stop All Such Feelings

BY TAKING

ELECTRIC BRAND BITTERS

AND GET BACK YOUR

HEALTH, STRENGTH and VIGOR

IT'S THE WORLD'S BEST TONIC
AND REGULATOR OF

STOMACH, LIVER AND KIDNEYS

Price 50c and \$1.00 Per Bottle

SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY

A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

Good Schools

Are monuments to the energy and enterprise of the citizens of a community.

If you have property for sale list it with

FREEMAN, Lovelady, Texas

We would be glad to have YOU as a regular subscriber to the Messenger

ALL WOMEN

Who suffer with the ailments of their sex are in need of the great strengthening, cleansing and regulating properties of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It puts the liver, stomach and bowels in fine healthy condition, builds up the nervous system, strengthens the body, clears the complexion and changes a poor, tired, discouraged woman into one of sparkling good health and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "J" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.



A. S. PORTER GRAEPLAND TEXAS

THE Wunderhose
CHATTANOOGA KNITTING MILLS
SPECIAL

IF ALL THE Wunderhose SHIPPED EVERY WEEK WERE PLACED ON ONE FREIGHT TRAIN, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TWICE AS LONG AS THIS TRAIN. THE Wunderhose SPECIAL TRAIN GETS LONGER EVERY MONTH. THE LAST SHIPMENT WE RECEIVED CONTAINED A BOX FOR YOU. WHEN WILL YOU CALL TO GET IT?

For Sale by Mistrot Bros. & Company

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XI. ENTERTAINMENT

WHEN Themistocles was asked by his host at a dinner party to entertain the guests by playing the lute, he replied that he "could not play the fiddle, but that he could make a small town a great city." We have in Texas many politicians who are good "fiddlers," but they cannot make a small town a great city. We are overrun with orators who can play upon the passions of the people, but they can't put brick and mortar together. We need builders.



A FAVORITE PASTIME OF POLITICIANS.

Let those who hunger and thirst for power understand that the highest glory of the statesman is to construct, and that it is better for a man that he should build a public highway than that he should become Governor of the State, and that he start a plow than that he become the author of a law. The true test of statesmanship is the plow and the hammer, and let those who would govern, first build. Texas needs great men.

SEE CLEWIS

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING IN THE WAY OF
Cleaning and Pressing

OR
Tailor Made Clothing

Next Door to the Messenger Office

Conkey's Poultry Food

Makes the Chickens Healthy

CONKEY'S LAYING TONIC

Insures egg laying without forcing and is absolutely harmless. Try it on your hens.

A Complete Stock At

D. N. Leaverton's
DRUG STORE

NEW PROSPECT HAPPENINGS

(Delayed)
New Prospect, Nov. 13.—The 'possum hunting boys said they had heard of things being suddenly brought from the "sublime to the ridiculous," but they did not believe it until Saturday night when they were out without their coats or hats and the mercury fell from 70 to 28. Consequently, they were absent from Sunday school and from the frosty cotton patch Monday.

While attempting to capture the doctor's 'possum, last Friday night, Ben Collins cut his foot pretty bad but we hope he'll be about again shortly.

Little Carl Bridges sprained his ankle in falling from a tree Sunday, but was able to hop to school today.

The young folks were pleasantly entertained at Mrs. Robert Brooks' home last Friday evening, the event being a birthday party in honor of Miss Patterson.

We are cordially invited to a "pound" at Mr. Sweeney's on next Friday night. Let's go see who is to be pounded.

Mr. and Mrs. Rials, Mrs. Peter Bridges and Miss Kyles of Elkhart, were the guests of Mrs. Ed. Musick Saturday and Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely and a very good attendance is reported, notwithstanding there is plenty of cotton to pick yet. Our County Supt. says this is an excellent place for a good Rural High School. What we need now is the hearty co-operation of patrons and teachers to build it up to that standard. We would like to read letters from other prosperous communities.

THE JUNIORS.

FOR SALE—Located 500 yds. south of depot, good eight room two story house, including 55 acres improved land; running spring branch on land that never goes dry, also good well of water. Worth \$4000. but will sell for \$3000, half cash and balance on easy payments. This place is known as the W. S. Johnson place. If you want a home in one of the largest little towns in East Texas, come to Grapeland. Good schools and good people to greet you.

Apply to
M. L. CLEWIS,
Grapeland Texas.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

OYSTER SUPPER A SUCCESS

Last Friday night, as they had advertised, the ladies of the Methodist church, gave an oyster supper at Buckalew's restaurant, and to use a little of Richard Harding Davis—"The Hungry Man Was Fed."

The affair was probably the most successful one of its kind ever held in Grapeland and the ladies realized a very handsome profit on their labors which will go to the church fund.

In the way of entertainment there was for the little ones, a big "fish pond," and for the older ones of this generation, there was another chance to see how their grand-mothers spun the wool or cotton that made the clothes they wore—the old gray homespun that one time clothed the bravest army the world has ever seen.

Entertained The "I. & G. N. Regulars"

A few nights ago, while the little bunch, without whose assistance the I. & G. N. could scarcely get its passenger trains through Grapeland, were awaiting the arrival of a belated No. 4, they were entertained with some really fine music by Luther Lively and Will Moore, at Leaverton's drug store, and that little soiree suggests another matter.

Grapeland has the right kind of musical talent; why not organize an orchestra that could furnish for such entertainments as the churches and the various societies may give through the winter months? It would avoid the necessity of employing out of town orchestras for the functions and it would be a source of revenue to its members.

A Mail Carrier's Load

seems heavier when he has a weak back and kidney trouble. Fred Duehren, mail carrier at Atchison Kas., says: "I have been bothered with kidney and bladder trouble and had a severe pain across my back. Whenever I carried a heavy load of mail, my kidney trouble increased. Sometime ago, I started taking Foley's Kidney Pills, and since taking them I have gotten entirely rid of all my kidney trouble and am as sound as ever."

Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

EVERY DAY IS A "TRADES-DAY"

Other little cities, all over Texas and adjoining states, have one certain day in each month set apart as a "Trades-Day." It is a good idea, for the special bargains advertised for those days bring in great crowds of farmers and their families, but Grapeland goes these other cities "one better," for here, every day is a "Trades-Day" and, particularly through the fall months, business here knows no ebb tide.

The farmer knows this and our merchants appreciate it. There is no day in the month, except the Sundays, when our friends from the rural districts cannot come to Grapeland, secure in the conviction that they will find bargains in every business house in the city, and in some of them, a great "special sale" that means the saving of many a hard earned dollar.

Last Saturday, between one and two o'clock, there were, by actual count, 219 farm wagons and carriages on the streets of Grapeland and it is probable that at least 100 of our visitors came to the city on horseback.

This condition was not due to any special attraction; it was simply the usual crowd that, every Saturday, come to this city to do their trading. True, there were one or two special sales in progress, but the week that passes in Grapeland without something of this kind to stimulate the laggard dollars is one of the things this city knows not of.

Better than all of this is the fact that new settlers are coming to this immediate environment every day, and with every new family located within reach of this city, the Grapeland merchants gain new friends.

There is nothing small or "close" about the Grapeland merchants; they are doing a legitimate business in a legitimate way and are better content with the dollar that is nimble than with one that sleeps under excessive profits.

We are growing, and we like the feeling. Better get in the "band-wagon" with us.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS can be depended on to cure the kidneys, correct the urine, strengthen the stomach and relieve backache.

A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

WE DO NOT BOAST

But when it comes to serving the People with good, fresh wholesome

GROCERIES

We claim that no house has us out classed, and too many fail to reach our standard for the best interest of public health.

You can always get the best

Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Hats, Etc.

Here and most of them just a little cheaper than at other places. Our hundreds of customers who trade with us weekly is our best guarantee of high-class service. ... Your Business is duly Appreciated.

W. H. Lively

NEWS FROM OLD GRAY

Jones Mill, November 21.—The steady fall of the leaf reminds us that grim winter is fast approaching, and soon another year will be numbered with the past.

These are rather gloomy times, but every cloud has a silver lining and tomorrow the sun may be shining although it is cloudy today. What we need most now is men and women who can mix sympathy and encouragement in right proportions to make a cordial for drooping spirits. However, we will stare fate in the face and fight the battle of life with the joy and cheer that is known only to true patriots.

We have had a mixture of weather for the past week; some cold, some rain and some spring-like weather, all of which was passed almost unnoticed in the grand rush for the "almighty dollar."

Through the resistless push of May Jones, Mr. Wise and others, our school is now on a good footing, and under the management and skill of Miss Mary Lou Thompson, is moving along as nicely as a full rigged ship on a placid sea. Miss Thompson deserves much credit for the work she is doing; now patrons, do your duty and your school will be a success.

On last Saturday night, quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wall, near Augusta, ostensibly for the purpose of raiding his cane patch. After supper a torch light procession was formed and the young people took up the line of march to the cane field, situated in San Pedro bottom. Just before reaching the desired point, the wind made a change to the northwest and the storm was on. The lights were soon extinguished and the party left in utter darkness. The young ladies were very much excited; the limbs and brush were falling fast and it demoralized some of the young men. Morris Long who was escorting a beautiful young lady, threw up his hands and gave a snort like a wild buffalo and yelled: "Stick to me Nell, I am going to tall timber," he skinned saplings as he went. There was no damage to Morris and he and the young people made it in all o. k., and were soon telling of their experiences around the cheerful fire. Mr. Wall was in fine spirits as he had saved by the little storm about 100 stalks of fine cane.

Some little talk of Christmas festivities.

No sickness of any consequence.

Miss Lou Dotson has been quite sick but is now convalescent. OLD GRAY.

Our own John R. Owens and Clifton Hill went to Houston last Sunday to witness the close of the great carnival week. It was very near the closing hour of the fete when these young pilgrims arrived but the attraction was still so strong that Clifton waded far afield and John R. came back alone. Clifton showed up Monday morning and said he and some friends had a good time Sunday night. Asked where he had registered he replied: "Everywhere."

Mrs. Sidney Rosser of Crockett visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Taylor, a few days this week.

NEGRO GAMBLERS ARE CAUGHT

Last Thursday night, Constable Henry Haltom had a suspicion that there was an attempt being made to fracture the law against gambling, and he took steps immediately to live up to the oath of his office.

He located the lair of the tiger in the western part of the city, and peeping through the window saw four husky "coons" engaged in the pleasant pastime of pulling the animal's tail through the artistic medium of a poker game. Henry forthwith broke into the lair and corralled the whole bunch. They all plead guilty in John A. Davis' justice court and paid \$11.80 each for their evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Laura Woodard moved last week into her home recently purchased on the Palestine road, near town.

For coughing, dryness and tickling in the throat, hoarseness and all coughs and colds, take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Contains no opiates. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Rev. W. A. Craven left Tuesday for Marlin to attend the annual conference of the Methodist church. Bro. Craven has made many friends in Grapeland and we feel sure they would be glad to see him returned.

The way cotton is coming in these days is taxing the capacity of the Grapeland yards. Monday, C. E. Lively was so hard pressed for room that he had to commence storing on the ground under the trees.

Is your husband cross? An irritable, fault finding disposition is often due to a disordered stomach. A man with good digestion is nearly always good natured. A great many have been permanently cured of stomach trouble by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.

F. B. Baillio, the dean of Texas newspaper men, was in Grapeland Saturday, and paid the Messenger office an appreciated call. Mr. Baillio is now connected with the Western Newspaper Union and he reports a fine business among the brothers of the tripod, all over the state.

J. L. Ward of the Hays Spring community has sold his farm to J. W. Spence. Mr. Ward will leave the latter part of this week for Wheeler county, in West Texas, where he will look out a location to move. We regret to see Mr. Ward leave us and believe he will see when it is too late that he is making a bad move.

I have just received a shipment of Men's Overcoats and Ladies' Coats. I have a nice line of men's and ladies' sweater coats, men's heavy underwear, shoes for all the family and, in fact, a complete line of up-to-date dry goods and notions. Remember I share my profits with you. W. R. WHERRY.

J. E. Harrington and family, formerly of Grand Saline, arrived in city Tuesday morning and will make Houston county their future home. Mr. Harrington is a practical farmer of the modern type and comes to us with a splendid reputation as a citizen of the progressive kind. He has purchased the Buckalew place near Waneta and will start immediately on the work for the 1912 crop.

LET'S ORGANIZE COMMERCIAL CLUB

This is a matter that has been frequently discussed in Grapeland before, but so far, nothing has come from the talk. Now there is a very pronounced sentiment in the city that we need just this organization to push Grapeland to the front, to build up and improve the city and the surrounding country.

A number of the city's best and most progressive business men are giving this move their support and the formation of a club devoted to the best interests of Grapeland and its tributary now seems assured.

There will be a meeting of the business men of the city at Leaverton's drug store Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to take the initial steps in perfecting this organization. Meet with us and help to make Grapeland a bigger and a better city.

You owe this to yourself and to the community. Committee.

STORES WILL CLOSE NOV. 30th

We, the undersigned, agree to close our places of business on Thursday, November 30th, from 6 o'clock a. m. to 7 o'clock p. m. for Thanksgiving:

W. H. Lively	Kennedy Bros.
G. E. Darsey	D. N. Leaverton
J. W. Caskey	W. R. Wherry
Guaranty S. Bank	F. Allen
A. S. Porter	W. F. Murchison
F. & M. Bank	S. E. Howard
J. Weisinger	Mistrot Bros.
Keeland Bros.	B. F. Hill, P. M.
T. S. Kent	J. J. Brooks
W. C. Driskell	Jewel Taylor
M. L. Clewis	J. N. Parker
Bert Guice.	

STUBBS STEVENSON DEAD AT GROVETON

Wednesday morning, news was received here that Hon. Stubbs Stevenson, state representative from Trinity county, had died very suddenly at his home in Groveton.

Mrs. G. R. Murchison of this city was a sister-in-law of the deceased and, notified of the death she left Wednesday morning to attend the funeral.

Mr. Stevenson had been in poor health for some time and his sudden demise was not a surprise.

Mrs. M. J. Cutler, late of Marlin, Tex., arrived in the city Monday and is now visiting with friends near Augusta. The lady will probably settle in that community.

Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge Payne and baby of Liberty came in Sunday night. Mrs. Payne will remain here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves, while Bro. Payne attends the M. E. conference at Marlin.

Dave Leaverton has been going around with his head on crooked like he was looking for trouble for the past few days. Accused of belligerency the gentleman denied it—said he merely had a "crick" in his neck.

Our genial friend, Dr. Moore, is in training for honors in the "Ancient and Honorable Good Husbands' Association." Mrs. Moore will arrive from Georgia in a few days and the happy Doc. says he will give her a surprise in the matters of good looks and deportment.

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