

The Place To Do Your Christmas Shopping

Mistrot Bros & Co.
Grapeland's Leading Dry Goods Store.

We Have Something For Every Member of The Family

Mistrot Bros. & Co.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

LEGISLATORS AS BOMB THROWERS

Now that the people are pointing the finger of scorn at confessed dynamiters, and it is announced that other criminals will be forced to join the parade of deep disgrace, it is well to turn a leaf in the nation's docket and consider other destructive agencies.

It is seldom that a legislature meets that some member dodging about in the low-lying forests of discontent does not hurl a legislative bomb hissing into the ranks of industry and screaming with hate, seething with spite, it carries its message of terror to the investor.

There is no more pitiful sound known in civilization than the crash of a fallen industry and no crime is so terrible as the one that destroys opportunity.

After all, the man who twists a few bands of steel with a stick of dynamite has committed a much less crime against society than he who would pull industry from its socket by statutory enactment or blow up the walls of progress with legislative explosives.

MARRIED

Thursday night last, Mr. John Dancer and Miss Fannie Clark, daughter of E. W. Clark, who lives about three and one-half miles northwest of Grapeland, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Squire John A. Davis officiating.

Mr. Dancer is a prosperous and progressive farmer of the Oak Grove community and the bride is one of Houston county's pretty farmer girls who has not only a host of friends, but also the ability to make a happy home. The Messenger joins with their friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

DEATHS

KENNEDY—Saturday night at 10:42 o'clock, Charlie, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy, who live about one mile south of town died of tonsillitis. The funeral was held at the home Sunday evening at three o'clock; Eld. J. J. Brooks officiating. The interment was at San Pedro cemetery.

CLARK—Saturday afternoon the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark, who live in the Hays Spring community, died of tonsillitis. The funeral was held at the family home Sunday, the interment being at the Hays Spring cemetery.

OUR HOLIDAY

Following the usual custom of giving the employees of this office a holiday during this season, there will be no issue of the Messenger on Dec. 28th.

All through the year past, our force has worked faithfully and are entitled to this holiday, and then too, John Ransom and his "side kick", Clifton, want to go hunting.

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.

Keeland Brothers Big Holiday Sale

Closes Saturday night. You have only a few more days to make your purchases at a price that will save you money. Here you can purchase Furniture and Rugs

Toys for little folks and presents for grown folks

In closing out our years business, we wish to thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage.

We feel that we have done our part forcing down prices in Grapeland, thereby saving the people thousands of dollars.

Again, we thank you.

"THE PRICE IS THE THING."

Keeland Bros.

SUCCESSORS TO WHITELEY & KEELAND.

"The Price is the Thing."

Telephone No. 34.

PRIZE WINNERS

IN GEO. E. DARSEY'S CASH REGISTER CHECK CONTEST

BOYS' LIST

Name	Notes	Premium
1 Arwine Skidmore	171,897	Wagon
2 Tandy Dailey	86,055	Wagon
3 Charlie Jones	70,393	Wagon
4 Balis Edens	64,740	Wagon
5 Louie Frisby	49,714	Gun
6 Clinton Parker	46,634	Gun
7 Vollie Spence	26,968	Watch
8 Grady Woodard	26,750	Watch
9 Herbert Whitaker	22,876	Watch
10 Pat L. Taylor	21,699	Watch
11 S. H. Pennington	21,403	Watch
12 Carl Haltom	18,991	Watch
13 Arthur Lee Frisby	18,672	Watch
14 Frank Granberry	18,052	Watch
15 Marion Hodges	14,816	Watch
16 Elmer Spruill	14,408	Watch
17 John H. Sewell	12,501	Watch
18 George Walker	12,090	Watch
19 George Darsey	10,654	Watch
20 Carl Bridges	10,582	Watch
21 Marshall McKenzie	9,743	Watch
22 Byron Tyer	9,306	Watch
23 Vernon Phillips	9,287	Watch
24 Horace Weisinger	9,018	Watch
25 Edwin Smith	7,630	Knife
26 Romeo Blackshear	6,635	Knife
27 Theodore Hicks	6,300	Knife
28 Evans Junior Newman	6,118	Knife
29 Roy Ferguson	4,861	Knife
30 Benjamin Tolliver	4,771	Knife
31 Oscar Matthews	4,709	Knife
32 M. A. Gadway's son	4,604	Knife
33 Leaman Langham	4,165	Knife
34 Johnnie Allen	4,138	Knife
35 Gus Hester	3,868	Knife
36 Frank Lewis Murchison	3,298	Knife
37 Clarence Biggs	3,284	Knife
38 Hosea Jackson	2,881	Knife
39 Willie Morris	2,750	Knife
40 Chester Parker	2,709	Knife
41 Maxey Johnson	2,434	Knife
42 Willie Taylor	2,163	Knife
43 Elbridge Elliott	1,760	Knife
44 Burton Dickey	1,682	Knife
45 Precious Shepherd	1,584	Knife
46 J. W. Ellis	1,115	Knife
47 David Nash	730	Knife

GIRLS' LIST

Name	Notes	Premium
1 Mabel Woodard	84,772	Stove
2 Elizabeth Leaverton	63,941	Stove
3 Pauline Skidmore	43,475	Doll
4 Zelma Finch	40,846	Doll
5 Model Garner	36,214	Doll
6 Pearl Redman	32,135	Doll
7 Pearl Clark	30,892	Doll
8 Oda Haltom	25,891	Doll
9 Velma May Whitaker	14,230	Doll
10 Minnie Kellum	14,225	Doll
11 Maude Fulgham	13,704	Doll
12 Laura May Goodnight	13,259	Doll
13 Lillie Brown	13,190	Doll
14 May Martin	12,289	Doll
15 Lucy May Murchison	11,925	Doll
16 Leбора Wilson	11,696	Doll
17 Polkie Pridgen	11,098	Doll
18 Ruby May Finch	10,850	Doll
19 Ethel Davis	9,998	Doll
20 Emma Wallace	9,338	Doll
21 Ruth Williams	9,181	Doll
22 Gracie Morehead	9,020	Doll
23 Corine Gibson	8,726	Doll
24 Nellie Caskey	8,271	Doll
25 Freddie May Harrison	8,211	Doll
26 Willie Lee Moore	7,959	Doll
27 Lottie Caskey	7,909	Doll
28 Pearl Horn	7,658	Doll
29 Edna Anderson	7,293	Doll
30 Linnie Trigg	6,467	Doll
31 Edna May Story	6,412	Doll
32 Clara May Dickey	6,320	Doll
33 Ruthie Allen	6,232	Doll
34 Mattie Ball	6,225	Doll
35 Lorine Edington	5,235	Doll
36 Connie Gilmore	4,710	Doll
37 Annie Price	4,490	Doll
38 Estelle Shipper	4,435	Doll
39 Esther Weisinger	4,192	Doll
40 Cora Skeen	4,020	Doll
41 Fannie Hudson	3,675	Doll
42 Modell Jackson	3,565	Doll
43 Grace Hester	3,303	Doll
44 Nettie Allen	3,003	Doll
45 Ruby May Thomas	2,900	Doll
46 Gladys Chaffin	2,875	Doll
47 Ana Skidmore	2,818	Doll
48 Julia Luce	2,813	Doll
49 Maude Turner	2,544	Doll
50 Amelia Tarrance	515	Doll

See ad on page 8 for distribution of presents

GEORGE E. DARSEY

For the Christmas Stockings

ON THIS PAGE you will find a special message to the people of Grapeland and vicinity, particularly those who intend honoring Christmas day in the ages old way of remembering their friends with some little present of the kind that is useful as well as pretty. At this season of the year, when even the strings of the "lean purse" are loosened, you are looking for a token of love or friendship, I have selected some of the choicest items, and I am sure they will meet your approval. There is a wide range of these handsome presents from which to make your selection, and for the critical buyer there are some of the daintiest creations to be found.

For wife or husband, father, mother, sister or brother, sweetheart or friend, there is something in this big stock of the season's best offerings that is suitable for the present you wish to make, and these presents are of the kind whose beauty are not their only asset. The selections were made with the greatest care and the prices are within the reach of all. Come and see them before you make you final selection.

<p>Coffee Percolaters</p> <p>1 very pretty Percolater, made by Manning & Bowman, at 4.50</p> <p>1 massive silver plated Percolater, best made, good value at 7.50</p> <p>Silverware</p> <p>1 silver plated baking dish, porcelain lined, a splendid value at 7.50</p> <p>1 silver baking dish, delf lined, a fine value at 6.50</p> <p>2 cream and sugar sets, best silverware made at five dollars and 6.00</p> <p>Syrup Stands, heavy silver plate, \$3.50 to 5.00</p> <p>Beautiful silver Butter Stands, a big value at 4.00</p> <p>Very handsomely engraved cake and celery baskets only 5.00</p> <p>Silver Drinking Cups at from 50c to 1.00</p> <p>Silver call bells, great value at 1.00</p> <p>Rogers Bros. "1847"—the best tableware made—knives, forks, spoons, sugar shells, butter knives, gravy and soup ladels, berry spoons, infants' sets, bird carvers, etc., all at prices that will please you.</p> <p>Toilet Articles</p> <p>Silver back comb and brush sets, from 1.50 to \$10</p> <p>Silver back comb and brush sets for Handsome Manicure sets in solid ebony, pretty case 3.50</p> <p>Very pretty pearl Manicure sets, in traveling cases, \$5</p> <p>Handsome Manicure sets in solid silver, plush lined cases 7.50</p> <p>Tripple mirrors, silver bound frames from 1.50 to \$5</p> <p>Hand mirrors in mahogany, ebony and silver, from 25c to 3.50</p>	<p>Cut Glass</p> <p>Sugar and Cream Sets 4.00</p> <p>Berry bowls, the finest ever seen here from 1.25 to 4.00</p> <p>Nappys, very pretty for the dining table, 1.25 to 3.00</p> <p>Puff boxes, very handsome designs, from 3.50 to 5.00</p> <p>Presents for Men Folks</p> <p>Desk sets, very pretty, 3.50 to 6.50</p> <p>Shaving sets from 3.50 to 7.00</p> <p>Tie boxes, handkerchief boxes, collar and cuff boxes; a big variety to select from at prices that will please you.</p> <p>Military sets in ebony and silver from 2.50 to 5.00</p> <p>Clothes and Hat brushes in ebony and silver from 2.50 to 5.00</p> <p>Cigar Jars, silver tops, splendid values at 1.25 to 2.50</p> <p>Meerschaum pipes, some plain, some with hervy gold mountings, all in fine cases, from \$4 to 7.50</p> <p>French Brier pipes, a few with gold mountings, all in cases, 2.00 to 5.00</p> <p>Silver Match Boxes, many pretty designs, from 50c to 1.00</p> <p>Chaffing Dishes</p> <p>1 very heavy plate Cafing dish 11.50</p> <p>Extra high, Colonial pattern Chafing dish 16.50</p> <p>Chinaware</p> <p>I have an assortment that can't be beat anywne. It is all of the very best grade and the prices are right. In this lot are decorated plates, berry sets, cake plates, bread plates, and china mats. The designs are all new.</p>	<p>Pictures</p> <p>I have the finest line of pictures ever brought to Grapeland. They are framed in Mahogany, Ebony Holly and Gold. A big variety of subjects to choose from.</p> <p>Jewelry</p> <p>This department is full of the prettiest presents imaginable. There are watches of all kinds and makes; rings, bracelets, stick pins, brooches, beauty pins, cuff buttons, tie clasps, back combs and a variety of things too numerous to mention.</p> <p>Candies</p> <p>For this Christmas, I have but in an especially fine line of the celebrated Hughes candies. These goods are known the world over for their absolute purity and delicacy of flavor.</p> <p>Cigars</p> <p>I am carrying as fine a line of good cigars as ever came into Grapeland. They make a very acceptable present for the father or brother, and I sell them, by the box, at bedrock prices.</p> <p>Umbrellas</p> <p>There are a few of those extra fine, pure silk umbrellas left. They are mostly ladies' sizes and have very pretty pearl and gold handles.</p> <p>Toys and Dolls</p> <p>To help Santa Claus make up his pack for the little folks of Grapeland, I have bought a very fine line of the best toys and a big line of dolls. They are the pick of the market and the prices are right.</p> <p>Fireworks</p> <p>I have the usual stock of fireworks that will help to make the proper amount of noise on this great Christmas day. They are the best of their kind and they are cheap.</p>
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D N Leaverton

DRUGGIST

PORTER'S DRUG STORE

OFFERS A FEW

Christmas Gift Suggestions

For Children

Baby Pins, Bracelets, Silver Cups, Knife, Fork and Spoon, Locketts and Chains, Rings, Rattlers, Sterling Silver Novelties, Dolls, Story Books.

For Grown Folk

Clocks, Watches, all kinds of fine Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass, Chafing Dishes, Vases, Manicure Sets, Traveling Sets, Water Sets, Albums, Testaments, Bibles, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Neck Tie Boxes, Jewel boxes, Brush and Comb Sets, Toilet Sets, Medallions, etc.

We have a great variety of other Gifts too numerous to mention and we believe the nicest lot of HOLIDAY GOODS ever shown in Grapland.

Come and Look them Over

A. S. PORTER

DRUGGIST Grapeland, Texas

SIMPLE ERROR SPOILS REPORT

In the Christmas edition of the Messenger, issued last week, an error of the kind that is always regrettable got into the report of the Grapeland post office.

The figures given were entirely correct, but the statement that they were for the year was wrong for this was the report always called for by the depart-

ment officials at Washington on which they base the average for the year, and it was the amount of mail handled for the month of May alone. It is a very flattering report for a little city and that part of the report in which the error was made we give in corrected form.

In the month of May, 1911, there was handled at the Grapeland post office 139,552 pieces of mail, of which 91,210 were letters and postal cards. It is an

astonishing amount of mail for a city of this size—but then, Grapeland does the business.

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.

Comments and Observations

By George Louis Payne

An observing paragrapher thus meditates, "Don't invite a boy to Sunday school if he is barefooted and hungry. Get some shoes on his feet and line his insides with sausage and a stack of browns. Then talk to him." That is sound religious sense. And besides we should think that it would be a good idea for a person to carry his religion around with him the six "week" days instead of leaving it in the amen corner on Sunday. And too, "to vote as you pray" is worth supporting a dozen preachers and buying out all the oyster suppers given in the neighborhood. Note the inconsistency of praying against the liquor traffic and still voting to retain the saloons.

It is indeed hard on the ancestral, all-consuming, gigantic and gluttonous territorial appetites of Russia and Great Britain for an American to stand between them and the whole vast domains of Persia. It is an unspeakable insult to the dignity of the Russian government that ordinary, common-place W. Morgan Shuster should interfere with its obvious designs. As it happens, the Russian government has more territory now than it can take care of, or does take care of, and the day is fast drawing to a close when the same methods employed by it in the government of the territory it already has, can be employed in gobbling up more territory and in overpowering weaker nations.

The best interests of the State demands that we get a new governor next year, and that every believer in the prohibition of the liquor traffic should forever be armed with a poll tax receipt. The intensed supporters of Colquitt, Barker, Randall, or Wolters have a good excuse to not pay their poll tax, or to let anyone else pay it for them; but the best thing a good prohibitionist can do is to pay his poll tax at the earliest convenience, and as the hackneyed advertising phrase runs, "avoid the rush," but the main thing in paying up now is that the prohibitionist does not forget to pay at all.

Information comes from Dallas that Judge J. C. Muse, of that city, will be a candidate for the court of criminal appeals bench in opposition to Judge Prendergast. This announcement could be taken to mean several more things; but it is merely suggested to the voter that with Judge Prendergast off the bench and a judge in his place in accord with Judge Davidson, the best interests of good government in the State may not receive such good attention as they do now. Judges Harper and Prendergast have made splendid records, and this over the dissenting head of Judge Davidson. Somehow or other pettifoggers do not have any love for judges who track the law. Hence this opposition to Judge Prendergast.

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.

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.



TAYLOR & DAILEY'S MEAT MARKET

Fresh Meat at all times

Courteous Treatment and your business will be duly appreciated

Taylor & Dailey PROPRIETORS

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.

J. W. CASKEY

TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business will be Appreciated

Baths at any time—hot or cold water.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

: CHRISTMAS GREETING :

We are still with you, and with you, we send the greetings of the season to all our friends.

For the past year we have much to be thankful for and for this, to you, our patrons and friends, we return our sincere thanks. There are none so dense they do not realize the portent of the times. Grapeland is growing and we propose to grow with it.

Our methods are those of the conservative business houses that save money to their customers and this policy will rule for the coming year.

Our complete stock, and the fact that we are content with reasonable profits, are the things that should appeal to you. Come to see us when you need anything. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Glad New Year, I am,
Your friend,

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.

THURSDAY, DEC., 21, 1911

LONG STAPLE COTTON

The Rio Grande and Coast Association is urging the farmers belonging to that organization to plant long staple cotton. In a suggestion to this effect, A. W. Cunningham, president of the association, states in part as follows:

"At Harlingen last spring, three fields of long staple cotton were planted and these fields show a better general average of yield than ordinary cotton. Two fields, planted at the proper time, made a fraction over a bale to the acre while the third field, planted forty-five days late, made five bales on six acres. This cotton was all ginned on the saw gin, cutting the staple more or less, yet it sold around thirty dollars a bale more than the ordinary staple. Ginned on the roller gin, the price would have run from 20 to 26 cents a pound or from \$100 to \$150 a bale, while the seed should bring \$45. per bale.

The smallest amount possible of petty politics and the largest possible amount of public push prove peace, progress and prosperity.

Farms and factories are the backbone of a nation's prosperity and he who aids in their advancement is greater than he who takes cities.

If we are not our brother's keeper, we should at least be interested in his prosperity when we realize that our success is largely dependent on his

PULL TOGETHER.

Speaking of the necessity of a Commercial Club the Nacogdoches Sentinel says:

"It sometimes takes a long time for a people to realize that the best interest of the town always works out finally to the best interest of every individual, but when this is finally understood all hands will pull together for the town. The failure to realize this fact is the reason some towns are so slow to develop. Just note the surprising growth of those towns where 'all hands pull together.'"

The difference between a booster and a knocker is selfishness. The knocker wants the good things of life as much as the booster, but he is too selfish to want other people to share them.

Grapeland wants more good farmers, fruit growers, dairy-men and live, progressive people of every vocation to help develop her resources and build up industries.

The great business now being handled through Grapeland has just about worn out the regular force at the depot and for several nights past there has been an "extra" telegraph operator on duty. This station is showing so great an increase in its business that a regular night man will soon be a necessity.

A LETTER FROM "OLD GRAY"

Jones' Mill, Dec. 17—The finger of time is pointing direct to Christmas, which time will be with us at the expiration of another week. What Christmas will bring forth, remains yet to be seen. How will it be spent? We gather from the past, the indications that it will be a hilarious day. We realize the fact that it should be a day of deep thought; religious thought, and

sincere prayer, rejoicing in our hearts in a humble manner over the great event, the birth of Christ. Since our earliest remembrance however, Christmas day has been celebrated by feasting, drinking and making merry over the greater portion of the United States; there are, however, some sections of the north where the day is observed in a very solemn manner, but in the south we work on the principle of "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow ye may die."

Let it be as it may; here is wishing the Messenger and all its readers an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Christmas edition of the Messenger was a credit to its editor and to Grapeland.

The indications seem now to point to a fine future for Grapeland and we hope soon to see it bloom as the best little city in East Texas.

We were in Augusta last week and found everything moving along in a quiet way.

Recently there was a double wedding at Liberty Hill church. H. P. Cutler and Miss Minnie McAnally and Sharp McLeod and Miss Bertha Moore were the happy principals, and we wish them a prosperous and happy journey through life.

Rev. F. M. Trimble has moved from Augusta to Slocum. We are sorry to know of this. He is a good man and a fine citizen in any community. We wish him all the success he so richly deserves in his new home.

The tillers of the soil in this vicinity are busy at work, some ploughing, others clearing land, making preparations for another crop.

The health of the community is splendid.

OLD GRAY.

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.

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.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

Good Roads

Bring about better conditions of country life and lessens the expense of marketing the crops.

If you have property for sale list it with

FREEMAN, Lovelady, Texas

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

Paid For COTTON SEED

See Me Before You SELL

OLAN DAVIS

With Houston Cotton Oil Co.

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

Stop a cough before it develops something more serious.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

Is The Remedy That Does the Work.

It relieves coughing immediately, eases soreness in the lungs, loosens phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes. It is a fine family remedy, pleasant to take and good for children and adults.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Buy the \$1.00 size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size, and you get with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest.

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

Stephens Eye Salve Cures Sore Eyes.

Sold and Recommended by

A. S. PORTER.

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

LOCAL NEWS

Lively sells good shoes.
Best groceries at Kent's.
Frog Selkirk was up from Trinity Sunday.

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

Buy your hat from Lively and save money.

Plenty of fruits, nuts, candies, at Howard's for Santa Claus.

Buy and use Red Cross Christmas Seals. Sold by both drug stores.

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

Our Motto

"Quick sales, small profits and the Golden Rule applied to business." W. R. WHERRY.

If you want to buy real estate in Grapeland or the Grapeland country call on or write S. E. Howard Lot & Land Co.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Craven and baby left Tuesday for Nacogdoches to spend the holidays with relatives.

STRICTLY CASH

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

Sam Bridges returned last week from Rice, Texas, where he had been on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Lon Newman.

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

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.

Roy Brewton and family will move this week into their home near the school building, and A. W. Pelham will move to his farm south of town.

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.

Notice

To whom it may concern: All persons who have hogs running on my premises are notified to take them off by Dec. 25, 1911.
S. T. PARKER.

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.

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.

Grapeland stores are blossoming out in holiday attire and it now takes the small boy and girl a long time to do the household errands.

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

THE BIG SALE at Wherry's will begin Jan. 1, 1912, and will continue until January 1, 1913. You can save money by doing business with him.

Lively always has it first.
A SALE always on at Kent's.
Get your pure ribbon cane syrup at T. S. KENT'S.

Call at Howard's for Xmas goods.

For Sale

Bronze Turkeys. See R. B. EDENS.

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

Swanson Yarbrough went to Houston Saturday, returning Monday night.

Xmas turkeys for sale at market prices.
MRS. W. T. PRIDGEN.

Denny Collins of Crockett was here Monday representing the Swift Packing Co.

Our Motto

"Quick sales, small profits and the Golden Rule applied to business." W. R. WHERRY.

The "Really" Santa Claus places Red Cross Christmas Seals on all presents. Sold by both drug stores.

Peas Wanted

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

Rev. W. N. Warlick left Friday for a point near Rusk, where on Sunday he filled an appointment.

Red Cross Seals insure a Merry Christmas to giver and recipient. Sold by both drug stores.

Dr. W. B. Taylor of Dodge was in the city for a few days this week, going on to Nacogdoches to join his wife and babies to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lively, and grandchildren, Misses Effie and Eddie Downes, have moved to Palestine. After Jan. 1st J. W. Howard and family will occupy the Lively residence, which Mr. Howard has purchased.

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.

The largest line of jewelry in town at Howard's.

Either ladies or gents watches, watch chains, fobs, stick pins, ladies waist sets, manicure sets, fountain pens. These goods are all guaranteed to be the best quality.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howard left Sunday for Crockett where Mrs. Howard and the children will remain for a long holiday visit. Mr. Howard has returned to Grapeland but will join his family Saturday to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

Real Estate For Sale

162 acres of well improved land, eight miles west of town, near Daly. Good water and in good state of cultivation.

600 acres northwest of Grapeland on Elkhart creek, for sale cheap.
JOHN A. DAVIS.

NOTICE—To the Shareholders of the Guaranty State Bank of Grapeland, Texas:

You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Shareholders of the Guaranty State Bank of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, held in its office on the first Tuesday in 1912, (Jan. 2nd) for the purpose of electing Directors of said Bank for one year, and to transact such other business as may come before them.

Respectfully,
U. M. BROCK J. R. PENNINGTON
Secretary, President.

Christmas Greetings



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and in the mean time invite you to attend our

GREAT DECEMBER CLEARANCE SALE

and allow us to save you money on all your purchases.

We thank you very much for your trade during this year, and through our GREAT DECEMBER CLEARANCE SALE, and solicit a continuance of same.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE PRICE MAKERS

Lively sells it for less.

G. R. Murchison went to Crockett Saturday.

Ben Brooks is at home from Axtell to spend the holidays.

Martin Arnold has secured a fine contract at Lovelady and left Friday to commence work.

Help the women of Texas fight the great white plague Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals. For sale by both drug stores.

Mrs. W. D. Grimes of Sylvester is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Colkin, east of town.

Our Motto

"Quick sales, small profits and the Golden Rule applied to business." W. R. WHERRY.

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.

For Sale

A good farm. One hundred thirty two acres; Seven room house with out-buildings, right in the town of Grapeland. On account of my health this place goes cheap. CLAUDE SADLER

Laundry Cash

After January 1st all laundry will have to be paid for when taken out. Experience teaches me that this is the best plan for all. Please do not ask me to violate this rule.
J. W. Caskey.

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.

Only Two More Days to Buy Christmas Goods

There is nothing more appropriate—more serviceable or that will be more appreciated than a nice RUG or ART SQUARE.

We have just received an extensive assortment of beautiful floral and animal patterns of high grade rugs.

27x54 velvet rugs for.....	1.50
27x54 Axminster rugs for.....	1.95
36x72 Axminster rugs for.....	3.90
9x12 feet Tapestry art squares for.....	9.90
9x12 feet tapestry art squares, better grade	10.90
9x12 feet Axminster art squares.....	17.90

This wet weather should show you the need of a rain coat. Our line of fine cravennetted rain and overcoats combined are wonderful values, and every man should own one. They will make acceptable presents, too.

\$7.90, \$8.90 up to \$12.90
and they are worth more

George E. Darsey

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 to much in their praise." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Kirby Keeland and Aubrey Lively are laying plans for another visit to Huntsville in the near future. Kirby says he wants to locate that hat and it is alleged that Aubrey is "locoed" over a little Normal girl.

WHAT GRAPE- LAND NEEDS

SOME THINGS PROGRESS DEMANDS OF THIS CITY

BOOST AND WE'LL BOOST WITH YOU. "KNOCK" AND YOU'LL KNOCK ALONE

WITH ITS WEALTH OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ITS RICH
PRODUCTIVE SOIL, GRAPELAND HAS A FUTURE
THAT WITH A SOLID, CO-OPERATIVE
PUSH CAN BE MADE SECURE

That Grapeland has a brilliant prospect for a future of prosperity is so apparent that to discuss it in these columns is simply proving a fact so plain that no evidence could controvert it. The soil is here, the natural resources are here and the ability and push of the splendid coterie of merchants who, by their public spirit and aggressive business methods have made this the best market in the county as well as the best place to trade, will surely, now that the time is urgent and the opportunity waits, put their shoulders to the wheel and by a big united push, give this pretty little city the public utilities it so sorely needs, that will raise it to the dignity its immense volume of trade warrants—in fact, make it the city it should be.

In telling of the needs of this embryo city, there is one thing that stands out in the very fore front of the perspective that cannot be overlooked if success be desired, and that is incorporation. Without it any efforts to attain the facilities that make a city are futile. With it we can install municipal water and light plants that will not only be a source of revenue, but will be the greatest factor in development any city can have. If the city is not incorporated, these valuable franchises fall into private hands and, generally, they become a menace instead of a delight.

These are two things that Grapeland needs the most. The city water system will, here, as it has done everywhere it has been installed, cut the insurance rate fully fifty per cent which will result in a saving of the cost of the plant within a very few years. Few cities in the state have a better natural water proposition than has Grapeland, lying as it does over an area of "water gravel," really an underground river with an inexhaustible supply of the finest and purest of water. The cost of a system that would supply this city for years to come is small compared with the benefits that would accrue and then—Grapeland needs it.

Another utility, or a pair of them rather, that could easily be installed here, and be made paying propositions are, an electric light and ice plant. The first is in the nature of a necessity, the second is a good business proposition. These plants, with the water works could be operated with the one battery of boilers. The plants would furnish employment to a force that would add to the wage-earners of the city and the very fact that we have those things would be a greater factor in promoting the growth of the city.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Grapeland has now arrived at the point where it is out of the village class, yet it has little standing as a city. Its streets are a depository for refuse of nearly every description and a salesroom for agricultural implements and wagons. It gives the town the aspect of some backwoods village and presents a view to the stranger who comes to look over the prospects, that is far from inviting.

This is the season of the great tides of "homeseeking" travel and, while there has been but little effort to attract that tide to Grapeland, it is meted that we should be ready to entertain them in becoming style and to present to them the best possible

appearance. To this end the streets should be kept free from trash and other litter and a move should be made to better the physical condition of the streets and the sidewalks. If there is no grade line already established, get an engineer and fix a grade and then build to it. Eliminate the deadfalls that now are a menace to life and limb and build in a permanent way, some good walks and keep them clear for pedestrians.

INDUSTRIAL NEEDS

There are several lines of industry that would succeed in this city and they could easily be located here if a little industry and effort backed the missionary work. There is a world of splendid hardwood timber here that would supply a handle factory for years to come; there is a fine lot of commercial furniture woods and plenty of timber, pine, gum, sycamore and other varieties that factories work up into various articles of commerce.

There is a fine field here for a twine mill; we raise the cotton here that would supply it and wood fuel is so cheap that it would be a great card in the landing of an enterprise of this kind. This kind of an industry would give to the farmers of Houston county, a market at home for their products, saving them the cost of transportation and other incidentals the man who raises cotton has to stand for in selling his crop.

Here is another industry that would thrive here—a canning plant. This soil is peculiarly adapted to the raising of fine vegetables of all kinds, but for tomatoes and potatoes it is ideal. These are standard food products for which there is always a market and plants for the canning of tomatoes and other vegetables have always paid big dividends because the supply has never yet equalled the demand. If you doubt this, write the Department of Commerce and Labor at Washington, D. C. for statistics on these industries and you will find that the ever increasing demand is forcing the price of these products higher every year.

There are many other things that Grapeland needs and could have if a little united effort was made to get them, but, first of all, we must raise this town to the dignity of a city, then it will have plain sailing into the permanent port of prosperity.

THE ROAD BOND ISSUE IS TIED UP

A peculiar condition seems to have arisen in the bond market that is, just now, holding up the sale of the Road Improvement bonds recently voted in this, the 1st Road District, which have been duly approved by the attorney general and have been on the market for some time past.

For the benefit of those who do not know the condition and who possibly are wondering why the county commissioners have not started the work, the Messenger will explain it.

Some time ago, Liberty county held an election for a bond issue of \$250,000, which was to be used in road improvement. It carried by a good majority and the bonds were in the hands of the attorney general for approval when the "knock" came.

It seems that a man named

To My Friends and Customers of Grapeland and Surrounding Country:

I write this letter to let you know that I appreciate the assistance I have had from the people of Grapeland and the business relations we have had together. While this business has not been very large, I hope that it has been as pleasant to you as it has to me, and I want to say to you that I will still be found in business

On the East Side of the I. & G. N. Railroad In the East Addition

I want to tell you, I have been in your midst for the past six years and I had but a small beginning, but small means to work with and I want to say that through my efforts, I have increased the taxable property over \$20,000, and with your co-operation, we can still increase these taxable values. When in need of any thing in my line, call around and I will make it to your INTEREST.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

I am Yours to serve,

J. J. BROOKS

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

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

Carter is the owner of a great tract of timber land in that county and it would appear that he is not a convert to the "good roads" idea, for he has launched a suit that is now before the Supreme court, which questions the constitutionality of the statute under which all the road improvement bonds in the state have been issued. The result of this is, the bond buyers are exceedingly timid about investing in county road securities and the attorney general is withholding his approval of this kind of bonds until the court hands down a decision

in the case.
This will not affect the school bonds recently voted for the new building for this city and as soon as they can be gotten ready they will be put on the market.

When 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.

FOLEY 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colkin and baby of Cleburne came in last week. Mrs. Colkin will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brimberry, east of town.

A Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

To all my Friends and Customers I send these--the Heartfelt Greetings of the Season

To the people of Grapeland, one and all, I send my thanks for the generous patronage that has been given me for the past year. It has been a year of PEACE, PLENTY and PROSPERITY and all have shared in the happiness such conditions bring. For the past year I have catered to your wants and hope to do so for some years to come. I have endeavored to conduct my business in such a manner as would leave me only friends and I am fully satisfied with the results.

For the year to come I shall still be with you and shall exercise the same care in the selection of stock that has given me the fine patronage that I have enjoyed.

Here you will always find only the very best to be found in the market and at a price that will let us both live.

Stock food will be the problem of this section until a new crop can be produced. To meet this situation I have contracted for a supply that can be depended upon to be the very best in the market. I now have enroute a carload of high-grade, Missouri White Corn, as good ear corn as ever was brought here. That splendid Pea Green Alfalfa Hay that has made such a hit with the stockmen is still in stock and there are more carloads on the way.

In all departments of my store I shall keep fully abreast of the times, I have no old stock and therefore have no special unloading sales, but I always have fresh, desirable goods that are sure to please.

Again wishing you all the joys of the season, and hoping with you that another Christmas may find us even more prosperous and happy, I remain as ever,

Your friend,

T. S. KENT



BEWARE OF SUDDEN ATTACKS THAT MAY PROVE DEADLY.

YOU CAN SOON REPEL THE MOST DANGEROUS WITH

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

THE RELIABLE REMEDY FOR

COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH

AND OTHER DISEASES OF

THROAT AND LUNGS

PRICE 50c AND \$1.00

SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY

A S PORTER

C. C. Starling
Dentists
Office over Crockett State Bank
CROCKETT 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.

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

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

REYNARD LETTER TELLS THE NEWS

(Delayed)

Reynard, Dec. 12—Only two weeks and the holidays are on and it is an evident fact that somebody is going to have cotton still in the field on Christmas day. The pickers, haulers and even the gin boys are tired working with the "fleecy staple" and things are getting rather dull. Already more cotton has been ginned at the stand here than ever before and the end is not yet in sight.

Constable Haltom was here last week looking after the law violators.

P. L. Fulgham has bought out the T. S. Kent stock of goods and will try his hand at merchandising.

Another "bachelor's hall" has been broken up. The institution was not very desirable in a community but we had much rather it had been broken in another way.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hancock as neighbors for a time and hope they may remain with us permanently.

We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. Percy Leaverton who will make this place their future home. We sincerely hope these newcomers will remain with us as we need a lot more good people.

The Christmas Tree for this place has been decided upon and every one has a cordial invitation to come out and help make it a success. There is nothing in the way of our having a nice tree if we will only make the effort.

Rev. Williams will fill his regular appointment Christmas eve day and the tree will be unveiled that night.

Ted Fox who has been in south Texas for some time, visiting friends, has returned home.

Nugent Beazley is home for the holidays, the A. & M. college having suspended until after the holidays on account of the last fire.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West were shopping in Grapeland Saturday.

Gerdine Oliphint was in Grapeland, Saturday visiting the home folks.

Misses Jessie and Gertrude Merriwether were shopping in Grapeland one day last week.

Mrs. Oran Rials returned last Friday from Daly and Grapeland where she had been visiting friends and relatives.

Pledger Chiles spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends at Grapeland.

Will bid you adieu for this time.

ZACK.

FINE STOCK FOR FORT WORTH

Saturday night Geo. Calhoun shipped out 15 head of fine fat steers and 70 head of "battle-ship hogs" for the Ft. Worth markets. They were all in splendid condition and will no doubt bring the best market prices. The shipment was accompanied by H. M. Haltom.

This is the only kind of stock that is profitable in this day and age and Mr. Calhoun is profiting by his knowledge of this fact. It is this kind of shipments out of a community that always bring back that hand-maiden of prosperity—ready money.

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.

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.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Grapeland, Tex., Dec. 11 1911

Dear Old Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and some clothes for her, and please bring me some candy, apples, oranges, raisins, english walnuts and all kinds of nuts. I would be glad to have a dolls tea-set and a little trunk, and please bring my two sisters some nice presents like mine. They want a little doll apeice and a little tea-set apeice for it to play with, some apples, candy, raisins, popcorn and nuts and a little trunk apeice. And bring my sister Ella a primer; she knows her a b c's and wants a little book to study in. Santa Claus please bring the things over to Oak Grove and put them on the Christmas tree for us Christmas eve night, that will be on Saturday night. Well, Santa that is all for this time.

Your chosen,
Laura Octivie Parker.
R. F. D. 3, Box 8.

Grapeland, Tex., Dec. 2 1911

Dear Old Santa:

I will write you a letter. I am six years old. I have to lay in bed now because I had to have a bone in my foot scraped caused from stepping on a rake and I don't want you to forget me. I have two sisters and two brothers. I want a doll and a doll buggy and a doll bed and some chocolate candy. Please send my little brother a rocking horse and a spade. My freight office Elkhart, but our post office is Grapeland, route 1. My name is

Nina Cook.

Seed Peas

Write me for prices on seed peas, Black Eye and Cream varieties, the kind that has made Henderson County famous.

J. B. HENRY,
The Pea Man,
Athens, Tex.

W. C. Driskell went to Elkhart Sunday.

STEPS TO REDUCE ACREAGE

The farmers of the community and the business men of Grape land are requested to meet at Grapeland Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the J. N. Parker old store on second street, for the purpose of discussing the question of decreasing the cotton acreage next year and increasing the acreage of feed stuff for man and beast.

S. T. PARKER.
J. F. GARRETT.
W. T. WARNER.
S. E. HOWARD.

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

I thank you for the business that you have given me this year and hope that our services have been such as to merit it again next year, promising you the same courteous treatment and service in the future as in the past. On January 1st you will find us doing business at the old stand as before, with a full and complete line of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, Furniture, Farming Implements, Wagons, Brick, Shingles, Doors, Windows, Barb Wire, Hog Fencing, Coffins, Caskets and Burial Goods.

Again thanking you and soliciting a continuance of your business, I am yours very truly,

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

P. S. Our store will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec., 26th, 27th and 28th, taking inventory.

G. E. D.

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.

NOTICE TO CASH REGISTER CONTESTANTS

We give today the standing of all contestants and we will begin to distribute the premiums Friday, Dec. 22, 1911. All contestants will be rewarded as stated in the beginning according to the amount of checks turned in. The one turning in the largest amount of checks getting the best premiums.

Thanking each of you for the interest you have taken in contest and wishing for each of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am yours truly,

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

P. S.—Our store will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 26th, 27th and 28th, taking inventory.

G. E. D.

NEXT!

Madge—Do you believe in long engagements?

Marjorie—Gracious, no! I generally have him dead broke in about six months.—Puck.

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT.

Adam was discussing his rib. "It is the only operation I can talk about as yet," he apologized.

Herewith he anxiously awaited the advent of appendicitis.—Harper's Bazar.

KELLY IS AGAIN IN THE TOILS

Tuesday night, Sheriff Phillips passed through with "Rev." Kelly, lately released from the Huntsville bastille where he has been serving a term for forgery, enroute to Crockett where he is wanted on a charge of bigamy.

The fact that he had a wife and four children seems to have cut no figure with this man, and at the first opportunity, he again transgresses the law of God and man.

A THOUGHT WORTH CONSIDERING

Parents when selecting a school for their son or daughter to attend, or young men and women depending upon their own judgment, should take into careful consideration the moral surroundings in which they will be placed when attending school. Our large cities are full of saloons and their accompanying evils. The business college located in those cities cannot control their students when out of the school rooms, therefore they are left to roam the streets at will and get into all kinds of company. The Tyler Commercial College is located in the beautiful and healthy city of Tyler, Texas, a town of 12,000 inhabitants, with no saloons or their accompanying evils. Our large crowd of 1500 students annually are controlled with perfect ease, both while in and out of school. The school is opened each morning with exercises that strengthen the moral character of every student within its walls. Lectures by prominent business men from various parts of the United States upon the necessity of truthfulness and honesty in a true business education; lectures by some of America's greatest orators, men of extensive travel and study. Those morning exercises are made interesting, inspiring and encouraging. They cause our student body to determine to be honest, to be upright, to be industrious, to be ladies and gentlemen who will make the highest type of citizenship.

A business education without the proper moral training is a failure, yet there is not another business college in the state that spends five minutes on the moral training of its students. The moral training given by the Tyler Commercial College has been indorsed by various religious bodies, by prominent business men and presidents of railroads. It is the aim of this institution to see that every student leaves morally strengthened as well as with a practical knowledge of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, and Telegraphy.

Write for our large beautifully illustrated free catalogue, read it carefully and obtain full particulars. It costs no more to place your son or daughter in America's largest and most successful business college than it does in some small, inferior institution, with all the temptations of the larger cities.

T. J. Dotson of Percilla was in town a few days ago and was a pleasant caller at this office. He has just purchased a Galloway gasoline engine which he will use about his place for thrashing peas, pumping water, etc. Gasoline engines are getting to be quite popular among the farmers and many are installing them. They can be used for many things around the farm, and save a great deal of labor.

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 KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

PAINFUL WOUND RESULT OF PLAY

Sunday afternoon two little boys, Leonard aged six and his brother two years younger, the children of W. C. Driskell, were playing in the yard at their home. Of course the axe was handy and again of course, both the boys wanted to use it. There was no evidence of a quarrel, but Leonard was picked up with a two inch gash in the top of his head.

Dr. McCarty was called and dressed the wound and it is hoped that there will be no bad results, but it is a very painful wound and will keep Leonard away from the axe for several days to come.

TIMELY WARNING TO CALOMEL USERS

Calomel is a Form of Mercury, and if It Stays in the Human System, Its Effect is Terrible. Ask Your Doctor.

Any physician will tell you that mercury, if it remains in the body, will soften and rot the bones, a disease doctors call necrosis of the bones. Calomel is a form of mercury, and to keep clear of danger it's a safe plan to take no calomel at all, especially as there is a better remedy.

Both children and grown people will find a perfect substitute for calomel in Dodson's Liver Tone, a pleasant, vegetable tonic that induces the liver to act and which never has any bad after-effects. In fact Dodson's Liver Tone will do everything that calomel does without any of the dangers of calomel. A large bottle costs only fifty cents, and Porter's drug store will refund your money if you are not satisfied.

"YOU WANT A BETTER JOB?"

That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you become qualified and show ambition to rise. Hundreds of bankers tell you in Draughon's literature why you should qualify at Draughon's. For catalogue, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Dallas, Texas, Arkansas or Denison.

Holiday Excursion Rates

The I&GN Ry. will sell excursions to points in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, December 20th to 26th, 31st, and January 1st; limit January 5th, at rate of ONE AND ONE THIRD FARE; also to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Washington, D. C., Memphis, and ALL points in the Southeast, and to Mexico and Colorado, December 20th, 21st, & 22nd; limit January 18th.

For particular information, address Ticket Agent, D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A. Houston, Texas.

J. R. Howard left Friday for Houston where he will again embark in the hotel business. The gentleman has a world of friends among the office force of the I. & G. N. and their persuasion has induced this latest move on the part of Mr. Howard. He has secured a location at the corner of Polk Ave. and 14th street and will have the house opened at an early date.

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.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor and little Rollie are visiting relatives in Houston during the holidays.



We Wish You
PEACE, HAPPINESS
and **PROSPERITY**
During 1912
F. & M. 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

BACKACHE

Is an indication of kidney trouble. It means much to the victim because the deadly Bright's Disease begins in just such symptoms.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a successful remedy for diseased kidneys. It strengthens the suffering kidneys, helps them to perform their duties properly and by cleansing and regulating the bowels it drives out unhealthy conditions; restores strength and vigorous health.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "7" in Red on Front Label. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

A S PORTER SPECIAL AGENT

Wonderhose
GRATIANO CANNITTING MILLS

Responsible for so Few Marriages Nowadays

AN old bachelor said to a married man:

"No, I shall never marry. I need no one to darn my socks now. I always wear

Wonderhose

If I wear a hole in heel, toe or sole in four months, the mills give me new ones free"

MISTROT BROS.