

New Things at Mistrot's

Spring Dress Gingham in the latest shades

Calicoes in all colors

Novelties of all kinds

Due to arrive this week the celebrated Drew Shoe for women and children

Howard & Foster Shoe for men

Don't forget that we have added to our big stock a grocery department

We can save you money

Give us your business

Mistrot Bros. & Co.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

LIVELY OUT FOR ANOTHER TERM

In this issue of the Messenger, S. H. Lively announces that he is a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner for Precinct No. 1.

Mr. Lively has held this office for several terms and his close attention to the affairs of his precinct and his fine ability make him a very desirable man for the place. He is high in the confidence and esteem of the voters of his precinct and it would be a hard matter to find a man in his division better equipped for the position than he.

Before casting your vote, see that you weigh his claims well. There's a record behind him.

JAS. J. COOK FOR COLLECTOR

The Messenger is authorized to announce James J. Cook as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector. Mr. Cook is a young man of unimpeachable character. He has been a resident of Houston county for seven years. He is a graduate of one of the leading business colleges of the state, which included a course in banking, and for four years held a clerical position in the auditors' office of the I & G. N. railroad at Palestine. We believe he is eminently qualified to fill the office to which he aspires and hope that you will give his candidacy due consideration.

NEWS ITEMS FROM REYNARD

Jan. 29.—Will try to give you a little news from this place again.

We have been having some spring-like weather since our last writing, and the farmers have been putting in good time getting everything ready to start another crop.

This morning, however, we have a nice norther and we are glad to see it on account of the fruit trees, for they would have soon been budding, and then we would have had no fruit again.

There are still some hogs to be butchered.

Bro. Williams filled his appointment here yesterday and had a nice congregation despite the bad weather.

Mrs. W. F. West returned home from Crockett last Thursday, where she had been visiting her mother.

Jim West has returned home from Oklahoma where he went to spend Christmas.

Sumner Rials and Leland Chiles made a flying trip to Crockett last Friday.

Mr. Scott Yarbrough has moved here and we extend a welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley were shopping in Grapeland Saturday.

Health of this place is good with the exception of bad colds and we have had a few cases of mumps, but none at present.

As ever, ZACK.

Bring us your peas.

KENNEDY BROS.

Big SALE

ON

IRON BEDS
MATTRESSES
and SPRINGS

Solid Car of Iron Beds received this week. For the next three weeks we are going to sell Iron Beds, Springs, Mattresses

Dressers, Chairs, Tables at Extra Low Prices

We are overstocked. The prices will be lower than ever before.

Extra Low Prices on Cooking Stoves

for the next three weeks

Buy your Flour, Chops, Bran, Meal, Oats

and all kinds of Groceries from us at

Extra Low Prices!

3 Big Bargain Counters full of Real Bargains

We are going to keep the price down. Come to see us

Keeland Brothers

SUCCESSORS TO WHITLEY & KEELAND.

"The Price is the Thing."

JUDGE WINFREE FOR RE-ELECTION

Judge E. Winfree authorizes the Messenger to state that he is in the race for re-election to the office of County Judge

There is very little we can say regarding Judge Winfree's candidacy, for our people know that he has been a pains-taking and efficient officer, always on the outlook for the people's interests and zealous in the discharge of the various duties of the office. If re-elected he promises the same faithful performance of his duties of the office in the future that has characterized his administration in the past.

Give his candidacy due consideration before making up your mind.

A LETTER FROM DENSON SPRINGS

Jan. 30.—As I have never seen any letters from this place in the Messenger, I thought possibly you would like a few lines.

Well, the new year is starting out nicely and we all ought to try and do better this year than ever before.

I will try and tell you about Denson Springs school. We have a fine school here under the management of Prof. J. S. Weimer, with Miss Bertha Gardner as assistant. They are both splendid teachers and are greatly loved by their pupils. This term we have two new pupils, Misses Alma and Maybelle Howard. The full enrollment is now 47.

Mrs. Dora Daniels of Percilla has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mattie Cliburn, this week.

Well, I believe I will close for this time. Hope "Old Gray" and "School Kid" will come again.

OLD BIG MOUTH.

NEW TAX ROLLS ORDERED AT ONCE

As a solution of the tangle into which the school bond issue has gotten into, and to bring nearer the time when they can be validated and sold, the school trustees held a meeting Monday afternoon and it was the unanimous opinion of the board that a separate tax roll for this district should be made at once. This would eliminate any doubt as to the validity of the bonds and no matter which way Judge Jenkins decided in the matter now before him, the result would be the same so far as this district is concerned.

The matter was put before the board in regular form and passed unanimously and Tax Assessor John Ellis, who was in the city and attended the meeting, was employed to make the assessment immediately. Mr. Ellis has deputized Jno. A. Davis to assist him in the work and the work will be started at the earliest possible moment.

In this way, the trustees hope and they have reasonable assurance that it can be done, to get these bonds through at once to the end that the badly needed school house for this city may be commenced at an early date

Lively sells it for less.

You Want the Best

If so, then it will pay you to see us for

Stalk cutters, breaking plows, cultivators, corn and cotton planters, fertilizer distributors, Kelly plows, Georgia stocks, spring tooth harrows, extra handles, beams, points, land sides and bolts, horse collars, lines, back bands, traces, bridles and farming fixtures; barb wire, hog fencing, garden fencing, post hole diggers, wire stretchers, wire staples and nails; flour meal, bran, corn chops, alfalfa hay, bacon, sugar, molasses and heavy groceries; doors, windows, lime, brick, shingles and building material; furniture, mattresses, bed springs, cooking stoves, sewing machines and complete housekeeping outfits.

If it's to be had we have it and it is no trouble for us to show goods. It will pay you to get our prices and see our goods before you buy.

George E. Darsey

Grapeland, - Texas

Bring us your Peas, Chickens, Turkeys and Eggs.

Our Dry Goods

Department

Is always anxious to offer you THE BEST MERCHANDISE at economical prices.

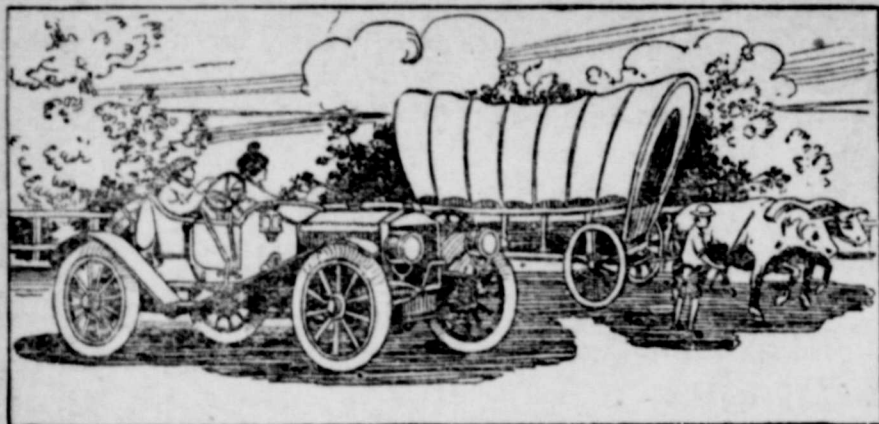
We list below some SEASONABLE GOODS at REASONABLE PRICES:

Plush buggy lap robes	2.00	Bed Comforts \$1.25 and	1.50
Misses long coats from \$1.15 to	2.25	Men's overshoes 75c and	1.00
Men's overcoats from \$7.90	12.90	Ladies overshoes 50c and	75c
Men's wool gloves	25c	Children's overshoes	50c
Men's work gloves 25c, 50c and	1.00	Men's over-gators 25c and	50c
Men's driving gloves 50c and	1.00	Ladies over-gators	25c
Men's wool socks	25c	Boys Corduroy caps with ear flaps	25c
Ladies wool stockings	25c	Men's corduroy caps with ear flaps 25c &	50c
Boys and girls medium and heavy weight stockings 15c and	25c		

GEO. E. DARSEY

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

GOOD ROADS



IMPROVEMENT IN ROAD VEHICLES.

During the past half century the vehicles on our public highways have improved from the ox cart to the automobile, but we have the same old roads, the same old way and many of our leading thoroughfares would terrorize the heart of a rough rider.

We are up-to-date on most everything except public highways. Our farm machinery is of the latest type, our work animals of improved stock; our railroad tracks and facilities the very best, but we give our public roads little thought and less attention.

Let us wake up and build good roads.

AMONG THE LODGES

MASONS

Saturday night last, the Grapeland Masonic fraternity had a great time at their hall which was attended by Will Shivers, deputy district grand master, and F. B. Webb, both of Crockett. In the course of the evening, M. D. Murchison and Harmon Gray were introduced to the mysteries of the "square and trowel," an event that seemed to occasion much joy. Of course there was in the order of business, the usual number, "Good of the Order," and to this Mr. Shivers contributed in no small degree.

WOODMEN

Saturday night this fine order had a dual attraction at their lodge hall in the shape of an initiation and the installation of the officers for the coming year.

Both events were carried through in splendid form and the meeting was a success in every way. Ed Bnsh, of Percilla, was the new brother who "rode the goat" and the following officers were installed: C. L. Halton, C. C.; M. E. Clewis, Adv. Lieut.; J. F. Eaves, Banker; J. E. Spence, Escort; L. D. Ellis, Watchman; J. E. Keen, Sentry; B. F. Hill, Clerk; J. L. Smith, P. P. C.; Drs. Stafford and McCarty are the camp physicians, but neither they nor the board of managers, Messrs. A. B. Spence, J. B. Lively and J. C. Kennedy, were on hand for installation.

Itching of the skin anywhere on the body stops instantly when rubbed with Ballard's Snow Lintment. One or two applications cures permanently. Price 25, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

MARKET REPORT SHOWS UP GOOD

Houston, Texas, Jan. 29.—Texas produce is beginning to show up in the Houston produce market and it is found the cold wave did little damage to truck in the Coast country. Lettuce is arriving in large lots and coming into active competition with the California stuff. Texas potatoes are increasing in volume, the greatest part of the shipments coming from the Eagle Lake section. Texas potatoes are quoted around \$1.25. Butter and eggs are scarce yet, although eggs are a little more liberal in supply, selling around 32 to 38c. Butter prices continue unchanged. Country butter is scarce and hardly enough to supply the local demand. Cabbage is slow in coming in and brings correspondingly good prices.

An increased demand for actual cotton at home and abroad tended to buoy cotton prices during the week. The continent has been a heavy buyer in Liverpool and Liverpool has entered the Southern markets at a correspondingly zealous rate. Exports have been large and spot prices have firmed in consequence. Europe is taking even the lower grades of cotton in the South with greater readiness, to say nothing of the white cotton, which seems none too easy to get. Though the interior receipts have increased, due to the improved weather and roads. The census bureau's total of the cotton ginned up to January 16th is 14,510,000 bales.

Trade conditions in Houston have shown marked improvement during the week on account of a decided improvement in the weather and roads. Wholesale trade reports an expansion of business, while retail trade has recovered from the lethargy occasioned by the rainy spell, the raising of quarantines against meningitis zones has enabled traveling men to again enter the territory and trade is picking up in consequence.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets, after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

Streets With Long Names.

"Using the letters of the alphabet and numbers to designate streets is called here," says a Berlin letter, "the 'American style,' and the introduction of the system has many advocates but apparently these have no voice in the matter, because the popular idiosyncrasy, royal, heroic, religious, scientific or commercial—still has the first call. Many of the names are exasperatingly long and when we think that the most impossible one has been discovered we always find another just a little bit worse. Recently we saw two letters addressed to Vienna—one to a person in Klosterneuburgstrasse, and the other to a correspondent in Mariahilfergasse. How much time would be saved if these streets were numbered or lettered!"

How Cold Affects The Kidneys

Avoid taking cold if your kidneys are sensitive. Cold congests the kidneys, throws too much work upon them, and weakens their action. Serious kidney trouble and even Bright's disease may result. Strengthen your kidneys, get rid of the pain and soreness, build them up by the timely use of Foley Kidney Pills. Tonic in action, quick in results. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

FACTS ABOUT GOOD ROADS

A good road is an improvement to any community.

Every good road is a royal highway to prosperity.

A bad road is a death of trade and the sooner it ends the better.

Good highways benefit every man, woman and child within the zone of their influence.

Texas is beginning to realize that the only road she cannot afford to have is a bad road.

During the year 1911, fifteen southern states spent approximately \$50,000,000 in road-building.

The building of a public highway is not an expense, but an investment of the dividend-paying variety.

All the tolls resulting from bad roads are a substantial waste of money that could be profitably employed otherwise.

Good roads will tend to check the flow of population into the cities and towns and accelerate the movement "back to the farm."

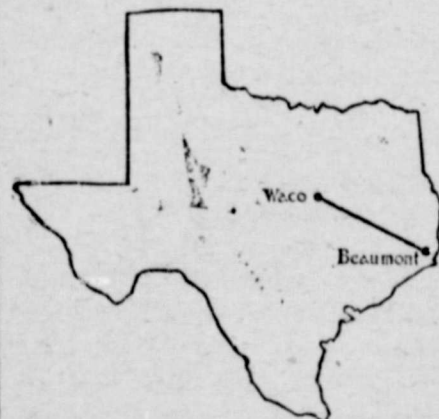
Good roads directly and materially reduce the cost of haulage, enable farmers to market their products more advantageously as well as add attractiveness to country life.

THE FOREIGN BORROWED DOLLAR

Texas in Need of Outside Money. Idle Money Should be Put to Work.

Money has measured the prosperity, directed the progress and contributed towards the happiness of the human race since civilization blossomed in the valley of the Nile. The ebb and flow of the world's currency moves the center of population; its current has swept civilization across continents and it has built empires in waste places.

Whether a dollar is borrowed or owned in fee simple, its purchasing power is the same and there is as much prosperity in a borrowed dollar that emigrates from foreign lands as there is in one taken from the farm, the mine or the factory. The following cut illustrates the difference in the effect upon our prosperity of money borrowed in Texas and money borrowed outside the State to finance development enterprises.



The dotted lines indicate a proposed railroad between Waco and Beaumont. If local capital builds the road, there will be no increase in the State's wealth, as we will then have simply transferred money from some other line of industry to railroading, but if the money for construction is secured from outside the State, then we have increased our wealth, as the investment is in fixed improvements and the property will always remain a part of the State, regardless of the residence of the owner. We have increased our property just as much so as if we had moved the State border line so as to take in a part of Louisiana or Oklahoma. We have some idle money that if put to work, would contribute towards our prosperity, but no law can be made forcing investment and if the present opportunities will not appeal to owners of idle money, nothing short of the resurrection will stir them to activity. Texas must have outside money to develop her resources.



CITY MARKET

ON SECOND STREET

Fresh Beef
Pork

Sausage, etc.

PROMPT SERVICE
is Our Motto. Your
Business appreciated.

J. W. CASKEY, Prop.

THE ENEMY OF CHILDHOOD.

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

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

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY
A. S. PORTER.

Foley's Kidney Pills

What They Will Do for You

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

D. N. LEAVERTON.

The Old Reliable Seed Buyer

wants to buy your

COTTON SEED

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

J. W. Howard

With Houston County Oil Mill
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

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

NEED THE MONEY SALE

Sale starts Saturday February 3rd and Continues until my Stock is Reduced.

THE biggest values offered you ever saw, and includes everything in my stock. Positively nothing will be reserved, but everything will be marked down. We are forced to raise some money within the next few days and this is the best way to do it---Swap you some good merchandise at a low price for a dollar. Be the first to come! The following prices will give you an idea of what we are going to do.

GROCERIES

15 Lbs. Granulated Sugar for Limited to \$2.00 to the customer.	\$1.00	4 Lbs. Arm and Hammer Soda for	25c	Pure Apple Vinegar per gallon	25c	Dried Apples per lb.	11¹/₂c
41-2 Lbs. Best Roasted Coffee Limited \$1.00 worth to customer.	\$1.00	All 10c Cans Baking Powder for, per can	7c	7 Bars Clarrette Soap for	25c	Butter Beans per lb.	7c
100-lb. Sack Salt for per sack	53c	All 15c Cans Baking Powder for	10c	7 Bars Crystal White Soap for	25c	Black Eyed Peas, kiln dried, per lb.	7c
50-lb. Sack salt for per sack	30c	All 25c Cans Baking Powder for	20c	3 10c Bars Grandpa Soap for	20c	25c Bottles Tomato Catsup for, per bottle	20c
25-lb. Sack Salt for per sack	20c	Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, per gallon	45c	3 5c Bars Grandpa Soap	10c	Brown Mule Tobacco, 3 lbs. for Limited to \$1.00 to a customer	\$1.00
All Can Goods going at Cost.		Everybody's Syrup, Gallon Buckets	55c	5 Lbs. Best Lump Starch for	25c	3 Plugs Corker Tobacco for	25c
		Snow White Corn Syrup Gallon Bucket	45c				

Laces and Embroidery--Don't fail to see the Bargains in Embroideries and Laces,

Ladies' and Children's Coats--All Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats at actual Cost.

Men's Hats		All boys' 25c shirts at	19c	Shoes		All ladies' \$2.50 shoes at	2.00
All men's \$3.00 hats at	2.00	Men's Pants		Men's Shoes		All ladies' \$1.75 shoes at	1.50
All men's \$2.00 hats at	1.50	All men's \$5.00 pants at	3.50	All men's \$4.00 shoes at	3.00	All ladies' \$1.50 shoes at	1.10
All men's \$1.50 hats at	1.00	All men's \$3.50 pants at	2.50	All men's \$3.50 shoes at	2.75	Dry Goods	
All men's \$1.00 hats at	80c	All men's \$2.50 pants at	2.00	All men's \$2.50 shoes at	2.00	All standard calico at a yard	5c
All boys' \$1.00 hats at	75c	All men's \$2.00 pants at	1.60	All men's \$2.25 shoes at	1.75	All 10c dress gingham at	7¹/₂c
All boys' 50c hats for	38c	All men's \$1.50 pants at	1.00	All men's \$2.00 shoes at	1.65	All 10c suitings for only	8c
Men's Shirts		All men's \$1.00 pants at	80c	Boys' Shoes		All 10c outing for	7¹/₂c
All men's \$1.00 shirts at	78c	Underwear		All boys' \$2.50 shoes at	2.00	Hosiery	
All men's 75c shirts at	55c	All men's fleece-lined and ribbed underwear that sells for 50c a garment, at	38c	All boys' \$2.00 shoes at	1.50	All 10c hose at per pair	7c
All men's 50c shirts at	38c			All boys' \$1.50 shoes at	1.15	All 15c hose at per pair	9c
All boys' 50c shirts at	38c			Ladies' Shoes		All 25c hose at per pair	17c
				All ladies' \$3.50 shoes at	2.65		

HARDWARE

A few Coking Stoves and Heaters going at actual cost. One lot of Single-bit handled axes, regular price 90c, going at 60c. Posthole Diggers, were \$1.00, now 80c. Long-handled Shovels at 50c. Short-handled Spades will sell for 40c each. Chisels, Files, Hand-Saws, Saw Handles, Well Pulleys, Well Buckets, Water Buckets, Tin Buckets, Milk Buckets and many other things in this line we are going to sell at cost.

Boys Suits--- A Few Boys' Suits at a Bargain. Dont Fail to See Them.

All boys' pants at actual cost. All men's and boys' gloves at actual cost. Don't forget that all overalls, jumpers and work pants, both men's and boys' going at actual cost. Many other things in the Dry Goods line, but we can't mention them all, at cost as long as they last.

All Misses' and children's shoes are going the same way---at and below cost.

DO NOT forget the date beginning Feb. 3rd and continuing until my stock is greatly reduced. Remember everything in the house will be sold at actual wholesale cost, not a few things marked down and some marked up and say it's cost, but everything will be marked in plain figures showing former prices and will be sold during this sale at actual cost. Remember my Books will be Closed during this Sale.

W. H. LIVELY

**GRAPELAND,
TEXAS**

Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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

SUBSCRIPTION—IN ADVANCE:

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

ADVERTISING RATES:

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, FEB. 1, 1912

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS?

At this season of the year all "mail-order" houses of the country are starting in the work of putting every family in the United States with whom they can get in touch wise to the fact that they are selling goods. They do this largely through the medium of great catalogues that cost these firms about \$2.00 each. Aside from this, there is no paper in the United States so small that they will not take advertising space in it at the regular rates.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of Montgomery, Ward & Co. the fact was developed that they had spent within a few dollars of a million dollars in the twelve months just past for advertising. But they did the business.

It has been proved time and again that Grapeland merchants can and do meet the prices of any mail order house in America, quality of goods considered.

Shall we tell you why? Well, here it is:

Every day in the year these great corporations go after business. There is no minute of the day or night when their advertising "takes a rest." In their home cities, Siegel, Cooper, & Co., John M. Smyth, Jones Bros. & Co., and Marshall Field & Co., spend three to ten thousand dollars a week with the city papers, and it is this insistent hammering that brings the trade and these people know it.

The business man who always says when asked to advertise: "Why everybody knows me. I don't have to advertise," already has about all the trade he will ever get. It is not YOU the customer wants—it is the goods. He probably don't care a hang whether he ever sees you or not.

Just try advertising the goods, not yourself, and see how it works. Tell your farmer friends of a new cultivator, its cost, what it will do and how light the draft is. You will excite his curiosity and he'll come and see you. **THAT'S ADVERTISING.**

The Treasury officials say that there is a very dangerous counterfeit of our \$100 bill now in circulation. That ain't going to make many people in Grapeland lose any sleep, but if those counterfeiters should commence monkeying with our \$1 bills we'll either get silver or cordwood on our subscription.

Keep cleaned up.

Is your name on the list?

Now dig bait. The fish are biting.

Neither Wilson or Judge Harmon seem to have much headway in Texas as yet.

One week of meningitis scare was worth ten years of law—in sanitary form.

The "money trust" is bothering some people a whole lot. It's not the "money trust" that's worrying us—it's the lack of cash.

There seems to be an epidemic of bank robbers in Texas just now, and this is to give them fair warning that all of our cash is in use just now.

Texas has no favorite son in the presidential race, but that is about the only political plum some ambitious Texan hasn't reached for.

Every farmer should be a powerful advocate of road improvement and should give practical support to a movement looking to the betterment of present conditions.

The greatest curse of Texas is its infamous "credit system." Were it totally abolished, Texas farmers would be out of debt and on a cash basis within a decade.

Our schools are getting along nicely, thank you. There may be some who will find fault with the accommodations but they were the first offered and we will suffice, temporarily.

The Kansas farmer is riding in his automobile, while the Texas farmer rides in his farm wagon. The Texas farmer raises cotton, buys Kansas corn to keep his stock alive and Kansas gets the profit.

Naturally, the merchant who advertises has faith in his stock of goods, their quality and superiority, otherwise he could not afford to turn on the light that advertising gives. And the man who buys advertised goods always gets the best bargains and freshest goods, because the goods do not lie on the shelves and become worn and soiled.

"The Black Death" seemed to hold no terrors for Grapeland's solid farmer friends and all day Saturday our streets were thronged with Houston county agriculturalists who were busy making arrangements for the 1912 crop. The volume of trade was exceedingly good and our hustling merchants were "making hay" all the time.

There are about three hundred voters in and about Grapeland and there have been something like four hundred and twenty-five different men who have accused us of using him for the "theme" of our meningitis story last week. Showing the unanimity of opinion in this neck o' the woods, we have found one man—he is very retiring and don't want his name used—who says that the stories were "about right."

READY FOR Your Spring Business

I solicit your trade on honest business principles, and promise to give you a square deal and give you the best goods for the least money. Come to see us. We will do our best for you. We have a big stock to select from. Car of chops and New Mexico hay due to arrive this week. We have one of the best lines of staple goods to select from in the city. If you want shoes we are the people to buy from, and we will give you values that can't be duplicated later on.

Yours for business,

W. F. MURCHISON.

BELOTT LETTER FULL OF NEWS

Jan. 27.—As your former correspondent at this place, having attended the Brownsville mid-winter fair, has never found the way back home, and in all probability has gone over into Mexico to start a revolution, that dignitary who presides over the Messenger has made arrangements with us whereby we are to give him various bits of news, and such as might be found in this part of the universe, all of which, of course, is intended to be of interest to the people, whether it is or not. And in serving these delicate literary dishes, we shall strive to tell the truth about as much as any newspaper correspondent ever does, and at all times be guided by a purpose to not only meddle with everybody else's business, but to make said business public. With that as the basic foundation of our reportorial work, we feel sure that we shall most admirably fit the shoes of your former correspondent.

Your correspondent was a visitor to the county capitol yesterday, having gone there for the unpleasant duty of paying his poll tax. One thing he noticed there, and that, too, something that no one could hardly have kept from seeing, was the abundance of corn and feed stuff the wise and far-seeing farmers were buying. Indeed, what doth it profit a man to raise a bushel of corn when he can buy it? 'Tis true the farmers of Kansas have only five months in which to make a corn crop, while the agriculturists of Texas have nine months. And the fear that the Kansas crop should be a failure, in which case there would be no Egypt to fill the sacks of the sons of Jacob, is a specter that forever haunts around. To drive from ten to twenty miles through the mud after the corn and haul said corn back through said mud is not a very agreeable task, but it is done mechanically—no thinking is required—while to grow two or three corn crops a year and work them intelligently requires a great deal of thinking, and of all things, that is the

Look! Look!

Just Received a New
Car of

BANANAS

Will be in Grapeland only three days,
Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Fine large Bunches. Prices Reasonable. Come early and
make your choice

W. H. SMITH

thing to be most shunned. "Oh, the corn, the yellow corn!—while that man is hauling that load of corn home, the grower of it is riding in his automobile!" So spoke a philosopher yesterday, contemplating a farmer starting upon his muddy road with his load of corn.

Among those in Crockett yesterday from this community were noted, Messrs. Parker, Walker, Shields, Daniel and Tyer.

The school building for the Belott and Enterprise school district, upon which work has already begun, sets the pace, we believe, for all the rural districts in the county. It will accommodate 150 pupils, which will probably necessitate about four teachers. The building will be two stories and will cost not under \$2,500.

In writing these letters it will be our steady aim to write that which will interest the reader—not that which interests the writer—we will save the gentle reader from such a calamity! "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," and no editor, much less a correspondent, cares to dash impudence in

the face of and invite a combat with swift destruction. As much as a correspondent would like to explore the mystic realms of science, astronomy, political economy, legal jurisprudence, and so forth and so on, we shall confine our efforts to the social aspects of the community, and all the various ramifications of community life. Yes, we'll do it, oh, yes we'll do it! If local news is what the Messenger wants, then by the grace of Jumping Jupiter, local news is what it shall have!

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.

An Epidemic Of Coughing

is sweeping over the town. Old and young alike are affected, and the strain is particularly hard on little children and on elderly people. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a quick, safe and reliable cure for all coughs and colds. Contains no opiates Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

LOCAL NEWS

Lively sells good shoes.

For choice alfalfa hay go to Kennedy Bros.

FOR SALE—My store house and lot east side rail road.
GEORGE SHAVER.

Home-made ribbon cane syrup—just a few 10-gallon kegs left.
KENNEDY BROS.

Car of Chops, Bran, Meal and Flour to arrive this week; FOR CASH ONLY at the lowest prices.
J. J. BROOKS.

We want your white peas and black-eyed peas. Now is the time to bring them in.
KENNEDY BROS.

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

Foley Kidney Pills will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Patronize home merchants. Buy Texas made goods; everything from a plow stock to a disc cultivator—we carry them all.
KENNEDY BROS.

FOR SALE
One share in Myrtle Lake. See Odell Faris, Palestine or F. A. Faris, Grapeland.

Bring us your white peas and black-eyed peas. For the next few days we can use the above peas at a good price. Remember this offer we have is for a few days only.
KENNEDY BROS.

I have a fine full blooded registered Jersey bull at my farm a mile west of town now ready for service. Service fees, \$2.50 for bull calf; \$5.00 for heifer.
FRANK LEAVERTON.

First La-Grippe, Then Bronchitis
That was the case with Mrs. W. S. Bailey, McCreary, Ky. "My wife was taken down with a severe attack of la-grippe which run into bronchitis. She coughed as tho' she had consumption and could not sleep at night. The first bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound gave her so much relief that she continued using it until she was permanently cured. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Lively always has it first. Oil and oil cans at Howard's.

J. R. Williams of Route No 2 is among the list of immortals.

Flour, bran and feed, call at Howard's.

P. H. Williams has our thanks for substantial favors.

Try a 25c package of French breakfast coffee at Howard's.

W. L. Sheridan of Augusta was in town Saturday.

For bridles, collars, plow lines, traces etc, go to Howard's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Weldon, visited relatives in Grapeland Saturday and Sunday

E. S. Moore, representing the Galveston Semi-Weekly News, was in the city Saturday.

WANTED—The Messenger office will pay five cents per pound for CLEAN White rags.

To arrive Saturday, 100 pounds of fresh salt water fish.
J. J. Cook,
east side railroad

W. S. Tyer of Route No. 2 called at this office Saturday and not only paid up his subscription, but brought A. P. Luce in with him, who had us place his name on our list. Many thanks, gentlemen.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles, for sale by all dealers.

Friday evening Miss LuEllen Denton entertained a large party of friends in the parlors of the Denton hotel. There was a plethora of good music and the parlor games were the attraction until a late hour.

Who said Friday was unlucky? Last Friday night Lee Clewis went out to Myrtle Lake and brought in twenty-two splendid cat fish, and since then we have been "from Missouri" on that matter of luck on Friday.

Mistrot Bros. have completed their reorganization and are now installed in one of the prettiest stores in Grapeland. The stock has been greatly increased and a stock of groceries has been put in, and the hustling managers are looking for a prosperous year.

Call at Howard's for garden seeds, onion sets, etc.

Ford Newman, of the New Prospect community, was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Saturday.

On January 18th, at the home of the bride, near Lovelady, Mr. John Luce and Miss Candis Knox, were married, and are now at Mr Luce's home southeast of town. The Messenger joins friends in congratulations.

A "baby norther" and a big thunder shower hit us Sunday at noon and a few good folks who were trying to bluff old Jupiter Pluvius got dampened enough to make a good fire seem as much of a luxury as it has at any time this winter.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration, and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

FOR SALE
One horse, buggy and harness, or will sell horse separate; works well in single or double harness. See Odell Faris, Palestine, or F. A. Faris, Grapeland.

The man who was "born tired" should use Prickly Ash Bitters. It makes work a necessity to give vent to the energy and exuberance of spirits generated by functional activity in the system. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

GAINS ARE RAPID PAST TWO YEARS

J. M. Selkirk, who for the past quarter of a century, almost, has been in the draying and transfer business in this city, has an unique set of books that, just now, when most cities in the state are making "comparative statements" are a really valuable record.

These books are the records of his transfer business for over twenty years and almost without exception, they show a steady increase in the volume of business at Grapeland and since 1909 it has jumped upward at a marvelous rate.

Illustrating this, he quoted figures for 1910 and 1911 which, compared, show an increase of nearly 20 per cent in 1911 over 1910. January of this year is not yet figured out, but Mr. Selkirk assures us that it is far and away ahead of the same month of any previous year.

For the past three months, this paper has been showing Grapeland business men and others wherever this paper is read, that we are progressing, not as we ought to progress with the wealth of undeveloped resources we have, but enough to show that the old town is not standing still. Now, just a word further. Why not get together and push this splendid opportunity still wider open and grow as we ought—bigger and better.

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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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THE MAN WHO THINKS

"I CAN'T" IS USUALLY RIGHT

But no one need think they cannot have a bank account because this bank has adopted a rule of accepting any amount for deposit, so that every man, woman and child in Houston County can have a bank account. We welcome the small account.

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Grapeland, Texas.

Just Received.

A CAR of Chops, Bran, Meal and Flour; also some Red Rust-Proof Seed Oats; Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup and Car Alfalfa Hay to arrive at any time; in fact, all kinds of Groceries and Feed Stuffs at

J. J. BROOKS

NOTHING HARMFUL IN

Baby Cough Syrup

You must be particular—exact, when choosing a remedy for baby's cough. There are so many remedies containing habit-forming drugs that baby's health will be impaired unless you know absolutely just what the remedy contains and the action of each ingredient, so you can be sure it is harmless.

Nyal's Baby Cough Syrup is sold by us under a strict guarantee

We know the contents and the action and know that it will do as represented. It breaks up a cough in short order, protects the membranes of the throat against irritation and infection, rids the throat of all injurious deposits and prevents further accumulations. Contains no habit-forming drugs and can be given with perfect safety.

PRICE 25c PER BOTTLE

A. S. PORTER

January is Gone

But the extra good values at Kennedy Bros. lies in waiting for you 365 days in the year. We are showing everything in DRESS GOODS for this season of the year; prices that defy competition.

You cannot afford to miss seeing our line of SHOES FOR LADIES. Men's and Children's Shoes at prices that will be a saving to you on your shoe purchases.

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Will tend to check the flow of population into the cities and towns and accelerate the movement "back to the farm."

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

YOUNG ICONOCLAST HAD BRIEF CAREER IN CRIME

There Seemed Little Incentive For His Two Efforts at Arson, That Resulted in Loss of School Building—Confessed Many Burglaries

The developments that have followed the investigation of the burning of the public school building on the night of January 23rd, have created such a sensation as Grapeland has never known before, and, unless the investigators are wrong in their surmise, there are more thrills, and sorrow, and heartaches in the disclosures that may follow.

Sunday afternoon, after a long period in the "sweat-box," Winfree Oliphint, a 14 year old boy, confessed to the grave crime that deprived Grapeland of its school building and told in detail how he accomplished his purpose. In this confession he implicated another, an older young man, who heretofore has borne a spotless name—Willie Selkirk.

TELLS STORY OF FIRE

In his story of the crowning crime of his short life, and in this he was corroborated, it is alleged, by young Selkirk, he started with the burglary of D. N. Leaverton's drug store. This was accomplished by entering through a rear window. This little "curtain raiser" to the big event of the night was pulled off between 10 and 11 o'clock and was eminently successful from the point that it raised no alarm.

After the south bound passenger train had passed through—only a few minutes late that night—the boys repaired to the school building for the act that was to be the spectacular finale to the night, the funeral pyre of the hearts of two fond mothers.

Arriving at the building, entrance was easy and they went to the second floor of the building and from the windows opening over the roofs of the two wings of the edifice, young Oliphint poured oil on the roofs and along the sides of the main building. He had plenty of coal oil and he did a very thorough job. Then the match was applied and the two boys "hiked" for some safe vantage point where they could watch the flames. The result of that night's work were fully told in the Messenger last week; the aftermath will come when the Houston county grand jury convenes.

Squire Davis, who made the commitment, denied bail for Oliphint on the ground that his presence in the city, at liberty, would be a serious menace to property. Selkirk readily made a bond for \$1,000 and was released, pending the sitting of the investigating tribunal of the district court.

OLIPHINT'S STARTLING CONFESSION

Concluding his story of incendiarism, young Oliphint confessed to a series of crimes here in Grapeland that reads like a page from one of the "niche thrillers." His story clears up the mystery of the series of burglaries that have annoyed our business men for the past six months and shows a moral turpitude that is astounding.

Caught, it is alleged in a number of petty thefts, he decided that "Spike Hennesy" or a later "Raffles" would be emulated. In considering his campaign he thought that he needed a gun and to secure this, if possible, he made his first essay in actual

burglary by entering the store of W. R. Wherry. His trial was one of the conspicuous exhibits in that emporium the next morning and, as little was missing, the matter was soon dropped.

His first attempt evidently showed him how easy were Grapeland's stores for a finished artist of his kind and after waiting for a favorable opportunity and prospecting closely for a profitable field, he finally selected Porter's drug store for the operation.

Early in the evening of December 6th, he saw a gentleman hand Mr. Porter a wad of greenbacks to "keep for him." There was only twenty-five dollars in this bundle but it looked to the boy as though it might be a million and this was his chance.

He went home and about three o'clock and while an opportune freight train was pulling by the station and the night-watchman was about the depot, he broke out glass in the front door and entered. He knew exactly where the money was, but the combination on the cash drawer was too much for him, and afraid the noise he would make in breaking it open would startle the now quiet town, he left without his loot. From a professional point of view, he was a success, for no suspicion was cast on him and this gave him added nerve.

Of his latest stunt in ways burglorious, we have already told you and that was the only one where the work succeeded financially for over this job he and his "pal" split up \$4.90 in cash.

SAYS CONSPIRACY

Unravelling the long series of statements made by young Oliphint the above is the result. He did not confess at this meeting to the first attempt to burn the school building, but to some of his associates he told of it in a way that leaves no doubt as to his guilt.

This is the story of a boy's life—one whose boyhood ended Sunday, for before he will be again at liberty the "golden days" will have passed and he will have to start again in life with a handicap that is seldom lived down.

In his downfall he endeavored to drag others with him. He told of actions among older boys that, were they men, could only be called conspiracy. All these accusations are receiving attention from the officers and they report that there is much color in some of the allegations. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the Grapeland mothers, that his stories may all prove false and that the incident may pass without bringing further sorrow to the God fearing, loving mothers of this little city.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

MORGAN FOR DISTRICT CLERK

The Messenger presents for your consideration this week the name of John D. Morgan, who aspires to the office of District Clerk of Houston county. Mr. Morgan is a resident of Kennard, having been in the mercantile business at that place for some time.

He comes from one of the best families of the county, and is pretty well known in all sections of the county. He is thoroughly capable to discharge the duties of the office and we hope you will give his candidacy due consideration.

Bright's Disease is more dreaded by physicians than any of the serious disorders with which they have to deal because of its insidious and malignant character. If prompt action were taken when headaches, urinary disorders, digestive troubles first appear, much suffering and and sorrow would be averted. Prickly Ash Bitters will quickly stop the spread of the disease, quiet the inflammation, heal the kidneys and bladder, strengthen and regulate the liver, and drive poisons and impurities out of the system. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

IS A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Mr. W. H. Bayne, of Crockett, authorizes the Messenger to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Houston county.

Mr. Bayne has filled this office for four years with satisfaction to all so far as we know, and promises the same faithful services in the future if re-elected. He asks that you give his candidacy due consideration before casting your vote.

If you have dizzy spells, attacks of momentary blindness, with ringing noises in the ears it is an unfailing sign of a torpid liver; a condition which brings on some serious sickness—if neglected. Herbine is a powerful liver tonic. It puts strength and activity into the liver, purifies the bowels and restores a feeling of health, vigor and cheerfulness. Price 50 cents. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Leslie Middleton, who for the past year has been living near Kugman, Ariz., arrived in Grapeland Saturday and will make this place his future home. Mr. Middleton is a son-in-law of Frank Denton, proprietor of the Denton hotel. He has sold his ranch interests in Arizona and will probably engage in some business here.

Chest pains and a dry, hacking cough should be treated with Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken internally, and a Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster applied to the chest. Buy the dollar size Horehound Syrup; you get a Porous Plaster free with each bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Mrs. E. P. Lynch returned to her home in Trinity Saturday morning, after spending a few days here with relatives.

For driving out dull bilious feeling, strengthening the appetite and increasing the capacity of the body for work, Prickly Ash Bitters is a golden remedy. Sold by A. S. Porter Special Agent.

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Is An Effective Remedy for the Throat and Lungs.

It relieves tickling in the throat, tightness in the chest, inflamed lungs, difficult breathing and wheezing in the bronchial tubes. Conveys a soothing, healing influence to the sore lungs, promotes easy expectoration and contributes to the enjoyment of a quiet night and restful sleep.

Put Up in Three Sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle.

Buy the Dollar 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 PROPRIETOR ST. LOUIS, MO.

For Sore Eyes, Granulated Lids, Redness of the Eyeball, Weak Sight, Smarting Sensations in the Eyes, use Stephens Eye Salve. It is a remedy of proven merit.

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'SQUIRE DAVIS SAYS MOVE THEM

'Squire Davis, driving home after a hard day in the country, one of the cold dark nights last week, had some thrilling experiences that jolted that able jurist's good nature off its proper plumb, and thereby hangs a tale.

First he got tangled up in a stack of machinery that occupied about half of the roadway, and had to back out and make a fresh start. A little later the old mare he was driving got in behind a wagon and stopped and after passing all the dangers imminent, she "shied" at another display of new red wagons and nearly threw the "Alcalde" out of his coach of state.

When "hizzonor" hit the office the next morning he pulled down the ponderous tome that holds "the statutes made and provided" and dug up a law that fits the crime. It provides that roads, bridges, etc., shall not be obstructed, except by the consent of the lawful authorities.

The 'Squire says that streets and sidewalks come under that provision and he is going to see that they are cleared.

When Ballard's Snow Liment is rubbed in for rheumatic aches and pains, it reaches the spot quickly and the relief is very gratifying. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

JAMES DUNN HAS SECURED BAIL

Thursday evening, James Dunn, who was arrested early last week charged with complicity in the murder of Champ Ellis, near Latexo, was arraigned in 'Squire Davis' court for his preliminary trial.

Dunn waived the preliminary, and, through his attorney, Joe Adams, of Crockett, asked that he be admitted to bail. County Attorney, B. F. Dent was in court and as he made no protest, 'Squire Davis set the bond at \$1,000, which was made by his friends within the hour. The bondsmen are: Walter Friend, Chas. Robinson, W. J. Wood, W. T. Taylor, J. F. Cook and S. E. Parsley.

Dunn, the alleged slayer of Ellis, is a pleasant appearing young man of about 24. He has lived in the county for the past 12 years, and that he has many friends here is vouched for by the fact that it is alleged that he could have furnished a bond in a greater amount had it been deemed necessary by the authorities.

It is alleged that Dunn has confessed to the killing, but this was not brought out at the inquiry.

Richard Finch was in to see us Saturday and had us to send the Messenger to his wife for another year.

Texas Needs Great Men

XVIII. INSPIRATION

WHEN General Sam Houston would pass down the streets, it is said that strangers would instinctively turn and inquire, "Who is that man?" The history of Texas is made up of strong men whose brilliant thoughts and noble deeds have attracted the admiration of the whole world, and caused nations to inquire, "Who is that man?"

We need in government, industry, philosophy, art, science and literature men whose walk through our lives will inspire us to high and mighty deeds and fill the Southland with a golden glow and cause future generations to instinctively pause and inquire, "Who is that man?"



WHO IS THAT MAN?

Let those who would hold the wondering attention of men live a life so powerful that it lifts until it awes and dumbfounds, through the brightness of their intellect into the dark caverns of civilization and crown the age in which they live with a golden wealth of progress. Texas needs great men.

SOLVING THE TIP PROBLEM

At Least, One Man Thought He Had, But in Time There Came a Great Awakening.

"To my own satisfaction I had solved the tip problem," said the man. "When we took refuge in a hotel during the renovation of our hown house I said: 'Hundreds for legitimate expenses, but not one cent for graft.' From the moment we struck the hotel sidewalk I adhered valiantly to that policy. In vain did waiters, cabmen and porters extend an itching palm and importune with hungry glances. I resolutely kept my hand out of my pocket, with results astonishing even to myself. Instead of the neglect that had been prophesied as inevitable, servants embarrassed us with lavish attentions. I grew vainglorious. 'See,' I crowed. 'That is the way to manage these fellows. Just make them understand that you don't intend to tip, and they will give you decent service without it. If everybody would pursue that policy the tip evil would soon be abolished.'

"Yesterday we moved back to our own house amid the salaams of the hotel crew. To the last I stuck to my guns, but I fancied that I noticed a suspicious movement of my wife's hand toward her purse.

"Did you tip?" said I indignantly. "Certainly," she said serenely. "How do you suppose we could have endured living there these two weeks if I hadn't been tipping all the time?"

The Limit on Toughness.

They were seeking to impress the stranger.

"If you really wish to get an idea of the toughness of New York toughs," announced one, "you should by all means attend the annual ball given by the Gorilla club. It is absolutely the toughest stunt that is pulled anywhere. If you don't get action there for your money you won't get it anywhere."

"Do you mean that fights are common at that ball?" inquired the man-to-be-impressed. "Am I to understand that shootings—"

He got no further. One of the others leaned forward, solemnly took hold of his sleeve, and remarked:

"Fights? Shootings? Why, every single person that starts to go into the Gorilla club hall is stopped outside and searched for concealed weapons, and, if he hasn't any—they give him some!"—New York Times.

Paper Plates for Animal Pets.

Using paper plates for animal pets will be found to be a good plan. Some people do not take the care to wash plates kept for dogs and cats, although they should be kept scrupulously clean and be used for no other purpose. Paper plates, which may be bought by the hundred for but little money, may be burned after they have been used. It is also a good idea to have a piece of zinc put on the back porch, where the pets are likely to be fed, and place the dishes on this for them. The zinc is easily cleaned.

Girls of Other Days.

When mother was young and girls felt sad, for solace to verge they would turn; one beautiful fountain of comfort they had, which soothed the most turbulent yearn. When mother felt morbid and downcast and punk, away to the garret she'd steal, and snuggle down close by an old leather trunk and read a few yards of "Lucile."—Success.

Love Souls.

Deep hearts, sage minds, take life as God has made it; it is a long trial, an incomprehensible preparation for an unknown destiny. This destiny, the true one, begins for man with the first step inside the tomb. In the meanwhile, love and suffer, hope and contemplate. Wee, alas! to him who shall have loved only bodies, form, appearances! Death will deprive him of all. Try to love souls; you will find them again.—Victor Hugo.

Her Natural Occupation.

Now and then the childish comment goes right to the heart of a difficult problem or situation. A little boy who longed to stand on the seat of a car and look out of the window was sternly reproved by his mother. "What a 'frail-cat mamma!' exclaimed another youngster, seated near. "Yes, I suppose she is nervous," was the adult reply, "but then, you see, she has to take care of her little boy and it keeps her busy." "Well, isn't that what she's for?" was the innocent, pertinent question.

Present in His Day.

A scientist has discovered that in 522 A. D. the earth will cease to turn on its axis. But if it shouldn't he will be spared the humiliation of hearing the people denounce him as a liar.—Memphis News.

CURE OF HEAVENLY GRAVITY

That, Thought Small Boy, Enabled Aeroplane to Rest Motionless in the Sky.

Two little fellows—they couldn't have been over eleven years old—had wormed their way to the fore of the crowds watching the aeroplane races with the skill that is known only to the small boy. They stood discussing the exhibition of air skill and one of them, with all the superiority of at least four months of seniority, was explaining to the other the meaning of the various maneuvers and how they were accomplished. The performance of one aviator particularly impressed them.

"That one is standing still," explained the older one, pointing to a machine so high that it seemed not to move.

"Gwan, it couldn't stand still," rebelled the other.

"It's doing it, though, isn't it?" argued the first.

"Yes, I guess it's standing still, all right," reluctantly surrendered the other, "but what holds it up there?"

The other didn't pause for a moment.

"Oh, the force of heavenly gravity or something like that," he answered.

TWO GIRLS



"If ten men should ask you to marry them, what would it be?"

"A tender."

"And if one should ask you, what would it be?"

"I don't know. What?"

"A wonder."

SHAVING IN CHINA.

The greatest treat, which I only give on special occasions, is a mid-day shave in public. In the early morning a Chinese inn is terribly dark, and at night bed soon claims one. I select a table at the street front (the whole front is formed of movable doors which are entirely taken away during the day), and, provided with the necessities, commence operations. Fifty or sixty people stand round in ranks, the innermost circles consisting of children, and the outer rings of men, and mothers with their babes. Not a word is uttered, all eyes are fixed first on the shaving brush as the soap is lathered on the face, and then on the razor as the stubble falls. The Chinese never shave themselves, and possibly to see a man handling a razor on himself may suggest that he is about to commit "harakiri" in their village.—Dr. Louis Byrde, in Sunday at Home.

STRICTLY CASH

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

J. W. HOWARD.

Economics.

It has been found that the things that expand on solidifying, as water freeze at a lower temperature when the pressure is increased, while the others freeze at a higher. When a substance that expands freezes under higher pressure than usual it has to exert more force to shove the pressure away, and consequently has to use up more of its heat energy, thus losing more heat and consequently becoming colder.

Lone Star School District No. 33 Stock Law Election

On this 9th day of January, A. D. 1912 the court takes under consideration the petition of the citizens of Lone Star School District No. 33 in and for Houston County Texas. Asking the court to grant an order for an election to be held in the said District to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory to wit:

Beginning at the NE corner of the Grapeland School District; thence N to San Pedro Creek; thence down said creek with its meanders to where same crosses the Rogers and Sallas league line; thence S with the Rogers and Bennett EB line to the SE corner of said Bennett survey; thence W with Bennett's SB line passing its SW corner with P. R. Hefly SB line to the SW corner of same on the EB line of the I. & G. N. R. R. survey; thence N with the Hefly WB line to corner; thence W with their line to another corner; thence N with Hefly Bates and Weisinger line to Weisinger and Bates corner on SB line of the Davis survey and SB line of the Grapeland School District; thence E with said School District; to the SE corner of same; thence N with the EB line of same to place of beginning. And it appearing to the court that the said petition is in all things in compliance with the law the same is hereby granted. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that the said election be held at the Lone Star School House in the said District No. 33 in said above described territory in Houston County, Texas, on the 24th day of February A. D. 1912, which said day being on Saturday of the said month. The said election to be held in accordance with the law governing elections to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the above described territory and due notice of said election shall be given as required by law.

Wilson Whitaker and P. H. Williams are hereby appointed managers of the said election.

E. WINFREE,
County Judge, Houston County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the July democratic primary:

For County Clerk

O C GOODWIN (Re-election)

For County Treasurer

NEY SHERIDAN

WH BAYNE (Re-election)

For Sheriff

A W PHILLIPS (Re-election)

For Tax Collector

GEORGE H DENNY

JAMES J COOK

For County Judge

E WINFREE (Re-election)

For District Clerk

JOHN D MORGAN

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1

S H LIVELY (Re-election)

Sheriff Phillips, of Crockett, was in the city Thursday, having brought Jim Dunn over for his preliminary hearing before Squire Davis. The genial Sheriff says politics are getting warm about the county seat, with candidates hiding behind every bush.

DOCTORS AFRAID TO GIVE CALOMEL

After-Effects Uncertain and Often Dangerous, Dodson's Liver-Tone, a Mild Medicine, Takes its Place

The use of calomel has been stopped in thousands of homes. Dodson's Liver-Tone, a pleasant vegetable liver tonic that is a perfect substitute for calomel in curing constipation and biliousness, is taken instead. Dodson's Liver-Tone is absolutely harmless and its use is not followed by nausea and another attack of constipation as often happens after taking calomel. Porter's drug store has sold so much Dodson's Liver-Tone and it has been so satisfactory wherever taken, that they guarantee to give any person his money back if he does not find it a perfect substitute for calomel. No restriction of habits or diet is necessary.

The Sound Sleep of Good Health

Is not for those suffering from kidney ailments or irregularities. The prompt use of Foley Kidney Pills will dispel backache and rheumatism, heal and strengthen sore, weak and ailing kidneys, restore normal action, and with it health and strength. Mrs. M. F. Spalsbury, Sterling, Ill., says, "I suffered great pain in my back and kidneys, could not sleep at night, and could not raise my hands over my head, but two bottles of Foley Kidney Pills cured me." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Dural Jones sends the Messenger to his grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Jones, Pelebatchie, Miss.

Think It Over

You go down the street seeking employment and at every door you are "turned down." Why? Because you are not trained. Business men are looking for trained young men and women—advertising for them every day. If you want to qualify for a good position as bookkeeper, stenographer, or the like, take the Draughon Training. For catalogue, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Dallas, Texarkana or Denison.

A Warning Against Wet Feet

Wet and chilled feet usually affect the mucous membranes of the nose, throat and lungs; and la-grippe, bronchitis or pneumonia may result. Watch carefully, particularly the children, and for the racking, stubborn coughs give Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It soothes the inflamed membranes and heals the cough quickly. Take no substitute. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Oklahoma seed corn; yellow and white. The lowest price you will get this year.

KENNEDY BROS.

Dr. C. L. Moore, the popular dentist, will be again in the city Monday, February 5th. He will make his headquarters at the Denton Hotel and will be prepared to do your dental work in the very best manner and at reasonable rates. Don't suffer with your teeth. His treatment is sure to give you relief and satisfaction.

WE ARE NOT BLOWING A BIG HORN

Nor making a big fuss over nothing, neither do we buy everything from buttons and pins up in car lots.

But we have the goods with quality, and our prices are right. We are always glad to see you in our store whether you trade or not. Come in and lets get acquainted.

We have in transit a solid car of very best corn chops, also car of flour, bran and meal.

REMEMBER: "Quality is the thing."

T. S. KENT
EAST SIDE OF RAIL ROAD

"Inclosed Find Check"

Are words we all appreciate—words that ring sweet with the jingle of money. Why not begin saving your money now by depositing it in THIS BANK, as many others are doing, pay your bills by check and avoid the possibility of having to pay some bill twice? With money in the bank and a check book in your pocket you may be able to close a deal while the other fellow "is in the notion." The more you know about banking the more you appreciate the value of a dollar, and the habit of saving once formed is never regretted.

Try it by depositing in

The Guaranty State Bank
Grapeland, Texas