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NEWS FROM ROCK HILL

Dec. 16.—Hurrah! Christmas is here again. A time when the little folks look for Santa Claus. The older ones who can realize the true meaning of Christmas are filled with joy of the great thought that it is the birthday of one who came to redeem the lost.

Well, we have been having some regular old rainy weather.

Our school has dismissed until after Christmas. Our teacher, Miss Bula Sheridan, has to attend the teachers institute.

Mrs. Powell, who has spent several months visiting Mrs. Lucy Willis and family, leaves Saturday for her home in Florida. She was a friend of Mrs. Willis in Florida and she will be missed very much by her friends she has made while here.

Mr. Artis Streetman, wife and little Charley Mack, will accompany Mrs. Powell home to visit their old Florida home too.

Our farmer friends are preparing for the New Year. Prepare your land and catch the winter rain and obtain the moisture for summer.

Mr. Luther Warner of the Hays Spring community was a pleasant visitor to our Sunday school Sunday evening. We are always glad to have visitors. Come again. We'll do our best to make you enjoy yourself.

Among the New Prospect visitors to Sunday school were: Misses Erie Bridges, Gladys Finch, Fannie Hudson and Virgie Herod; accompanied by Messrs. Glover Long, Carie Bridges, Wilbert Gray, and Newton Streetman of this place.

Sunday was preaching day, Rev. C. A. Campbell conducting

the services. An able sermon was delivered and a good crowd was present.

Two of our prominent young people, Mr. Marvin Streetman and Miss Luna Gray were married Sunday after church services. After receiving congratulations and good wishes from a host of friends they with a good crowd of their young friends, went to the home of Mr. C. M. Streetman where a nice dinner had been prepared. May their lives be long and filled with many pleasures. Rev. C. A. Campbell performed the ceremony.

Mr. Willis Hudnell who moved to Salmon with his father, is back to live with his brother next year.

The health of our community is good.

Christmas good wishes to all.

LITTLE ITEMS.

DAMAGE BY FIRE WORKS

Tuesday evening quite a little excitement was created on the east side of town, when by some means a large stack of roman candles became ignited. The fire works belonged to T. S. Kent and were arranged on the sidewalk in front of one of the big show windows. The entire front glass was broken and the charges of powder being blown through the store caught several articles on fire, and had it not been for the quick work of willing hands, no doubt the whole stock of general merchandise would have been destroyed. About \$100. damage was done.

Do your Christmas shopping with Darsey.

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, Dec. 16.—As this will be our last for this year and before the holidays, it will be in order to write about Christmas and the year about to close.

We have written about forty-five letters and glad that none of them have had, to be very dark or foreboding. Some of us have lost property and time, but none have lost loved ones, in other words have had loved ones added to us in the way of little ones and big ones. Six babies have come to our community this year; a pretty good showing for natural births, but not a single spiritual birth that we know of, which, to the serious thinking, is to be regretted, but there is hope as long as life lasts.

Of course nearly everyone is looking for a present Christmas, and we are going to put up a tree at the church and all be together and make merry as one. Now, if anyone should fail to get a present remember you did get one about 1,912 years ago whether you accepted it or not, and let's all try to be cheerful and pleasant.

Mrs. Odell Faris and son, Frank, are visiting in our community.

W. C. Laseter and family visited us yesterday.

Mrs. P. L. Fulgham, Frank and Hazel and the baby, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Lennie Kent, at Deepwater, near Houston.

Rev. F. E. Butler is spending a few days on the farm.

We are glad to have L. C. Kent and family with us. Leonard is cheerful and no one is

likely to catch the blues from him.

Some of us attended services at Daly's yesterday. ZACK.

Junior League Program

Subject—Star of the East. Matt. II. 1-25.

Leader—Frank Hill.

Opening song by League.

Prayer.

Song—Mary Lou Darsey, Rena Ross Richards, Mable Boykin, Eva Gene Murchison, Tom Richards, John Murchison, Balis Edens and Earle Howard.

Reading—Beatrice Parker.

Roll Call.

Song—Linnie D. Haltom, Lucia Mae Murchison, Murdock Murchison, and Hadley Gilbert.

Reading—Charlie Jones.

Song by League.

Recitation—Ruel Woodard.

Closing Song.

Benediction.

Mrs. Laura Goodson and little grand daughter, Marguerite Sullivan, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Goodson's sister, Mrs. Scarbrough, of Bangs, Texas.

Rev. A. M. Harral, field representative for the Christian Courier, preached at the Christian church Sunday morning and night. His sermon Sunday morning was to the girls and boys, and was very interesting. Also his sermon Sunday night was both instructive and interesting. Rev. Harral is a highly cultured and exemplary Christian gentleman, and shows much enthusiasm in his work.

The Messenger learns that Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris, who have been making Palestine their home for the past year, will soon move to Lake Charles, La.

GRAPELAND IS A PRODUCE CENTER

Grapeland has long claimed to be a produce center, and by noting the following figures we have obtained you will readily see that a world of cotton and other produce has been shipped from this point. The following figures give the exact amount shipped since Sept. 1st:

6,512 bales of cotton, 117 cars of cotton seed, 29 cars of live stock, 4,620 dozen eggs, 200 hives, 3,240 chickens and 384 turkeys.

These figures show a big increase over those of last year in the same length of time. Many of our prosperous farmers find that there is good money in produce and take advantage of the exceptionally good prices our merchants pay for country produce; while others do not seem to pay any attention to raising produce for the market.

We will show almost the exact amount of money that has been paid out for chickens, turkeys, eggs and hives: 4,620 doz. eggs at 20c per dozen, which is a reasonably low estimate will amount to \$924.00. 3,240 chickens at 35c each—\$1134.00. 384 turkeys at \$1.25 each—\$480.00. 200 hives at \$2.00 each—\$400.00. In adding up these amounts we find that a total of \$3,169.00 has been distributed among our farmers for chickens, turkeys, eggs and hives alone, besides what has been paid for cotton, cotton seed and livestock.

We would be glad if more of our farmers would raise produce for the market, as it helps to boost the town, and shows that our town is in a good financial condition.

Grapeland merchants will at all times pay the highest market price for your produce, and will also save you money on your purchases. With such a good market as we have it should be an easy matter for a man to make an independent living from the sale of his produce alone. Come to Grapeland and enjoy the many privileges that other farmers are enjoying.

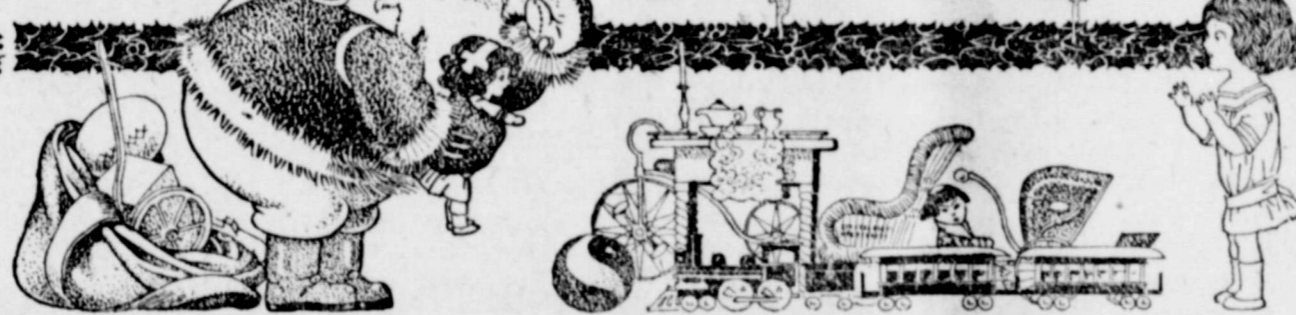
John Tyer and family left last week for Dodge, in Walker county, where they will reside in the future. Just what came over John to make him leave his native land we have been unable to find out, and if he is not back here in time to start a crop in the spring we will be surprised.

Rev. Paul Frazier of Elkhart was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office last Friday, and reported that the debate between himself and Lloyd Anders, which was held at Red Neck on Nov. 30th, passed off very quietly, friendly and that everybody was in a good humor.

Mrs. Rhodia Ann Wolf of Palestine died Saturday night at 10:30, o'clock. The remains were shipped to Grapeland Sunday morning, accompanied by a number of relatives and friends. Interment in the Evergreen cemetery, near Percilla Sunday evening.

Frank Holloway, the noted bank robber, passed through Grapeland Saturday morning in charge of a deputy sheriff, on his way to the Huntsville prison. Holloway escaped from the prison several months ago after serving six months for robbing a bank at Harrold, Texas. He was captured at Memphis, Tenn., last week.

TOYS TOYS TOYS



A full line of Toys and Fireworks for the little fellows, and a large stock of practical and useful gifts for grown ups. Have just received some beautiful Rugs. See them.

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Thanks to everybody for past patronage and wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Respectfully,

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Tick—tock! Tick—tock! Your chance is slipping by. Use your gifts—develop your latent talents—gain the ambition-arousing, skill-creating, confidence-upbuilding training we stand ready to give you while you have the chance.

You can succeed. Other people—those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve or muscle than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts—out of action. They used their gifts—as you should. They gained a training that developed and broadened and increased their talents—as you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you! Wherever your eye turns you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no greater general education or "school learning" than you, but who was wise enough to become specially trained in some one special line and who is today going ahead fast and leaving in the rear those who thought special business training unnecessary.

You must not think of Success as a kind of Santa Claus and expect it to drop presents into your stockings while you sleep.

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ALL THE NEWS FROM PERCILLA

Dec. 15.—Our community was shocked last night, on account of learning of the death of Mrs. Rhoda Wolf of Palestine. Mrs. Wolf lived here until about six years ago, when she moved to Palestine to live with her son, Earnest. The remains were shipped down on the south bound train this morning and were interred in Evergreen cemetery this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Those who accompanied the remains from Palestine were: Rev. T. R. Morehead who conducted the funeral services, Earnest Wolf and wife, Eugene McCrory and wife, Mrs. Wolf's daughter; Phil McKenzie, Misses Sealy, Bessie Amason, Lillie Gossett and Tom Gossett, and Mr. Harrison, undertaker. Mrs. Wolf joined the Methodist church when a young woman and lived a devoted christian life, always ready to testify for God, and work for the upbuilding of mankind. We extend sympathy to her loved ones. We can only say stand true as mother did and all will be well in the end.

Mr. John Sewell, Miss Mary and Master Tom went to Crockett this week to have Little Tom's eyes treated.

Rev. Boyeman is now pastor in charge of the M. P. circuit of Percilla. Rev. Boyeman is an able preacher and we hope to see much good done in the next year.

Rev. Graven's many friends were glad to know he was sent back to his same circuit for the ensuing year.

Miss Ruby Cook came home yesterday to see the home folks. Her brother, Davis, is on the sick list, but glad to know that he is on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Taylor Lively of Maydelle is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willie Ferguson.

The M. B. A. met on the 7th inst. and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: O. Dennis re-elected President; C. P. Daniels, Vice-Pres.; S. W. Harrison, Sec'y.; J. E. Bush, Cond.; Robert Bobbitt door keeper; Mrs. O. Dennis, Chaplain.

Well, say, readers had you heard of it? From what I can hear there are several sales on in Grapeland, judging from the circulars we see passing through the mail, and for better proof they were wrapping up the goods Saturday. As for doing business Grapeland has any city of its size bested.

Just a few more days and we will hear the Xmas bells ringing. So let's all keep our noses their natural color. You know as a rule some of our noses become slightly tinted and occasionally get enlarged.

Here's wishing the Messenger staff and readers a Merry Christmas! JAMES R.



For Santa Claus!

Old Santa Claus has established his headquarters here for FRUITS, NUTS and CANDIES. Your wants in this line can be supplied.

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Dear Old Santa Claus: I want a doll and a doll dresser, a doll trunk and doll clothes. I want a doll with long hair, some hair pins and doll ribbon. I want a dress for her like a baby wears, and also one for her like a woman wears. I want some nuts, all kinds of fruits and an ice cream freezer. Good-bye. I am your little friend,

Dorothy Darsey.

P. S. Thank you dear old Santa for any toys you bring me. I am a little girl 6 years old.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a drum and a horn, a bugle, a toy pistol, a humpty dumpty circus and some fruits and nuts and fire works and don't forget I live on the west side of the railroad in a red house.

Yours Truly,
Dewitt Richards.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—Please bring me a horn and a drum and an air gun, a sword and soldier suit, some sparklers, roman candles, fire crackers, fruits, nuts and candy.

With Love,
Killough Richards.

P. S.—Bring me a little Bible.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers. Adv

Notice to Laundry Patrons

On and after this date we will call for your laundry on Tuesday evening of each week. If you are going to be away from home, please leave bundle out where the boy can get it. (Adv) J. W. CASKEY.

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Miss Emma Williams of Arp, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. F. Warren of this city.

Cured of Liver Complaint

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to everyone." For sale by all dealers. Adv.



Most Christmas gifts tarnish with time and linger only in memory, but there is one that lasts and shines out as an aid to character building—one that the days add to rather than tarnish, and that is a bank account. If you would make the recipient happy, open a bank account for him or her. This can be done with a dollar or more.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1912

CHRISTMAS

The whole of Christmas is built around the love of a mother for a Babe. Centuries have since rolled by; dynasties have risen and fallen; conquerers have waxed and waned; but none of these have stilled that cradle song in the quiet of the Judean starlight. Nor have the two thousand years broken the communicable spirit of sympathy between that mother at Bethlehem and the mother of today. As Heaven lay around that Infancy in the Bethlehem stable, so Heaven lies around the cradle of every infant of to-day.—Ladies Home Journal.

Sixteen pages this week!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody!

Yesterday is gone, today is yours, tomorrow you may not be here. Get busy.

Remember that the greatest happiness comes to those who make others happy.

The Willis Star has passed the one mile post and Editor Pate has good reasons to be proud of the "big infant."

If you do not agree with us that this issue of the Messenger is a "humdinger" you are mighty hard to please.

Every man gets to the front sooner or later. If in no other way he heads his own funeral procession.—Ex.

We appreciate most those things which we work hardest for. It is those things we dig out for ourselves that stay with us.

You can your subscription any old time, and we would appreciate it any old time, for you know we have to give "the devil his dues" every Saturday night.

It takes about 4,000,000 Christmas trees to go around every year in the United States at Christmas time. We'll wager that's more trees cut down than set out on Arbor Day.

Meningitis is again prevalent in some parts of the state. This should serve as a warning to us to keep the premises clean, and do everything to guard against this dreaded disease.

The Palestine Record thinks the high cost of living could be materially reduced by killing off a few of the dogs around the place. Why go to kickin' the houn' 'round again?

Cut out the expensive gift giving. If you are going to bestow gifts upon your friends, let them be practical. It's not the cost of the gift, but the spirit in which it is given.

If you are undecided where you will locate for another year, there is some mighty good opportunities for you in the Grapeland country. You can get a home cheap and "feather your nest" in a little while.

The Texas Industrial Congress is doing a great work for the farmers of Texas. Recently \$10,000 in gold was awarded as premiums among the farmers of the state who raised the best crops by following the directions of the congress. While all the farmers who enter the contests of the congress may not win a prize, yet it teaches them to raise better crops, thereby increasing the revenue of the farm. Farming is a science—there is no question about that, and the farmer who understands his business thoroughly is going to prosper.

Following our usual custom, there will be no issue of the paper next week. The week will be devoted to rest and recreation, eatin' turkey, (if our neighbors have any) having a good time and "cleaning up" (the shop.)

"Here is a dollar. Let the old reliable keep coming another year—couldn't do without it" is an expression we hear almost daily from some of our patrons. The Messenger feels that it is pleasing the people and merits their patronage.

Thousands of homeseekers are pouring into Texas, but we are not getting our share. They pass us up because they know nothing of the opportunities and possibilities of our country, and head straight for the coast country. Why is this? Simply because we do not get up and go after them—we don't advertise our resources. Right here is where a commercial club would come in handy.

This is Duly Appreciated

December 17, 1912.

Editor Messenger:

In glancing over the copy of your paper handed me in your office yesterday, I was so impressed with its clean pages and high moral tone that I thought it might do you good for even a stranger to say so. I rejoice to find young men who are helping to higher ideals of life.

Yours for the noblest success,

A. M. HARRAL,
Groesbeck, Texas.

J. H. Nanny and family have arrived and are located at their home in the Hays Spring community, purchased from J. L. Ward. Mr. Nanny comes to us from Giles, in Hall county, and we welcome him and his family to our midst. Mr. Nanny had a little streak of hard luck upon his arrival. It was dark and when unloading his live stock, it was unnoticed that the gates of the stock pen were open and his horses and mules, ten in all, escaped. However, they were caught at Slocum the next day and returned.

Just Arrived

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Candies and fruits for the Xmas trade

Call and see us before you buy

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A few of our farmers met at the court house last Friday in response to the call published in the Messenger, to form a truck growers association. The organization was not completed, but will be at an early date after Christmas. By the few present it was decided that some tomatoes and potatoes would be planted in the spring for the market.

Notice

All persons interested in the Parker cemetery are requested to meet there Friday, Dec. 27th., for the purpose of cleaning off same.
R. D. PARKER.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

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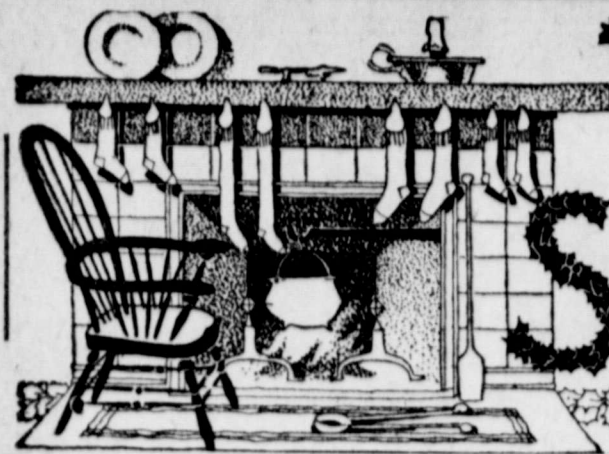
I wish to heartily thank my many friends and customers for the liberal patronage given me during the past year, and I earnestly solicit a continuance of same during the coming year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
I am, Yours truly,

J. J. Brooks

The Baraca Class of the M. E. Sunday School met with Clarence McCarty Thursday night, Dec. 12. Music by director; minutes read by secretary; quartette by Misses Pearl Spence and Lucile Hill and Messrs. Murdock Murchison and Homer Jones; prayer by Miss Maude McCarty; all members were present except Charlie Jones and we took in one new member, Miss Alice Willis.

We were pleased to have Waltus Scarbrough as a visitor. Benediction by chaplain.
Georgia Belle Richards,
Reporter.

Henry Haltom, formerly a citizen of this city and our ex-consable, but now the chief guard-ian of the county bastille, was in the city Saturday mingling with his friends.



YULETIDE SUGGESTIONS



Let Your Gifts be Serviceable Ones

Practical gifts make the best Christmas presents and are equally as much enjoyed and more highly appreciated than some trinket that soon loses its luster and attractiveness. We are showing a store stocked full with new, clean merchandise suitable for making handsome gifts for every member of the family and for every room in the house. The things we are offering as suggestions for Christmas gifts are not a lot of trash, but such as will be of some use to the receiver and reflect credit upon the donor. Below we give you a partial list of suggestions for you to look over:

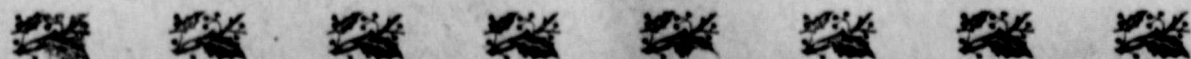
What to Give "Her"	What to Give "Him"	What to Get the Home
For Mother, Wife, Friend, Sister or Daughter	For Father, Husband, Friend, Mother or Son	For the Whole Family
Ladies Tailored suits... 4.50 9.00 12.00	Boys' Suits..... 1.90 to 8.00	Suit cases..... 7.50 down to 1.00
Ladies and Misses Sweaters..... 1.00 to 2.00	Boys' Overcoats..... 2.50 to 4.80	Trunks from..... 8.00 down to 1.50
Ladies and Misses Knit Caps..... 50c and 75c	Boys Hats..... 1.00	Rugs from..... 1.35 to 4.00
Ladies Coats..... 2.90 to 7.90	Boys Shoes..... 2.90 down	Art squares, tapestry, 9x12 feet..... 10.90
Ladies tan button shoes..... 2.50 to 3.75	Boys' Hose..... 10c to 25c	Iron beds..... 10.00 and down
Ladies White buck button shoes..... 2.50 and 3.50	Boys' Sweaters..... 50c to 1.00	Dressers from..... 20.00 to 4.98
Ladies Patent Leather button shoes..... 2.25 to 3.75	Men's Suits..... 8.00 to 13.60	Rockers—large assortment to arrive..... 5.00 down
Ladies White Canvas Shoes..... 1.50 and 1.95	Men's Overcoats..... 5.00 up	Center tables..... 1.00 and up
Ladies lisle hose..... 25c	Men's Sweaters..... 90c to 2.00	Hall trees..... 4.90
Ladies silk hose..... 50c to 1.00	Men's dress shirts..... 1.00 and 1.50	Writing Desks..... 4.90
Misses hose..... 10c and up	Men's Initial Handkerchiefs..... 10c	Sideboards for..... 15.00
Bar Pins..... 25c to 50c	Men's Pearl Cuff Buttons..... 25c and 50c	Suites—3 pieces..... 15.00 and up
Back Combs..... 3.00 down to 25c	Boys' and men's cuff and collar buttons and a big range of fancy and plain four-in-hand and bat wing ties, 25c to..... 50c	Kitchen safes..... 3.00
Barrettes from..... 25c to 50c	Men's ties and hose sets in fancy boxes..... 75c and 1.00	Buck's cooking stoves..... 25.00 down
Hand Bags..... 3.00 down to 25c	Men's supporter and suspender sets..... 75c	Sewing machines..... 13.50 to 38.50
Ladies Collars..... 25c to 1.00	Men's hats in new and staple shapes.. 5.00 down to 1.50	A large assortment of springs, mattresses, commodes, etc., tableware, cutlery, covered dishes: dinner sets, coffee percolators, enamelware, stoneware, tinware, Universal food and meat choppers, Rayo lamps and numerous other articles at popular prices.
Girls' Shoes..... 2.50 and down	Men's dress shoes all leather, tan and black 2.50 to 5.00	
Ladies Knit Scarfs..... 50c		
Ladies Silk scarfs..... 50c and up		
Scissors, and many other useful articles not listed. Do not fail to see our many designs and patterns in dress goods and suitings.	A large assortment of guns, rifles, ammunition, knives, express wagons, men's and boys' saddles, razors and tools.	

There are only a few more shopping days until Christmas and it is necessary that you DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY. Come to our store and let us show you through. We want everybody to feel that this is their Christmas Store and that we are capable of meeting the demands of all and giving the best service and satisfaction to be found. Our stock of furniture is full of suitable gifts from the baby's chair to an elegant suite of furniture. Our Dry Goods Department offers gift suggestions at every counter. Our men's and young men's wearing apparel cannot be beat in places much larger when you see our superb line of clothing, hosiery, ties, hats, shirts and collars. Our Ladies' and Misses' department contain hundreds of things for the lady members of the family. While our hardware stock is full of delightful surprises for the boys in the way of guns, tools, knives, also we can fit you out with gifts from this department for everyone. Our Grocery department is always fresh and clean. Get your Walnuts, Butter-nuts, pecans, cocoanuts, fruit, candy and other Xmas cooking necessities from us.

We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas

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Christmas Sale, Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 17 Closing Jan. 1st '13

The success of our last sale is ample evidence that people of our community have at last realized that they can buy goods at home as cheap, and in many instances cheaper than they can be bought away from home. We are headquarters for Holiday Goods. Our buyer has just recently bought one of the most complete lines of Xmas goods ever shown in Augusta. We are going to make your purchase with us profitable, not only in giving you value received for your money, but in addition to this we are going to give FREE of charge with every \$25.00 CASH purchase a set of Rogers A A Quality Silver tea spoons in a nice Velvet Cabinet. Retail price \$3.00. Below are a few of the many things we are showing that would be nice presents for mother, father, brother, sister and sweetheart:

Boys' Suits	Sweater Coats and Aviation Caps	Aviation caps-worth 1.25 now 85c	Neck-ties, Handkerchiefs and Hose to Match, Mufflers, etc., Dolls, Doll Carriages, etc. All kinds of Toys for the little folks.	blankets and comforts that we are going to sell at the following prices:
Suits worth 2.50 now 1.75	Sweaters worth 75c now 50c	We have a number of hats worth 3.00 that we are closing out for 2.25	We have a complete line of fire-works, consisting of Roman Candles, Sky Rockets, Lone Star Bursters, etc.	Blankets worth 2.50 now 1.75
Suits worth 3.50 now 2.75	Sweaters worth 1.25 now 85c	100 pairs of shoes closing out at per pair 75c	Blankets and Comforts	Blankets worth 3.50 now 2.75
Suits worth 5.00 now 3.75	Sweaters worth 2.25 now 1.75	Rugs, Art Squares, Sewing Baskets, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Pictures, Castle Clocks, Rings, Bracelets, Necklaces, Neck-ties, Boxes	We have quite a number of	Comforts worth 1.50 now 1.15
Closing them out.	Aviation caps worth 75c now 50c			Comforts worth 2.00 now 1.65
				Comforts worth 2.50 now 1.75

Our Grocery Department will be complete at all times, and will meet any legitimate competition in prices.

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THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

BY JNO. R. OWENS

IMAGINATION

The imagination of the human mind is the greatest power it possesses. To imagine is to think, and to think is to exercise the mind, which gives it strength. The imaginative powers of our inventors is the secret of their achievements. The poet's imagination is the means of his success. In every profession if we trace the records and lives of the leaders we find that the power of their imagination has brought them into the limelight. Napoleon says: "Imagination rules the world." Whatever a person desires to accomplish, he must first imagine himself in the place he desires to fill. Then he thinks and acts to realize this ideal. Imagination made the waterfall of Niagara feed the electric lamps of Buffalo twenty miles away. The more we read the stronger our imagination grows. The imagination of Columbus lead to his discovery of America.

The work of imagination is producing ideas which are the working models of the machinery which carries on the great work of the world. H. W. Beecher says: "The imagination is the very secret and marrow of civilization." Imagination diverted in the right channels will produce ideas and actions that will advance the world in many ways.

The best New Year resolution you can make is to read the Messenger next year.

Probably the reason some young men marry widows is because they don't have to get the consent of their father.

A woman in New York is suing an actress for alienating her husband's affection. That shows the jealous heart in her. She should land on the hubby instead of the actress.

A man who is a close observer and possesses a good memory is a strong spoke in the wheel of progress.

President Taft is to be a college professor at a salary of \$5,000 a year after he leaves the White House. That's quite a drop from \$100,000, but he can afford to do it, as the little "wad" from Carnegie will enable him to exist.

We are inclined to think that the boss is a little bit superstitious of Friday the 13th, which was last Friday. He went out to milk his cow Friday morning and found her dead. Well, it does look a little like there is something to the Hoo-doo. Resolved, that East Texas editors should be exempt from milking cows.

Meek Sister (sorrowfully)—Seems like it wa'n't hardly fair fer Providence to give you four husbands and me nary a one!

Aggressive Sister—Now, Hetty, don't you lay that on the Lord. He never had nothin' to do with it. I jes' got out an' hustled fer them husbands.—Harper's Magazine.

A woman in New York donned the costume of the Chinese woman, which consists of a loose blouse and pants. It's either to be something as big as a balloon, or something so small and tight that it is necessary to put on roller skates and hire a kid to push them along. Always on the extreme.

The farmer with tools tills the soil, and from sun to sun he toils, and with his horny hands he grows the products of the land. He always thinks how he may gain, a bounteous part of the harvest's grain; and to his work his back he bends, for up-

on his fruits the world depends. He clears the lands of its trees, and to numerous other duties sees; and he never grows weary of the work to be done, but plods his way onward with a portion of fun. His thoughts are of nature and the blessings she holds, who to him, if he works, she gladly unfolds.

Our opinion is that the government employees who have been set to work counting Uncle Sam's "dough" in the U.S. treasury will get tired of even looking at the "stuff" before they finish their task. More than a billion dollars is to be counted before the new Treasurer, Carmei Thompson takes the place of Lee McClung.

Every day we read of some millionaire's wife suing for a divorce. Some people are never satisfied, "not even when they are tied to a million." But so long as he is a millionaire he need not fear of living the rest of his days as a grass widower, as there are plenty more who are waiting to be tied to the million.

Ambition is highest in the young man. After a man starts on the declining years of his life this passion gradually subsides. He does not aspire to higher things, as he did in the days of his youth. He quits dreaming and commits himself to his present conditions. He tries to be satisfied with his lot and make the best of it.

A suffragist in Chicago says that a woman cannot be a conscientious Christian and suffragette also, on account of the Bible's partiality to man. She says that women have been kept from their rights on account of the Bible, and that it is not up-to-date and should be revised. We've heard of some very silly statements of suffragettes, but this one goes past us. Who has read one that will compare with it?

An Irishman who was working in a lumber yard answered the telephone one day, and received the following order from some one who was trying to have some fun at his expense: "Please send up a wagon load of knot-holes." "Im sorry," replied the Irishman, "but we just sold the last load to the brewery." "What in the world does the brewery want with knot-holes?" came from the prospective customer. "Why, to make bung-holes in beer kegs," replied the Irishman.

Now, as we have written our last paragraph for this year, we wish to say that we are going to devote a whole week to revelry and jollification. We've been "hitting the ball" every day and a part of some nights to keep up with the work, and think we are entitled to a rest. So we are going to shoulder a gun and make our way to the tall uncut, where we can be alone and enjoy ourselves. We think we will be better fitted for work when the New Year begins. Anyway, we think the readers would like a rest from reading the "dope" we give them. However, we hope to give you more and better paragraphs in the year 1913. So here's wishing each and everyone of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

How to Bankrupt the Doctors

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is safe and pleasant to take. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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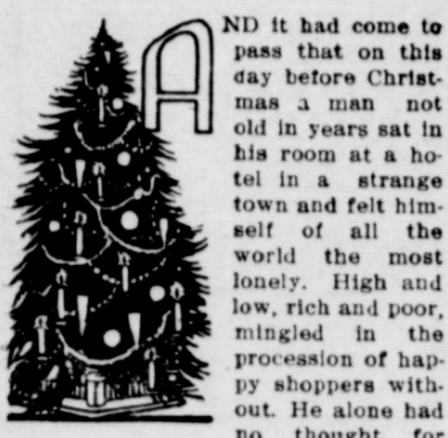
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WHAT PATTY DID

by CLAUDINE SISSON

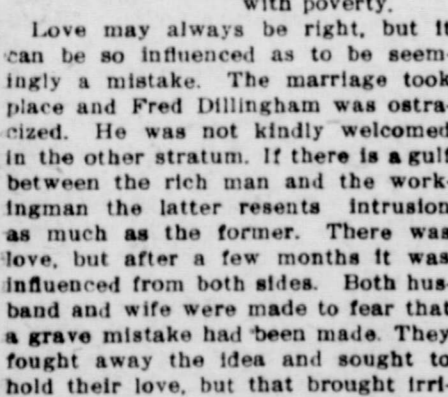


AND it had come to pass that on this day before Christmas a man not old in years sat in his room at a hotel in a strange town and felt himself of all the world the most lonely. High and low, rich and poor, mingled in the procession of happy shoppers without. He alone had no thought for

Santa Claus. It went back five years. He, the son of a railroad magnate, had dared to fall in love with the blue-eyed daughter of a locomotive driver on his father's road—a man whose face and hands carried grime—who dwelt in a cottage—who had no society outside of daily toilers. And he had dared stand before the father who thought himself specially created and say: "Father, I going to be married."

"Well?"
"To Gladys Davis."
"Never heard of her."
"The daughter of one of our engineers."
There was a moment of painful suspense and then the storm broke.

"You shall not! You are either a fool or a lunatic to think of it. An engineer's daughter! Think of your mother—of me—of your sister—the disgrace! You must have lost your senses!"
"But I am to marry her," was the steady reply.
"I say no! If the jade has trapped you into an engagement buy her off. The father must use his influence or take his discharge."

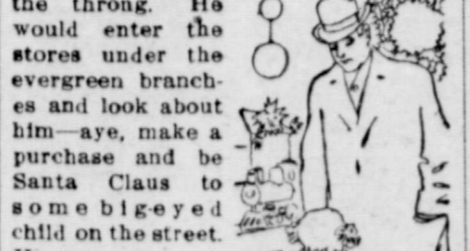


"But we love and are promised to each other."
In the next half hour the father stormed and cajoled. If the son insisted on such a marriage he would be cast out by the family; he would be ridiculed even by the common people. And the magnate ended up with:
"Fred, I will have the engineer called up here and give him a check for a thousand dollars and tell him that this nonsense must end."
"We shall be married three days from now," was his answer.

In reply to that the father pointed to the door, and the son bowed and passed out to be son no longer. He had money that had been left him by an aunt, and the father could not threaten him with poverty.
Love may always be right, but it can be so influenced as to be seemingly a mistake. The marriage took place and Fred Dillingham was ostracized. He was not kindly welcomed in the other stratum. If there is a gulf between the rich man and the workman the latter resents intrusion as much as the former. There was love, but after a few months it was influenced from both sides. Both husband and wife were made to fear that a grave mistake had been made. They fought away the idea and sought to hold their love, but that brought irritations and vexations and culminated in misunderstandings and quarrels. After two years there was a separation. Neither really desired it. It was what the gossips had predicted, and what they strove to bring about.
There was more sorrow than anger when the young husband turned his back on wife and infant a year old and went out into the world as a wanderer. The wife went back to her father's cottage, but not to struggle with poverty. The husband been generous to her.
Five long years, and Fred Dillingham had not been heard of. As an outlaw without a family, whom should he write to and why? At three years of age the child, who had been named Patty, wondered in her childish way why she hadn't a papa. At five she demanded to know. At six she stood before the embarrassed mother in indignation and threatened to go out and find one.

And at last the wanderer had re-crossed the sea and headed for his home. He was tired and weary and lonely. Home? But he had none! He had left it when he left wife and baby. This struck him like a sudden blow, though he had all along realized it in a general way. No home—no wife—no child! That was why he had left the train and taken lodgings. He had no place to go. With money in his pockets, he was a tramp.
And to know that Christmas was at hand, and to hear the jingle of sleigh-bells and catch the shouts of children on the street—to wonder if his child still lived, and to wonder further what old Santa Claus would bring her—why, the man cursed the fears he could not keep back.
A quarter of an hour later the outlaw was down on the street. He would mingle with the throng. He would enter the stores under the evergreen branches and look about him—aye, make a purchase and be Santa Claus to some big-eyed child on the street. He was an outlaw, but the world should not crowd him quite to the edge. He was almost smiling as he crowded his way into a big store, and he was looking about him when a small, warm hand was cuddled into his and a child's voice said:
"Please take care of me 'till mamma finds me—I'm lost!"

It was a little girl, and on her face was both a smile and a look of entreaty.
"Why, of course," replied the outlaw, pressing her hand and drawing her back a little. "So you came here with your mother after Christmas things and got separated?"
"That's it, only I think she ran away from me so that I shouldn't know what Santa Claus was going to bring me tomorrow night."
"I hope it will be something nice."
"Oh, it will be. Are you buying something for your little girl?"
"No-o."
"Maybe she's dead?"
"I—I don't know."



The girl looked up and noticed the grave expression on the outlaw's face, and cuddled closer to him and said:
"I'm sorry if I have hurt you. Mamma says I talk too much. I've just thought that maybe you are not married at all!"
"I guess that's pretty near it," replied the outlaw as he tried to laugh, but made poor work of it.
"Well, if you haven't got any little girl I haven't got any papa. What you going to buy?"
"Why, whatever you say?"
"But not for me?"
"Yes, for you. We'll select something, and then when your mother comes I'll ask her if she'll let you have it."
"I hope she will. You look to be such a nice man that she shouldn't refuse. I picked you out as the very nicest man that came along."
"Thank you," said the outlaw as he felt his heart grow big. "Now, then, about this doll. Real hair, eyes that wink, pink shoes and almost as big as you are. She'll be a sister to you."
"And how much is it?"
"Only ten dollars."
"My, but can you pay that much! If you can you must be rich."
"But you see I have no little girl of my own."
"That's so. Isn't Christmas nice? Do you know—there's mamma over there! Let me run and tell her."
The outlaw turned his back on the crowd and gritted his teeth and winked his eyes. He had been hit hard. Three or four minutes passed and then a hand pulled at his and a voice said:
"Please, Mister nice man, tell me your name, that I may introduce you to mamma. I think she will let me have the doll." The outlaw turned and gasped and his face went white.
"Gladys!"
"Fred."
"You here!"
"And you!"
"And this is our daughter?"
"Our Patty. Father was discharged from the road and moved over here to take another run."
It was the next day, and Patty was sitting on her father's knee and the happy mother was wiping tears from her eyes, when the child said:
"Say, mamma, I just picked him out as the very nicest man in all that big crowd, and I didn't make any mistake, did I? Don't anybody sit down on my doll and give her a pain!"



The Old, Old Story

by Wright A. Patterson

New Year's Eve—He Says:
My dear,
As the old year is departing
I am thinking
Of what the new
May have in store for us,
For you and me and Ethel.

I sit here smoking,
Burning up money needlessly,
Depriving myself and family
Of life's necessities
And possibly luxuries.

Let's add and multiply
These nickels I destroy;
Let us figure interest and compound it.
Why, they make dollars—
They make bank accounts.
Without the weed
I should have been a millionaire.
I quit it now.
This night shall be my last
Of useless waste.

These nickels shall make of me
A Rockefeller, a Morgan or a Carnegie.
They mean an automobile,
A powerful, big red car.
Oh! such comfort as it will bring
With summer nights,
So smoothly gliding
Beneath the twinkling stars!

There is a college course for Ethel
In the nickels I will save,
And she shall pick the best.
No common boarding school
Or female seminary for her,
But one in keeping
With the standing of her old dad.

And, too, that trip to Europe
We have often dreamed about.
That's possible now
With smoking out.
You'd better begin planning for it soon.

And then, just possibly,
We might conclude
To keep right on and circle this old globe.
Won't that be grand?
And just to think
These things will come
From cutting out a useless habit.

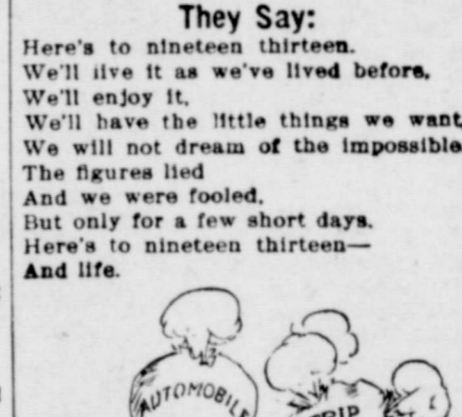
And now, my dear,
Let's go another step.
There's candy for yourself and Ethel;
It's needless waste.
Just figure what it means.
See what life would be without it.
Why, in a year or two
I could quit the daily grind
And tell the "old man" to "go hang."
And with the interest compounded
We three would live at ease.
We'll call it done right now
And candy will be barred.

If only all the world
Would stop and think,
Would just apply a little sound horse sense.
These New Year resolutions
Would bring the millennium.
The cost of living
Would no longer be a problem.
Old age would have no terrors
For the poor.
Hail to the year nineteen thirteen.

Evening, January 5—She Says:
John,
What is it I smell?
An odor of nicotine,
A vile cigar.
I know you have been smoking.
So soon you have forgotten
The plans we made,
The automobile,
The trip to Europe,
The school for Ethel.
It is but five short days ago
That I believed you.
So go the plans I made,
The dreams I dreamed,
All spoiled, all ruined,
All evaporated into useless smoke
Because of man's weak nature.
But 'tis all that women may expect,
To drudge and toil,
To skimp and save
That man may not be denied
His cigars.

He Says:
How dare you criticize!
How dare you condemn!
This morning I saw the candy box
You thought so carefully concealed.
And I refuse to be the only victim
Of New Year resolutions.
They can go hang—
The automobile,
The trip to Europe,
The school for Ethel.
If I must slave all through my days
I shall have some comfort,
If only of the weed.

They Say:
Here's to nineteen thirteen.
We'll live it as we've lived before,
We'll enjoy it,
We'll have the little things we want,
We will not dream of the impossible.
The figures lied
And we were fooled,
But only for a few short days.
Here's to nineteen thirteen—
And life.



THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING.
I am fading from you,
But one draweth near.
Called the angel-guardian
Of the coming year.
I brought good desires,
Though as yet but seeds;
Let the New Year make them
Blossom with deeds.
I brought joy to brighten
Many happy days;
Let the New Year Angel
Turn it into praise.
—Adelaide A. Procter.

Yet True.
"I gave my young lawyer friend a paradoxical good wish when he was graduated."
"What was it?"
"I told him I hoped his brief career would be a long one."
Electrified.
"The gay spark who was ogling that pretty girl, had a fine surprise."
"What was it?"
"A policeman was near who proved to be a spark arrester."

The Reason.
"Mine is a sunny lot," he moaned. He moaned about it because his lot was so sunny he couldn't sell it.

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Mr. Doherty's Solution

Perhaps the greatest obstacle which confronts the farmer is the marketing to proper advantage of his crops. Every year millions of dollars are lost to the men who till the soil because of the lack of system in marketing produce and fruits. There are times each season when fruits and vegetables are rotting in the fields, which could be sold were there some central agency which kept in touch with all the distributing centers. In East Texas Elberta peaches have been left to rot when the same kind of peaches were selling at \$1 a crate in the Corpus Christi section. Both producer and consumer were losers by this condition. Now comes Mr. William Doherty, assistant to the president of the Frisco, with a suggestion that the Federal government take up the problem and aid the producers to find a market for their products. The government can establish bureaus and can keep posted on the markets, being able to tell just which ones are over-supplied and which are in need of certain commodities. The packing houses do this to a certain extent, but packers are not interested in protecting the producers, so they give out no information. Mr. Doherty's plan should suggest itself to the Secretary of Agriculture and to the members of Congress.—State Topics.

Fit His Case Exactly

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablet's in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefitted by them." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Frank Leaverton returned Saturday night from Waco, where he had been to take the examination in the secret work of masonry. Frank got his "sheep skin" for proficiency, only making two errors in the entire three degrees.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

The school dismissed last Friday afternoon until after the holidays. The teachers are in Lovelady this week attending the institute.

For coughs and colds use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

County Attorney Dent and Attorney Joe Ed Winfree of Crockett were here Saturday attending court.

When children cough a great deal it is time to take notice or something serious will develop. A few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup may ward off a spell of sickness. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bynum of Palestine visited relatives near Grapeland Sunday.

The Texas Mule

Uncle Sam may miss it in selecting men for office now and then, but he knows a good mule when he sees it. He has recently purchased 1500 mules in Collin County and most of them will be shipped to Panama to work on the canal. The Texas mule is furnishing animal power for digging the big ditch and the nation does not possess a more able or patriotic asset than the Texas mule. He is the Commercial King of beasts and his flesh and blood are woven into the industrial fiber of the nation.

The Federal census reports show that we have 696,000 head of mules valued at \$75,168,000, an increase of 254,000 in number and \$53,573,000 in value during the past decade.

From Denson Springs

Dear Editor: It looks as if we were going to have some fair weather.

Wonder what has become of Albert Tyer? Haven't heard anything from him in a long while.

We learn that Cleveland Howard is moving back home.

There is going to be a Christmas tree at Denson Springs. Everybody come and enjoy it.

OLD BOB-O-LINK.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys; liver, stomach and bowels. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

D. N. Leaverton went to Dallas Saturday night, returning Monday morning.

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that our house is packed full every day. Its the best sale of the season. We've got Christmas goods all over the house. Come and get 'em. We are tired of looking at 'em.

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LOCAL NEWS

Get your boy that saddle or gun. It's at Darsey's. Adv.

Window glass—all sizes at Porter's Drug Store Adv.

Dinner sets, table cutlery and enamel sets at Darsey's. Adv.

Go to Darsey's for Christmas suggestions. Adv.

Clewis will clean and press your clothes better. Adv.

Don't forget the big sale at Darsey's—all this week. Adv.

Ladies, have your coat suits cleaned and pressed. Adv. CLEWIS.

If you want to save money attend Kennedy Bros. Annual Clearance Sale. Adv.

See us for cypress shingles. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. (Advertisement.)

For FLOUR in both PRICE and QUALITY see (Adv) J. J. BROOKS.

When you need paint or wall paper figure with T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. Adv.

Buster Brown shoes make the best gifts for boys and girls—Darsey sells them. Adv.

We are headquarters for low prices on first-class merchandise. Adv. KENNEDY BROS.

Nice, fresh ribbon cane syrup at 50c per gallon. (Adv) J. J. BROOKS.

You can get Christmas gifts at sale prices at Darsey's all this week. Adv.

10 per cent saved on holiday goods bought up to Saturday night, Dec. 21st., at Porter's Drug Store. Adv.

We still have a few SWEATERS and some heavy winter goods to CLOSE OUT CHEAP. (Adv) J. J. BROOKS.

Don't fail to attend Kennedy Bros. Annual Clearance Sale—the biggest sale in East Texas. (Advertisement.)

Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas. Will pay \$20.00 per ton. Adv. J. W. HOWARD.

Plenty of cypress shingles—a full car.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. (Advertisement.)

Charlie Fitchett has returned home from different points in the state in the interest of his real estate business.

Butter nuts, walnuts, pecans, fruit, candy, raisins, currants, spices, citron, coconuts, shredded coconut, cloves and flavoring extracts at Darsey's. Adv.

Bronze Turkeys For Sale

Best strain of Mickle turkeys for breeding purposes. Toms \$3.00; Hens \$1.50. See or write, Adv. E. H. DARSEY.

Our Annual Clearance Sale

will last only a few days longer. Better see us and save money. Adv. KENNEDY BROS.

Peas Threshed

I am equipped with gasoline engine, ready to thresh your peas. Charges one tenth. See or write. J. D. KEEN, Adv. Route, 1.

Kennedy Bros.' Annual Clearance sale will go on until Saturday, Dec. 21. Better take advantage of it while prices are low. (Advertisement.)

Get it at Darsey's sale! Adv

New bargains every day at Darsey's big sale. Adv

A large stock of silk and knit scarfs at Darsey's. Adv.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals.

Get your fire crackers from Darsey's stand. Adv.

For your Christmas fruit cake see Glenn Bros. (Adv)

Sale prices at Darsey's all this week. Adv

Express wagons—all sizes—all prices—at Darsey's. Adv.

Big shipment of Hess' Stock and Poultry foods just arrived. Adv. PORTER'S DRUG STORE.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Will Brinkley.

The Messenger and Galveston Semi-Weekly News one year each for \$1.75. Let us have your subscription.

DON'T FORGET that J. J. BROOKS is the place to get your pure ribbon cane syrup. (Advertisement)

How many oysters you want for Christmas? We are now taking orders. See us at once. (Adv) Glenn Bros.

W. R. Campbell and Frank Garrett attended a county meeting of the Farmers Union at Crockett last Saturday.

Z. W. Weisinger of the Antrim community was in town Monday and paid the Messenger office an appreciated visit.

Our Annual Clearance Sale

is saving your neighbors money. Why not let us save you money? Adv. KENNEDY BROS.

Wrecked!

Kennedy Bros. Annual Clearance Sale has wrecked high prices. Buy from us and save money. Adv.

Ties, tie and hose sets, tie, hose, pin and button sets, suspender and supporter sets in holiday boxes; make the nicest gift for "him." See DARSEY'S line. Adv

Doors and windows, columns, brackets, moulding—everything in the building line.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. (Advertisement.)

Farm Hand Wanted

From January until July. Will pay good wages for good hand, see or write, W. H. BURDEN, Adv. Route 2

A wreck occurred Tuesday evening near Riverside, thirteen cars of a freight train going in the ditch. North bound traffic was delayed several hours.

Our big 24th. Anniversary Sale is still going on for your benefit. Take advantage of the pretty weather and get your winter supply of goods from our big stock. Geo. E. Darsey. Adv

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

I am not selling 20 pounds of sugar for a dollar, 50 pounds of lard for \$4.15, neither am I trying to unload a lot of junk at a big profit, but I am still doing business at the same old stand in the same old way—a small profit on everything I sell. I am living up to my motto, "Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Golden Rule Applied to Business." W. R. HERRY. (Advertisement)

CHRISTMAS



LISTEN!

We still have a nice line of those SUPERB CLOTHES left. You can't afford to miss these bargains. If your pocket book is small we can show you suits to fit. Christmas only comes once a year, so come in and buy yourself a suit while the prices are right.

Although the fire burned some of our fire-works, we still have a nice large line left. Come in and figure with us on fire-works.

Walk-Over Shoes

Are the best and we have a complete line for men in the very latest styles. Lady Jefferson "Built Like a Bridge" shoes for Ladies in the most popular shapes and styles. ❧ ❧

We carry a big stock of the very best flour to be found any where. Note the special price we are making on it:

High Patent Flour - - - \$1.25
Extra High patent Flour \$1.40

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"Quality is the Thing."



Will Soon be Here and if Your Shopping is Not Done You'll have to Hurry



GOODS ARE NOW ON DISPLAY

THE WEATHER may be disagreeable just before Christmas, and as a special inducement to you to SHOP EARLY we will give

10 per cent Discount on Every Purchase of Holiday Goods You Make of us from this Date until Saturday Night, December 21st.

OUR LINE is as nice a one as you have ever seen in Grapeland, and WE KNOW WE CAN PLEASE YOU. Avoid the rush of the last three days—

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I am also in the produce business, and at all times will pay the top price IN CASH for Chickens. When you have chickens to sell, be sure to see me.

I operate the Peanut Roaster at the Palace of Sweets, and keep them crisp, fresh and hot. Enjoy a bag of them for 5c, and get some for kids' Christmas stocking.

Frank M. Tyer

You will find me at Caskey's Barber Shop.

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March 9, 1912	15000.00	1360.69	30513.41
Sept. 9, 1912	15000.00	1261.99	23987.38
Oct. 9, 1912	15000.00	1302.63	41825.34
Nov. 9, 1912	15000.00	1594.87	48725.20
Nov. 30, 1912	15000.00	1775.06	54452.18

Our New Year's Greeting

To one and all is, that the coming year may be the best one of all the years of your life.

If you have been one of our customers in the past we hope our relations have been pleasant and profitable, and take this means of thanking you for your patronage. If we have not had the pleasure of your patronage we ask that you give us a trial. WE NEED YOU AND YOU NEED US.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE.

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