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We'll Suit



You with a suit that is tasteful and distinctive in style, accurate and a pleasing fit—the very best colors and fabrics to be had this season. They will give you service and will be dressy as long as they last. Come in and see them; they are subject to your approval.

Beacon Shoes FOR MEN



PRIDE

Beacon Shoes are so handsomely modeled and strongly built that the wearer has the greatest pride in them. We have a splendid assortment of styles and are sure we can please you.

Dress Goods

We want to call your attention to the fact that we are showing some of the prettiest patterns in dress goods ever shown by any house this season. We have in our stock all dress goods that go to make this department complete and we defy competition. Call and allow our salesmen to show you our goods. The trouble is yours—the pleasure is ours.

Kennedy Bros.

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

I. & G. N. DEPOT DESTROYED BY FIRE

The I. & G. N. depot was destroyed by fire Saturday morning at five o'clock. When it was discovered the flames were confined to the freight room, but had gained such headway that it was impossible to check them.

Postmaster Hill was about the first to discover the fire, as he came down after the mail. The fire had not reached the office and he was able to get the mail out. He noticed particularly to see if the door leading to the freight room had been tampered with, but it was intact. This does away with the theory that it was fired by an incendiary, for the side and end doors had not been bothered. The general belief is that it was fired by large rats playing with matches. Some advanced the theory of spontaneous combustion.

Early arrivals at the scene say the fire started in the freight room, near the express room, and the inside was a mass of flames. The building burned slowly, due to the fact that it was built of the heaviest material well put together and covered with several coats of paint. Much uneasiness was felt, fearing the wind would rise and fan the flames across the street to the row of wooden store buildings, but this fear was allayed when the building burned to the ground with no wind stirring.

Three box cars behind the depot were saved by being pushed down the side track. One of them was loaded with merchandise for Grapeland merchants.

Station Agent J. O. Edington immediately notified the officials at Palestine and Houston of the misfortune, and by nine o'clock telegraph service had been restored and a passenger coach and two box cars had been placed on the side track to serve as a waiting room and office.

Monday a large force of workmen were busy putting in a spur just below the depot site, and the passenger coach and two box cars placed there and will serve their purpose very well until a new depot can be built.

The officials have not given out any information what kind of depot they will build or when work will be started. It is hoped they will do so soon and build a bigger and better one. It is also a matter of speculation as to where it will be located. The old site is in the middle of the street running east and west and every man whom we have heard express himself objects to it being rebuilt there.

To the Voters of Grapeland Independent School District:

I take this method of notifying you that I will not stand for re-election as trustee in the election to be held Saturday.

W. R. WHERRY.

Mrs. M. Bishop, Columbus, Kan., suffered from a weak back a good many years as a result of kidney trouble. "I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and soon after the pain left my back and today I am fully cured." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Solid Car

Flour Chops Bran

and Meal

ARRIVED this week

GET OUR Prices

Lawn Swings, Hammocks, Water Coolers, Ice Cream Freezers.

Stock now complete, come and see us.

We Pay Highest Prices for Chickens and Eggs.

Keeland Brothers

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

MASS MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The citizens mass meeting at the court house Monday night was a representative crowd and quite a number were present.

W. F. Murchison was elected chairman and stated the object of the meeting. W. D. Granberry was elected secretary.

The first thing for consideration was incorporation for the town. This question was freely discussed and finally put to a vote, with the result of thirty-four for incorporation and two against it. The following were appointed as a committee on incorporation: W. D. Granberry, S. E. Howard and W. G. Darsey. The duty of this committee will be to determine the lines of the proposed corporation and to circulate a petition for an election. This committee will finish their work at the earliest possible moment.

The question of building a calaboose was then discussed and it was decided to build one at once regardless of whether the town was incorporated. A subscription list for this purpose was circulated several days ago. The following committee was appointed: W. R. Wherry, Frank Leaverton and W. H. Whitescarver.

Every citizen present pledged himself to co-operate with the peace officers in enforcing the law and maintaining order.

The following committee was appointed to confer with the I. & G. N. officials in regard to the new depot, the kind of building, where it will be located, etc: J. J. Brooks, S. E. Traylor, Geo. E. Darsey, J. C. Kennedy, J. M. Selkirk and W. R. Wherry.

ALLBRIGHT WANTS TO COME BACK

Nat E. Allbright announces in this issue as a candidate for county clerk, subject to the action of the July primary. Nat Allbright is the best known man in Houston county and we could not say anything about him that would be new—unless some new comer sees this—he is the same jolly, good fellow he has always been. His qualifications for the office are also known, for up until two years ago he served this county continuously about eighteen years as clerk.

If elected he promises the same faithful service in the future, and will appreciate your support.

Precinct Convention Saturday

Notice is hereby given that a democratic precinct convention will be held at the court house in Grapeland next Saturday evening, May 4th, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing 14 delegates to the county convention at Crockett May 7.

C. W. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all druggists.

Seasonable Merchandise At Darsey's

Grain Cradles, Ice Cream Freezers, Refrigerators, Oil Cooking Stoves, Picture Frames, John Deere Cultivators, Fertilizer Distributors, Cotton Planters, Corn Shovels, Cultivator Sweeps, Alfalfa Hay, chops and feed stuff, Flour meal; hams, lard, sugar, coffee, tea, dried apples, peaches, canned goods, postom cerial, oat meal, post toasties, puffed wheat, fancy groceries, bedsteads and dressers, rockers, kitchen safes, mattresses and bed springs.

It will pay you to see us and get our prices and we will save you money on many articles.

Don't fail to get our special prices on chickens this and next week.

George E. Darsey

P. S. Don't roll and tumble these nights worrying over the feed proposition, but come and buy a pair of Leggett & Platte bed springs, use them for 30 nights and if you don't rest better or are not satisfied with your purchase, return them and get your money. Every set guaranteed.

G. E. D.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Following is the program for the commencement exercises at the Christian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock:

Opening songs—Choir.

Quartette—"Lord, Thy Glory Fills the Heavens"—Messrs. Luker and Brock; Misses Driskell and Davis.

Annual Commencement Sermon—Dr. John M. Barcus.

Duet—"Love Divine, all Loves Excelling"—Misses Davis and Driskell.

Closing Song—Choir.

Will Charge Admission

The usual custom will be followed this year, and an admission fee of 15c will be charged for the graduation exercises at the Christian church next Monday night, May 6. School children and the members of the families of the graduating class will be admitted free. Tickets will be placed on sale at both drug stores Friday morning, and all are requested to buy their tickets there that can do so, to avoid the rush at the door. The doors will be open at 7:30 o'clock and the exercises will start at 8:30. See the program elsewhere in this issue.

Stiff neck is not only painful but annoying. To get rid of it quickly rub the affected part with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates the flesh and relaxes the muscles so that the pain ceases immediately. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

POPULAR COUPLE GET MARRIED

Mr. J. W. Caskey and Miss Clara Harmon went to Houston last Thursday night and on Friday were married at the Planters Hotel. After the marriage they went to Galveston and spent the remainder of the week, returning home Sunday night and have been receiving the congratulations of friends. They are for the present at the home of Mrs. Dora Gray, but it is quite likely that in the near future Mr. Caskey will erect a modern residence.

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.

If you belch up a bitter tasting liquid it is a sign of bad digestion. A dose or two of **Herbine** will correct the disorder. It stimulates digestion and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

ALL THE NEWS FROM PERCILLA

Percilla, April 28.—The past week has been a nice one for work and we haven't gathered much news, but today we had a "gully washer and chunk mover"

Some farmers planted cotton the past week; some corn to be planted yet on low ground. It looks as though the governors' meeting in New Orleans is going to be rallied to. While it may not suit some of us very well, we will rally just the same if it keeps raining as it has for some time past.

The memorial service at Evergreen cemetery last Thursday was a success, the program being ably carried out. All the speakers on the program were present except Rev. Ferguson, and Rev. Colwell took his place. Each speaker handled his subject in an able manner. The cemetery, in charge of Mr. E. Jackson, was a beautiful sight to behold; when loving hands had placed the flowers the cemetery looked like a huge bouquet. We hope all present were made to feel more determined to live a life that we might be worthy of beautiful flowers to be strown on our graves. There were some of county officers and some seeking office present, and among them Judge Prince of Athens.

Prospects are bright for the organization of a W. O. W. camp at this place in the near future.

Last Wednesday morning Mrs. Dotson's children surprised her by preparing a bountiful dinner and all meeting at her home for a few hours pleasure, it being Mrs. Dotson's birthday. That's right; honor thy father and mother. There's nothing more nobler and grander than to see children doing everything in their power to make their parents last days the happiest. Oft times in our lives we could speak a word of cheer, not only to parents, but to our fellowman, or do a kind act that would help some one to a higher plane of living and at the same time make our own hearts lighter.

JAMES R.

There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you or your children are troubled with a cold or cough give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by all druggists.

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

When your food does not digest well and you feel "blue," tired and discouraged you should use a little **Herbine** at bedtime. It opens the bowels, purifies the system and restores a fine feeling of health and energy. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

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

For cholera morbus, cholera infantum, diarrhoea from colds and wind colic **McGee's Baby Elixer** is a remedy of extraordinary power, it relieves colic pains instantly, checks diarrhoea and settles the disordered stomach. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.



CALL AT ANY TIME

That you may be judge of the value of my ability and the goods handled by me. You will find nothing but the best at my store. My skill in pharmacy will more than fill the requirements of the law, and my prices are always reasonable. I treat everybody alike.

D. N. Leaverton

GRAPELAND'S LEADING DRUGGIST

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

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Many pupils deserve reward for the advancement they have made during the past term of school.

We respectfully invite you to inspect our line of

JEWELRY

before purchasing your gift.

We have something suitable for any pupil.

Porter's Drug Store

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THE HOME OF GOOD

CLEANING, PRESSING and
TAILOR - MADE CLOTHES

See my Spring Samples

Prices Reasonable

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

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

FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL FLESH

A remedy that is equally efficacious in healing the wounds, sores, sprains or other ailments of the flesh of man or beast.

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

A healing remedy to effectively meet the needs of animal flesh need not be a harsh, strong mixture, too drastic for the human body; Ballard's Snow Liniment is proof of this. It ranks with the best of the flesh healing remedies designed for man; and it is equally as prompt in curing the wounds and flesh diseases common among animals. Owners of blooded horses prefer it to any other liniment because it leaves no disfiguring scars in any of the minor accidents or ailments. It heals by a mild power to which the flesh of horses responds readily.

It is of great value in healing harness galls, barbed wire cuts, wounds, festering sores and many other ailments to which horses are subject. In the relief of human suffering, it has done a world of good, particularly in easing the pains of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica and lumbago. When gently rubbed in where the pain exists, it gives a most gratifying relief to the afflicted. As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, sprains, contracted muscles, stiff neck, frost bites, swellings, chilblains, ivy poisoning, there is nothing better on earth.

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

JAMES F. BALLARD

PROPRIETOR

ST. LOUIS, MO.

For Diseases or Ailments of the Eyes, Stephens Eye Salve is an Effective Remedy. It Eases Pain and Cures Permanently.

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A S PORTER DRUGGIST

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If you are bilious, languid, constipated, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, wind in the bowels, dizziness, you need

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

A few doses will open and purify the bowels, tone up the stomach, stimulate the kidneys and liver and impart a feeling of strength and vigor. It transforms a tired, nervous, half-sick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health, energy and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.

A. S. PORTER GRAPELAND TEXAS



Satisfies

There never was a thirst that Coca-Cola couldn't satisfy. It goes, straight as an arrow, to the dry spot. And besides this,

Coca-Cola

satisfies to a T the call for something purely delicious and deliciously pure—and wholesome.

Delicious Refreshing Thirst-Quenching

Demand the Genuine as made by

THE COCA-COLA CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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

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ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

J. W. CASKEY

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Your Business will be Appreciated

Baths at any time—hot or cold water.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

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.

Jas. C. Dahlmann, serving his third term as mayor of Omaha, Neb., again was successful in receiving the overwhelming support of the voters in the primary election. He also successfully rid himself of a bad case of kidney trouble by the aid of Foley Kidney Pills, and writes: "I have taken Foley Kidney Pills and they have given me a great deal of relief, so I cheerfully recommend them." What Foley Kidney Pills have done for Mayor Dahlmann they will do for any other person bothered with backache, rheumatism or any other form of kidney or bladder trouble. Just try them for quick and permanent results. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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.

Leroy Thacker, Watertown, S. Dakota, says: "I suffered with rheumatism for over 8 years and it seemed at times I would go crazy with pain. Three bottles of Foley Kidney Pills cured my rheumatism and I gladly recommend them." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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 further trouble.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by all druggists.

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

The ladies wonder how Mrs. B. manages to preserve her youthful looks. The secret is she takes Prickly Ash Bitters; it keeps the system in perfect order. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

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.

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A. S. PORTER.

C. C. Starling
Dentist

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Phone Connection with all Rural Lines

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXI. IMITATION

AT AN art exhibit in Greece the birds pecked at a cluster of grapes painted by Zeuxis, so perfectly was nature imitated; Apples painted the picture of a horse so perfect that horses passing by neighed their recognition; in another instance one of the judges started to draw back the curtain painted by Parrhasius, and the Greek historians tell us that so faultless was their art, it deceived both men and animals. Since the beginning of civilization men have struggled to imitate nature, and we have perhaps more widely missed the mark in laws than in any other line of human endeavor.



GREEK ART.

Let those who aspire to awaken to vigorous activity the resources of State, draw a scene of justice and equity on our statute books so true to nature that industry will flock around it; paint a picture of property rights so perfect in its apportionments that capital will wave a generous recognition, and exhibit a code of laws that will parallel the statute of nature. Texas Needs Great Men.

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, MAY 2, 1912

Old Mexico is going to the bad. Those greasers down there are expending all their energy in rioting.

You can't boost?
We wonder why;
Then, grab a club
And swat the fly!

News gathered from the Sunday papers indicate that every politician in the state was on the stump Saturday.

Waiting for goods to sell themselves and waiting for something to turn up are equivalents. One is as likely to happen as the other.

Yesterday was the first and we have come to the conclusion that the two ugliest words in the English language are "please remit."

We don't like the reputation Grapeland is making for herself in the way of petty burglaries and frequent fires. It's not a good sign.

Houston is paying a good price for dead flies killed in that city. The kiddies there should have rich picking and make some good money in vacation time.

Morris Shepard is peeling off the hide and rubbing salt on Col. Jake. It is beginning to tell, too, for the colonel has been showing signs of it for several days.

We have read where a young man saturated his sweetheart with kerosene oil and applied a match. Probably wanted to give a demonstration of burning affection.

We hate to say so, but if the corn crop throughout this country does not show up any better than our roasting patch this country will have to buy feed stuff next year.

Col. R. M. Johnson of the Houston Post has confidentially told the people of Texas that Judson Harmon will be nominated on the second or third ballot at Baltimore. This is not the first time Col. Rienzi has taken the people into his confidence—and got left.

The testimony adduced by the senate investigating committee concerning the fate of the Titanic is enough to show that the accident was to a great

extent caused by negligence. In building this great magnificent vessel the owners sacrificed safety for luxury. Tennis courts, promenades and "millionaire apartments" took the place of life boats and skilled seamen. The lesson taught is a dear one, but we hope it will bring about more stringent laws to protect the lives of people on sea voyages.

SOME OTHER VIEWS AND COMMENTS

FROM OUR EXCHANGES
The call to out-of-doors is simply irresistible. Who wants to write editorials when he can get out and read Nature's writing on the universe?—Timpson Times.

The fish are biting, too.
The training of good citizens is largely the work of the mother in the home. Her influence is a potent factor for patriotism, morality and Christianity. If the mother be intelligent, patriotic and efficient in home making, her children leave the parental roof qualified to perform their duties in society and to assist in maintaining the government. Then why not train our girls for home-makers? Does not society demand trained motherhood? Is not this nation dependent upon intelligent citizens? Can we afford to neglect training our girls in home economics?—Farm & Ranch.
With good mothers the future of the nation is safe.

LOCAL NEWS FROM DALY'S

The weather still continues cool and wet, which greatly retards farm work. Still, we are all hopeful and take consolation from the fact that things "could be worse."

Mr. Robert Huff of Crockett was taken sick there some time ago, is now at the home of his brother Hamp Huff of this place.

Mr. Hugh Richards, wife and baby visited Mrs. Richards' home folks here Saturday night and Sunday, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. W. Pridgen, wife and little son Robert Lacy, were visitors at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Huff Sunday.

The gin of Dailey Bros. and Huff here is fast nearing completion. When finished it will be up-to-date and convenient.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Laseter and little daughter also visited at Mrs. Huff's Sunday.

We are all still discussing the sad fate of the great vessel Titanic.

We have not had many candidates among us yet, though we are expecting the rush, there is some talk of a picnic later on. Don't know though, if it keeps on raining, how much later it will be.

The gardens are all looking well, and Irish potatoes will soon be ready for eating.

Health of our community is good. CHARLOTTA.

Henry Ferris, Hadar, Neb., is the father of ten children and for the past 20 years has used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound with the best of results. He tells us: "I think Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the best cough medicine in the world for I have used it for the past twenty years and can recommend it to anyone needing a cough medicine." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Everybody's doing it. Doing what? Trading with Wherry.

Call and See my Line of

Ladies' and Misses White Pumps and Slippers

I AM SELLING THEM AT REDUCED PRICES

I have just received a car of CHOPS, BRAN, MEAL and FLOUR.

I have a few nice suits of clothes to sell at CLOSE PRICES FOR CASH.

I also have Saddles to sell close for cash.

Get my prices on WAGONS before you buy.

Yours to please,

W. F. MURCHISON.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

To the Hon. B. H. Gardner, Judge of the District Court, Houston County:

We, the grand jury, organized for this term of the court, beg leave to make our report.

We have returned thirty-one indictments of the grade of felony and thirty-eight misdemeanor indictments. We have labored earnestly and put forth our best efforts for over four weeks. We have endeavored not to encumber the docket of this court with cases that could not be sufficiently prosecuted. We view with satisfaction the cases heretofore disposed of and that our efforts have not been in vain. Our labors have been extended on account of the great number of witnesses necessary to have in the investigation of the violations of the local option law.

We regret to report such a great amount of crime committed in our county, but can account for it up the hypothesis of the great increase in population flowing into Houston county. Not that this population is undesirable, but that where there are so many people crime is naturally greater.

We deplore the great amount of perjury committed, especially before the grand jury, and regret exceedingly the extreme technicality of the perjury statute in Texas, thereby rendering a successful prosecution for this crime so very difficult. In this connection we earnestly recommend to our representative that he use his best efforts to have this law amended.

The violations of the local option law have been many in some parts of the county, but with the vigorous investigations made along that line, with satisfactory results, we believe there will be few violations in the future.

We find in many instances the stray law is not being enforced, many stock estrayed and no sale or report made of record. We recommend that the county attorney file informations in all such cases.

We find that our work has been hindered by the law in re-

gard to taking bills of sale to stock, such law not applying to this county. We would recommend to our representative that this law be amended so as to include our county within its provisions.

We found the county jail in the best condition from a sanitary standpoint we have ever known, and the prisoners well fed and cared for; we commend our sheriff for the same. We find that the jail needs some repairs, and hereby call the commissioners' court's attention to the same. We find that the court house is in a very unsanitary condition, and consider the dirt and rubbish accumulated on the steps and other parts of the building a menace to the health of people having to visit our court house. We find there seems to be some misunderstanding between the commissioners' court and the sheriff as to who has the proper authority to employ and discharge the janitor, and we recommend that the employment and discharge of such janitor be left entirely with the sheriff and he be held responsible for the condition of the court house and premises.

We find some of the old deed

records which have gone through the fire in very bad condition, and for the protection of the public we would recommend to the commissioners' court that these records be transcribed as the law directs in such cases.

It is almost useless to mention the condition of our public roads, as under the present law we see no chance for improvement for the working and maintaining of such roads until the people get together and formulate a law and have it passed, that is up-to-date and will meet the present requirements and make the burdens equal. For the above reasons given we have made no investigation as to the cause of the condition of our roads.

We therefore tender to the court and the officers our thanks, and especially to the district and county attorneys who have been untiring in their efforts in assisting in our work.

- W. H. DENNY, Foreman.
- S. L. MURCHISON
- A. E. HESTER
- R. B. WOMACK
- W. K. CONNER
- S. T. ALLEE
- J. S. COOK
- I. J. HARTT
- R. B. EDENS
- S. E. HOWARD
- R. C. SPINKS

Cotton is King



UNCLE SAM CROWNING COTTON KING OF PRODUCTS.

No nation ever expressed victory in more forcible language or heralded tidings of conquest in more convincing terms than Uncle Sam when he announced to the world the supremacy of Cotton as a money crop over all staple products. We quote the following from his coronation speech: "Average farm value of products per acre in Continental United States in 1910:

Cotton\$24.97
Corn13.37
Wheat12.63
Oats10.90"

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the production of and the methods for marketing cotton. W. T. Loudermilk of DeLeon is chairman of the sub-committee having the subject under consideration.

LOCAL NEWS

Alfalfa hay at Darsey's.

Lively sells good shoes.

Go to Howard's for your flour.

Spring cots at Darsey's.

See Darsey for summer underwear.

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

See Darsey's line of extra pants.

Wooters Smith has gone to Mineral Wells to recuperate.

25 dozen chickens wanted at Darsey's in the next two weeks.

Let Darsey fit your boy in a new spring suit.

I handle everything in the grocery line you may need.
W. R. WHERRY.

Don't fail to see our line of Refrigerators and Ice Cream Freezers at Darsey's.

Struck Another Ice Berg
By not having Clewis to make your spring suit.

Darsey is showing a nice line of straw hats in all the best styles.

Miss Lula Hartt of Lovelady was the guest of relatives in this city a few days this week.

See us for anything in the implement or plow goods line at Darsey's.

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

"It's at Wherry's, for I saw it yesterday." "What?" "The best flour to be found anywhere in town."

Mrs. Will Parker and children and her sister, Miss Walker, left Tuesday for their home at New Castle.

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

Every farmer should take an up-to-date farm paper. The Farm & Ranch fills the bill exactly. You can get the Messenger and Farm & Ranch one year each for \$1.75.

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.

Quite a number of the candidates went to Evergreen last Thursday, the occasion being the annual memorial services, and was a good opportunity to meet the "dear people."

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.

John L. Guice, who has been attending a school of pharmacy in Louisville, Ky., reached home last Saturday and said he was sure glad to get back. Mrs. Guice and baby, who are in Alabama, are expected home in a few days.

Lively sells it for less.

Fruit jars at Darsey's.

Clewis will fit you better.

Lively always has it first.

Hamilton Morris was down from Elkhart Sunday.

Men's work pants and overalls at the right price at Wherry's.

See Darsey before you sell your chickens.

A perfect fit is the thing—Clewis.

Boxed edge straw hats for young men at Darsey's.

O. C. Goodwin was up from Crockett Saturday.

Ladies—have Clewis to clean and press your clothes.

See Darsey's fishing poles, lines and hooks.

J. A. Harrelson of Lovelady spent Sunday in Grapeland.

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

Wherry's groceries are the best, because they are always fresh.

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

Mrs. W. J. Woods and children visited relatives in Crockett last week.

New shipment of ladies' trimmed hats just received at Darsey's.

Hanford's Balsom of Myrrh, guaranteed to heal any wound or sore. Sold at Howard's.

J. W. Keeland was up from New Wayerly last Friday seeing his old friends.

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

Miss Ruth Berry and little sister of Crockett visited their sister, Mrs. J. W. Howard Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Margerie Rayborn and little sister of Lovelady were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Craven Saturday.

"Say, boy, where are you going with them old clothes?" "I'm going to Clewis' to have 'em cleaned and pressed."

Mrs. Brock returned to Livingston Monday morning after spending a few days here with her son, U. M. Brock.

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.

Rev. J. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of this district, passed through here a day last week enroute to Augusta to assist in a protracted meeting.

The Ocean's Greatest Tragedy
Gigantic steamship Titanic goes to the bottom of the sea with 1600 lives lost. You can save yourself by having Clewis to clean and press your clothes.

Why take the chance on feeding heated chops when you can get NUTRILINE, a cooked feed, for the same money? Every sack is sold under a guarantee.
Geo. E. Darsey.

Bank No. 768
Official Statement
OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION
OF THE
Guaranty State Bank
at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 18th day of April, 1912, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 2nd day of May, 1912.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral-	\$29,227.48
Loans, real estate----	965.25
Overdrafts-----	None
Real estate, (banking house)-----	3,338.23
Furniture and Fixtures-----	1,635.25
Due from approved reserve agents, net---	8,236.78
Due from banks and bankers, subject to check, net----	000.00
Cash Items---	108.25
Currency-----	2,723.00
Specie-----	1,341.20
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund-----	450.00
Assessment for Guaranty Fund-----	17.09
Other resources as follows: Collections-	110.20
Total-----	48,152.73
LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in--	\$15,000.00
Undivided profits, net-	1,568.74
Individual deposits, subject to check----	31,539.64
Cashier's Checks----	44.35
Total-----	48,152.73

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }
We, J. R. Pennington as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. R. PENNINGTON,
President.
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of April, A. D., nineteen hundred and twelve.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
J. N. A. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
C. W. Kennedy, }
J. E. Bean, } Directors
E. G. Walling }

Epworth League Program

Sunday, May 5th, 1912, 3:30 p. m.

Thought for the month: The Heroic in Life.

Subject: (1) The Prophet and the Time of His Activity.
(2) Are Men the Products of the Time in Which They Live?
Lesson: Jer. chapter I, 1-3 vs. Gal. chapter I, 15-23 vs.
Leader: Kirby Keeland.
Opening Songs: League.
Reading Lesson: Leader.
Prayer
Song: League
Essay: The Prophet and the Time of His Activity—Miss Carnie Murchison.
Paper: Some Heroes of the Old Testament: Jno. R. Owens.
Address: Discussion of part 2 of the subject: Prof. W. L. Price.
Reading: Miss Josie White.
Song: League
Discussion of the Topic.
Business Session
Closing Song
League Benediction.

Save money on your shoes and hats at Howard's.

For a square deal, or for the ingredients to prepare a square meal call on W. R. Wherry.

Fruits and candies at Howard's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lively and children of Elkhart visited in Grapeland Sunday.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

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Don't go looking all over town FOR YOUR SPRING CLOTHES

The more you look the harder it is to find what you want. I have made a special study of the NEWEST SPRING STYLES in what to wear, and in the course of ten minutes can show you, tell you and take your measure.

Clothes Making is an Art

That I have mastered by careful study and plenty of experience. My Spring and Summer woolen assortment is on display for your approval.

S. H. WILKINS
THE TAILOR



Ice Cream Supper Friday Night, May 10th

at THE PALACE OF SWEETS

Given by the W. H. M. Society of the Methodist church. Everybody invited

NEWSY LETTER FROM SALMON

Salmon, April 30.—The health of this community is very good at this writing with the exception of a few cases of mumps and whooping cough.

Farmers are progressing nicely with their work. All seem to be in good spirits over the crop prospects. Corn is looking very well and cotton chopping will soon be the order of the day.

Those visiting in our town Saturday and Sunday were Newton Streetman and sister, Miss Lela, of Rock Hill, who were the guests of Rev. C. A. Campbell and family, and C. L. Haltom and family of Grapeland.

Rev. W. R. White (our boy preacher) filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday. There was great interest manifested in each service, the congregations being larger than at any previous meeting. There were seven additions to the church; three by baptism, baptising taking place Monday morning at Mosley's tank.

We had quite a surprise worked on us Sunday night in the marriage of Oscar Garrison and Miss Minnie Trigg, Rev. N. S. Herod officiating. Miss Minnie is one of Salmon's foremost young ladies. Mr. Garrison is one of our most progressive and enterprising young men, and we bespeak for them a happy and prosperous life.

The Salmon singing class will meet in special session Friday night before the first Sunday.

All members are requested to be present.

The Salmon Telephone Co. has employed Miss Gracie Morehead to operate their switch board.
SCHOOL KID.

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.

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

Judge John S. Prince of Athens, candidate for district judge, spent several days in Grapeland last week getting acquainted with our people. Judge Prince is a fine fellow and made a good impression upon our citizens.

SAM HOUSTON NORMAL NEWS

Huntsville, Texas, April 29.—The Normal is drawing to a close, and everyone is anxiously awaiting the day when the other half will be told him.

For the past few weeks there has been much talk and anticipation of who were going to be the lucky ones in winning first honors for this session of the normal on Saturday morning, as the teachers and students assembled in chappel. Prof Estill, with his characteristic smile, remarked that the decision as to those who had won highest honor had been declared. Silence reigned and everyone wondered who they were.

Then came the name of Miss Hilliard from the A2 class as Valedictorian, and Miss Newell from the A4 class as Salutatorian, followed with applause and cheers.

A few days ago, the junior and senior classes elected their representatives for commencement. The juniors being elected were Mr. Barron of the B6 class and Miss McAdams of the B1 class. The seniors were Miss Dean of A1 class and Mr. Elder of A2, Miss Hopkins of A3 and Mr. Pitts of A4. We are sure that these representatives will deliver eloquent addresses which will be honor to themselves and their school.

The House and the Sam Houston societies held their open joint session on the 20th, inst. An interesting program was delivered to an inspiring and appreciative audience. The debate between the two societies was won by representatives Strode and Hopkins from the House, and Messrs. McDonald and Henson, colleagues from the Sam Houston, put up some able discussions, but went down in defeat. We have often heard that eloquence is like a fire. It is a wonder that Strode, Hopkins and Collins are not consumed with the flames at times!

On last Saturday night the Freshman class held its annual reception. The night was one of many pleasures. An interesting program was carried out as follows:

Welcome address by the President of class, J. I. Hopkins.

Quartet by Misses Morris, Anders, Chavado and Morris.

Music by Orchestra

Recitation by Miss Ethel King

Duet by Misses Bacchus and

Dean

Reading by Miss Verna Johns
Music by Orchestra

After the program was rendered, refreshments were served consisting of punch, cream, cake and other delicatessen.

On last Monday several crowds of the normal students hied themselves away to the country, where they spent the day in picnicing and divers ways of enjoyment.

The athletics are in full blast at present. The Houston High School base ball team came to Huntsville last Saturday where an enthusiastic game took place between them and the normals. The result was, as usual, a walk-over for the normals by a score of 7 to 1.

The Crockett High School base ball team crossed bats with the Huntsville High School team on the Normal diamond last Friday afternoon. The result was a victory for the Crockett boys with a score of 4 to 0. Come again Crockett you know how that ball is handled. J. C. S.
News Correspondent.

Mrs. Wm. A. Allen, Chacon, New Mexico, had so severe a cough that it nearly choked her to death. Mr. Allen says: "We tried many things without helping her when by good luck I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It helped her at once and finally cured her. It is the best medicine we ever used." D. N. Leaverton.

THIS STORE WON'T GUARANTEE CALOMEL

But We Have a Liver Medicine
That we Do Guarantee With
Money-Back Offer

The next time you think you need a dose of calomel, don't take it. Even if you have taken it often before, this might be the very dose that would sate you. Its use is sometimes followed by dangerous after-effects. If you are constipated or bilious or if your liver has gotten lazy and inactive two or three doses of Dodson's Liver-Tone, a pleasant tasted vegetable liquid, will "make you feel like new."

We would not recommend Dodson's Liver-Tone in place of calomel if we were not willing to fully guarantee it. So anybody who buys a bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone at Porter's drug store and does not find it a perfect substitute for calomel may come into the store any day and get his or her money back.

It has absolutely no bad after-effects and is harmless for children as well as grown-ups.

THE MESSENGER'S MARKET REVIEW

Houston, Texas, May 29.—Texas produce is supplying the flood stricken districts of the Mississippi valley. The heavy shipments of poultry through Houston to New Orleans and points along the Mississippi prove the attraction of higher prices and the local supply is suffering in consequence. Other products of the Texas coast country are going through to the flooded sections.

However, Houston people were given the opportunity to change their chicken diet to that of frogs by the receipt Saturday of several barrels of frogs from Louisiana points. The frogs were drawn and headless and packed in ice. It is a trial shipment and if the demand is good, frogs will be regular on the card in Houston produce row during their season.

The egg market is weakening and dealers predict an immediate decline. Receipts for the past few days are heavy, due to the clearing of weather and the opening of country roads. Quotations to the trade range around 18c.

Butter and cheese are firm and in strong demand. Cheese manufacturers report they are far behind in orders. A great deal of milk ordinarily going into butter is being divided to the cheese factories, and this is one of the reasons for the continued firmness of butter.

Strawberries are coming in heavy now and the price is slumping. Coast country vegetables are very plentiful at the usual prices. Onions are easier and prices are being reduced as receipts grow.

Favorable weather has improved trade conditions all over the coast country. Some wholesale lines report business a little quiet now, but that is due as it is between seasons for them. All retail lines are flourishing, the better weather particularly having stimulated dry goods sales. No failures were reported for the week by the commercial agencies.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver, tones up the stomach and purifies the bowels. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

Paint or Not

Is a horse worth more or less after feed?

Hay and oats are high today; shall I wait today and feed him tomorrow?

That's how men do about painting their houses and barns and fences. Paint has been high for several years; and so they have waited. Paint is high yet; they are still waiting; thousands of 'em are waiting for paint to fall.

Their property drops a trifle each year and the next job of paint creeps-up, creeps-up, creeps-up; it'll take more paint by a gallon a year; they don't save a cent, and the property goes on suffering. DEVOE Kennedy Bros. sell it.

J. E. McKeen, 1301 Cleveland street, Wichita, Kansas, reports: "I suffered from kidney trouble, had severe pains across my back and was all played out. I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and soon there was a decided improvement. Finally the pain left entirely and I am fully cured of all my kidney trouble." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.



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Compensation of Employees for Casualties Occurring in Course of Employment.

THE TEXAS CASUALTY LIST IS APPROXIMATELY 9,000 PER ANNUM.

There is no responsibility resting more heavily upon civilization than the care of those injured while turning the wheels of progress and the maintenance of those dependent upon employees killed in the pursuit of industry. There are killed during a year 350 people and 8,650 injured while in the employ of business and our industries bear a personal injury burden of a half million dollars per annum and it is reliably estimated that one-half of this amount goes to the damage-suit lawyers.

The Texas Welfare Commission will consider the subject of compensation to employees for casualties occurring in course of employment and Tom Finty, Jr., of Dallas, is chairman of the committee having the subject under consideration.

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GRAPELAND MESSENGER

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Program

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
OF
Grapeland Public School

MONDAY, MAY 6, 8:30 P. M.

Class March
Invocation.....Rev. W. A. Craven
Music—Orchestra—Messrs. Luker, Lively, Moore and Gainey
Presentation of Diplomas.....Mr. G. Harrt
Music—"Queen of Fairies".....Miss Lovie Spence

CLASS PLAY:
"OUR AWFUL AUNT."

(A Comedy in 2 Acts)

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Mrs. Hasleton.....Darsey Royall
Alice Hasleton.....Esther Davis
Carrie Benton.....Annie Rainey Hollingsworth
Matilda Johnson.....Mada Murchison
Frank Hasleton.....George Horne
Arthur Wallace.....Woodie Eaves
Pete.....Seth Wright Yarbrough
David Mann.....Tom Brooks
Policemen.....Leonidas Brooks
Homer Jones

MUSIC PRECEDING PLAY:

Orchestra; Musical Solo, Miss Sallie Mae Kent; Orchestra; Duet, Misses Jones and White; Orchestra adinterim; Music between acts. Chorus—Misses Murchison, Davis, Driskell, Howard, Davis, Kent, McCarty and Oliphint.

SLOCUM CASES SET FOR AUGUST

The following is taken from the Houston Chronicle:

If the present plans of Judge Robinson are put into effect the story of the Anderson County race war two years ago, in which a number of negroes were killed at Slocum, will be told in court in Harris County in August. The cases, five charges of first degree murder in which seven citizens of Anderson County are defendants, were transferred to the criminal court here on change of venue. This change was made in December, 1911. Because of the crowded condition of the Harris County docket no setting has been made, but Judge Robinson said yesterday he would forego his vacation and set the cases for trial in August. Unless he does that, he stated, it will be impossible to reach them before the winter, after the farmers of Anderson County have disposed of their crops and have time to attend court.

The killings at Slocum brought that section of the country into the lime-light for weeks with the entire county as a stage setting during the affair, called out the state militia and gained for Palestine a nationwide notoriety. Feeling was keen for weeks between the whites and negroes even after the killings, and after the state militia had assumed control, and it was some time before normal conditions again existed.

The killings occurred in July, 1910. One month later the Anderson County grand jury returned five indictments and the defendants were placed in the county jail. They remained there for several months, and early in 1911, following a transfer of the cases to this county, six of the defendants were brought to Houston and placed in jail. The men indicted are: B. J. Jenkins, Isom Garner, Curtis Spurger, Jim Spurger, Bill Henry, Andrew Kirkwood and Steve Jenkins.

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, April 29.—We got to put in six full days last week for the first time since March came in, and it had actually got dry enough for the small drains to stop running, but had a drencher yesterday about noon, but it only lasted 15 or 20 minutes and cotton planting can be resumed today; we are getting things shaped up some better. A good stand of cotton is being obtained and in most cases is coming ahead of the grass.

Pledger Chiles is running his John Deere Cultivator and is doing good work with it.

The fruit crop prospect is the best for years, however, it will be some later.

Rev. Williams started for our place yesterday, but did not get any further than ye scribes. Mrs. Williams and Master Paul accompanied him.

Mrs. J. L. Chiles is visiting her afflicted mother again.

Our school closed Friday and an entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kent. A wagon load of Grapeland young folk came down and helped to make things merry. Come again; you are always welcome.

A young man wearing a dark suit and a blue tie passed thru early Saturday morning headed for Grapeland. He looked like he might have been one of the Titanic survivors, but learned since he was one of the Grapeland boys. Boys will be boys, and we are willing to make excuses for him this time.

Health is good. ZACK.

Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will strengthen your digestion and improve your appetite. Thousands have been benefitted by taking these tablets. Sold by all druggists.

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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
N E ALLBRIGHT

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

Have you tried Puffed Wheat for breakfast? If not you ought to. Geo. E Darsey.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes: "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. Sold by all druggists.

Unloaded this week a car of of pea green alfalfa hay at Darsey's.

Mrs. W. S. Glenn and baby left Wednesday for Tyler to visit her mother.

Official Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the
Farmers & Merchants State Bank
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business, on the 18th day of April, 1912, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 2nd day of April, 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$49,497 51
Loans, real estate.	6,312 74
Overdrafts.	477 72
Real estate (banking house).	2,983 08
Furniture and fixtures.	2,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents.	\$8,770 95
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check.	000 00
Cash Items.	179 15
Currency.	2,797 00
Specie.	2,407 15
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.	575 85
Total.	\$ 76,001 10

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund.	9,000 00
Undivided Profits.	1,039 48
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check.	000 00
Individual Deposits, subject to check.	38,515 35
Time Certificates of Deposit.	2,326 27
Cashiers' checks.	70 00
Bills payable and discounts.	10,000 00
Other liabilities as follows: Dividends unpaid.	50 00
Total.	\$ 76,001 10

State of Texas,)
County of Houston,) ss

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry, as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
GEO. E. DARSEY, President.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of April, A. D. nineteen hundred and twelve.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
J. R. RICHARDS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
W. F. MURCHISON }
W. G. DARSEY } Directors
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Maj. S. Harris, one of the Australians who fought in the South African war, visited British Columbia and finally settled down in Vancouver. Now he tells of a man in his province who went over to see London for the first time last year and was being shown through Westminster abbey. He got into conversation with a tourist agent who was showing a party about and at intervals the man who was explaining asked the British Columbian questions about Vancouver. "I suppose that in your country you have no place like the abbey?" he suggested. "No," replied the other. "Then what, may I ask, do you do with your illustrious dead?" "First," replied the British Columbian, "we appoint a commission to see whether the man is really dead, and then if the commission decided in the affirmative, we send him to the legislature."—Argonaut.

Nowadays.

Visitor—So your agricultural show was a great success? Big exhibit of live stock, I suppose?

Native—Nope. Not a one. You see, we had to use that space to park the automobiles in.—Puck.

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L. M. P. Cunius—Saturday, and then he would have had a payday every day in the week.

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

Mrs. A. M. Woodell and children of Merryville, La., arrived Monday and will spend some time here on a visit to the family of Mr. J. P. Royall.

In this issue will be found the programs for Sunday and Monday night for the commencement exercises to be held at the Christian church.

Will Parker, who has been sick at the home of Wyatt Driskell since last January, died at Palestine last Thursday night, and Friday morning his remains were shipped to Lovelady and interred. Mr. Parker had started to his home at New Castle, having left Grapeland Thursday at noon, but his condition became so much worse upon reaching Palestine that he was carried to a boarding house, where he soon afterward died. Deceased leaves a wife and several children.

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