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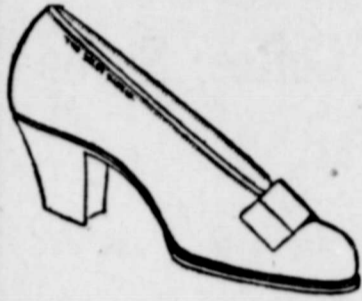
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ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

You Make



No Mistake

In buying your spring wearing apparel if your purchase is made at our store, for we have taken great pains in buying the correct styles and patterns, so you may rest assured that our styles are correct in every way.

Young Men

We want to especially call your attention to our line of pants for this season which are far superior to most pants that sell for more money than we get for our famous Curlee line. There are very few to be had that are as good for more money, and not any as good for the same money.

Call and allow our salesman to show you.

Kennedy Bros.

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

ARTHUR LASETER FOR CONSTABLE

This week the Messenger carries the announcement of W. A. (Arthur) Laseter for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 5, subject to the action of the July primary. Mr. Laseter is a young man and is acquainted with the duties of the office. He is well known throughout the precinct and would appreciate very much the support of his numerous friends for the position. He promises faithful service if elected.

Paint Now

If your property needs it; don't wait for the price to come down.

There are two parts of a job; the paint and the work; the work is more than the paint; and it never comes down.

The cost of paint is about two-fifths; the work three-fifths.

Paint is up \$5 an average job and won't come down in a hurry; too many jobs put-off.

Men are waiting for \$2 or \$3; they don't know it; they think they are waiting for \$20 or \$25.

Why don't men use their heads? DEVOE.

Kennedy Bros. sell it.

Epworth League Program

Sunday, April 28, 1912, 3:30 p. m.

Leader—Miss Ima Davis
Opening Songs
Lesson—Isiah LIII chapter
Subject—The Man of the Hour.
Prayer
Quartet—(Selected)
Talk on the lesson—Dr. C. L. Moore.

Reading—A story of Isiah: Miss Arline Howard

What it means to be a "Man of the Hour." Mr. S. E. Howard
Essay—Isiah's rank among the prophets: Miss Eulalia Lively.

Song—By the League
Discussion of the subject
Business Session
Closing Song
League Benediction.

Patronize Home Industry

Dr. W. B. Phillips, of the University of Texas, in discussing our home industries before the Texas Welfare Commission in Houston last week, presented with vivid accuracy a terrible arraignment of Texas consumers for their failure to patronize home industries. Our indifference to Texas-made goods has caused struggling industry many a heartache and has forced our Texas producers to seek foreign markets at considerable expense and embarrassment.

There is no more pitiful sight than a shipment of Texas-made goods on its journey to the foreign market meeting a similar consignment from an eastern factory on its way to the Texas market. Patronize home industries.

A Valuable Prescription

If your girl goes back on you go to Clewis and have him make you one of those nobby fitting suits. You can gain her back without any farther trouble.

You Furnish The Girl We Furnish The Home

SPECIAL

On Lawn Swings, Hammocks, Water Coolers, Ice Cream Freezers. Stock now complete, come and see us.

Keeland Brothers

SUCCESSORS TO WHITLEY & KEELAND.
"The Price is the Thing."

IN GRAPELAND'S SOCIETY CIRCLES

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Craven entertained the official board and their families Thursday night of last week at the parsonage. The board transacted some routine business after which a handkerchief hemming contest was pulled off, the judges declaring that Mr. Geo. E. Darsey was the neatest "hemmer" and awarded him the prize. Delicious strawberries, cream and cake were served for refreshments.

Mrs. Ney Sheridan entertained quite a number of ladies Tuesday afternoon. The affair was unique and was for the purpose of demonstrating the fireless cooker, which is coming in vogue. The guests were invited into the kitchen and were shown the preparation of the meal. While the cooking was under way the guests were entertained with various contests. Mrs. James Owens won the prize for making "mother goose rhymes" and Mrs. A. H. Luker won the prize in the advertising contest. By this time it was announced by the hostess that the meal was ready to serve and the guests repaired to the dining room and enjoyed a delicious repast which had been prepared on the fireless cooker. Lemonade and cake were also served. On leaving the guests fairly showered their thanks upon Mrs. Sheridan for such a pleasant and instructive afternoon.

Mrs. P. H. Stafford entertained quite a number of the young ladies of the town at her home last Saturday afternoon. The usual parlor games were the features of the occasion and the entertainment ended with the serving of delicious refreshments.

Severe Hailstorm Damages

Crockett, Texas, April 19—The most severe hailstorm that was ever seen in this vicinity occurred at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The ground was covered completely with hailstones the size of large marbles, and they came down with such terrific force that every skyight and exposed window in town were destroyed. The trees were almost completely denuded of their foliage, and corn crops and gardens were destroyed.

Life Insurance

Life insurance is a recent product of civilization and has become a most necessary and powerful factor in the protection of the home and the promotion of business enterprises. The rapid ascendancy of this youthful and gigantic industry and its secure grasp of the financial fabric of the country has demanded a careful study of the subject by every citizen.

Habitual constipation is the door through which many of the serious ills of the body are admitted. The occasional use of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS will remove and cure this distressing condition.
A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

Seasonable

Hardware

AT DARSEY'S

Freezers

When you use the WONDER FREEZER you save both time and ice. We have them in 2, 3, 4 and 6 quart sizes.

Refrigerators

Are another spring and summer necessity, and we would be glad to show you through our line of new stock just received. We have them at \$8, \$10, \$12.50, \$15 and \$20. You will have to see them to appreciate their value.

Spring Cots

We have now in stock a big shipment of WIRE SPRING COTS and at any time that it suits you we would like to show them to you. They are nice, useful and cheap in price.

Screen Doors

It is just as cheap to screen your house now as it will be later on, besides we can fill your bill complete now in almost any kind or price of door that you might want. Also our stock of screen wire cloth in both painted and galvanized is complete. No trouble for us to figger with you as to the cost of screening your home.

Oil Stoves

Oil stoves are not only a convenience for special occasions, but are becoming a house hold necessity, as they are no longer an experiment but a success for cooking. They are not only better and more convenient for the lady in the kitchen, but the saving of fuel is quite an item. We carry in stock the best make on the market and would be glad to show them to you.

No Trouble

Don't hesitate to come and look through our line and get our prices at any time, for we are proud of our line and prices, and not only glad to show them to you, but want you to compare our prices with any prices that you may have.

George E. Darsey

POST SCRIP—We still buy Chickens, Eggs, Turkeys, Hides and Peas and always pay the top prices.

WORLD'S BIGGEST STEAMER SINKS

For the past week the daily newspapers have been carrying the news of the most horrible marine disaster that has happened in the history of the world.

The Titanic of the White Star Line, the largest passenger steam ship in the world, built and equipped at a cost of \$10,000,000, at 11 o'clock Sunday night, April 15, struck a huge ice berg off the coast of New Foundland and four hours later plunged to the bottom of the ocean in water two miles deep, leaving death and destruction in its path to the passengers. The loss of human life was heavy—those drowned being estimated at 1,595, while the survivors number 745 mostly women and children. They were picked up later by the rescue boat Carpathia, which had received the wireless call for help from the doomed Titanic just before it sank.

The ship was making its maiden voyage from London to New York, and some of the passengers were among the most prominent in America. Among them who met death were John Jacob Astor, multi-millionaire, Isador Straus, millionaire merchant and philanthropist, Wm. T. Stead, the London editor, Jacques Futrelle, author and scores of others equally as prominent.

From the facts gathered from the survivors it has been established that the Titanic was making 21 knots an hour—a dangerous speed for the treacherous sea; no one at first thought the ship would sink, which delayed launching the life boats; that the number of life boats were insufficient to accommodate all the passengers and that a panic was averted by the stern orders of the captain to his crew.

Many acts of bravery and heroism of the men are related by the survivors, and the most mar-

velous thing is the ship's string band played to the last, some saying that as the ship went under the sweet strains of "Nearer My God to Thee" were wafted across the waters.

For the benefit of our readers who do not take a daily paper we re-produce below the story of Mrs. Futrell, whose husband was lost, which is only one of many accounts of the last scenes around the doomed ship:

"Jack died like a hero," Mrs. Futrelle said. "He was in the smoking room when the crash came. The noise of the smash was terrific, and I was going to bed. I was hurled from my feet by the impact.

"The boat is going down; get dressed at once," he shouted. When we reached the deck everything was in the wildest confusion. The screams of women and the shrill orders of the officers were drowned intermittenly by tremendous vibrations of the Titanic's deep bass fog horn. The behavior of the men was magnificent. They stood back without murmuring and urged the women and children into the life boats. A few cowards tried to scramble into the life boats, but they were quickly thrown back by the others. Let me say now that the only men who were saved were those who sneaked into the life boats, or were picked up after the Titanic sank.

"I did not want to leave Jack, but he assured me that there were boats enough for all and that he would be rescued" later.

"Hurry up, May, you are keeping the others waiting," were his last words as he lifted me into the life boat and kissed me goodbye. I was in one of the last life boats that left the ship. We had not put off many minutes when the Titanic disappeared. I almost thought as I saw her sink

beneath the water, that I could see Jack standing where I left him and waving at me."

Mrs. Futrelle said she saw the parting of Colonel Astor and his young bride. Mrs. Astor was frantic. Her husband had to jump into the life boat four times and tell her that he would be rescued later. After the fourth time, Mrs. Futrelle said, he jumped back on deck of the sinking ship and the life boat bearing his bride, made off.

J. G. Hall, writing from Castroville, Texas, says, "I am only too glad to speak of the never-failing curative qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I have used it in family for the last twenty years and in cases of colds, coughs and lagrippe, it has never yet been disappointed." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Nobby patterns and correct styles to select from. Let me take your spring order for a perfect fitting suit. Clewis.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

Try protositis, mixed feed, 15 per cent cotton seed meal, and 85 per cent pure corn chops.
J. W. HOWARD.

A Mother's Care

A careful mother will not give her child a medicine without knowing it is pure, contains no opiates, and has healing and curative qualities. Such a medicine is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for croup, whooping cough, bronchitis, and all affections of the throat, chest and lungs. Best and safest for children and grown persons. Contains no opiates. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

The saddest words of tongue or pen might be these: "Oh! I wish that I had bought my spring suit from Clewis."

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liniment is an anti-septic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Messrs. T. H. and J. H. Leaverton are about ready for business with their lumber yard. They have completed their office and lumber shed and are now putting in a large stock of lumber of all kinds.

"My little son had a very severe cold. I was recommended to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and before a small bottle was finished he was as well as ever," writes Mrs. H. Silks, 29 Dowling Street, Sydney, Australia. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

John B. Selkirk was up from Trinity Sunday to see his parents and numerous friends.

Mrs. J. C. Oliver, Tickfaw, La., says she can recommend Foley Kidney Pills and tells why. "I suffered with kidney trouble for eighteen months and got relief three days after I began taking Foley Kidney Pills. I know from personal experience that they are fine." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Fresh Goods

at
LIVELY'S

Oat Meal, Soda Crackers
Fancy Cakes, Candies, Chewing Gum
Evaporated Apples
Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables
Canned Meats, Canned Meats
Canned Fish, Canned Oysters
High Grade Flour, Coffee, Syrup
and Sugar.

Give us your Grocery Business. We appreciate it and will please you. Phone 14 and we'll send it up.

W. H. Lively
The Pure Food Grocer

ANNOUNCEMENT OF Porter's Drug Store

APRIL 29 AND 30

We take great pleasure in announcing to our patrons and the general public that we will have with us on the ABOVE DATES ONLY—

AN EXPERT OPTICIAN

representing the celebrated firm of

A. K. HAWKES CO. Atlanta, Ga.

The Largest and most favorably known Optical Establishment in the South. He will test Eye Sight and Fit Glasses.

Remember We have arranged this engagement and secured the services of a man of ability and reputation, and that we personally guarantee his work. All examinations are FREE and ONLY REGULAR PRICES will be charged for glasses.

You Can Save Money

And obtain the highest class of professional services in this line by taking advantage of this opportunity.

**BEAR IN MIND THE DATES
PORTER'S DRUG STORE**

The Palace of Sweets

GRAPELAND'S MOST POPULAR DRINK RESORT

We have a complete line of Fruit, Candy, Chewing Gum, Cigars and Smoking Tobacco and a fine line of pretty Post Cards

J. W. Caskey, Proprietor



The Old Oaken Bucket
Filled to the brim with cold, clear purity—no such water nowadays.
Bring back the old days with a glass or bottle of

Coca-Cola

It makes one think of everything that's pure and wholesome and delightful. Bright, sparkling, teeming with palate joy—it's your soda fountain old oaken bucket.

Free Our new booklet, telling of Coca-Cola vindication at Chattanooga, for the asking.

Demand the Genuine as made by
THE COCA-COLA CO
ATLANTA, GA.

Whenever you see an Arrow think of Coca-Cola.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

for backache, rheumatism, kidney or bladder trouble, and urinary irregularities. Foley Kidney Pills are tonic in action, quick in results. Refuse substitutes.

FOR SALE BY D N LEAVERTON DRUGGIST

Clewis' Tailor Shop

THE HOME OF GOOD

CLEANING, PRESSING and
TAILOR - MADE CLOTHES

See my Spring Samples

Prices Reasonable

We have been able to secure a small amount of

Carbon

And as we were compelled to PAY CASH for this must ask all of our customers to be prepared to PAY CASH for what CARBON they need

When in need of DRUGS call
on us.

D. N. Leaverton

Leading Druggist

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 "3" in Red on Front Label.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle.

A S PORTER SPECIAL AGENT

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ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

O. W. SHOEMAKER

Carpenter, jobber, contractor, or woodwork of any kind. If you have some work you want done see me. My prices are live and let live. Will work in town or country.

Grapeland, Texas

FOLEY'S URINO LAXATIVE
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

Ballard's SNOW LINIMENT

Is the Right Remedy for All
Abrasions of the Flesh.

If the wound is cleansed and the liniment applied promptly, the healing process begins at once and the wound heals from the inside outwardly, thus performing a perfect cure that leaves no scar. If the wound heals on the outside too quickly, pus forms under the surface and breaks out into a running sore that is hard to cure and inevitably leaves a bad scar.

Owners of blooded stock prefer this liniment to all others for that reason, and they use it not only on fine animals, but on human flesh, as it does its work quickly and thoroughly.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.
James F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.

Stephens Eye Salve is a healing ointment for Sore Eyes.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER.

C. C. Starling

Dentist

Office over Crockett State Bank

CROCKETT TEXAS.

W. B. Taylor

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

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Office Phone No. 5. Residence Phone No. 47
Phone Connection with all Rural Lines

Sale Bills PRINTED

If you intend
to have a sale
get our prices

We are fixed for turning
out work of this kind
in double-quick time.

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.

J. W. CASKEY

TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business
will be
Appreciated

Baths at any time—
hot or cold water.

Laundry basket leaves Wed-
nesday and returns Saturday

You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it will effect. For sale by all dealers.

THE NEWS FROM BELOTT

Farmers of This Community Are In- creasing Watermelon Acreage.

April 20.—Quite a number of citizens of this community were in Crockett yesterday and the day before as witnesses before the district court. Among these were Messrs. Tom Breeze, Tom Duren, J. G. Grounds, J. L. Grounds, Will Bynum, W. T. Payne, J. B. Shields, and Drs. Taylor and Evans.

A sharp thunderstorm came up late yesterday afternoon from the west, accompanied and followed by considerable rain, which was not at all needed. Several citizens returning from Crockett were caught out in this storm. A heavy rain also fell last week, followed by considerable overflows on the creeks. Every since the first of March, the agricultural interests have had entirely too much rain.

Your correspondent notes that the watermelon acreage has been considerably increased this year by the farmers of this community. A number of men have planted or intend to plant, at least an acre each to watermelons. It seems that feed for hogs, more than the intention of selling the melons, is the motive for the increased acreage. Also a number of families have purchased home canners. The cotton acreage has been very much reduced.

Although the streams are

flush, and farms too wet to admit of plowing or other farm work, still at this writing there is every indication for more rain. Dark clouds hang low, with the wind shifting to the South by way of South-east, while the barometer is steadily falling, the present pressure being 30.10, which indicates stormy conditions, if not positive tornadoic danger.

A LIVER MEDICINE THAT BEATS CALOMEL

**Dodson's Liver-Tone Does the Same
Work as Calomel Without Mak-
ing You Sick. It is Veg-
etable, Tastes Good
and Never Fails**

Everybody who has ever taken calomel knows what a strong drug it is. Calomel spurs the tired liver as if it were a tired horse, and while the liver works harder for a little while, it is soon weaker than ever.

Dodson's Liver-Tone is a vegetable tonic that gently induces the most sluggish liver to work. Taking it is followed by no bad after-effects. No restriction of habit or diet necessary. For either children or grown people.

Porter's Drug Store sells a large bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone for fifty cents and guarantees it to be a perfect substitute for calomel and will give you your money back if it disappoints you.

An occasional dose of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS keeps the system healthy, wards off disease and maintains strength and energy. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXX. ENCHANTMENT

CELEOPATRA sailed down the Nile and by her personal beauty and the grandeur of her retinue, conquered Anthony and with her charms held him captive until the sighs of Fulvia blew up the fires in the Senate and the Roman government crushed her crown. It is said this Egyptian beauty could, with a smile, change the map of Europe, but with all her subtle charms and native beauty, she is known as the "Serpent of the Nile." Many a beautiful craft of gilded opinions is floating down the political seas and stirs us with the image of its beauty, but, like the "Serpent of the Nile," its influence is degrading and its practices destructive.



CLEOPATRA CAPTURING ANTHONY.

Let those who aspire to public leadership understand that beauty and wisdom seldom walk together; that theories fair as a poet's dream, when embraced, bite like a serpent and sting like an adder and remorse, with all its vipers, will fill the land. There is no better evidence of weakness in leaders than a desire to grasp at things that dazzle and glitter. Texas Needs Great Men.

Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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

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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, APR. 25, 1912

Houston does all things on a big scale. During a hail storm in that city last week a hail stone fell which weighed 15 pounds.

The great Mississippi river, which is causing so much damage this spring, is certainly true to the name applied to it by the Indians—"an almost endless river spread out."

It is not likely that Messrs. Lively and Brown, rival candidates for commissioner of precinct No. 1, will have any serious mishaps during the campaign, as they have a Wall between them.

The people in the school district of Ratcliff have voted \$5,000 in bonds to build a new school house. If they have as much trouble with their bonds as we have had with ours, they have our sympathy.

Arguing politics may be interesting but plowing corn is more profitable. It is well that we understand political questions that we may be able to cast an intelligent vote when the time comes, but a good many people waste much valuable in arguing both politics and religion without making converts. When our work or our arguments fail to produce profitable results it is better to try something else. Even though this may be a national campaign year the country will be better off if most of us do more thinking and less talking, for we may think while we work, but most of us can't talk and work at the same time.

The argument the friends of Jake Wolters put forth that he favors a law to prohibit shipments of liquor into dry territory is a myth, a delusion and a snare, and is only to catch a few votes among unwary prohibitionists. Here are the exact words of Wolters in a speech delivered at San Saba:

"The interstate shipment of intoxicating liquors into States or subdivisions thereof where the sale of same is prohibited by a local or state law for the purpose of sale, should be inhibited by act of congress. The internal revenue system of the Federal government should be so altered that no license may be issued to any person in any state or subdivision thereof not authorized by State or local law to engage in the occupation of selling liquors. I would not undertake to deny the right of interstate shipment of liquors for private use."

That's a peach—this utterance from such a great man. Any-

body with any sense at all knows that it is not a violation of the law to ship liquor into a dry territory, but that the law is violated when sold in a dry territory by a bootlegger, and the offender is subject to the severest punishment. The law the pros would like to see go on the statute books by an act of congress is to stop the shipment of liquor into dry territory "for private use." Then and not until then will the dry territory receive the full benefits of local option. Let no prohibitionist be tricked into voting for Jake Wolters on the ground that he favors such a law.

The Lufkin News has reached the conclusion and is quite positive the end of time is at hand and says "it is now time for all good people to pray without ceasing." This opinion of the News is based on Holy Writ. The Bible says that preceding the day of judgement there shall be wars, rumors of wars, etc., and our contemporary thinks this passage of scripture refers directly to the war in Mexico, the famine in China, the flood of the Mississippi and the various other calamities that have occurred within the past few weeks. However, our peace of mind is not disturbed in the least by the News' warning and we shall pursue the even tenor of our way until called hence.

Texas vegetables are now being supplied to the people in the north and those nesters up there in frozen regions can now vaguely realize what a really great state Texas is.

The great flood of the Mississippi has made thousands homeless and destroyed millions of dollars worth of property. The government is now caring for 83,000 flood sufferers.

A young lady aviator at Wichita Falls narrowly escaped death the other day, when her machine collapsed and fell earthward. It is naughty, anyway, for young ladies to be such high-flyers.

There are 357 insane persons in Texas outside of the asylums. This is a shame and a reproach to the citizenship of Texas and we hope when the additions to the asylums at San Antonio and Terrel are completed there will be sufficient room to care for all.

Quite a number from Grapeland contemplate attending the old soldiers re-union at Macon the first of next month, provided the Mississippi river will behave long enough for them to cross.

SOME OTHER VIEWS AND COMMENTS

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Towns never grow except as the country grows. They do not grow of themselves. No one has ever seen a good town in a poor country, and the town's prosperity depends upon one thing, and that is the soil. Farming is the biggest question today in the United States.—Smiley Reflector.

That's the whole thing in a nutshell and is why we have been preaching "greater farm efficiency" all along. Our town and country depends upon farming and it is to the interest of all to do everything they can to advance farming interests.

Always and everywhere the farmer with the greatest horse-

New Goods Arriving Daily

I have a full line of New Dress Goods, NEW SUITS of CLOTHES for boys and men. We have pants to fit the Fat and Lean men. Call and look over my lines

I have just received a new line of White Canvas and Buck Low Quarters for ladies; also men's low quarters in black and tan. Call and see them.

I have a few Milburn Wagons for sale cheap for CASH.

I handle nothing but the best and guarantee everything I sell. Prices right. Call on me before you buy.

W. F. MURCHISON.

power and the most efficient implement gets the most pay for his work. This is why we continually urge our readers to use more and larger horses; to get more and better farm equipment; to get rid of stumps, ditches and other obstructions in the fields so they can use the most modern machinery; and to be constantly on the lookout for any new means of increasing their ability to do good work.—The Progressive Farmer.

Some people had rather see the state government go to purgatory than to break the custom of giving an officer two terms of office just because he has been elected for one term. When a man accidentally or otherwise drops into the executive chair of the state and finds it too big for him, he should have patriotism enough to step down and out.—Oakwood Oracle.

But should the said officer show no signs of such patriotism and show fight, then the people should get busy and yank him to the private walks of life.

The reports from Georgia indicate that the peach crop has not been destroyed. While we hope the report is true, we know that Georgia will be at a loss to know what to do in the absence of a lost peach crop.—Houston Post.

Every dollar spent in buying needed equipment for the farm is an investment that the farmer should be glad to make. It is the duty of every farmer to keep posted upon new implements and whenever one is found that saves labor and brings returns, buy it for his farm. A man progressive enough to look for needed equipment seldom finds any difficulty in finding cash to buy it.—Farm & Ranch.

Mr. Ramsey is going to find it a tough job to growl and grump his way to the governorship.—Houston Post.

He will that, or any other candidate for any office. But so far we have heard no grumps or growls from the judge. He has pitched his campaign upon a high plane and is going after the governorship in a way that

will be approved by all good people. While his opening speech was a terrible arraignment of the Colquitt administration, yet his utterances were confined to the truth without any frills or furbelows.

To the Public:

We have opened a lumber yard in Grapeland and have bought the cut of George Shaver's mill. This, in addition to the cut of our own mill, will enable us to carry a complete stock of lumber on hand at all times. We expect to carry a large stock of lumber, as well as shingles, moulding, and in fact, anything you may need in the lumber line. When in need of lumber let us figure with you.

We will treat you right, make the prices right and give you lumber that is right. We want to see you and talk with you whether your bill is large or small. We are HERE TO STAY and will appreciate your patronage.

Yours truly,

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Granberry visited relatives in Palestine Sunday.

Notice

The trustees of Hays Spring Common School District No. 26 are ready to receive bids on school house. All who wish to bid on same will please call on the undersigned and get plans and specifications at once. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. All bids must be in our hands on or before the 27th day of April, 1912.

W. M. BROWN,
Secretary.

Why He Was Late

"What made you so late?"
"I met Smithson."
"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."

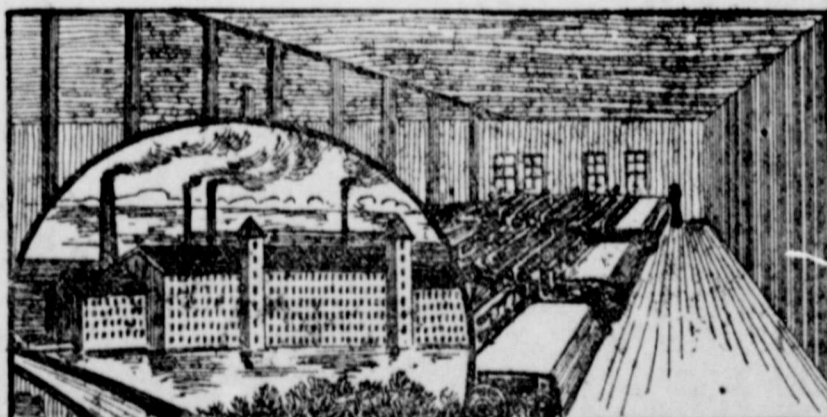
"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."

"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"

"Sure, that is what he needs."
Sold by all dealers.

A kidney remedy that can be depended on will be found in PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. It heals and strengthens. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

Cotton Mills



WE MANUFACTURE ONLY ONE BALE OUT OF EVERY SEVENTY PRODUCED.

The factory is the farmer's market house and he must travel until he reaches it and pay the freight to destination. The Texas farmers ship their crop ten thousand miles to reach the factory. We have 15 cotton factories in Texas valued at \$2,229,000. We manufacture approximately 60,000 bales of cotton per annum. Building factories in Texas to manufacture the cotton we produce would require an investment of \$350,000,000. To gain control of the cotton industry, we must build factories.

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the Fabrication of Cotton into Cloth and the establishment of Cotton Mills. O. E. Dunlap of Waxahachie is chairman of the sub-committee having the investigation in charge.

LOCAL NEWS

Trade with Wherry.

Lively sells good shoes.

Let Clewis—Your Home Tailor—clean and press your clothes.

Jesse Eaves attended the San-Antonio Fair last week.

Buy your groceries from Wherry because they are always fresh and his prices are right.

Mrs. Geo. Richards visited relatives in Grapeland a few days last week.

GET MARRIED—But before getting your wedding suit see Clewis. He will fit you. He has 3000 samples to select from.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Traylor of New Waverly are spending a few days in the city with relatives.

To arrive this week: Shipment of ladies slippers. The features of these slippers are the price, style and quality.
W. R. WHERRY.

Rev. J. M. Barcus of Jacksonville has been secured to preach the commencement sermon for the graduates at the Christian church Sunday, May 5.

Dental Notice

Dr. C. L. Moore, the dentist, is now in Grapeland. Those desiring dental work can find him at his office at the Denton hotel.

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.

Our line of jewelry is up-to-date and embraces a big variety suitable for commencement, birthday and wedding gifts. When you want jewelry be sure to see our line.
PORTER'S DRUG STORE.

Mass Meeting Called

The Messenger has been requested to call a mass meeting of the citizens of Grapeland for next Monday night, to be held at the court house. Matters which concern the citizens of the town will come up for discussion, and every man who has the future welfare of the community at heart is requested to be present.

Lively sells it for less.

Clewis will fit you better.

Lively always has it first.

W. R. Wherry's is the place for everything needed by man.

A perfect fit is the thing—Clewis.

Mrs. G. E. Whitley of Palestine is here on a visit to relatives.

You can have them both for \$2.98. Want 'em? See announcement elsewhere.

Mrs. Odell Faris and little son of Palestine visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

Clewis, your home tailor, will clean and press clothes on short notice.

Mrs. J. J. Brooks returned Tuesday morning from Elkhart where she had been visiting a few days.

Odell Faris was down from Palestine Sunday and his wife and son returned home with him at night.

Subject for Sunday morning at the Methodist church, "The Condition of Salvation." Everybody invited. W. A. CRAVEN, Pastor.

Last week of the cheap rates to join the W. O. W. Come in and let me write your application and save \$2.00.
M. L. CLEWIS.

A subscription list has been circulated for donations to build a calaboose. Evil doers had better look out—they might get locked up.

Albert Moore, candidate for Tax Collector, was here Saturday. Mr. Moore's school at Weldon has closed and he will now engage in an active campaign for Collector.

In buying fertilizer examine the state's analysis and see who has the best fertilizer. "Davy Crockett Brands" will stand the test.
J. W. HOWARD, Agent.

H. W. Thornton, of Weldon, candidate for sheriff, spent several days in Grapeland this week in the interest of his candidacy. Thursday he went out to Evergreen and met those people.

Ladies—have Clewis to clean and press your clothes.

Mrs. Ben Hancock visited relatives in Elkhart this week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smiley and children and Miss Lucile Smiley of Dallas are here on a visit to the family of J. P. Royall.

"Say, boy, where are you going with them old clothes?"

"I'm going to Clewis' to have 'em cleaned and pressed."

Ed Harmon and family have moved into the Spruill residence in the east part of town. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kent Jr. will occupy the residence vacated by Mr. Harmon.

Our old friend G. B. Cutler of Alto sends us enough "long green" to keep the "old reliable" coming for another year, and in his letter states that he is coming over before long to see his old friends.

Don't forget the engagement of A. K. Hawkes Co's. expert Optician at A. S. Porter's, April 29th and 30th. Glasses correctly fitted in up-to-date styles at reasonable prices. All work guaranteed.

We are offering the biggest bargain you ever saw in the way of reading matter. We will send you the Houston Daily Chronicle six months and the Messenger one year for only \$2.98. The regular price is \$4. If you want a live local paper and a daily without an equal this is your opportunity. Read the the display ad on another page in this issue of the Messenger.

"Uncle Polk" Taylor was the victim of a painful accident last Thursday at Crockett. He was descending the stairway from Adams & Adams office, got his foot hung and plunged headforemost to the side walk below, sustaining a broken collar bone and numerous bruises. He came home that night, and while he is resting well, has not been able to leave the house.

To the Public:

I wish to state to the people of Grapeland and the surrounding country that I handle nothing but the BEST CHOPS, which contain kaffir corn and wheat bran, which makes the best feed stuff that can be bought, and my prices defy competition. EVERY SACK GUARANTEED.
J. J. BROOKS.

School Trustee Election Notice

There will be an election held Saturday, May 4, 1912, to elect four trustees to succeed M. D. Murchison, J. B. Lively, W. R. Wherry and W. D. McCarty, whose terms as trustees expire this year.

E. W. Davis is hereby appointed manager of said election.
GEO. E. DARSEY,
Pres. School Board,
Grapeland, Texas,
Apr. 22, 1912

Announcement

I take pleasure in announcing the engagement of A. K. Hawkes Co's. expert Optician at my store on April 29th and 30th. I guarantee his work, and invite all who need glasses or intelligent conscientious advice about their eyes to call on above dates.
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

A Few Dollars



Will start a Checking Account with us and at the time of your first deposit we give you a supply of blank checks

Paying by check is not only sensible and convenient, but is also the best manner to keep check on your expenses

F. & M. STATE BANK

Grapeland, Texas.

What Is Worth Doing

is worth doing at once, so we say "Start a bank account to-day" and then take pride in watching it grow.

We Offer Every Inducement

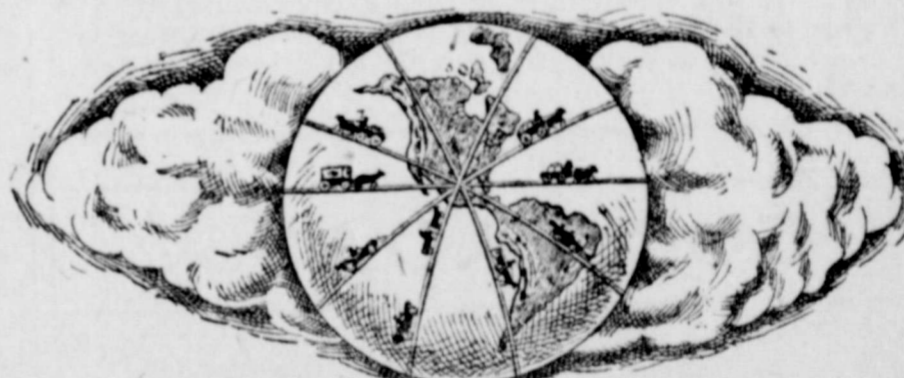
that is consistent with safe banking as well as courtesy and personal interest in your account at all times, and respectfully solicit your account.



The Guaranty State Bank

Grapeland, Texas

GOOD ROADS



140,000 MILES OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS IN TEXAS.

One of the most important agencies whereby we can achieve progress, mental, moral and material, is through our public highways. They enable us to climb to a higher physical, mental and moral plane and overcome obstacles that retard development. We do not fully realize the magnitude of our public highways. Building roads is the most stupendous problem confronting the people of Texas today. We have 140,000 miles of public highways which will reach around the globe five times and the acreage they occupy is equal to that of the State of Delaware.

A cross, restless baby is a sick baby and the stomach or bowels are generally the cause of the trouble. McGee's Baby Elixir is a quietive and restorative syrup that never fails in these ailments. It corrects sour stomach, looseness of the bowels and feverishness. Contains no opium, morphine or narcotic drug of any kind. Price 25c, 50c per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

John Welsh Yarbrough of Houston is spending the week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yarbrough.

STRICTLY CASH

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

J. W. HOWARD.

STUDY TEXAS TALK TEXAS WORK FOR TEXAS

Write the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association for free literature on Texas, its advantages, resources and possibilities. Enclose stamps to cover mailing expense as follows:

The People, 16 pages	5 cents
Transportation, 32 pages	7 cents
The Development Dollar, 16 pages	5 cents
Texas Needs Cheap Money, 16 pages	5 cents
The Texas Barnyard, 16 pages	5 cents
King Cotton, 16 pages	5 cents
Texas Cereals, 16 pages	5 cents
Industrial Texas, 40 pages	10 cents
Texas Manufacturies, 16 pages	5 cents
Texas Minerals, 16 pages	5 cents
Door of Opportunity, 16 pages	5 cents

ITEMS FROM ROCK HILL

(Delayed)

April 15.—The health of the community at this time is good. Times are busy now with the farmers since having a few days of nice warm sunshine. Already we have an abundant crop of mosquitos.

Bro. Andrews filled his regular appointment at Antrim, Saturday night and Sunday morning; also at Rock Hill Sunday night. He delivered a good message each time and to large congregations.

New Prospect was well represented at this place Sunday, as quite a number of the people from there attended services and Sunday School here.

Last Saturday night Mrs. C. A. Powell and Misses Eva Brooks, Ola Willis and Jane Pridgen went home with Miss Beulah Sheridan and stayed until Monday morning. They had a most enjoyable time.

Perry Cook and Jimmie Bynum of Lone Star were visiting relatives here last week.

Well, I can't quite stop without saying something in regard to our Sunday School. It is still progressing and we feel that those who come are really interested. We use the Union literature, and of course as there are many denominations here we felt that it was best to do so.

But, dear readers, let us not stand only on a doctrine to take us through this world. As has been said, "Today the world is filled with people who reverence themselves above all others. They consider their opinions are infallible. They will assert their thoughts and say they know their own viewpoint is absolutely true, and sometimes it seems as if their chief delight was to destroy a faith they consider mistaken and to make God in their own mental image. Why? Because we cannot understand many of the mysteries of life. What does God think of you? Are you good, are you true? Are you clean through and through? If you are not afraid to be seen through and through by God of Heaven and earth, you are safe. Our reasoning power is small at best. None of us are called upon to lay down the rules and ways of God and none is so intellectual that his way of thinking is bound to be right. We have seen the sweetest of saints who believed in the divine Savior of the human race and have seen kind, loyal, helpful souls who could not believe in the atonement as taught in the Scriptures. Never mind; it matters little what you think, we are not called upon to pass judgement upon God, but to live right.

Any belief which makes a better soul and makes a more helpful, more kind life and adds

cheer to the sum of all human life, is a true life and one that God thinks well of. What does God think of us? Are we grateful for life, for the opportunity of living forever in the memory of others who have known us? Have we sent out here a wave of love and tenderness which will widen forever and never die? Are we living sweetly, cheerfully and gratefully and doing our very best? We do not need to waste our time making new creeds for others; life asks of us to live one day at a time, living so that God will think well of us. This is the secret of a brave, holy life. "This way but once" somebody said concerning life. That note of "oneness" strikes through our lives so many times, once a babe, once a child, once a youth; once in the vigor of maturity, once in old age, once to pass through the shadow of death. If it were twice or thrice to pass through the changes, a failure now and then would not matter so much, but once makes life a serious matter.

How to make life lived once on earth nobly effective is a practical question for us to consider. And if we attend to this matter of living right, we shall not waste any time trying to uproot the faith of others whose lives are sweetly lived and are kind and helpful. If we believe in the story of the cross as recorded in the Gospel, their belief does not hurt us—it will not prevent their salvation, and we are safer living a life of helpfulness, rather than idly talking to destroy another's faith. We can live this life only once. We must live it right today. Show the love of God by being loving, teach the truth by being true to our highest conception of right.

It is worth more than the earth can hold to be ready to meet God face to face, to fear nothing in life, and to know through the death "shadow." He will be with us and lead us into the light. How unreal is a shadow, the figure of death which casts the shadow, I believe is resplendent with light, facing the light eternal, thus throwing only a shadow here for us to pass through before emerging into the light beyond. Cease then imagining that the safety of the world depends on adopting your thought of God and his ways. See to it that our lives are such that God thinks, "well done" of our deeds.

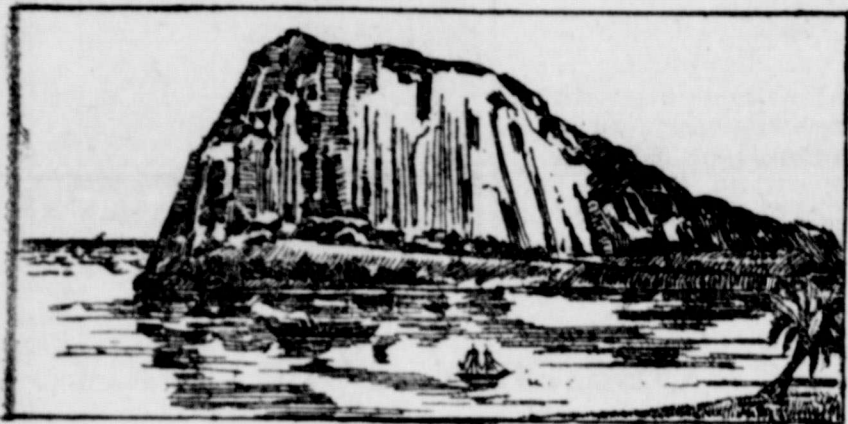
LITTLE ITEMS.

F. A. Wootsey, a railroad man running between Dallas and Jackson, Texas, sent in the following: "I was down with kidney trouble and rheumatism and had backache all the time, until I was almost tired of living. The first bottle of Foley Kidney Pills I took helped me so much that I kept on with them until I was thoroughly cured. I also gave them to my little boy for bed wetting, and it stopped that altogether and he is now well." Sold by D.N. Leaverton.

We offer you two papers for less than the price of one. Read the offer.

The correct treatment for cuts, burns, scalds, wounds, sores, lumbago, rheumatism or neuralgia is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is healing, penetrating and antiseptic which is everything that is needed to effect a complete cure. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Cotton a Reliable Crop

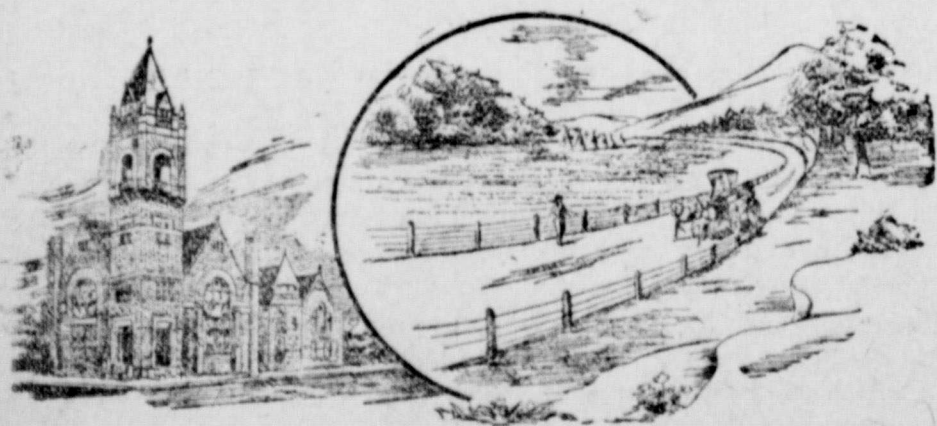


THE LOWEST FARM VALUE OF THE TEXAS COTTON CROP DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS WAS \$144,000,000.

Cotton has ever sought diligently the friendship of man and by the stability of the market, the endurance of the fibre and the many uses of the product, it has won the heart of mankind, until today it meets him at the cradle, is his closest companion through life and goes with him to the grave. It is the Rock of Gibraltar of products. It is the most reliable of staple crops.

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the cotton industry. W. T. Loudermilk of DeLeon is chairman of the sub-committee on the Production of and Methods for Marketing Cotton. O. E. Dunlap of Waxahachie is chairman of the committee on Cotton Mills.

GOOD ROADS



COMPANION AGENCIES IN MORALITY.

A good road is one of the greatest moral forces in the world today. It is a companion agency to the church and school house and as an elevating influence it is the equal of the pulpit or the rostrum.

Bad roads cause an unnecessary and useless waste of time and money, increase illiteracy, destroy society and encourage profraternity in a community. A dollar spent in improving public highways will add more happiness, prosperity and morality to a community than any other form of investment. Build roads and be good.



**BEWARE OF SUDDEN ATTACKS
THAT MAY PROVE DEADLY.**

**YOU CAN SOON REPEL THE
MOST DANGEROUS WITH**

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THE RELIABLE REMEDY FOR

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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 18 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.

Home Study. Thousands of bank cashiers, bookkeepers, and stenographers are holding good positions as the result of taking Draughon's Home Study.

CATALOGUE. For prices on lessons BY MAIL, write JNO. F. DRAUGHON, President, Nashville, Tenn. For free catalogue on course AT COLLEGE, write DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

There's Not a Store in Town

That would, in six months from now, be half as important as it is now, if it should stop advertising during that time.

Isn't that perfectly true—perfectly logical? Can you imagine any store of which it would not be true?

And; if true, does it not follow that the reverse of the proposition is true, too—that the store that doubles its accustomed advertising for the next six months will also double its accustomed store-growth for that period?

And does not this, also, apply to any store you can think of in this town?

The Biggest Offer Ever Made by any Newspaper!

A special arrangement with the Houston Chronicle enables us to offer you that great metropolitan newspaper and the Messenger—

Both for almost the Price of One

Provided your subscription is received during the Campaign Club period, which begins May 13 and ends May 20, 1912. After that date the regular subscription price will prevail. Here is the offer:

Houston Daily Chronicle, by mail six months, regular price \$3.00 and The Messenger 1 year by mail, price \$1.00, total of \$4.00 worth of reading matter for only

\$2.98

YOU SHOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY

You Cannot Afford to be Without a Great Daily Newspaper this Presidential Year

WHAT THE CHRONICLE IS—It is pre-eminently the great family newspaper of Texas. Its superior newsgathering facilities and high-class literary features have been the main factor in its success.

WHAT YOU GET WITH THE TWO—Complete and reliable market reports and financial news can always be had in the Daily Chronicle and all other news of the business world, coupled with your home paper gives you all the news of the world, state and local.

REMEMBER—Your subscription must reach this office between May 13 and 20 to secure the two papers at this special rate.

Send us a Check for \$2.98 and we'll do the rest. Address—

GRAPELAND MESSENGER

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Don't Overlook

that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for

the MONEY



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ON SECOND STREET

CLEANLINESS is our HOBBY

**Fresh Beef
Pork
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PROMPT SERVICE
is Our Motto. Your
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Take FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

Tonic In Action - Quick In Results

Get rid of your **Deadly Kidney Ailments**, that cost you a high price in endurance of pain, loss of time and money. Others have cured themselves of **KIDNEY AND BLADDER DISEASES** by the prompt and timely use of **FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**. Stops **BACKACHE, HEADACHE**, and **ALL** the many other troubles that follow **DISEASED KIDNEYS** and **URINARY IRREGULARITIES**. **FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS** will **CURE** any case of **KIDNEY** and **BLADDER TROUBLE** not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. In a yellow package.

D. N. LEAVERTON.

SAN PEDRO NEWS ITEMS

April 22.—The health of this community is good at this writing so far as we know.

The mosquitos are certainly annoying and am afraid there is going to be lots of malaria later on.

It continues to rain and in some places down south, not further than Crockett, they had an awful hail storm, which did much damage to the fruit and Irish potato crop.

In a previous letter written by me I urged the farmers to reduce their cotton acreage and now there are reasons for us to believe that the acreage will be reduced to a great extent, owing to the fact that some of the farmers are going to fail in getting in some of the land that they expected to plant in cotton. It does look to me like we could do as well or better with a twenty per cent decrease in the cotton land acreage. We may call back the years before the boll weevil made their advent into this country when an abundance of the fleecy staple was placed upon the market every year and we saw it sold for six and eight cents. Now compare the prices and figure and see how you will come out with over production.

Mr. Newton Streetman of Rock Hill community was a visitor in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neel of Enon community were the guest of their daughter, Mrs. E. E. Ingram at this place Sunday.

LITTLE CONTRIBUTOR.

Mrs. A. L. Van Ankenbauer, 3216 Marshall St., Little Rock, Ark., a descendant of one of our finest southern colonial families, writes, "I suffered greatly with kidney trouble, had severe pains across my back, and felt altogether miserable. After taking Foley Kidney Pills for a few days the pains left me and now I have no kidney trouble. In fact, Foley Kidney Pills have cured me completely." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

The woman of the hour is the one that says she will be "ready in a minute." But she won't say it if you are not wearing a suit from Clewis.

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

THE MESSENGER'S MARKET REVIEW

Houston, Texas, April 22.—Despite the hail storm of last week which did considerable damage to the strawberry crop every indication yet points to the 1912 crop being the largest in the history of the industry in Texas. The berries are now moving in car lots. Alvin, Dickson and Pasadena reported some damage to the crop by the rain, but escaped the hail. The fruit is now in fine shape to be shipped long distances and cars are now being loaded at the above mentioned stations. Present prices range around \$2.25 to \$2.75 per crate f. o. b. shipping point. The acreage is about one-third larger than last year and the stand much better.

Fresh vegetables from the coast country are coming into the Houston Produce market rapidly. A big movement is on from that section, not only to Houston but to far northern markets as well. New potatoes are especially noted for their excellence. Other lines include fancy Cuban tomatoes worth \$2.50 per crate, Mexican squash, eggplant, beans, radishes, green onions, asparagus, mustard, greens and spinach. New coast onions, packed in crates, are arriving daily and moving as fast as they can reach the market. Arrival of new potatoes is checking the demand for old potatoes, the latter now bringing \$1.55 to the trade.

The Houston market for chickens is better. Fryers and broilers are especially in strong demand. Eggs are steady unchanged. Clearing weather is likely to increase the receipts.

Reports have been received from Corpus Christi to the effect that nearly a thousand cars of cabbage, onions and cucumbers will be shipped from that section this season. Everything this year has been favorable to truck growers in that section and many report they will make as high as \$200 to the acre from their plantings.

P. W. Weeks, M. D., Onofaska, Texas, has a customer who walked 15 miles to his store for a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It contains no opiates, cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, hoarseness, and tickling in the throat. Best for children and grown persons. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Railroads and Railroad Securities



VALUE OF TEXAS RAILROADS EQUAL TO NINE STACKS OF TWENTY DOLLAR GOLD PIECES PILED AS HIGH AS OUR HIGHEST MOUNTAIN.

Railroads are the most vital force in human existence and are the strongest creative factor in the state's wealth. The assessed value of our railroads in 1911 was \$345,000,000, which is equal to nine stacks of twenty dollar gold pieces piled as high as Guadalupe Peak, the highest mountain in Texas.

One-seventh of the assessed value of all property in Texas is railroads, and new railroads in passing through a community add \$64,000 per mile to adjoining property and the distribution is free and equitable.

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the subject of railroads and railroad securities. R. C. Duff of Houston is chairman of the sub-committee having the question under consideration.

J. W. HAIL Real Estate Co.
Crockett, Texas

If you want to buy or sell land, write us. If you want FIRE INSURANCE I will write you in strong companies and pay less as soon as ADJUSTED.

Take Advantage of our Club Offer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For District Judge, Third Judicial District:

JOHN S PRINCE
of Henderson county

A A ALDRICH
of Houston county

For County Attorney:

B F DENT (Re-election)

For County Clerk

O C GOODWIN (Re-election)
G R (ROSS) MURCHISON

For County Treasurer

NEY SHERIDAN
W H BAYNE (Re-election)

For Sheriff

A W PHILLIPS (Re-election)
JOHN C LACY
H W THORNTON

For Tax Collector

GEORGE H DENNY
JAMES J COOK
H I (OLLIE) LUCE
A S MOORE
S S (STEVE) RATCLIFF JR
IKE LANSFORD

For Representative

JOHN R LUCE
J B SMITH (Re-election)

For County Judge

E WINFREE (Re-election)
C M ELLIS

For District Clerk

JOHN D MORGAN
J D SALLAS

For County Superintendent of Public Instruction:

G V LOLLAR
J F MANGUM (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

JOHN ELLIS (Re-election)
HUGH ENGLISH

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1

S H LIVELY (Re-election)
W R BROWN
W H WALL

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2:

R A PARKER
CHAS LONG

For Justice Peace Precinct No. 5

J F M (FRANCE) HALTOM
JNO A DAVIS (Re-election)

For Justice Peace Precinct No. 2

T C LIVELY (Re-election)
WALTER NEWMAN

For Constable Precinct No. 2:

R R (BOSS) SCARBROUGH
ARTHUR HOLCOMB
(Re-election)

For Constable Precinct No. 5

JOE RAWLS
W. A. LASETER

ON THEIR SLENDER INCOME.

On his way homeward from the shop where he toiled at his daily vocation Mr. Billiger McSwat, carrying into effect a stern and sinister purpose he had cherished for months, stopped at a barber shop and had a portion of his beard removed.

Half an hour later he entered the humble dwelling which, in bristling defiance of newspaper style cards, he called his home.

Mrs. McSwat was sitting in an easy chair and gazin pensively at the fire that burned cheerfully, but economically, in the grate.

"Lobellia, my dear," he said, "look at me."

She arose to her feet and looked at him.

Then she sank back nervelessly into the easy chair.

During the 20 years of their married life, as it may be necessary to explain, sinking nervelessly into chairs had been one of Mrs. McSwat's leading specialties.

"Billiger," she gasped, "we never can live up to that pair of side whiskers"

EARTHQUAKES.



The Joker—This earth is becoming very unhealthy.

The Serious One—What makes you think that?

The Joker—Look at the eruptions that have broken out all over her face lately.

SHRINKING LITTLE THINGS.



Starboarder—Say, Bridget, these cakes get smaller and smaller every day.

Bridget—Sure, that's all right; they're flannel cakes, 'n' yiz must fix 'em!

A FATAL CASE.



Mrs. Gosstpe—Is it true that your late husband was very absent-minded?

Mrs. Weedee—Yes; it caused his death. He went to sleep and forgot to wake up!

EVENED MATTERS UP.



Assistant—This quarter that girl gave you is bad.

The Fortune Teller—She's got nothing on me at that. The fortune I told her was bad, too.

Claim the Oldest Language.

It is asserted by the Basques that their language, which bears a strong resemblance to certain North American dialects, is the oldest one in the world, and was spoken by Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. They also boast that it is the most difficult of all languages to learn. According to a native legend, the devil lived among the Basques for seven years, and during that time learned only two words of their tongue, "bal" and "ez." "yes" and "no," and these two words he forgot within an hour of leaving the country.

SEASONABLE OFFERINGS

at DARSEY'S

Brassieres

Low bust corsets make brassieres a necessity. We are showing one made of batist with adjustable back, arms and neck edged with embroidery at **50c** each.

Misses Union Suits

Wide lace knee, low neck, sleeveless, gauge ribbed, light weight, taped arms and neck, sizes 6 to 14 years, **35c** per suit.

Parisiana Corsets

The new Parisiana styles are designed to meet the requirements of this season's fashion in dress. Every one guaranteed to give **1.50** and **1.00** satisfaction.

Ladies Waists

Big line of fine sheer lawn waists, pretty styles, well made, long and short sleeves, at 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98 and **2.48**.

Ribbons

We carry a large and complete line of taffeta and satin ribbons in all colors and widths, in the best qualities; special taffeta assortment to arrive about Monday, 2 1/4 to 3 1/2 inches wide, at per yard **10c**.

Long Gloves

In lilse and silk, in black, white and colors, unusually **50c** and **1.00** good values at a pair.

Spring Dress Goods

Unusual values in spring dress goods, silks, voile and fine lawns, a collection we are proud to show and that you will enjoy looking at.

Black Silk Hose

Low shoes call for fine hose. Our line of silks is complete in high grade dependable goods that will give good service at a **25c 50c** and **1.00** pair.

Jewelry Novelties

In belt pins, bar pins, cuff pins, collar pins, baby pins and brooches, big assortment of high grade, popular priced jewelry 25c to **75c**.

Ladies Muslin Underwear

Muslin corset covers, **50c**
25c, 35c and **2.00**
Muslin gowns, **2.00**
50c to **1.50**
Muslin Princess slips, **1.50**
1.00 and **3.50**
Muslin undershirts **3.50**
50c to **3.50**

White Crape

The ideal fabric for underwear and good for waists and dresses; the crinkle will not wash out does not require ironing, per yard **15c**.

GEO. E. DARSEY

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that the one acre vacant school house lot upon which the burned school house stood in the town of Grapeland, Houston county Texas, will be sold at public outcry on the grounds, at Grapeland, Texas at two o'clock in the evening on Saturday the fourth day of May, 1912. The change is made in manner of sale by order and under authority of the trustees of said Grapeland school district.

E. WINFREE,
County Judge.

The Christian tent meeting is still in progress. Services are being conducted by J. W. Brice Jr. and P. L. Anders, ministers of the church of Christ. The meeting is well attended and all are invited to come and lets reason together, Isa. 1:18 know the truth and the truth will make you free.

J. W. BRICE, JR.

WHEN SCOTS TALK.

Dr. Abernathy, the Scotch surgeon, was a man of few words, but he once met his match—in a woman. She called at his office in Edinburgh one day with a hand badly inflamed and swollen. The following dialogue, opened by the doctor, took place:

"Burn?"

"Bruise."

"Poultice."

The next day the woman called and the dialogue was as follows:

"Better?"

"Worse."

"More poultice."

Two days later the woman made another call.

"Better?"

"Well, Fee?"

"Nothing. Most sensible woman I ever saw."—Young's Magazine.

We Make a Specialty



Of Pleasing Every Customer Perfectly

Only the most reliable brand of shoes is carried and care is taken that every shoe is fitted properly.

We have a full line of new dress goods and embroidery, trimmings, men's clothing and hats.

T. S. KENT "QUALITY IS THE THING."

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again. We are here to preach the words of the lowly Nazarine; pity but what others would do the same.

P. L. ANDERS.

If you eat something that disagrees with you, don't let it work its own way through. It's a slow process and makes you

feel bad. Get rid of it quickly by taking a dose of Herbine. It drives out impurities in the stomach and bowels and you feel better immediately. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Cruel Papa.

"Papa says if I give up my singing lessons he will present me with a pair of diamond earrings."

"You have never worn earrings, have you?"

"No; I should have to have my ears pierced."

"Ah, yes! I see his idea. He wants to pay you back in your own coin."—Western Christian Advocate.