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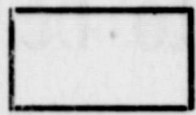
GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, DEC., 7th, 1911

NUMBER 41

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

**Closing
Out
Of
Millinery**



SATURDAY

**We will sell
Any**

\$3.50

**Ladies'
Hat
For
Only**

\$1.90

GRAPELAND'S

LEAF

A. S. PORTER

DRUGGIST

Grapeland, Texas

COMMERCIAL CLUB WAS ORGANIZED

W. D. GRANBERRY WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Permanent Organization Perfected and Every Line of Business Represented on the Board.

At a meeting held Tuesday night, one of the most harmonious and enthusiastic ever held in the city, a Commercial Club for Grapeland was formed and the permanent organization was perfected.

W. D. Granberry, of the F. & M. Bank, was unanimously elected president of the new club and U. M. Brock of the Guaranty State Bank was selected as vice-president, and A. S. Porter, the popular druggist, was elected treasurer.

The committee on constitution and by-laws were not ready with their report and were granted further time in which to prepare the governing code of this body that promises so much for the upbuilding of this town and surrounding country.

The board of directors of the club, the men who will be in reality the governing body, the men on whose shoulders will fall the burden of directing the building up of this community and whose activities will, we are sure redound to the credit of the city, its immediate environment and the whole county as well as the state, are:

W. D. Granberry, Pres.
W. G. Darsey
S. E. Traylor
D. N. Leaverton
J. C. Kennedy
W. R. Wherry
W. H. Lively.

The following Statement of the aims and objects of the club was circulated and with few exceptions, was signed by every business and professional man in the city.

"We the undersigned, as respective members of the Grapeland Commercial Club support the constitution and laws as adopted at the meeting to be held on the 7th day of December, 1911, and we

and Look them Over

Solid

Car

of

FURNITURE

to arrive this week.

Don't Buy

**Iron Beds
Wooden Beds**

Dressers

Tables

Safes

Mattresses

Springs

**or anything in
Furniture or other**

and we

HOLIDAY

Grapeland.

Cash Register News

We are now on our home run for Cash Register Checks and we have until December 16th, to gather up Darsey Cash Register Checks. Many of our contestants are seeing their friends and getting them to help them, had you ever thought of it. They can buy goods just as cheap at our store as they can any where and help you out with their Cash Register Checks to, as we will give Cash Register checks with cash purchases until Saturday night, Dec. 16th.

This Contest is Open to Everybody and You May Enter Any Time up Until the Close

Children cough a good deal it is time to take notice or something serious will develop. A few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup may ward off a spell of sickness. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

AN EPIDEMIC OF BLIND STAGGERS

Within the past week several of our citizens have lost valuable stock through what seems to be a mild epidemic of blind staggers. Its origin here is a mystery; some seem to think that it was brought in by horse traders, while others lay it to tainted food.

Among those who have lost mules are C. M. Streetman, two; George Calhoun one and J. W. Jones one.

Our rural correspondents tell of several cases of serious sickness among this class of stock, and just now it would seem to be a wise move to call in a good veterinary and make an effort to stop the ravages of the disease.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of the liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

Ely Willis and family of San Pedro, moved to Lufkin last week. Mr. Willis is a fine carpenter and he has a splendid opportunity at Lufkin.

Enterprise and "well done" livest newspaper in East Texas. We realize that Grapeland is a great business center and with an enterprising club behind it, it would pass from a little town to a thriving city. They have plenty of fine material in Grapeland for this kind of a club and I am sure they will soon have one of the best in East Texas.

The move that is now on foot for the benefit of the cotton growers is a good one and we think we can now see the dawn of the days of better prices for the staple. It behooves every farmer to do his full duty in this movement, both to himself and to his neighbor; stand together and reap the benefit of better prices for his crops.

We hear that there is some sickness in our midst. Mrs. Lockler has been quite ill for several days and Mrs. May Jones' baby has been very sick. All are better at this writing.

Another Sabbath day has passed, the mantle of night is closing around us and the pale moon looks down on a scene of quietude and peace. OLD GRAY.

DEATHS' VISIT

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Stowe died Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stowe's father, E. H. Darsey, three miles east of town.

Mr. Stowe arrived from Waco Tuesday morning to attend the funeral, which was held Tuesday afternoon, the interment being at the City Cemetery.

H. I. Luce left last week to complete a course in Draughon's Business College at Dallas.

ENJOYED THE DAY AT HUNTSVILLE

Thanksgiving day, Kirby Keeland and Aubrey Lively went to Huntsville to spend the day and, incidentally, endeavor to "stake out" a pair of the pretty Normal girls that bloom so luxuriously in that city. History is silent on the result of this puntative expedition, but the circumstantial

evidence is strong along the theory that the boys had a "hot time."

Kirby was minus a high grade and ultra stylish hat when he dropped off No. 4 that night and Aubrey looked as if he had been run through a shingle mill.

The very mild statements that have issued from the headquarters of this expeditionary force—the popular pill emporium on Main street—are to the effect

that Kirby lost his hat while looking out of the coach window at the cotton the farmers are holding for Mr. Colquitt's 13 cent market, a very plausible tale, but it has achieved discredit through too liberal use, and Aubrey simply says: "I got all het up."

Now these boys are among our best, here in Grapeland, but, admitting that, those lovely and lively Normal girls ought not to have run them so hard.

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 woolens. 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

Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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

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

Advertising Rates are reasonable and made known on application.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect and Obituaries are inserted for half price—(2½c per line). Other matter "not news" charged at the regular rate.

THURSDAY, DEC., 7, 1911

Everybody likes Grapeland. Why don't you try it?

"Nothing succeeds like success" except getting hold of a piece of our sandy land and raising sweet potatoes.

The man who advertises freely—and has the goods when you call for them—is the man to trade with. There is seldom any old stock on his shelves.

There is plenty you can do to help Grapeland in a campaign for a greater and a better city. Here is the crux of the matter—will you get out and help do the work.

ADVERTISING

The Beaumont Journal of last Sunday carried one advertisement that filled sixteen pages. The advertiser is a department store man, and he didn't put the ad in as an experiment or to "help the editor." On the contrary, the advertisement was in the regular course of business and was for the sole creditable purpose of selling goods. He advertises every day and is a big merchant who has risen from small beginnings. And he is not one of those who doubt if advertising pays.—State Press, in Galveston News.

That is the kind of advertising that in the long run pays big dividends. The day of the advertising bluff is past and the managers of department stores, or the little stores of the smaller towns, now do all their publicity work on the basis of dollars and cents and if there are not adequate returns, the publicity propaganda is abandoned.

Beaumont has established a record for big advertisements in the south. So far as this writer knows, no other city south of the Ohio river has ever achieved such distinction, but it is not alone in the "good advertisers" class, for little Grapeland, not one-thirtieth to large as Beaumont, has a coterie of merchants who believe in the widest publicity for a good thing, and while all have carried very liberal space in the regular issue of the Messenger during the month just passed, this office during the same time has printed over 12,000 big double page circulars for these hustlers.

There was no charity or any other kind of philanthropy in this work. These merchants got returns from their campaign of advertising and they will tell

you so. Is there another little city of less 1500 population in the state that can equal this record?

In nearly every line of business Grapeland has far surpassed her record of any previous year, in the good year of 1911. It has just learned how to grow. Now watch us, for we are going some in 1912.

"When the frost is on the pumpkin,
And the corn is in the shock"
don't cut any ice when you live in "the sugar-bowl of Texas," where the farmers make nearly three thousand gallons of syrup off of three acres of land. We're the "candy kids." Better come and live with us.

The "sandy land" is coming to the front. Taking it county for county all over the state, the sandy land produced as good, and in some sections better crops, than did the black land. Come to Grapeland and get your feet on the finest "sandy land" in Texas.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. A. S. Porter special agent.

Misses Orie Sue Howard, Arline Howard, Ima Davis, Mada Murchison and Sallie Mae Kent, and Messrs Olan Davis and Frank Taylor, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Logan of Lovelady, Thanksgiving day.

NOTES FROM HAYS SPRING

Dec. 3.—Things seem rather dull out this way now, and not much hope for better times. The low price of cotton combined with other things have locked the wheels of progress. The bond issue which we voted on and carried unanimously in favor of the bonds we understand has been turned down at the state headquarters, and will likely have to be voted on again to get things right for a new school building. It will necessitate a lengthy delay.

A notice was given the Messenger that J. L. Ward had sold his farm to W. W. Spence and Mr. Ward left a week ago for a tour to see some section of the west and northwest. Would likely go to Wheeler county which is in the Panhandle. We regret to lose this good family.

G. W. Johnston has traded his farm here known as the D. W. Martin farm for property near St. Jo Mo., though Mr. Johnston will remain in this country for awhile, but we understand he will move this week to the Daly's community, where he will engage for awhile in the saw mill business.

E. L. Frisby now owns the W. J. Clark farm near the school house and he is having the house repaired and will have things looking quite different there soon.

We hope the people of Texas as well as other states of the cotton belt, will respond to the call of Gov. Colquitt for the people to meet over the cotton growing states, organize and pledge themselves to reduce

their cotton acreage for 1912. We think that every farmer should be willing to decrease his cotton acreage at least twenty five per cent and plant that twenty five per cent in corn, peas or some other good feed crop, that we may have full barns, raise our hogs, fatten them at home and cut out buying corn and meat and other things that we can raise at home and not have them to buy. Past experience teaches us that we get more money for a small crop than we do for a large crop. And then we would not have to spend so much money to sustain the home. This is a question that we, as farmers should study seriously over. Now do not think that all the other fellows are going to reduce their acreage and cotton will be a big price. "I will plant lots of it this year and come out with a pocket full of money next fall." Be like men, do your part and help to keep the price of the fleecy staple where it should be.

Miss Elma Warner is calculating to leave on Wednesday of this week for Runge, Texas where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives, perhaps she will spend Xmas. there.

Little David Neill Warner has been suffering with tonsillitis several days but is some better now and we hope he will soon be well again. JULIUS.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone, conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

LOCAL NEWS

Lively sells good shoes.

Best groceries at Kent's.

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

ACTUAL COST on shoes at W. F. Murchison's.

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

Oh, you rugs for a Christmas present at Kennedy Bros.

Buy your hat from Lively and save money.

Get your pure ribbon cane syrup at T. S. KENT'S.

You can get it at the bazarr, Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

Mixed car of flour, meal, chops and bran at Howard's.

Aviation Caps will be in the sale. Get you one.
KENNEDY BROS.

Too many shoes at W. F. Murchison's. Selling out at cost.

Miss Ethel Orren of Prescott, Ark., is here on a visit to the family of John Frisby.

We have the prettiest line of sweaters that money can buy at Kennedy Bros. sale.

Attend the bazarr at the Guaranty State Bank Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

J. G. Matlock of Crockett was in the city Monday looking after some little real estate transactions.

Rev. J. B. Luker returned to his home at Edom Monday after spending a few day here and at Alto.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

For coughs and colds use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by A. S. Porter.

To reduce our stock we are selling a big lot of goods at actual cost.
W. F. Murchison.

Seed Cane Wanted

I want to buy some good seed cane. If you have any see me.
GEO. CALHOUN.

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

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.

A bad liver robs you of energy, strength and ambition; you feel half-sick all the time and, moreover, you are an easy mark for pneumonia, chills, yellow fever, typhoid fever, or some other serious disease. You need a good liver tonic and regulator and Herbine fills the bill completely. Try it. You can't help noticing how quickly you feel its beneficial effect. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Lively always has it first.

A SALE always on at Kent's.

You do your shopping at Kennedy Bros. and save money.

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

SPECIAL SALE ON SHOES, wholesale cost, at W. F. Murchison's.

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

Keep your eye on Kennedy Bros. They will show you a sale that will lead in all sales.

For Sale

Bronze Turkeys. See
R. B. EDENS.

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

Ribbon cane syrup 50c per gallon.
W. F. Murchison.

Don't fail to be one of the lucky ones to make your purchases at Kennedy Bros.

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

When we say CLEARANCE SALE we mean goods at CLEARANCE PRICES.
KENNEDY BROS.

See our line of jewelry—the largest in town, and satisfaction guaranteed on every piece.
S. E. HOWARD.

Plenty of corn chops, bran, flour, sugar, coffee and ribbon cane syrup at W. F. Murchison's.

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

Frank Leaverton, representing Grapeland Lodge, and Jake Sheridan, representing Augusta Lodge, left Monday for Waco to attend the Grand Lodge of the masons of Texas.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. A. S. Porter, special agent.

Uncle Frank Carr, an aged negro farmer living near Daly, was stricken with heart failure on the street in the city last Saturday. In the course of the evening he recovered somewhat and his friends carried him to his home.

SHOES — the best line in Grapeland. Come and get your shoes at the shoe store. The Walk Over Shoe — best shoe known. The Clover Brand—known the world over for their wearing qualities. Come and see them. Reduced prices on shoes for the next ten days.
T. S. KENT.

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. A. S. Porter, special agent.

Lively sells it for less.

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

Buy flour in wood from S. E. Howard if you want the best.

F. M. Denton of the Denton Hotel made a flying trip to Crockett Saturday.

STRICTLY CASH

Remember that all feed-stuff is sold for cash only.

J. W. HOWARD.

Miss Eva Mae Goolsby who is teaching at Daly, was the guest of her friend, Miss Maude McCarty, Thanksgiving day.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Henry of Palestine, were the guests of Grapeland relatives, Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Henry Dailey and the baby, who have been visiting friends in Crockett, returned to their Grapeland home Saturday.

O. C. Goodwin, our popular county clerk, came up from Crockett Saturday and spent the day with friends in this city.

Don't buy anything until you come and see our goods and get our prices.
W. F. Murchison.

W. S. Johnson, formerly of Grapeland but now residing in Houston was in the city early in the week, looking after his property and visiting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry of Crockett were the guests of Mrs. Berrys brother, W. H. Lively, during the Thanksgiving festivities.

I have just received a carload of high grade, pea green alfalfa hay. It comes from New Mexico and is the best feed on the market.
T. S. KENT.

If Conkey's Roup Remedy don't cure your wheezing, moping, sneezing and swollen headed chickens your money cheerfully refunded at D. N. Leaverton's.

Capt. J. K. Harrison, once of the 5th U. S. Volunteers in the unpleasantness that culminated at Santiago, was in the city Monday in the interest of the "octopus"—Standard Oil.

"Billy" Keeland of Keeland Bros., has rented the new house recently completed by Dr. McCarty, near the Baptist church and within a few days, Billy and his charming wife will have "a home or their own."

Notice to Taxpayers

Tax Collector will be at Grapeland Saturday December 23rd for the purpose of collecting 1911 Tax. Mrs. A. L. GOOLSBY,
Tax Collector.

Lige Frisby of Hays Springs has just completed a fine residence on his place and will doubtless have a "house-warming" for his friends at an early date.

For Xmas and birthday presents we have watches, watch fobs, necklaces and lockets, stick pins, gold rings, manicure sets, or anything in jewelry. Call and see our line for yourself.
S. E. HOWARD.

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



USE PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

FOR INDICES. ION, CONSTIPATION, KIDNEY TROUBLE.
IT CLEANSSES AND INVIGORATES.

Sold by Druggists.
Price \$1.00 per bottle.

A. S. PORTER, Druggist

Peas Wanted

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

For Sale

My store house and lot and stock of groceries. For particulars and price see or write
GEO. SHAVER,
Grapeland, Texas.

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.

Will Hold Bazarr

The ladies of the Christian church will hold a bazarr at the Guaranty State Bank on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14, 15 and 16. They will have on sale many things that will make useful Xmas gifts, such as Embroidery Bags, Pin Cushions, Baby Sacks, Handkerchiefs, etc., and they urge you to call on them for anything in that line.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

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. GRANBERRY, Cashier

Don't be afraid to buy a home in Grapeland or the Grapeland country. We have some lands listed worth now double the money. See or write.
S. E. HOWARD LOT AND LAND CO.

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



TAYLOR & DAILEY'S MEAT MARKET

Fresh Meat at all times

Courteous Treatment and your business will be duly appreciated

Taylor & Dailey PROPRIETORS

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

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.

CHILDREN CRY

Frequently and for no apparent reason when they have worms.

WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE

is the remedy needed.

It destroys and removes worms, strengthens the stomach and restores healthy conditions. A few doses brings back rosy cheeks, vigor and cheerfulness.

Price 25c per Bottle.

Jas. F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER.

The Advertised Article

is one in which the merchant himself has implicit faith—else he would not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up-to-date and never shopworn.

ROCK HILL HAPPENINGS

Dec. 4.—We regret to announce the sad news of the death of Robert Patterson who died Sunday morning at 6:20 o'clock of general debility. Mr. Patterson was 84 years of age and has many friends and relatives in this community who mourn his death. He was an old citizen of the county but for about fourteen years, until one year ago he had lived with the family of his son, William Patterson and his death occurred at their home. He was one of the leading citizens of the community and his loss will be keenly felt.

The health of the community is very good at this writing.

The writer hears of numerous deaths among stock in this vicinity. A short time ago, H. E. Gee lost a fine young mule by some unknown disease, and last Friday C. M. Streetman discovered that two of his mules had a similar disease. He has lost one mule and two more are very sick. The writer has heard of several other deaths among stock within the past two weeks.

Well, most everybody around here has finished gathering their crop, only a very few are still picking cotton.

The people of this community observed Thanksgiving day at Antrim. Prof. W. R. Campbell and the singing class at Salmon had promised to be with us that day, but the condition of the weather was such that they could not come. However we had some excellent music by our own singing class, led by C. R. Streetman, J. J. and Willie Willis. The attendance was not as good as was expected, on account of the bad weather, but we enjoyed ourselves and partook of a fine dinner of which there was plenty for all.

ROCK HILL YOUTH.

Best on Earth

This is the verdict of R. J. Howell, Tracy, O., who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. "Her case was the worst I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly and her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

A Stranger

A stranger, entering a bank, asked: "Can you tell me where Draughon's Business Colleges are located?" "Yes," said the bank cashier, "Draughon has 48 Colleges in 18 States. If you desire any further information, ask our office assistants; they are all from Draughon's." For prices on lessons by mail, address Jno. F. Draughon, President, Nashville, Tenn. For catalogue on courses at college, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Dallas, Texas or Denison.

With the Coming of Middle Age

There is a letting down in the physical forces often shown in annoying and painful kidney and bladder ailments and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills are a splendid regulating and strengthening medicine at such a time. Try them. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

FOLEY'S URINO LAXATIVE FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

NO VACATION

WILL CONTINUE RIGHT THRU THE HOLIDAYS

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, has arranged this year, as usual to accommodate all of its students who desire to continue their studies during the Christmas holidays. Those who especially desire to return to their homes to spend Christmas, will be excused on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd, and will be expected to take up their work again on or before January 1st, 1912. Usually about four hundred students remain and work right through the holidays.

New students may enroll at any time during the holidays. We advise all to enroll as early as possible. There is nothing to be gained by waiting until January first. We have no term openings, our school is the same one day as another, just like a bank, Railroad or business house. The student's work is principally all individual instruction, and each and every student is pushed each day to his full capacity. Slow students are not overcrowded trying to keep up with fast ones, and fast students are not held back and discouraged on account of slow ones. It would really be better to enroll and get started before the big January rush.

Upon arriving in our city, come direct to the college, where you will be given prompt attention and chance of nice boarding place with private family at a cost of from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per week for board and lodging.

Tuition for a complete, unlimited life scholarship of book-keeping, shorthand, or telegraphy is \$50; any two courses combined \$95. If you have not read our large, beautifully illustrated free catalogue, write for one; it will give you full particulars and detailed information regarding America's largest and greatest commercial school. The school that gives you an education for which the business world promptly and gladly pays cash.

Without opiates or harmful drugs of any kind Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops coughs and cures colds. Do not accept any substitute. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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

A Lame Back, Stiff in the Side, Stiff Neck or Rheumatism in the Joints puts a man out of commission most effectually. The misery will not last if treated with

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

IT IS A WONDERFUL PAIN RELIEF.

Rub it in over the part affected. It penetrates the flesh and quickly reaches the spot where the trouble exists. The painful symptoms immediately subside. It relaxes the muscles, quiets inflammation, restores strength, ease and suppleness. Severe cases of chronic rheumatism or neuralgia are forced to yield to its powerful relieving influence. There is no ailment of the muscles or flesh that cannot be helped through this marvelous healing remedy; the pain is eased the moment it reaches the affected part. It is a great family remedy for all purposes for which a liniment is needed. For healing cuts, wounds, burns, bruises, galls, chafed spots, swellings, frost bites, stings of insects, ivy poisoning, sprains, contracted muscles, it has no superior in the speed with which it will restore healthy conditions.

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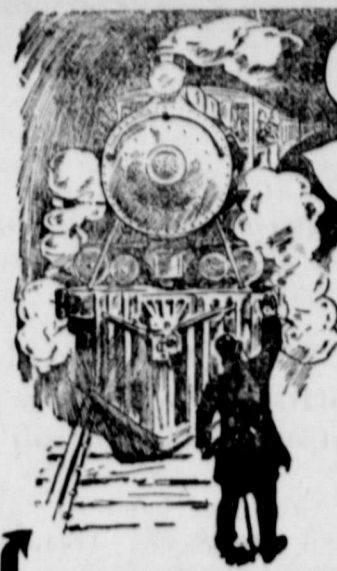
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Stephens Eye Salve is a remedy of great power in diseases of the eyes or eyelids. It heals quickly and strengthens the sight.

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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

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HEALTH, STRENGTH and VIGOR

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

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Wunderhose

AN old proverb says:

"It matters not how fine her clothes be, a woman with an ill shaped stocking is not well dressed."

Wear Wunderhose and the Proverb has no meaning for you.

Every pair warranted.

MISTROT BROS.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON wrote the Declaration of Independence and founded a great nation on the western hemisphere. Benjamin Franklin taught wisdom, and he became the foremost American philosopher. Civilization has always responded to the inspiring touch of lofty natures and has given those who have led us up the mountain peaks of progress a prominent place on the pages of history. The hand of destiny is ever sifting the human race for a genius who can inspire us with ideas that will travel like light and shape the rising glory of our country.



THOMAS JEFFERSON WRITING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Let those who would walk down the aisles of greatness first dig a channel into which men's thoughts will flow like a torrent; make a key that will unlock the door of wisdom; plant a civilization that will unfold like a rose; weave a prosperity that will charm mankind and wave a magic wand over Texas that will finish the unhewn stuff in human nature. Texas needs great men.

SEE CLEWIS

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING IN THE WAY OF
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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

OUR SCHOOLS A CREDIT TO CITY

The Grapeland schools, like all the other institutions of their kind throughout this section of Houston county, are in a most flourishing condition and are steadily gaining, through the worthy work of the teaching staff, a most enviable reputation.

The enrollment in the city schools is growing rapidly and through the efficient management of Prof. W. L. Price, are kept up to the high standards he has set.

The professor reports the best possible conditions and both principal and teachers alike, are taking the real interest in their work that invariably brings the best results.

On the teaching staff of the Grapeland schools are Prof. W. L. Price, principal, and Misses Moselle Martin, Blanche Kennedy, Addie Hill and Anabel Davis. They are all of the kind that any city might be well be proud of and their work this term is greatly above the average usually found in little cities of our class.

Where the Locality Does Not Count

Wherever there are people suffering from kidney and bladder ailments, from backache, rheumatism and urinary irregularities, Foley's Kidney Pills will help them. Belvidere, Ill. E. A. Kelly, an ex-engineer, says: "Three years ago my kidneys became so bad that I was compelled to give up my engine and quit. There was a severe aching pain over the hips, followed by an inflammation of the bladder, and always a thick sediment. Foley's Kidney Pills made me a sound and well man. I can not say too much in their praise."

Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

J. S. Yarbrough, who has been suffering with a very bad ankle for the past few weeks, had the limb operated upon Friday, and is now relieved of much of the pain and the member will soon be as good as ever.

Advertising space in the big Christmas number of the Messenger is going rapidly and the books will soon close. This will be the best medium for the merchants use in the boosting of his business as it will be read in a thousand families in Houston and adjacent counties.

THE STORK WAS BUSY LAST WEEK

Dr. McCarty, as the confidential agent of "the stork" reports that the particular bird that watches over the Grapeland district had a rather busy time last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen are making the acquaintance of a pretty girl the Stork brought; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parker are rejoicing over a baby girl at their home and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neel have a bright and pretty girl at their home.

NEW BUSINESS FOR GRAPELAND

There is a well authenticated rumor, that Grapeland will soon have another firm in the bidding for business in the livery line.

The gentlemen interested in the new enterprise have plenty of capital and will erect a substantial brick building and equip it with the very best stock. They had this move under advisement for some time and it is now reported that work will start on their building as soon as a suitable site can be obtained.

Grapeland is rapidly forging to the front as a town with the "business" behind it. Its future seems secured. Just a little public spirited push will make it yet the best town in Houston county. Possibly not the largest—though even that we will not admit—it is the quality we are boosting.

An Alarm at Night

That strikes terror to the entire household is the loud, hoarse and metallic cough of croup. No mistaking it, and fortunate then the lucky parents who keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound on hand. H. W. Casselman, Canton, N. Y., says: "It is worth its weight in gold. Our little children are troubled with croup and hoarseness, and all we give them is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I always have a bottle of it in the house." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Your free package Conkey's Laying Tonic and Big Poultry Book are here. Call before they are gone. D. N. Leaverton.

Mrs. R. H. Lacey and children, of Crockett were the guests of Grapeland friends last week.

LIVELY FAMILY HAS BIG REUNION

Thanksgiving day, 1911 will be one long to be remembered by the many descendants of the Lively family now living in Grapeland, for on that date there were four generations of the house gathered in the spacious home of W. H. Lively to discuss the feast that had been prepared for the occasion.

The aged grand-parents, already well past the allotted span of human life, were there to greet their children, grand-children and great-grand-children, and the few hours of the winter day were all too short for the wealth of reminiscence that the years have given.

Among those present were: W. W. Lively and wife, W. H. Lively and wife; Misses Effie and Eddie Downs, nieces of W. H. Lively; Mrs. W. V. Berry and son and daughter, of Crockett; Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Henry and children of Palestine; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard and children; Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hill and family; Messrs. Luther Lively and W. A. Moore. In all, thirty-three members of the family gathered under the hospitable roof and one and all greatly enjoyed the very elaborate dinner.

FOLLY KIDNEY PILLS

Tonic in action, quick in results. Will cure any case of kidney or bladder disorder not beyond the reach of medicine. No need to say more. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Moore left Sunday for Lovelady, where they will visit friends for a few days, going from that place to Bartlett, Tex., where they will spend the holidays with a brother of Dr. Moore's. They will return to Grapeland early in January.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by all dealers.

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

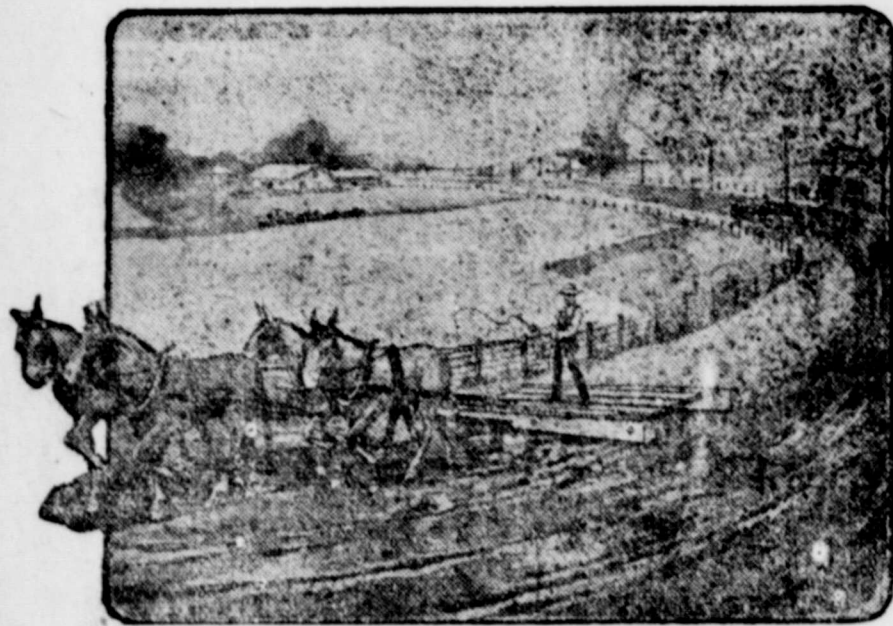
Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Hats, Etc.

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

The Split Log Drag In Grand Old Texas

THE proper maintenance of a public highway is as important as its construction. It costs a few thousand dollars per mile to build macadam highways but by the intelligent use of a split log drag, dirt roads can be kept in good condition at a nominal expense. The drag can be built for five dollars, and operated at a cost of from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per day. The road mileage which a split log drag can keep in proper condition varies according to the character of the road and the amount of rainfall, but the average mileage assigned a split log drag is 12 miles. The average cost of operating the drags, according to the Federal Agricultural estimate, is \$3.20 per mile.



There Are 656 Split Log Drags in Operation in Texas.

In some cases the drags are built and operated at the expense of the county; in others the county furnishes the drags and the farmers along the route operate them.

Every County May not be able to permanently improve its Public Highways, but every County can operate Split Log Drags.

TEXAS FARM VALUES GAIN \$1,000,000,000

Population on Farms Increases Nearly Half a Million.

We have on the tax assessors' rolls of Texas 156,946,934 acres of land, leaving approximately 11,000,000 acres of land not on the tax rolls which is owned by the State, exempt from taxation, or assessed as town and city lots. The assessed value of land has increased from \$3.02 per acre in 1900 to \$6.51 per acre in 1910, making a total increase of \$550,000,000 in assessed land values and when we consider that land is assessed at probably less than 50 per cent of its true value, we find an actual increase in farm land alone of \$1,100,000,000. The Federal Census reports verify this estimate by crediting us with a net gain of \$1,130,939,000 or 163 per cent during the past decade.

According to the reports of our Railroad Commission we have built 3952 miles of railroad during the past decade and it is estimated that a mile of railroad will add \$64,000 per mile to adjoining property. Railroad construction alone has added a quarter of a billion dollars to land values. The facilities on all roads have been increased, enabling the products to reach the market earlier and in better condition, thereby increasing the value of production. The improvement of our public highways has had its effect in increasing values and the immigration agents are entitled to a large share of credit for our development.

Our rural population in 1900 was 2,488,838 and in 1910 the census reports give us 2,958,838, making an increase of 469,992 people on our farms. The wealth per capita of our farm lands and buildings of our rural population in 1900 was \$160 and in 1910 it was \$347 per capita, making an increase of \$187 per capita or 117 per cent, which measures, in a way, the prosperity of the Texas farmer. We have opened up during the past decade 64,187 farms and now have a total of 416,477 farms in operation and the average size of our farms shows a decrease of from 357 acres in 1900 to 262 acres in 1910, or an average of 95 acres per farm, all of which has undoubtedly had a strong influence in increasing the wealth per capita of the Texas farmer.

With a Bank Account

You are no man's servant. You have a servant of your own that is ever willing to work.

Economy and a bank account make a good team to pull a man over the rough places in his old age.

Why not start now to make this good team, you may some day need it.

Let us handle your bank account and you economize, and watch the results.

The Guaranty State Bank
GRAPELAND TEXAS.

MEBANE

Cotton Seed

My experience for the last two or three years with the above Cotton Seed has proved beyond a doubt that it will produce from two to three hundred pounds more of seed cotton per acre than any cotton I ever raised. This Cotton will turn out from forty to seventy pounds of lint cotton more to the bale also. These seed are in my seed house near the depot. KENNEDY BROS. will have charge of them. Call and see them for prices.

GEORGE CALHOUN

Bargains

AT

T. S. KENT'S

For the next 10 Days on all Clothing in order to reduce my stock. Read these prices:

Men's Suits	\$3. Suits for . . . 2.50
\$15.00 Suits for . . . \$12.00	2.50 Suits for . . . \$2
12.50 Suits for . . . 10.00	
10.00 Suits for . . . 8.00	Hats
8.50 Suits for . . . 6.50	\$5.00 Stetson hats . \$4.50
	3.00 Worth hats . 2.75
Boys' Suits	2.75 Worth hats . 2.50
\$5.00 Suits for . . . \$4.50	2.50 Worth hats . 2.25
4.00 Suits for . . . 3.50	2.00 Worth hats . 1.50
3.50 Suits for . . . 3.00	1.50 Worth hats . 1.25

SALE ALWAYS ON at KENT'S

Good Roads

Help to beautify the country, promote educational interests, and save money.

If you have property for sale list it with
FREEMAN, Lovelady, Texas

Do You Take the Messenger regularly?

LOST—One bay horse, star in forehead; foretop has been cut; 12 or 15 years old; liberal reward. CLAUD SADDLER.

FOR SALE—A scholarship in Draughon's Practical Business College at a discount. See or write the Messenger.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.

J. R. Sheridan of Crockett was in the city Saturday on business. In conversation with the Messenger man Mr. Sheridan praised our little city very much for the volume of business done and the enterprise of our citizens.

L. Veteto, who for the past two months has been representing the Cooper Wagon Works of Dubuque, Iowa, in this section, left Saturday for headquarters. He is a genial, pleasant gentleman, and we hope he may again visit us.

T. J. Preston of Bryan, came in Monday morning to try to give Grapeland a little more light. Mr. Preston has a fine electric light plant that, since Bryan has put in a municipal plant, is on the market. It would be a splendid thing for this city and there is still a possibility that it may be placed here.

BOOKS ON GOLF ARE DEAD

Dealer Vehemently Complains That He Can Sell Any Other Kind Except That.

A book dealer burst into bitter complaint the other day.

"I can sell any sort of a book," he said, "except one. Let its age be what you please; let its covers be battered, still I can find a customer for it. Provided, that is, it is not a book on golf."

He went on to sketch the sad situation:

"It may seem to you odd, but it is true that the golf books are dead as dead can be. The publishers don't know that fact yet, but we book dealers do. They still issue golf records, golf manuals, and all that sort of thing, and we have to buy them on a falling market."

He was perfectly serious about it, and, as the phrase goes, ought to have known what he was talking about. There are, it is true, less piffling questions, but he raises one which teases the curiosity. Is it true that people don't read golf books? Is the book-taught beginner merely a myth? Here is some evidence that he is, or at least that he gets his theory of golf out of books which he borrows but does not buy.—Chicago Evening Post.

LUCKY.

"Brown is a lucky chap."
"How so?"
"He can't let his wife go away without she wants to."—Detroit Free Press.

FOR SALE—A No. 1 milch cow. Apply to the Messenger Office.

SOFTNESS OF GOLDEN ARC

Peculiar Color of Light is Due to Special Preparation of Carbon Which Contains Rare Minerals.

In place of the pure white glare—cold and unkind in its whiteness—of the usual form of arc light, a still more glaring radiance, but of a soft and pleasing golden color, is now everywhere seen.

The golden color of this light is due to a peculiar preparation of the carbon pencils, which are said to contain the salts of various somewhat rare minerals; but their exact constituents are not revealed by the manufacturers.

The golden arc light gives a curious spectrum quite unlike the continuous band afforded by ordinary carbons, which is very similar to that of daylight. The spectrum yielded by the new carbons is discontinuous, and consists of a number of brilliant strips separated by spaces of darkness. The red, orange and green are especially conspicuous, while blue and the colors beyond it are scarcely represented. The carbons have the disadvantage of giving a somewhat unsteady light, and for this reason they are held by many to be more suitable for outdoor than for interior illumination.—Harper's Weekly.

PREPARED FOR THE WORST.

"I want to buy a pair of rubbers."
"Very good, Mr. Wombat," said the salesman. "Let me see. You haven't bought any rubbers this winter."
"I know I haven't."
"Have they gone?"

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER