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## More Room MORE GOODS

Owing to the increase in our last years' business, for which we are very thankful to our many customers, we are enlarging our store to twice its former size. We will thank you for a continuance of your business through the coming year, 1912.

Again we thank you, and wish each and everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

## Mistrot Bros. & Co.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY  
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

### CHRISTMAS WEEK A NOTABLE ONE

Many Entertainments Were Given  
And Joy Reigned Supreme—  
No Accidents Marred The  
Week of Gaiety

Through the week just passed, Grapeland and all its environment has enjoyed to the full, the festivities and diversions that always mark the return of the greatest festival the Christian world has ever known or ever will know.

The city has been thronged with visitors from all over Texas and some from adjoining states, and there was scarcely a family in Grapeland that had not some well beloved relative or friend as their guest through this joyous season.

There were no accidents that marred the festival week and no semblance of disturbance was here; happy spirits there were, who, at times indulged in somewhat strenuous "play," but it was taken in the spirit meant and no harm resulted.

#### MISS HALTOM ENTERTAINS

Tuesday night, Miss Vilna Haltom entertained a host of her young friends with games and music. The pretty rooms were decorated for the occasion and until a late hour, the guests enjoyed the always recurring novelties that were offered for their amusement. Among the out of town guests present were: Miss Florence Poskey, and Messrs Wood Denton and Ed Ayers, all of Lufkin.

#### MRS. STAFFORD'S RECEPTION

Last Thursday night, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Stafford was the scene of a very pretty reception given in honor of her guests, Mrs. B. S. Elliott and Misses McConnell, Elliott and McLean of Crockett. The hours were very happily spent with games and other parlor past times, and the household of friends who gathered to meet the visiting ladies, all report an exceedingly delightful event.

#### RECEPTION AT DRISKELL HOME

At the pretty home of their brother, Mr. W. C. Driskell, Misses Fannie and Edna Driskell entertained a big crowd of their friends with a very enjoyable "Christmas Party" last Wednesday night. The function was given to Grapeland friends, and until a late hour, there was a very riot of games and music that the young people all thoroughly enjoyed.

#### MISS DENTON'S RECEPTION

Christmas night, in honor of the cousins who were spending the holidays as her guests—Miss Florence Poskey, and Messrs Ed Ayers and Wood Denton of Lufkin—Miss Lu Ellen Denton gave a little reception to a coterie of her intimate friends. After a delicious dinner in the big dining room of the Denton Hotel, the guests assembled in the spacious parlors and all the evening and well into the night, the disciples of ancient Comus held full sway only dividing the honors with Euterpe.

## Removal Notice

KEELAND BROS.

Have moved their stock of goods into the Kandy Kitchen building between Kent's and Mistrot. We now have much more room and are going to greatly increase our stock of

Groceries

Hardware

Furniture

and Feed Stuff

and be in a better position to take care of our ever increasing trade.

Remember us when you need anything in our line.

We will appreciate your business during 1912.

## Keeland Brothers

SUCCESSORS TO WHITLEY & KEELAND.

"The Price is the Thing."

Telephone No. 34.

### THE CITY'S FIRST INDUSTRY COMES

Others Are Sure To Follow If  
Grapeland's Advantages Are  
Shown As They Should Be

Within the next sixty days, Grapeland's first manufacturing industry will be an accomplished fact.

This new industry will be a thoroughly modern pressed brick plant—not one of the ancient kind whose sole product was the homely, ill-shaped red brick—but one that in any market, will compete with the best brick made anywhere.

The promoters of this enterprise are Messrs Eugene Walling and John Tyer and they have already completed all the preliminary arrangements. They have secured the site and contracted for the necessary buildings and sheds and work will be started on them as soon as the weather permits.

The product of this factory will be manufactured under the patents of the Sanderson Chemical Brick company, a process that is a decided improvement over the old methods. There is no clay in this brick—only cement, fine sand, and the chemical ingredient that gives it its strength and durability. They can be given any tint desired, and when finished, they are very smooth and perfect in shape.

This plant is not an experiment. The Sanderson brick have been in use in the east for several years; have stood every test of fire, water and frost and are considered better than the old process brick.

This new business will require an initial outlay of \$2,000, and will give regular employment to from six to ten men, the year round.

### THURSDAY NIGHT AT LEAVERTON'S

Thursday night, Jan. 4th, there will be a meeting of the Grapeland Commercial Club at Leaverton's drug store and every citizen of the city who is interested in its growth and development and that of the surrounding country is requested to be there and help the cause.

There is much to do in preparing for the campaign of the coming year and there are other matters for your discussion. A constitution for the club has been drafted and will be submitted for your action.

We want every body to come out and help this movement for a greater Grapeland.

W. D. GRANBERRY, Pres.,  
A. H. LUKER, Sec.

Leonidas Brooks visited with friends and relatives in Elkhart and Palestine during Christmas week.

J. W. Hail of Crockett, was in Grapeland Wednesday on business. Mr. Hail will visit the great Texas Land Exposition at Houston, on the 18th of this month and is now collecting an exhibit of Houston county soils and products which he will enter in behalf of the county.

George E.  
Darsey's

# 1912

### ANNOUNCEMENT

In the beginning of the new year we want to thank you for your liberal patronage in the past and solicit a continuance of the same during 1912, promising you in the future as in the past the best possible service that we can give you, and at all times will give you the best possible values for your money. Again thanking you for past favors and wishing you a prosperous new year, I am,  
Yours truly,

George E.  
Darsey  
Grapeland, - Texas



## CHIEF VETINARY OF TEXAS HERE

Dr. Chas. Castelaw of State's Stock Farm Came to Determine Cause of Stock Epidemic

Saturday morning, Dr. Chas. Castelaw of the Texas State Stock farm, near Richmond, Texas, came to Grapeland to inspect and if possible, determine the cause of the epidemic that is killing off the horses and mules in this vicinity.

His inspection, though brief, was thorough and his conclusion was that the cause of the disease (he says it is not an epidemic) was impure food and, in some cases lack of shelter.

His advice was that owners of stock inspect and test all stock food for impurities; feed only the best grades of hay and grain and above all look out for musty or decayed corn.

He also advises, for a time at least, an entire change of food for the animals and to give horses and mules some kind of shelter through the prevailing cold and rainy weather.

Pressing business that developed after his arrival here, compelled him to very much shorten his stay in Grapeland, but he said he would return in the near future and hoped to hear that the disease had been controlled.

## FARMERS SHOULD PROFIT BY THIS

The Texas Industrial Congress is formulating plans for agricultural prizes for 1912 and will make conditions public just as soon as practicable. In the meantime we advise all farmers who may or may not enter the contests to plow all of the land that they expect to cultivate for prizes, or otherwise, at least one inch deeper than heretofore, and when it is practicable to do so, to follow in the regular furrow with a bull-tongue, going six to ten inches deeper but turning up no new soil. This will cause the earth to hold more of the winter rains to be used during the coming season.

Plow and harrow until you have a practically perfect seed bed six or eight inches deep; plow around instead of up and down slopes to prevent washing; terrace when it is necessary, and drain well if the land needs it.

Rotate and diversify your crops, save and use every pound of manure of all kinds and put it on the land. Do not burn stubble or grass or any other substance, green or dry, that will decay in the earth, but plow it all under.

Get ready for a better crop than ever but prepare to plant some kaffir corn as a safeguard against a dry season.

As far as it is possible to do so prepare to raise your own bread, meat, vegetables, fruit, and feed and then put a moderate amount of land in cotton and by best methods get larger returns and consequently an increased profit on a smaller acreage.

Increase your ability to live well and surround yourself with all necessary comforts and as many luxuries as possible by stopping waste in the home, on the farm, and in transit.

HENRY EXALL, President,  
Texas Industrial Congress.

Chester Kennedy has purchased the residence property west of the blacksmith shop and will reside there henceforth.

## THE AFTERMATH A BOOST BRINGS

A Little Comment From Our Exchanges On the Prosperity Grapeland Enjoys

The little editorial paragraph relative to "the sugar-bowl of Texas," which we reproduce below seems to have struck a respondent chord all over the state. Many papers have used it and there has been none but the best of comment. When papers like the Houston Post, the Dallas News and the Ft. Worth Record put the name of a little city on their editorial page—no matter where, there is a future for that town if it keeps just a little of that attention. Here is the paragraph.

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 three acres of land. We're the "candy kids." Better come live with us.

The Palestine Advocate comments as follows on "The Story of Grapeland's Growth." It is all true and the coming year will see a still better story of this city's progress.

FROM PALESTINE ADVOCATE  
"The Grapeland Messenger this week has a 'sky-reaching' laudation of what Grapeland has accomplished within the past year. That mighty metropolis has grown and expanded, according to the Messenger phenomenally and better yet is still growing. A new bank has recently been established there—a business club formed, the merchants have laid in vast stocks of goods, and the whole of the adjacent regions feeling the shock of progress inaugurated by the city's enterprise. The Messenger has been one of the main factors in this forward movement, and of course shares the glory accruing to its community."

Concerning the Messenger's Christmas edition, the Crockett Courier has this to say, which really "places the blame" on the guilty parties—Grapeland's aggressive and hustling business men who have made that edition possible. Of course the Messenger appreciates the compliment—but it is Grapeland's way—its watchword is "DO IT."

"The Grapeland Messenger issued a special edition last week that was a credit alike to its editor and the town in which it was published. The Messenger's special edition establishes beyond any question of doubt that there is a "bunch of hustlers" in the little Houston county city to the north of us."

## JOHN O' GROAT'S TO LAND'S END.

The distance in English miles between John o' Groat's, in the extreme north of England, to Land's End, in the farthest south, is about 480 miles as the crow flies, though by the ordinary lines of travel it is something more than that. New York state is but little more than half the size of England, Scotland and Wales combined. The figures are as follows: New York state, 48,170 miles; England and Wales, 59,310; Scotland, 29,785. In wealth, however, New York is pretty nearly equal to the three of them put together.

**COLEY'S URINO LAXATIVE**  
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

## ROAD BONDS HAVE BEEN SOLD

Telegram From Chicago Tells of Success—Money Should Be Here By February First

The first set of road bonds voted for the improvement of Houston county roads, those that will improve Road District No. 1, which have been held up so long, have finally been passed upon by the big bond attorneys at Chicago and have gone thru with flying colors.

The following telegram, received Friday morning by County Commissioner G. R. Murchison, is full of good news for Grapeland and its splendid environment.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28, 1911  
G. R. Murchison,  
Grapeland, Texas:

Bonds have been approved and we should receive the money before February 1st. My coming was necessary.

J. W. YOUNG.

This issue was voted early in the year, but it has been held up through various causes until now. The total amount was \$24,000, and nearly that entire sum will soon be available. The bonds were contracted for on a basis of 95 cents on the dollar, but, as the district will get the benefit of the accrued interest, it will give us within one per cent of the sum to work with.

Mr. Murchison informs the Messenger that as soon as the money is in hand and the advisory board makes its report, he will be ready to start in the work. The advisory board are: S. E. Howard, Chas. Kennedy, James Owens and W. G. Darsey.

This district has twenty or twenty-five miles of sandy roads and these will get the first benefits of this money. The work will be done after the most approved government methods and it is certain that the results will be of almost inestimable value to the district.

## HOTELS GAVE FINE XMAS DINNERS

Both of Grapeland's popular hotels entertained their guests and a host of friends, on Christmas day, with dinners that not only "filled the aching void," but left nothing to be desired in the way of culinary art or service.

At both the Denton and the Goodson, the tables were fairly loaded with a profusion of delightful concoctions to make glad the inner man. Of course, America's "royal bird," the turkey, was the "piece de resistance," and he was flanked in every direction with all the delicacies the genius of able cooks could suggest.

## HINT ABOUT RUBBER GLOVES.

An accident that befell my new flat silverware was particularly distressing. I bought a pair of rubber gloves to protect my hands when washing dishes. After using them I noticed that my silver was almost entirely black with tarnish. I learned from a druggist that these gloves were coated with "fillers," and many of them contained sulphur, which explained at once the reason for the tarnish. The very soft rubber gloves are harmless, but this pair was stiff and white-coated. If the gloves are washed several times with soap and water, it will remove the sulphur.—Good Housekeeping.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR RHEUMATISM, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

# REMEMBER THIS

During 1912 you are going to need DRUGS and you will want the BEST and PUREST. We handle only that kind and will appreciate your business. We extend thanks for past patronage.

**D. N. Leaverton**  
Leading Druggist

# I Have Got It!

A new carload of the finest Missouri Ear Corn and a big stock of fresh New Mexico Alfalfa Hay. All of my merchandise is fresh; no old goods. Call and see me. I'll make it worth money to you.

**T. S. KENT**  
EAST SIDE OF RAIL ROAD

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THE TASTY TAILORS

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Done on Short Notice and Satisfaction Guaranteed

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OUR TIME, knowledge and experience in the printing business.

When you are in need of something in this line

DON'T FORGET THIS



# The True Story of John Jones

John Jones was born in Northern climes,  
A tiller of the soil was he,  
Where bitter winds and cold at times  
Clutched at his garments savagely.

When, through full many a winter day  
He'd fought the cold inside his door,  
He asked himself: "John Jones does it pay  
To linger here where blizzards roar?"

"Almost the full one-half the year  
I dress like some old Esquimo,  
The gaze across a landscape drear  
Of laden trees, gray clouds and snow.

"My good wife, bundled in a shawl,  
Goes shivering 'round the house and yard;  
My children, healthy chaps, but small,  
Find climbing drifts to school quite hard.

"In this great piping, modern day  
Of air-ships, 'phones and telegraph,  
John Jones, now, really does it pay  
To linger here when skies that laugh

"And days all bright with song and cheer,  
Toil and pleasure and sweet content,  
The laughing length of every year  
Are in the southland haply blent.

"Cheap, fertile lands may yet be found  
Within the Lone Star's broad domain,  
Where health and wealth alike abound—  
Tomorrow morn I take the train!"

For twenty days John travel'd wide  
On Texas soil—North, South and West.  
Alas, though he enjoyed his ride  
His honest soul was much depressed.

Though much he saw amazed him quite,  
Although the lands were rich and fine,  
Said he: "They're none of them just right,  
No place I've found is in my line.

"I want a farm, broad, fertile, cheap—  
I know will never fail to give  
A solid, stable, fair return  
For honest tillage while I live.

"I want the elevation high  
Enough to catch the blowing breeze;  
I want to see the sunset sky  
All barred by sturdy hardwood trees.

"I want to plow where mellow earth  
Responds to fruit and truck and corn,  
I want the brooklet's babbling mirth  
To sound a welcome to the morn.

"I want to dwell where honest folk  
Extend a generous, kindly hand  
To every stranger, be he "broke"  
Or with a million to command.

"I want my children in a place  
Where future years will deftly mold  
Serene contentment on each face,  
Not selfishness, unkind and cold."

Thus spake John Jones as sadly he  
Looked out across the empty plain,  
A man nearby laughed merrily—  
"Friend, Houston County's fair domain

"More than fulfils what you demand,  
So why, just for your future's sake  
Do you not go and see its land?  
I. & G. N's. the road to take.

"Get off at Crockett, ask to see  
That well known man, J. W. Hail,  
He'll drive you all around scott-free  
And show you the lands he has for sale.

"You'll be sure to be treated on the square;  
You'll not be haggled at to buy,  
But you'll be shown some lands as fair  
As rny 'neath the Texas sky.

"Some river bottom lands as rich  
As in the valley of the Nile;  
Some fertile uplands, both of which  
You'll find are amply worth your while.

"A little off the busy line  
Of emigration, North and South,  
This prosperous section, rich and fine  
Has not been praised from mouth to mouth.

"The prices yet are very low,  
But many men are finding out  
How many things these lands will grow,  
The news is getting noised about.

"The terms of payment will be made  
So easy, any man of worth  
Who loves pure water, trees and shade,  
Can own a square of this good earth."

Therefore, John Jones made haste to go  
To Eastern Texas, where he found,  
A land with plenty all aglow  
And glad fields ringing with the sound

Of husbandry, full well repaid,  
Of children's voices shouting clear  
Soft echoes from the wood and glade  
And everything men hold most dear.

Straightway he bought a farm, whose broad  
And fertile acres caught his eye;  
Said John Jones: "All my life I'll laud  
This good land to the highest sky."

We are going to have a number of John Jones come to East Texas this year, and I have secured space for the Land Show to be held in Houston in January; and we want an exhibit of Houston County products and anyone having products of interest in the way of fruit, corn, pecans, oats or any other product of our lands, send them to me not later than January 10th, and if they wish I will return same after the show. I do not promise to sell all of Houston county's lands, but if you will list your property with me I will agree to advertise same at my expense and will try to sell it. Yours truly,

**J. W. HAIL, Crockett, Texas**

## MILLIONAIRES MADE RAPIDLY IN TEXAS

ONE EVERY TWO DAYS RECORD OF FATHER TIME.

PER CAPITA WEALTH GAINS

Father time, single handed, has been making millionaires of the Texas property owners at the rate of one every two days (or its equivalent) and his mint is running along with increased momentum. No gold mine ever poured forth its stream of wealth with such volume and perpetuity as that of the increased values of property in Texas, and no prospector can stake out a claim more promising than a Texas real estate investment.

The assessed value of all property has increased during the past decade from \$946,320,258 to \$2,388,500,124, making a net increase of \$1,442,180,866 or 152 per cent. As the assessed value represents probably not over 50 per cent of the true value of property, we find an actual increase in wealth of approximately three billion dollars during the past ten years. This remarkable increase in wealth must be attributed to either one of two causes; first, increase in property values, such, for example, as land worth \$10 per acre in 1900 and worth \$20 per acre or more in 1910; second, increase in property such as money, building material, live stock and movable property coming into the State. However, a careful study of the figures justify an estimate of \$1,770,000,000 as an increase in property values and \$1,230,000,000 as an increase in property.

The amount shown as increase in property values is pure cream and measures, with reasonable accuracy, the unearned increment on investments in property and shows a daily ten year average net increase in property alone of \$485,000. The amount shown as increase in property represents the flow of outside capital into Texas and gives a net daily ten year average of \$337,000.

In 1900 our assessed wealth per capita was \$310 and in 1910 it was \$610, making an increase of \$300 per capita or 97 per cent. Our population during the past decade has shown an increase of 27 per cent and our assessed wealth an increase of 152 per cent. No more forceful evidence of progress and prosperity can be produced than the above comparison and it speaks the dialect of every nation.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

NATURALLY.

"Beauty doctors are superficial men."  
"Why are they?"  
"Because they always take people at their face value."

Do not allow your kidney and bladder trouble to develop beyond the reach of medicine. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They give quick results and stop irregularities with surprising promptness. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

PURIFYING SMOKE BY WASHING.

A method of freeing chimney gases from soot and dust by washing has given quite astonishing results at a cocoa factory at York, England. The gases are drawn by a fan from the boiler, passed through a brick-lined chamber containing the water sprays, and then led by a tortuous course to a rather short stack. For 300 cubic feet of hot gases per hour, one gallon of water is used. The pea slack coal contains 40 per cent. of dust and in 24 hours the smoke-washing has collected as much as 1,600 pounds of grit, or about 1.5 per cent. of the coal burned.

Dr. Sam Kennedy returned to Galveston Monday, after spending the holidays here with relatives.

Charles Durham, Lovington, Ill., has succeeded in finding a positive cure for bed wetting. "My little boy wet the bed every night clear thru on the floor. I tried several kinds of kidney medicine and I was in the drug store looking for something different to help him when I heard of Foley Kidney Pills. After he had taken them two days we could see a change and when he had taken two thirds of a bottle he was cured. That is about six weeks ago and he has not wet in bed since." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

KILLED SWORDFISH WITH RIFLE

When Capt. Enos Nickerson of the fishing schooner Pontiac reached the wharf at Boston the other day, he proudly exhibited a 450-pound swordfish which was pierced behind the left gill with a rifle bullet.

Captain Nickerson was fishing in the South channel, and upon seeing a good sized swordfish he determined to substitute the rifle for a lily iron. One bullet performed the deed and the prized fish rolled over with a great flapping of its tail and was easily hauled on deck. This is the first time that a swordfish has been known to have been caught in this manner.

When you feel "Blue," Half Sick, Out of Sorts, and everything seems to go wrong, you can blame it on the Liver, as that organ is usually at fault.

For a Torpid Liver You Need

## HERBINE

The Remedy That Puts New Life in the Liver and Regulates the Bowels.

A liver that is torpid exercises a demoralizing influence all through the body. It hampers the kidneys in their work, clogs up the bowels, throws bilious impurities into the blood and interferes with digestion. A person in this condition is pale, sallow and discouraged, feels bad, looks bad and his general condition is bad. Food digests poorly, bowels mostly constipated, suffers from dizzy spells, occasional headaches and prefers to sit around and do nothing in place of his usual hustling energy and cheerfulness.

Herbine changes all this by starting the internal machinery into activity again. Its reviving effect on the Torpid Liver is prompt and thorough. The Stomach and Kidneys feel its stimulating influence. The Bowels are purged of costive conditions and regular daily operations re-established. As a result of this general scouring of the interior, functional activity is resumed everywhere and the purified blood goes coursing through veins, carrying new life and energy to every part.

Sold at Drug Stores, Price 50c per Bottle.

JAMES F. BALLARD

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For sore Eyes, Granulated Lids, Redness of the Eyeball, Weak Sight, Smarting sensations in the Eyes, use Rubbers Eye Salve. It is a remedy of proven merit.

A. S. PORTER GRAEPLAND TEXAS

## 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. Do not substitute.

FOR SALE BY D N LEAVERTON DRUGGIST



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ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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ONE YEAR.....\$1.00  
SIX MONTHS.....50 CENTS  
THREE MONTHS.....25 CENTS

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Display ads up to one-half page, 10c per inch each insertion. Discount on page and half page ads. Locals 5c per line each insertion.

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, JAN. 4, 1912

## LEVEL-HEADED LANDLORD

There is one landlord in Texas who has ideas beyond getting what he can, or rather what his tenants can, out of the soil, and getting what he can out of the tenants. There are doubtless more such landlords than one, but they have kept their light hid under a bushel and the bushel covered with a sack. At any rate their record has not yet come to the notice of The Record. When it is brought to our attention we shall be ready to give it due publicity.

The particular landlord to whom reference is made above, lives near Pittsburg, in Camp county. He operates a farm of 3,000 acres, and has many tenants. They raise cotton and corn. In order to set before them the advantages of thorough work, and perhaps to profit himself from an increased yield, Mr. E. A. King, the landlord in the story, offered a prize at the beginning of the cropping season for the best yield per acre of cotton and corn. Both prizes were won by the same tenant, I. N. Richardson by name. He produced 3,300 pounds of seed cotton on one acre and 71 1-2 bushels of corn on another. Mr. Richardson ascribes his success to deep plowing in the winter and shallow cultivation in the summer, true conservation. No fertilizer was used, and the land has been in cultivation sixty-five years.

There are more landlords in Texas who could follow the example of Mr. King with more than one line of profit in sight. For instance: When a dozen men are striving to secure a liberal prize for the best crops, the land is bound to be kept free of weeds and to receive deeper and more thorough cultivation than where no incentive is offered for more than ordinary effort; the land itself is thus not only benefited but the owner gains in the annual increased yield, thus adding to his income. The tenants gain in even greater ratio than the landlord.—Ft. Worth Record.

Marse Henry Watterson says: "If Roosevelt should be returned he would 'Diazify' the presidential office and 'Mexicanize' the republic." Is this the echo of a Christmas dinner?

When we consider Russia, Persia, the Turk, the Italians and the "heathen Chinese," we wonder what has become of "Uncle Andy's" peace congress.

Paid your poll tax yet?

Join the Commercial Club.

Same old story—pay that poll tax!

Help us build a greater Grapeland in 1912!

Commercial Club meets tonight (Thursday.)

Grapeland is going to grow in this good year 1912.

And now Grapeland goes into the "industrial" class.

Jupiter Pluvius didn't seem to take much of a Christmas lay-off this year.

La Follette's boom is fairly started, and, in Ohio, he is now tearing large holes in "Billy's" epidermis.

There doesn't seem to be much the matter with Texas when its taxable values show an increase of over \$128,000,000. in a single year? Bully for Texas! Let 'er grow.

Grapeland's first real industrial plant will be in operation within sixty days. Now, let us get our Commercial Club in good working order and build up a "dinner bucket brigade."

Our state offers the greatest possibilities in the world to the man who is willing to work for a living, and as most of us have to do that, why, let's boost for the best country on earth and tell our friends about Texas.

Truly, Texas is only another name for diversity. While the citizens of Amarillo are shovel-snow from their back steps, the people of Laredo are sitting down to breakfasts at which lettuce, tomatoes and cantaloupes, fresh from the garden, are served.

The man who said there was but one road to success made a great mistake. There are two. One is spend more money—for advertising. The other is—get more money. The first invariably leads to the other and if money is not SUCCESS, what is?

Texas is the greatest cotton producing state in the Union. It is nearer the center of population than the New England states, the present seat of the manufacture of cotton goods in this country; possesses a much more suitable climate for profitable manufacturing and has cheaper labor. Texas needs the cotton factories and it seems to us that the factories need our cotton, climate, labor and our large field of home consumption.

## DO YOU WANT BIGGER PAY?

If you want bigger pay for your services, or to stop the leaks in your business, or to be a successful business man or woman, take the Draughon Training. For prices on lessons by mail, address Jno. F. Draughon, President, Nashville, Tenn. For catalogue on courses at College, address Draughon Practical Business College, Dallas, Texarkana or Denison.

### Removal Notice

I have moved my shoe and harness repair shop to the rear of J. W. Caskey's barber shop, and would be glad for you to bring your work to me.

FRANK TYER.

## A NEWSY LETTER FROM OAK GROVE

Oak Grove, Jan. 2—Well, Mr. editor, as the new year is on, I will begin my first communication by saying that the health of this community is very good at present; there is no sickness of any note that I know of.

Our school, under the management of Miss Mollie Fulton, has been very satisfactory.

We had a Christmas tree and concert on the night of Dec. 23d which was a grand success, except for the fact that there was a little too much of Hyman's "booze" on hand, but that did not cut much ice as there was a peace officer with us. It is a sad thing to see the young men of our country and the hope of the nation, take up the drink habit that shatters their nerves, clouds their brain and brings disgrace to their good fathers and mothers.

S. T. Parker was a visitor in Crockett last week and says he greatly enjoyed his sojourn in the county seat.

Mrs. Glover of Jewett is the guest of her son, J. A. Dennis of Oak Grove.

Mrs. Charles Saxton and baby of near Crockett are visiting Mrs. Saxton's father, J. A. Dennis.

As locals are scarce, I will ring off for this time by wishing the Messenger and all my friends a prosperous and Happy New Year.

OLD TIMER.

## ALL DEAD STOCK MUST BE BURIED

Dr. L. Meriwether, our efficient county health officer, informs the Messenger that hereafter, the state law relative to the burying or burning of dead stock will be rigidly enforced. This means that within twenty-four hours after its death, the carcass of any mule, horse, cow or other animal must be disposed of so that it may not become a menace to the public health.

Persons violating this law lay themselves liable to a fine of \$25.

## IMPORTANT NEWS TO CALOMEL USERS

Dodson's Liver Tone is a Perfect Vegetable Substitute for Calomel and is Guaranteed Absolutely Harmless

If you have trouble with constipation or biliousness, be careful how you take calomel, because calomel is a form of mercury, and if mercury remains in the system very long, it will salivate and seriously injure the strongest person that ever lived.

If you need something to start the liver to working take Dodson's Liver Tone. It is a harmless vegetable liquid which will liven up the liver better than calomel does and without any bad after effects. No restriction of habit or diet is necessary. Dodson's Liver Tone is as safe for children as it is for grown people and everybody likes its taste.

Buy a bottle for 50c from A. S. Porter's drug store, and if you do not find that it absolutely takes the place of calomel, this drug store will give you your money back if you ask for it.

### Notice to Tax Payers

Tax Collector will be at Grapeland Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, collecting 1910 taxes.

MRS. A. L. GOOLSBY,  
Tax Collector.

FOR SALE—A share in the Myrtle Lake Fishing Club.

MRS. A. L. GOOLSBY,  
Crockett, Texas.



## SHOES FOR EVERYBODY

Ladies' shoes, Men's shoes, Children's shoes and Baby shoes. The very latest to be found in any stock of shoes. You do not have to leave Grapeland to find snappy, stylish shoes.

We have them in patent leather, vici, gun metal, velour, suedes, in fact anything you may want, and at prices that defy competition.

## KENNEDY BROS.

## AN OLD SETTLER PASSES AWAY

Friday morning, Dec. 22, at 7.30 o'clock, Joseph Henry Musick, an old resident of the New Prospect community, died at the home of Peter Baidges at Elkhart, and at 4 p. m., the remains were interred in the Parker cemetery.

At the time of his death, Mr. Musick was fifty-five years of age. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Emily Musick, and five children: Edward, William, Samuel, James and Leola.

Joseph H. Musick came to this county from Alto, Cherokee county, twenty-six years ago, and settled in the New Prospect community. He was one of Houston county's best citizens and a host of friends will learn with sorrow of his death.

Mr. Musick had been suffering several years with cancer of the stomach and lately, had been at a sanitarium at Palestine. There was no hope for his recovery and he started for his home, but, on reaching Elkhart, his strength gave out and he was taken to the home of Mr. Bridges where he died.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keeland are up from New Waverly for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Dave Driskell and family have moved to Crockett. Mr. Driskell has a position with a mercantile firm.

## CLOSE CALL FOR SCHOOL HOUSE

Tuesday night, about 7.15, an alarm of fire was sounded and for a time it seemed the general impression that Grapeland would be without a school building until the "powers that be" were ready to build the new one for which the bonds were lately provided.

This was wasted sorrow, for a few buckets of water, judiciously used by the first comers, put out the blaze and saved the ancient landmark.

The fire was unquestionably of incendiary origin. There was evidence in plenty of the use of coal oil about the premises, and the very suddenness of the outbreak of flame would prove this theory. Who the "fire bug," was is still a matter of conjecture. The damage was very small and is confined to a hole in the floor and a little scorched wood work, not enough to stop the regular routine of school work.

### Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking each and every one of our friends and customers for their very liberal patronage the past season, and hope that the year 1912 may bring you and yours much happiness and prosperity. Hereafter, we will gin only on Saturdays. Your friends,  
HEROD & COMPANY,  
Ginners.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

# LOOK! LOOK!

## Big Banana Sale!

Car now on track.  
50c to 75c a  
bunch. Sat. Jan.  
6th, 1912.

## W. H. Smith



## LOCAL NEWS

### Advertising Rates

Display ads up to one-half page 10c per inch each insertion. Discount allowed on page and half-page ads. Locals 5c per line each insertion.

Lively sells good shoes.

Start the new year right by trading with Geo. E. Darsey.

Prof. W. L. Price spent a few days at Kilgore Christmas week.

Don't forget that we are headquarters for flour and feed stuff.  
J. J. BROOKS.

Edgar Brooks spent Christmas day with friends in Palestine.

### For Sale

Bronze Turkeys. See  
R. B. EDENS.

Byron Maxwell was visiting friends in Crockett for a few days before Christmas.

Pack Traylor and Jno. R. Owens were visitors to Palestine the day before Christmas.

We still have a few ladies' scarfs, I will close them out at cost.  
J. J. BROOKS.

Geo. E. Darsey has just unloaded a car of pea-green alfalfa hay.

Misses Edna and Fannie Driskell visited friends and relatives in Elkhart, Dec. 24th and 25th.

Miss Effie and Eddie Downs of Palestine were the guests of Grapeland friends and relatives a part of Christmas week.

### STRICTLY CASH

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

Arthur Owens of St. Jo, Tex., spent the holidays in Grapeland, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Owens.

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

A car load of Kelly plows, low beams, handles, handles, land slides, points and bolts at Darsey's.

Owen Johnston and family, who have been living at Naples, have returned to Grapeland. We are glad to have them back.

J. Sam Barcus, D. D., will preach at the M. E. Church the second Sunday in January at 11 o'clock, and at night, also at Percilla in the afternoon.

Geo. E. Darsey will save you money on furniture, stoves and house keeping goods. It will pay you to get his prices before you buy anything in this line.

LOST—One big bay horse, shod all around, foretop cut out, no brands or marks. If found return to Arthur Holcomb, Augusta, and receive reward.

Jim Ellis has resigned his position with W. H. Lively and has gone to the new town of Weldon where he will have charge of a hardware and furniture store.

If your stomach feels uncomfortable from overeating, or from food which disagrees with you, take HERBINE; it settles the stomach, strengthens the digestion and relaxes the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Lively sells it for less.

Brick Lime and Shingles at Darsey's.

Byron Maxwell has accepted a position with W. F. Murchison.

Pure cane molasses at Darsey's in barrels and buckets.

Ribbon cane syrup by the barrel at 45c per gallon, or retail at 50c, at  
J. J. Brooks.

Miss Clementine Yarbrough of Trinity is visiting relatives in Grapeland this week.

Now is the time to buy flour, in wooden barrels and sacks.  
Darsey's.

Miss Arline Howard visited her sister, Mrs. B. H. Logan, at Lovelady last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Story visited relatives at Jacksonville Christmas.

SALT! SALT! Plenty of salt at Darsey's in 25, 50 and 100 pound sacks.

### Boarders Wanted

Good rooms and meals and close in. Apply to  
MRS. F. C. WOODARD.

Mesdames W. L. Price and children and Chas. Kennedy and children spent a few days in Huntsville last week.

Warner, Dudley and Lee Eaves, Sam Herod and Balis Dailey, who are attending the State University at Austin, spent the holidays here.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son Phil Horace, and little Jot Davis Hollingsworth, returned to their home in Livingston Tuesday morning.

### For Sale

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

### 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.

### To The Public

Haying purchased a half interest in the tailoring business of M. L. Clewis, I take this method of inviting my friends to call on me and bring their cleaning and pressing. I will very much appreciate your business.  
LANEY JOHNSTON.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Biters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Sold by A. S. Porter special agent.

Messrs James Ellis, Aubrey Lively, Harry Denton, Bob Wherry, Tom Kent, Jr., Clifton Hill, Will Selkirk, Joe Hill, Smith Daily, Wood Denton and Edward Ayers made a very short visit to Palestine on the night of Dec. 23rd. No. 5 was reported some hours late and "the boys," just for a lark, made the trip, having just time in Palestine to change from one train to the other.

Lively always has it first.

Big lot of shoes just opened, call and let us fit you up at J. J. Brooks.

Geo. E. Darsey's for middle busters and stalk cutters, and breaking plows.

J. R. Finch and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Finch spent the Christmas holidays with relatives at Cooleedge.

Albert Tyer, whose home is now in Illinois, spent the holidays with his father southeast of town.

We have on our bargain counter about 95 pairs of shoes, you take your choice for \$1.00 per pair.  
J. J. Brooks.

Odell Faris and family have moved to Palestine, and will make that place their future home.

Just received a big lot of pretty gingham. Come in and make your selection at once.  
J. J. BROOKS.

### Furniture and Stoves

Don't forget that you can buy furniture and stoves for less at Geo. E. Darsey's.

LOST—7 months-old pup; white and red-spotted; half bull, ears stick up and flop to front. Reward for information leading to recovery.  
R. L. PRIDGEN.

FOR SALE—Or rent 85 acres good sand land in Anderson county about four miles from Percilla; 50 acres in cultivation. Price \$650; two-thirds cash, balance terms.  
J. J. COOK,  
Grapeland, Texas.

If you don't sleep well at night, are nervous and low-spirited, you need a system purifier. HERBINE is a powerful liver stimulant and cleansing medicine. It quiets the nerves, promotes energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Miss Florence Poskey and Messrs Wood Denton and Ed Ayers of Lufkin, who had been the guests of their cousins, Miss Lu Ellen and Harry Denton, left Thursday for their homes, accompanied on the return journey by Miss Lu Ellen Denton who will visit for the next two weeks in that city.

Mrs. Frankie Middleton and the baby arrived from Arizona just before the Christmas holidays and "Grandpa" and "Grandma" Denton are thoroughly happy. Mr. Middleton will join his family here as soon as he can close out his Arizona interests and will make this city his residence.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Everybody is liable to "catch cold" but those who give a cold proper attention never have serious lung diseases. It is neglect that makes them serious. Prudent persons use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as soon as the trouble appears and the cold is cured at once. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

## 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



Aim High and Consider Yourself Capable of Great Things

Make up your mind to save a few hundred dollars. Start a bank account and persevere. You can do it as easily as others have—you MUST start before you can finish.

## F. & M. STATE BANK

Grapeland, Texas.

### In Order to Avoid Carrying the Men's Clothing and Heavy Underwear

I will for the next 20 Days, sell them AT COST. PRICES AS FOLLOWS:

UNDERWEAR	CLOTHING
Regular price of suits \$1.00 now ---- <b>80c</b>	Men's suits, regular price 15.00 --- <b>12.00</b>
Boys' 50c union suits now ---- <b>40c</b>	Men's suits, regular price 12.50, now --- <b>8.75</b>
Boys' elastic ribbed shirts, regular price 25c, now ---- <b>19c</b>	Men's suits, regular price 11.50, now --- <b>7.75</b>
Men's sweaters, regular price \$1.75, now ---- <b>\$1.20</b>	Men's suits, regular price 10.00, now --- <b>6.85</b>
Men's sweaters, regular price \$1.00, now ---- <b>80c</b>	Men's suits, regular price 9.00, now --- <b>6.25</b>
Ladies' sweaters, regular price 75c now ---- <b>38c</b>	Men's suits, regular price 7.50, now --- <b>5.25</b>

J. J. BROOKS

We extend to everyone the usual greeting of the season

## A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

# A. S. PORTER

YOUR DRUGGIST

## Good Roads

Mean progress and prosperity, a benefit to the people who live in the cities, an advantage to those who live in the country.

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





## Texas Needs Great Men

### XIV. PRIDE


THE Pyramids of Egypt were erected as a monument to the personal vanity of her ancient Kings, and these "Sphinx of the Desert" have stood for forty centuries as a warning to all nations against indulging the personal pride of their leaders.

We have on our statute books many a "Sphinx of Progress," put there as a monument to the personal pride and monumental vanity of our leaders, and these fierce phantoms in the industrial horizon can be seen clear across the continent standing like a spectre against the approach of civilization.



THE PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT

Let those who would ring the merry bells of fame first add a few pebbles to the mighty beach of wisdom; change a desert into a waving field of grain, add a few miles to the thoroughfares of commerce, whiten our coasts with canvas and dim the horizon with the smoke of industry. Texas needs great men.



**A TRUE  
BOWEL CLEANSER**

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

**PRICKLY ASH BITTERS**

Is an effective system regulator and bowel tonic. Persons of a constipated habit find it to be just what they need to re-establish regular bowel movements and to correct the evil effects of the disorder in the skin and blood. It drives out the impurities that have accumulated in the system. Removes sallowness, bad breath, pimples, skin eruptions, and restores the ruddy hue of health to the complexion.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "2" in Red on Front Label.  
Price \$1.00 per Bottle.

A S PORTER SPECIAL AGENT

## YOU WANT A Better JOB?

That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify—take the Draughon Training—and show ambition to rise. More BANKERS indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED. 48 Colleges in 13 States. International reputation. Banking, Typewriting, Penmanship, English, Spelling, Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Business Law—FREE auxiliary branches. Good POSITIONS GUARANTEED under reasonable conditions.

**Bookkeeping.** Bookkeepers all over the United States say that Draughon's New System of Bookkeeping saves them from 25 to 50 per cent in work and worry.

**Shorthand.** Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Shorthand Draughon Colleges teach. Why? Because they know it is the best.

**DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE**  
Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

## TEXAS PEACH CROP SELLS FOR \$7,000,000

OVER 4500 SOLID CAR LOADS  
SHIPPED FROM STATE

### TEXAS PEACH IS A WINNER

The Texas peach is the King of Fruits and the fruit of kings. It is invited into the parlors of the great and is welcomed in the hovel of the poor of both hemispheres. It has met its rival at home and abroad on most every table on the globe and by its natural beauty and delightful personality it has conquered all competitors and today its appearance in the market is an annual event of importance in every household in America and its disappearance is the consumer's regret. Public interest is so deeply centered in its arrival at the market that it travels in special trains running at full speed in order to relieve the anxiety of the waiting public and its welcome is so cordial that cold storage plants have been erected in order to prolong its stay in the community. Canneries and evaporating plants are run day and night during the peach season in order to preserve its eating qualities for the table of the nation during the entire year.

The family peach tree can be found in most every county in the State, but the commercial peach belt is confined largely to East Texas. The exact number of bearing peach trees in the State is not of record but competent authority estimates it at seven millions. During the peach season of 1910 we shipped to the market 4500 cars of peaches and supplied our local wants as well as run our canneries during the peach season.

The peach industry has been pouring into the channels of trade a golden stream of wealth. The farm value of the peach production in 1910 is estimated as high as \$7,000,000. The rapid growth of the industry during the past decade and the wide extension of the commercial peach belt has been one of the marvels of our development.

At first the Texas peach entered the market under an assumed name, masquerading as a California product, but it soon threw off its disguise and like all native Texans, outstripped its competitors and today it is master of the world's trade.

#### Foley Kidney Pills

always give satisfaction because they always do the work. J. T. Thelmut, Bremen, Ga., says: "I have used Foley Kidney Pills with great satisfaction and found more relief from their use than from any other kidney medicine, and I've tried almost all kinds. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers for kidney and bladder trouble." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

#### AEROPLANES FOR RANGERS.

The supervisor of the Selway forest, consisting of 1,600,000 acres, which was formerly part of the Nez Perces reserve in Idaho, predicts that aeroplanes and wireless telegraphy will be important factors in forest fire prevention before a far distant date. He believes that a man in an aeroplane could do more accurate and extensive survey work in the forests of the Pacific slope country in a few hours when forest fires are raging, than is usually accomplished by 20 rangers in a week. With wireless stations on peaks it would be a comparatively easy task to assemble men.—Popular Mechanics.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them. get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.

## WEALTH OF FARMER GROWS THE FASTEST

RURAL INCREASE 117 PER CENT  
AGAINST CITY'S 59

### 121 NEW TOWNS IN TEXAS

During the past decade the value of our property assessed as town and city lots, which includes the lands and buildings within our city limits, has advanced in value from \$189,760,828 in 1900 to \$506,255,238 in 1910, making an increase of \$317,495,410 or 167 per cent, but city property not being rendered at its true value it is likely that its actual increase in value will exceed \$600,000,000. No attempt is made to separate the value of the buildings from the value of the land within our city limits by either the State Comptroller or the Federal Census Bureau and the information is therefore not available.

The Federal Census shows that we have built 121 new cities during the past decade, and our city population has increased from 559,872 in 1900 to 938,104 in 1910, making an increase of 378,232 or 67 per cent. We now have twenty cities with ten thousand population and over, and three cities that approximate 100,000 in population.

The per capita increase in wealth of city population, taking the assessed value of city lots and buildings as a basis, has advanced from \$339 in 1900 to \$540 in 1910, making an increase of \$201 per capita or 59 per cent.

Compare these figures with those of the per capita increase in farm wealth and we find the farmer has made an increase of 117 per cent against an increase of 59 per cent within our cities. These figures prove that we have greater opportunities on the farm for money making than in the city and if our citizenship could fully appreciate the force of this comparison it would turn the tide of our population back to the soil.

Texas has probably suffered less from the rush of its citizenship from the farm to the city than any other State in the Union. While our cities have shown a rapid increase in population our farms have considerably more than held their own. Our cities have been built up by immigration, inter-state and foreign, and have drawn very little from the farms.

#### The Danger of La Grippe

Is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kas., says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of la grippe that threatened pneumonia. A friend advised Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and I got relief after taking the first few doses. I took three bottles and my la grippe was cured." Get the genuine, in the yellow package. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

#### WHEN NEW YORK IS UGLY.

In a recent number of the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, Stefan Zweig gives his impression of New York after a "sojourn of a few days." He comments on the vastness of the city, its tumult and hurry, amid which he has discovered the "irresistible storm-creating rhythm of the American metropolis." The night life under the glare of the brilliant illumination has its fascination as much as the day scenes, but when it is all over, and the streets have become empty and only the roof signs remain to attract attention, then New York is ugly. "There is nothing more ugly," he adds, "than New York asleep—New York without people."

Persons trouble with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.



## CITY MARKET

ON SECOND STREET

**Fresh Beef  
Pork  
Sausage, etc.**

**PROMPT SERVICE  
is Our Motto. Your  
Business appreciated.**



**WHITE'S  
CREAM  
VERMIFUGE**

FOR CHILDREN.

It destroys worms and parasites; strengthens the stomach and bowels, and quickly restores health, vigor and cheerful spirits.

Price 25c per Bottle.

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

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER.

## 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 Diabates, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes.

D. N. LEAVERTON.

## The Old Reliable Seed Buyer

wants to buy your

## COTTON SEED

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

## J. W. Howard

With Houston County Oil Mill  
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

## 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



# Happy New Year

TO EVERYBODY!

If you appreciate good Groceries and high-class merchandise, give us your business in 1912. We can take care of your wants.

## W. H. Lively



### A HAPPY HOME IN REACH OF ALL

Joy AND SICKNESS DON'T CHUM

TO BE HAPPY KEEP WELL

USE ONLY

### DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

TO CURE COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH

AND OTHER DISEASES OF THROAT AND LUNGS

IT HAS BROUGHT JOY TO Millions

Price 50c and \$1.00

SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY

A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

### HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

Paid For

COTTON SEED

See Me Before You SELL

### OLAN DAVIS

With Houston Cotton Oil Co.

### ROYAL & LIVELY'S Meat Market

FRESH MEAT EVERY DAY

Free Delivery on Saturdays

We will appreciate your Business

We also keep Barbequed 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

**C. C. Starling**  
Dentists

Office over Crockett State Bank CROCKETT TEXAS.

### Don't Take It For Granted

that just because you are in business, everybody is aware of the fact. Your goods may be the finest in the market but they will remain on your shelves unless the people are told about them.

### ADVERTISE

if you want to move your merchandise. Reach the buyers in their homes through the columns of THIS PAPER and on every dollar expended you'll reap a handsome dividend.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE KIDNETS AND BLADDER

### WHEN SHOULD WOMEN WED?

One of Fair Sex, Thirty Years Old, Declares She Finds Flirtation as Attractive as Ever.

At what age do women definitely decide they are too old for marriage? The answer might be "Never," which does not imply that all spinsters are seeking husbands actively, and are profoundly grieved because they do not find them; only that each woman cherishes a secret belief that somewhere in the Cosmos is her destined mate, with whom she would inevitably fall in love, as he with her, if they met. The truth is nobody manages to feel as old as they may look. Not one of us, waking up entirely oblivious of our past life, would know how many years we had spent in the world without the evidence of a mirror or of the treatment of others. The youth of the spirit is perpetual, and we hide our inward emotions because they do not agree with outward appearance. Also we discover as we grow older how much longer we remain young than we thought we would. Thus a woman said:

"At eighteen I thought I must be married before twenty-one or never; at twenty-one I realized I still might have a chance, at least until I was twenty-five; at twenty-five and thirty I found flirtation as attractive as ever, even more so, and though I faithfully recorded an age which I shall not repeat for the census, I am certain my day is not over yet."

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and is a medicine of real merit. For sale by all dealers.

### AMERICANS IN MANCHURIA.

The Kokumin, which is the officially inspired organ, in a dispatch from Pekin under double headlines, says that America, having thrice failed to gain a foothold in Manchuria, has obtained a secret treaty and perpetual lease on 50,000 agricultural acres near Harbin.

The dispatch adds that the land is to be improved by an American harvester company and that China will provide military guards and defray the cost of importing expert labor. The object is to employ a part of the quadruple loan in the development of Manchuria.

Let US **PRINT** YOUR SALE BILLS

### TEXAS APPLES BRING SPLENDID DIVIDENDS

NO PRODUCT PAYS ANY BETTER TEXAS FIGURES SHOW.

### 5,000,000 TREES BEARING

The apple has always played an important part in the history of the human race. It was an apple rosy and red that attracted the attention of Eve and she gave to Adam, who according to Holy Writ, "did eat" and ever since that eventful day the apple has been a favorite diet of mankind. It was an apple falling to the ground that stirred the brain of Newton and he gave us the laws of gravitation. It was an apple tree upon which grafters first plied their vocation and so successful were their operations that the profession has since flourished so rapidly as to menace civilization. It was a Texas apple that was awarded the first premium at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904 and no State has ever been able to wrest from us this undisputed evidence of our superiority as an apple producing State.

It is the most obedient plant in the vegetable kingdom and yields implicitly to the genius of man; it will change color, size, flavor, maturity and durability at the touch of a master hand. It is undoubtedly the most universal, resourceful and profitable of commercial fruits.

The northern tier of counties has long been known as the banner section in apple production, but is now dividing honors with the Pecos country and the Panhandle.

Some idea of the increase in the apple industry in Texas may be gained when we consider that the number of trees in the State today is more than five millions, while in 1870 there were less than 300,000 trees. The following table, taken from the reports of the Department of Agriculture, shows the progress of the apple industry by decades:

1870.....	290,000
1880.....	550,000
1890.....	662,000
1900.....	1,485,000
1910.....	5,000,000

Texas offers to the orchardist a soil and climate that will give vigor and productive power to the trees, color and flavor to the fruit and an established reputation to the product.

**Foley's Honey And Tar Compound "Cures in Every Case."**

Mr. Jas. McCaffery, Mgr. of the Schlitz Hotel, Omaha, Neb., recommends Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, because it cures in every case. "I have used it myself and I have recommended it to many others who have since told me of its great curative power in diseases of the throat and lungs." For all coughs and colds it is speedily effective. For sale by D. N. Leaverton.

### HARPOONED A DEVILFISH.

F. C. Nicholemus of New York and J. C. Cotter of Port Aransas, harpooned and landed a gigantic ray, or devilfish at Port Aransas, Tex. The fish measured 14 feet across and weighed 1,600 pounds. The monster towed the launch three miles to sea and was captured only after being shot ten times. The struggle lasted an hour and a half.

**Foley's Honey And Tar Compound** is a reliable family medicine. Give it to your children, and take it yourself when you feel a cold coming on. It checks and cures coughs and colds and croup and prevents bronchitis and pneumonia. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

### LACKING IN FIRST ATTRIBUTE.

Plumber—Well, what have ye forgotten?  
Apprentice—I ain't forgotten nothin', boss.  
Plumber—Ye ain't! Ye'll never make a plumber.—Judge.

### TEXAS WELFARE COMMISSION

Commercial Secretaries Appoint Commission to Investigate Industrial Conditions.

The Welfare Commission which the Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association of Texas has organized will hold sessions in Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston and other cities in Texas and hear the views of men of affairs on the needs of Texas. The following are a few of the questions which the Commission will undertake to answer:

Sixty-eight per cent of the farmers of Texas do not own their farms. WHY?

We need 50,000 miles more of railroads in Texas and there is not a mile of road under construction in the State today. WHY?

We have 140,000 miles of unimproved public highways and during the past ten years we have permanently improved only 2,900. WHY?

We have 1200 miles of navigable rivers but no steamboat lines ply our waters. WHY?

We buy from other States \$75,000,000 worth of feed stuff annually. WHY?

According to estimates of the Farmers' Union it costs 12½ cents per pound to raise cotton and it sells for a less price. WHY?

We owe \$1,100,000,000 to parties outside the State and will have to borrow ten billion more to develop our resources and yet large insurance companies and other sources of cheap money are not doing business in Texas. WHY?

The Farmers' Union report that they are paying 8 and 10 per cent for money loaned on cotton in their warehouses, although cotton is the best security in the world. WHY?

Texas cattle are rated by the Federal Agricultural Department at \$14.79 per head and Illinois cattle at \$28.02 per head. WHY?

There is shipped into Texas 100 car loads of cured meats per week. WHY?

The Texas farmers haul \$1,200,000 of raw material per day to the foreign factory. WHY?

We raise between three and four million bales of cotton annually and manufacture only 40,000 bales. WHY?

The Railroad Commission of Texas values the railroad property at \$210,000,000, the Tax Commission at \$429,000,000 and the Tax Assessor at \$340,132,572. WHY?

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

### REFUSED TO SELL TREASURE

Woman Offers to Buy Antique Chair From Cobbler, but He Would Not Part With It.

A nail protruding from the heel of one of my patent leather pumps took me into a shoe cobbler's shop on Beretania street the other day, writes a woman of the Honolulu Bulletin's staff. The man sat in one corner of the tiny nine-by-twelve room. He was a swarthy foreigner of some sort, with matted coal black hair, sooty eyelids and bearded chin. He wore a silver ring in one ear and an immense carved bracelet on his left arm.

The general appearance of the room was as filthy and unkempt as the man who occupied it. The place was bare of furniture with the exception of a rough wooden bench on which the man sat and a stained mahogany chair in one corner.

This chair attracted my attention as I was making a hasty exit, and in spite of an impelling desire to get away I stopped for a moment to examine it. It was old, highbacked and hand carved—a genuine antique, and a beauty.

Thinking that any cheap chair would serve the purpose of the cobbler as well, I offered to buy the one in his possession.

He gave me a fleeting, disdainful glance, and then casting his eyes nervously on his great horny hands, he answered, "Me no sell—me like that."



## SHE WROTE TRUE TO LIFE NEVER USED THE REVOLVER

Told to Begin an Article as People Talk, She Tried "Say, Listen."

The woman who sometimes writes a little for the papers and occasionally has some of her writings accepted was being instructed by the editor. "I don't like the way you begin this article," he said. The woman tried to look as grateful for this advice as she felt chastened, and meekly promised to try to be more cogent in future—if there should be any future. By way of rising in the profession she decided that she ought to be as observing as possible, in order to be true to life. "Of course," she reflected sapiently, "the best way to begin an article or a conversation or a paragraph would be the way that people in real life actually do begin their remarks and their conversations." Accordingly, she made acute observations of the forms employed in the conversations she heard on the streets, in the cars and wherever the gentle public foregather, took notes and thoroughly sifted her observations. At the end of a month of careful study she submitted another manuscript with a confidence born of facts. The article began, "Say, listen."

### KNOCKING THE STATE



The Preacher (to intoxicated beggar)—What excuse have you for being in this beastly state? Beggar—I ain't—hic—got der price of a railroad ticket—hic—to get out wid.

### NOVELS VS. PLAYS.

Not long ago Prof. Brander Matthews predicted the doom of fiction on the ground that novel writing is too easy to interest talented men, who find a greater incentive in the technical difficulties of the drama. But now comes Arnold Bennett, who for 20 years has been trying his hand at both, and declares that it is easier to write a play than a novel. "It takes fewer words to write a play," he said, "and, really, anyone with an eye for situations and stage effects and a knowledge of stage technic can write a play. The same person could not probably write a novel." There has been reason to suspect that no very extraordinary gifts were needed to write either the average play or the average novel. When it comes to the kind of excellence that counts, one thing is probably about as hard (or as easy) as another.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

### PROOF.

Flat Dweller—And so your neighbor is a real philanthropist? Commuter—Yep. He bought \$10 worth of flower seeds for my chickens this spring.—Harper's Bazar.

### MAKING A COLLECTION.

"Does your wife want to vote?" "She wants two," replied Mr. Meekton; "mine and hers."

### AN IDEA.

"I made that fellow Martin eat his words." "Was it when I saw him with you chewing the rag?"

Judge Carried One Unpacked Through West and Then New York Burglar Stole It.

A group of New Yorkers on their way to New Brunswick for the moose hunting season were discussing the new firearms law. A well-known justice of the supreme court admitted that he was so doubtful about the scope of the law that he had sneaked away from his apartments in a taxicab with his rifles carefully concealed from the eyes of passing policemen.

"Which reminds me," he said, and the crowd settled down in peace, for the justice was a great story teller "of my first trip to the west, more years ago than I like to think of. The west was wild and woolly then as I viewed it, so my slender luggage included a revolver to use against hostile Indians and outlaws. The trip was peaceful enough to suit anybody and that gun was never unpacked. When I got back to my New York flat I put it away in a bureau drawer thinking it might come in handy some day. And then I'll be hanged if a burglar didn't get into my rooms in a week or so and pinch that gun."

Roy Bruton is having some repairs made on his residence.

Wade L. Smith of Dilley spent a few days here last week.

This has been moving week with a great many of our people.

U. M. Brock was visiting friends in Livingston Sunday.

Julian Yarbrough of Trinity was the guest of his Grapeland relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. J. P. Royall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Woodell, in Merryville, La.

R. L. Pridgen and family have moved to town and have purchased a home in south Grapeland.

Bob Traylor was up from New Waverly a couple of days this week.

W. J. Branch was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker spent the last of the holiday week with relatives and friends at Alto.

W. R. Wherry, M. L. Clewis, Tom Kent, Jr., Stovall White and Bob Wherry, spent Sunday in Texas' great seaport—Galveston.

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

If the shoes that you have been buying have not given satisfaction, then try a pair of Brown Shoe Co. Star-5-Star shoes, sold at Darsey's.

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

Constable Henry Haltom has tendered his resignation to the Commissioners Court, and has moved his family to Crockett. Mr. Haltom has employment with the sheriff's department as jailer.

Mart Howard has sold his interest in the mercantile business at Alto to his partner, Alton Lively, and last week moved back to Houston county, having purchased a farm near Percilla from Z. T. Brumby.

# Another New Year Finds us at the Same old Stand

Where we commenced in Grapeland ten years ago, and we feel grateful to a Kind Providence and a generous public for our stay among you. While we have done nothing to make us feel proud or boastful, yet by both word and deed we have done what we could to merit your good will and approval, and it has been by your help and patronage that we are still here. Now, we have no plans for the new year, except doing our very best in serving you and we expect to meet all fair conditions in business, sell for cash or its equivalent, and give you full value for your money; and will say to those who do not already know us to give us a trial, and here's to each and everyone of you for a prosperous and happy year.

## S. E. HOWARD

GRAPELAND, TEXAS.

### ALL THE NEWS FROM ROCK HILL

Jan. 2.—Another year has expired and Christmas is gone. It was very quiet with us. Several of our young people attended church and Christmas dinners at other places.

1912 now greets us; guess everyone, both young and old, are planning and making resolutions for the future. The new year has brought to many great joy, while to others it has brought sorrow. The past year has been one of many blessings, and if we would stop and think where these blessings come from we could look into the future with a smile.

People are beginning to prepare for another crop. There are a few who have some cotton to pick yet.

More corn, more feed stuff, in fact, more of everything except cotton is the motto of our farmers this year. That is the only way to get a good price for our cotton—raise everything possible that is needed in the home, then plant some cotton extra, then you will get a good price for it and have the money yourself. What is the use of making all cotton and give it to the other fellow, and buy meat, corn and everything you use at a high price? We are just slaves for the other fellow and the people are to blame, too.

Messrs. Willie Willis and Newton and Chas. Streetman spent Christmas day at Salmon.

Homer Hodge of Salmon was visiting relatives here during the holidays. He was accompanied by Jim Wright of Dodge.

The epidemic among horses is still raging; seems to be getting very serious. Mrs. J. P. Willis lost one last week.

Bad roads are no uncommon

things nowadays. It is impossible to haul anything like a load on any road.

Frank Collins, who recently married at Latexo, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hudnell Sunday.

We bid you adieu, with all good wishes through the new year; may it be a benefit to each subscriber of the Messenger and all be a helper to the editor to build his record higher.

LITTLE ITEMS.

### NEWS FROM REYNARD

January, 2.—The holidays have come and gone since our last writing and the new year is upon us, and we should all try to make it the very best year of our lives.

The farmers and farm hands are busy making arrangements for another crop.

There is still a good deal of cotton to be picked and ginned.

Our Xmas tree was a success in every way, and was one of the prettiest that we have ever had. It would have done justice to a much larger community. After the Xmas tree Xmas was spent in a nice way down here.

Mrs. Frank Smith and son, Bob, of Crockett spent Xmas with her brother, Mr. Pat Fulgham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hancock spent part of the holidays with Mrs. Hancock's grand-father near Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Musick, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Bridges all visited relatives here during Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Riels and little son spent part of the holidays with relatives at New Prospect, Grapeland and Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beazley and two sons have gone to Crockett to make their home in the future. We are sorry indeed to

lose these good people.

The little baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beazley has been right sick, but we are glad to report the little fellow much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pennington and children spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beazley.

Our school resumed duty this morning.

Arthur Owens spent Friday and Saturday here with his friends Herman and Glen Beazley.

Wishing you and the many readers a prosperous and happy New Year, I am as ever,

ZACK.

### Card of Thanks

To those splendid friends and neighbors, who, throughout the illness of our beloved husband and father, evidenced such loving kindness, and who later, during the dark hours that followed the visit of the death angel, gave us the comfort of a great sympathy, we return our most heartfelt thanks, and that God's richest rewards be always yours through this life and in the great beyond is our hope and prayer.

MRS. J. H. MUSICK,  
AND FAMILY.

Do you want to save money on your jewelry work? If so bring your watches and clocks to me. I will clean and oil your watches and clocks for 50c apiece and do all other work as cheap as it can be done. Now, don't say my work is no good; give me one trial and that is all I will ask of you. I will guarantee my work to be as good as any jeweler can do. You will find my shop at J. J. Brooks' store. I will be in every Saturday, but you can leave your work with J. J. Brooks any day for me.

E. E. INGRAM.