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SAYS GRAPELAND HAS GROWN

February 26.—One day last week I walked across our little town for the first time in eight years, and what a change!

To one who has been in the west, so far from the old school and Sunday School town, it would have looked good just as it used to be. But all these modern dwellings, brick stores, remodeled homes, and such a fine school building. It certainly did make me feel proud of our old town.

The nice new depot goes to prove that the money power is not afraid to venture on our prospects.

If we just had a water works system! Grapeland could be equipped for the work with so little expense compared with other towns, and the health of our people and horses, too, would be better by having the streets sprinkled through the dusty seasons.

Of course, one should not brag, but I believe our town can boast of more high school graduates, who have made excellent teachers, than any other town of its size. Both our boys and girls are well scattered over the state, holding positions of merit, which goes to prove that we are an ambitious people.

But these new roads; what a commodity! They are regular West Texas roads, only they have failed to put a lot of various sized rocks with the clay and gravel. The rocks are fine to try your temper, and wagons, too; also, extra fine for your blacksmith.

To me, the Grapeland country is fine. Flowers, fruits and vegetable of various kinds, good water and plenty of wood. What more could man expect? No peon system, or chattering Mexicans, crowding the laboring man back. Good will among the masses, with progress, the main point. A. H.

Madero Assassinated.

Poor, old scout! He never enjoyed the privilege of having his clothes cleaned and pressed by Clewis. adv

Groceries, fresh, and prices right, at Howard's. adv

Get the News while it is news. Let Mary Lou Darsey send in your address to the Galveston News today. adv

NEWS ITEMS FROM PERCILLA

Feb. 23.—With a good season in the ground farm work will be pushed for the next few days. Gardening and potato planting has been the order of the day for the past few days, also some oats being sowed. We understand that Mr. Mills Adams planted some corn the past week.

Some of our people went to Augusta Friday night to see the play presented by the Grapeland Dramatic Club. We speak very complimentary of it. We would like to have gone but we didn't have the price, and another reason, the girls ordered us to hitch a pair mules to the auto and hike for New Hope where Miss Lillie Denson had invited her friends to her home to take part in an apron and tie party. There we met several of our old neighbors and friends. Will not tell you any more about the party, for me thinks me sees "Sleepy Tom" blinking at us.

Our school is progressing nicely. Every other Friday evening after recess is devoted to recitations and speech-making. Some of the patrons come in and all have a nice time. It sure encourages the teachers and pupils for the patrons to visit the school.

Mr. Will Langham of Elkhart is visiting Joe Langham this week.

Mrs. Pope's parents of New Mexico spent a few days with her the past week, going from here to Liberty Hill to see her other daughter, Mrs. Sam Shivers.

Mrs. Butts, formerly of Augusta, but now of Teague stopped over night with her grandson, Frank Newman, going to her daughter's, Mrs. Newman of Augusta.

Old Gray said something about the devil being in the Legislature. We think if he is there he's not confined altogether to the pro element. Now Gray this is not to get up anything with you, but listen when a man has been elected by the people to represent them and then acknowledges that he gambled for money and then positively refuses to divulge the names of those he gambled with, we think an investigation should be had and the guilty ones punished to the full extent of the law. We don't think the investigation should be made behind closed doors either. Let them be branded so the people can do their own investigating, and pass on them at the ballot box and stop this waste of time and the people's money. Its getting common in our Legisla-

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tive halls, both State and National.

And still the greasers kill the Americans along the border and Uncle Sam hasn't done very much towards checking them. We noticed Gov. Colquitt says something has to be done, so we are looking for business to pick up soon. JAMES R.

Starling Boykin has severed his connection as manager of the dry goods department for George E. Darsey after a service covering a period of over twenty-two years, and it is needless to say that he will be greatly missed by the many patrons of this store. Mr. Boykin has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a shoe house in Kansas City, and left for that place Sunday night to take up his new duties. We will greatly miss him here at home, but wish for him unbounded success in his new position.

The Grapeland Dramatic Club will go to Lovelady today (Thursday, and present their play, "Broken Links." The young people have made "a hit" with the public and we have every reason to believe they will make good at Lovelady.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bean.



"I do not think much of a man who is not wiser to-day than he was yesterday."
—Abe Lincoln.

MY MOTTO: "QUICK SALES, SMALL PROFITS AND THE GOLDEN RULE APPLIED TO BUSINESS."

You will be wiser

Tomorrow, if in the mean time, you will visit our store and take advantage of our prices.

W. R. Wherry

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

By JNO. R. OWENS

We've about "deviled" out. Can't some of our friends send us some tips to pull off in this column?

Its easy to call a man a liar without him taking offense, provided you go about it in the right way—a joking way.

There is no doubt but what Turkey is on the "trot," as she is begging England for assistance. We suppose all of 'em are "doin' it."

Grapeland has a hog law, but not much law on hogs. They are permitted to roam the streets at will, seeking what they may devour.

The "little village" of Houston seems to be offended at being classed as a sub-port to Galveston. Looks to us like she should feel highly honored to be classed as a sub-port to a city like Galveston.

In the near future the Dramatic Club proposes to present "The Cheerful Liar," a shrieking comedy. The boss is slated for the chief character in the play—"the liar" and the title fits him exactly.

Scientists say man's first appearance may have been three million years ago. This may be true, but what's worrying us is how long will it be before his last appearance when women get the ballot?

The rebels in Mexico have solved that perplexing question, "What to do with ex-presidents," but we'll bet if our Teddy was over there he could show them pretty quick what an ex-president could do with them.

We understand the ladies of Grapeland have orgnized a "Mother's' Club." Now, we don't know just what kind of a club they are going to use, but for practical results we recommend the old fashion peach tree switch.

Say, if some of the subscribers of the Messenger don't come in and help the "devil" rescue the "boss" from the clutches of the theatrical world, he's a goner. He has got a taste, and it seems to be a "sweet one." The best way we can suggest is, that you keep him busy pushing your figures up, by sending him a few hundred "one dollar bills." Anything to get his mind off the stage.

A number of young men in Ft. Worth have organized a club known as the "Knight Gallant Club." This was done in order that more men might be influenced to extend courtesies to the fairer sex on street cars and various other places thru-out the city. Their invariable rule on the street cars is "here's a seat lady." Its the right kind of a club and it is to be hoped that other towns will follow this example. However, we don't believe a club of this kind would be successful in London, where militant suffragists reign.

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

School Discipline.

This day and time people do not believe in having discipline in school like they used to have in the days of long ago. The old time teacher controlled his school by letting every pupil present know that he or she had to obey a certain set of rules which were usually written on a piece of paper and read in the presence of the entire school, at least once a week, and, sometimes several times.

The pupil that disobeyed these rules was whipped without being questioned about the why or wherefore of the matter. And, if the pupil so whipped, went home, and the parents found it out, the chances were that another whipping was on the program, if investigation showed that the teacher had done the right thing. The boys and girls who were thus, disciplined were our fathers and mothers, dear reader, and if the children of this day and time are any better than the old time pupils, in the way of morals and lamb-like tendencies, we have failed to observe it.

That trouble down at College Station is caused by a lot of young fellows, many of whom ought to be out plowing in a rooty, new ground. They have no business in an institution which they deliberately set in to tear down, and that simply because they cannot violate and over-ride the rules thereof. We say, close the school down, if the faculty has not the moral support of the people of Texas. Close the doors, and call the business a joke, just because hazing is not permitted by the rules of the school. How long will it be till it will be impossible to run a school in Texas, if there is to be no discipline?—Palestine Record.

Old Age

Old age as it comes in the orderly process of nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom, counsel. That is old age as it should be, but old age as it often is means poor digestion, torpid bowels, a sluggish liver and a general feeling of ill health, despondency and misery. This in almost every instance is wholly unnecessary. One of Chamberlain's Tablets taken immediately after supper will improve the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels. That feeling of despondency will give way to one of good cheer. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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Weches' Local Institute.

The Local Institute, of Weches, met Friday night, February 14, 1913, with a good attendance. Mr. J. W. Clanton acted as chairman and Miss Flonnie Snell as secretary. "Compulsory Attendance," "Transportation" and "Consolidation" were the subjects discussed in a "round table" manner.

Mr. Mangum made an interesting address on "School as a Factor in the Community."

Adjourned at ten o'clock p. m. till Saturday morning.

The institute convened at ten o'clock Saturday morning. A number of good wives remained at home, we noticed, to prepare a feast for the visitors.

Mr. Clanton welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Rosser responded graciously.

Miss Hewitt, by her talk on the "Programme in a One Teacher School," showed us that she knew by experience what it is to be one of these teachers. Quite a hearty discussion was entered into by Messers. Snell and Rosser on this subject. These two leaders also led the discussions on "How to Maintain Good Fellowship between Teacher and Pupil." The patrons also took part in this discussion.

Adjourned at twelve o'clock for noon. Every one enjoyed a fine dinner. The people of Weches are famous for their hospitality.

Mr. Bradley discussed "Value of Education."

Since the appointed leader was absent, Mr. Long kindly led the discussion on the "Value of a Library in a School."

Before adjourning for the night session, Augusta was selected as the place for the next local institute to meet.

The institute convened at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Mr. Clanton discussed the subject, "What the State and Nation are Doing to Promote Education." Some valuable data was read.

Mr. Snell rendered an excellent talk on "The Pleasures of Doing Good."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The purpose of a local institute is to disseminate an enthusiasm for schools and education in general among country people, and,

Whereas, This institute, held at Weches, has fully conformed in its results to that effect, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this meeting of the Teachers' Institute was in accord with the great educational movement throughout the land; and that we, as teachers, pledge ourselves to exert our energies to the perpetuation of these meetings and their work. Be it further

Resolved, That we, as teachers, and visitors, in this teachers' meeting, extend to the good people of Weches our sincerest thanks for their generous hospitality to us during our stay in their midst. Finally, be it

Resolved, That education is the great propelling force of civilization, and that we, as teachers, trustees and patrons, pledge our best efforts to its advancement.

MISS ITASKA NEWTON,
J. N. SNELL,
J. H. ROSSER,

Committee.

After adjournment Saturday night, every one was invited to a good, old-fashioned candy pulling, at Mr. John Lovelady's, where no one could fail to enjoy himself.

Quite a crowd of patrons and pupils, also the teachers of Belott were in attendance at this institute.

We are glad to see so many young people, who are not teachers, attend these meetings.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1913

The Grapeland country will never be what it should be until we have a system of good roads.

We would like to see "Teddy" in charge of Mexico. He could waive his "big stick" and straighten out things in about thirty minutes.

Those "greasers" down in Mexico, and the "unspeakable Turks" ought to be yoked together with a rock around their necks and pitched into the ocean.

Closed eyes cannot see the rose, cold hands cannot feel the impulse of a broken heart. Do not wait until death. Send the things today that will help somebody up the hill.—Ex.

G. W. Strong, a Nacogoches county farmer, killed a "porker" last week weighing 406 pounds. The hog measured six feet and seven inches in length and looked as large as a yearling calf, and yet the grower claims it could have been grown larger.

The state house has been thoroughly cleansed and fumigated since the appearance of meningitis among some of the members. The dispatches do not state, however, whether or not the "poker rooms" have been abolished.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson is reported to have retired Monday night of last week thoroughly worn out, after a hard days work. He had a long conference with New Jersey legislators, and they made him tired.—Galveston News.

Nothing strange about that. A day's conference with members of any legislature is calculated to produce a tired feeling, don't you think?

We had an opportunity last Friday to travel over the road between this city and Augusta, and all we have to say, is that such roads are a disgrace to civilization. From the appearance, it seems that every drop of water that falls goes right to the road, and there it stays to be worked up in mud by passing wagons. We should evolve some kind of plan to put our roads in good condition.

Another indication of spring dawning early is, that Easter Sunday is "billed" on the calendar to arrive on the 23d day of March. It is the first time since 1855 that Easter has come so early in the year, and scientific men say that it won't appear so early again for another century. As to the early spring, we can't verify the story, but trust this old indication will prove true.

The Messenger is in receipt of a letter from N. J. Tims, of Buffalo Gap, enclosing \$2.00 to pay his subscription and that of his brother. Mr. Tims says everything in the "Gap" is flourishing, but they need some of the rain we have been receiving in East Texas. We can't send the rain to them, but can advise them to come back to a country where it rains, and crop failures are unknown.

The killing of Medero last Sunday night, the deposed president of Mexico, will doubtless complicate matters in the turbulent republic, but yet there is no occasion for the United States to intervene. The mobilization of troops along the Mexican border is merely a precautionary measure. So long as those "grasers" fight among themselves, let them have it out.

Sam Lively's legal home has at last been located. During the recent session of the commissioners' court, the following order was passed, and is on the minute book of the court:

"S. H. Lively, a legal commissioner.—The attention of the court having been called to the rumor afloat in the county, or charge made, that Commissioner S. H. Lively is not a legal resident of Precinct No. 1, of Houston county, Texas, the court has made an investigation of the matter, and finds that S. H. Lively is a legal resident of his precinct, and that this court has no authority to remove or impeach him."

Madero, the deposed president of Mexico, and Suarez, the deposed vice-president, were shot and killed last Sunday night, while being transferred to the penitentiary in Mexico City. Poor Madero! He had no chance to make good. We believe if he could have gained the opportunity, he would have restored peace in the stricken republic. Quite a contrast in the characters of Felix Diaz, who is now in power, and Madero, who could have executed him while he was a prisoner. It only shows the treacherous character of Mexicans. It goes to show that no confidence can be placed in them.

Whether the Pujo committee, which investigated the "Money Trust," will get a report before congress is a matter of doubt in the minds of some Washington correspondents. It does not so much matter whether a report is submitted, because the whole country has followed the investigation, and every man knows that there is a dangerous concentration of money and credit power in New York. Students of the question realize that this condition is due to our antiquated banking system, which permits the depositing of country bank reserves with the big banks, and makes Stock Exchange securities the only liquid basis of credit. The way to put an end to the danger is by reforming the system which is at fault for it.

Darsey buys peas. adv

Bring us your chickens and eggs. Kennedy Bros. adv

Standard patterns, at Darsey's store. adv

Cane seed at Kennedy Brothers'. adv

Boys, if you have to go to Mexico, to the war, remember you can send your clothes back and have them cleaned and pressed by Clewis. adv

LETTER FROM AN ANTRIMITE

February 24.—As almost everything else but our present system of education has been touched upon in the Messenger by one or the other of the writers, I will give a few facts along this line for the benefit of those who would like to see a better system and more means by which it might be accomplished. I do not wish to criticize our present system, as it was good for the time it was instituted, and for many years afterward, but as time rolls on and our surroundings and other customs change, we must also change our system and method of education, or we will fail to promote the means by which our great American standard is measured, and on which the future generation depends.

There can be very little lasting good accomplished by wrangling and by civil (?) wars, such as we are having right close by, and much harm and sacrifice of human life will result therefrom.

What is the trouble with Mexico today? The writer has lived among her people and does not hesitate to say that it is a lack of education and predominance of the Roman Catholic church; but we are not going to discuss the influence of that church over the Mexican people, but rather our own educational affairs.

How many taxpayers know how much money is spent annually for the education of the children of Texas?

Statistics recently compiled show that Texas with her almost boundless borders, her great ranches with which no other state or country can compete, and with all the wealth she produces, she only pays seven dollars per annum per child of school age.

New Mexico, which is noted for its great stretches of waste country, and which has as large, if not larger, Mexican population than we have negroes, pays eight dollar per annum per child of school age.

Arizona, the youngest state in the Union, spends twenty-one dollars per child of school age.

Now, does this speak well for Texas? And what is the trouble, and how are we going to remedy it? The answer is by direct taxation of each county by the people themselves. In our judgment, no tax that the people could pay would give us greater returns than a tax for better education. At present very few country schools pay enough money to induce a teacher of merit, or much experience, to take charge and put her or his time to the work. Think, how fast the men teachers are disappearing. This is because there is not a living in the vocation, and other callings of life are more remunerative. Thus, it is almost entirely left in the hands of the young women, and most of them inexperienced, to guide the educational destiny of our future generation. We would like to hear from the editor and any of the readers along this subject, but we will not use any more space along this line now.

Ed. Gray left his happy home Friday for parts unknown to the writer, and we guess he is cornering the "doe" and showing the people some moving pictures. He was accompanied by Glover Long.

People are beginning to turn "Old Mother Earth" upside down, and before long we will be

right in the fight with General Green, but such is life with a "hayseed."

Rev. W. D. Anders preached last Saturday and Sunday night, on the "Second Birth," and he handled his subject like an artist. Christianity will have made great strides in this old world when the major part of the ministers get to where they are not afraid to preach the truth and will make it plain as Anders does.

J. F. Durnell was in Crockett last week in the interest of his health.

Little Eunice Waddell is quite sick at this writing, and we hope she will be better soon.

Hurrah! for the editor's "ground hog," as he beats no hog at all. ANTRIMITE.

Soldiers Pass Through.

Five trains loaded with soldiers passed through Grapeland Tuesday, last, on their way to Galveston, where they will go into camp, ready on a moment's notice to intervene in Mexico, if President Taft sees fit to do so.

League Program.

For Sunday, March 2, 1913:
Subject, "Fear." I. John II., 17-18.

Leader—Mr. Bynum.
Opening Song—"Stand up for Jesus."

Recitation—Miss Ima Davis.
Duet—Miss Mada Murchison and Mr. Marvin Gilbert.

Reading—Miss Smallwood.
Soul Strength Tested by Living—Discussed by Miss Browning and Murdoch Darsey.

Closing Song.
League Benediction.

Christian Endeavor Program.

For Sunday, March 2, 1913:
Opening Song No. 13.
Lord's Prayer in concert.

Reading of the lesson found in Matthew 5-13-16.

Subject—"The Ideal Christian"
Quartet—By Misses Edna Driskill, Mada Murchison and Messrs. Hamilton Morris and Marvin Gilbert.

Discussion of Lesson—By different ones. It being a consecration meeting, no questions will be asked.

Reading—By Miss Lura Mae Owens.

Song by Children—No. 73.
Closing Remarks, on "What more can we do to beautify our lives"—By Carnie Murchison.

Closing Song—No. 49.

Eat with the ladies Friday night. adv

Buy yourself a garden plow. adv Kennedy Bros'.

Money Lost!
If you don't buy your plows from A. B. Guice. adv

Come, let us show you thru our stock of furniture. adv Kennedy Bros.

See our big line of men's and boys' spring suits, at Darsey's store. adv

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ellis of Crockett visited relatives in this city Saturday and Sunday.

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We have it in all colors and stripes.

In addition we have the following.

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RATINE—the latest in dress goods. Traylor Bros. adv

Wire, nails and staples, at Darsey's. adv

We keep the price down, at Traylor Bros. adv

Darsey's service gives satisfaction. adv

For pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, call at Howard's. adv

Fresh groceries and cakes, at Darsey's. adv

Ratine, the latest dress fabric, at Traylor Bros. adv

Doors and windows, at Darsey's. adv

It will soon be corn planting time. Buy your seed corn from Kennedy Bros.

Leggett and Platt springs are guaranteed for a life time. Darsey sells them. adv

Mrs. John Welch Yarbrough, of Houston, is here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yarbrough.

Before buying your spring suit, see Darsey's line of STYLE PLUS CLOTHES, \$17.00.

Come and let us fit you up with a Davy Crockett Riding Planter. Kennedy Bros. adv

For Garden Seed, Early Corn, Cane Seed, etc., call at Howard's store. adv

See A. B. Guice for your plows, harrows and buggies and save money. adv

Nice line of ladies' ready made skirts for spring, at Darsey's store. adv

Prettiest line low quarters shown in Grapeland, at Traylor Bros. adv

Don't fail to see the best line of low cut shoes in Grapeland, at Darsey's. adv

Easter comes early this year—March 23. By ordering your suit now, you can get it in time. A varied line of yard-length samples to select from. Do it now, boys, at Clewis'. adv

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Save money on your Grocery bill, at Traylor Bros. adv

Brick and lime, at Darsey's. adv

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Flour, lard, bacon and sugar, at Darsey's. adv

See our Shoes. Can save you money, at S. E. Howard's. adv

Darsey sells paint. adv

New goods arriving daily, at Darsey's. adv

Murdoch Darsey paid Elkhart a business visit Tuesday.

Darsey pays most for eggs. adv

J. R. Howard is up from Houston on a visit to his son.

Alfalfa and Bermuda hay, at Darsey's. adv

A select line of ladies' dress goods, just arrived, at Darsey's store. adv

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lacy and children, of Crockett, were here Sunday.

You will find a complete line men's work and dress shirts, at Darsey's. adv

Paul Kennedy, Ed. Smith and L. A. Robbins went to Crockett on business Monday.

Doors and windows, wall paper, paints and all kinds of mouldings at T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. Adv.

Call for Ratine and you will see the latest in dress fabric at Traylor Bros. Adv.

Don't forget the oyster supper Friday night, by the W. H. M. Society, at Murdock's restaurant. adv

Take advantage of The Messenger's extraordinary club offer. See the ad elsewhere in this issue.

See our spring line of men's, young men's and boys' suits. Adv Traylor Bros.

An up-to-date line of wall paper. The latest patterns, prices right. T. H. Leaverton Adv Lumber Co.

If you need a buggy come and see mine. I have all the latest styles and can please you. adv A. B. Guice.

We now have the prettiest line of dress goods we have ever shown. Adv. TRAYLOR BROS.

J. T. McKnight, of Route 3, paid us a pleasant call Saturday, and had us send the Messenger for a year to Dennis Hodge, at Cooledge, Texas.

At the regular meeting of the W. O. W. lodge last Saturday night, Arthur Owens and Jesse Eaves were elected as delegates to the State W. O. W. convention, to be held in Dallas March 11-14, 1913.

Oyster Supper Friday Night
The W. H. M. Society of the Methodist church will give an oyster supper Friday night, February 28th, at Murdock's restaurant, on second street. An invitation is extended the general public to attend this supper. Chocolate and cake will also be served. Your patronage will be appreciated. adv

Salt brick, at Darsey's.

Plow goods, at Darsey's. adv

Furniture, springs and mattresses, at Darsey's. adv

Bob Scarborough went to Palestine Saturday night.

You can get what you want, at Darsey's. adv

Rev. J. F. Cagle attended the Christian church convention held at Palestine this week.

I have just unloaded the largest car of buggies that ever came to Grapeland. See them—at A. B. Guice's shop. adv

Seth Brimberry of Lufkin visited relatives in Grapeland a few days this week.

Buy you a "Texas Maid" cultivator to work your new ground with. We have a few more. adv Kennedy Brothers'.

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Mrs. S. T. Anthony left Sunday morning for Houston, to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Lynch, and son, Howard.

Mrs. Dewitt Coker and children, of Athens, are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Royall.

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.

At the Christian church, next Sunday: Morning subject, "Mistakes of Adam or the Fall and Rise of Man." Evening subject: "Seven things that save us." J. F. Cagle, Pastor.

Notice
Grover, our fine Jack, will make the season at C. W. Butler's, three miles northeast of Augusta. Service fee \$10 insured. Adv BUTLER BROS., Owners.

NOTICE.
I have a full-blooded Jersey bull at my place, in South Grapeland. Service fee, \$2.50. adv HUGH RICHARDS.

NOTICE!
Dr. C. L. Moore, dentist, is in Grapeland, ready to do dental work. Office at hotel. Teeth extracted without pain. adv

I am agent for Victor Ladies Tailoring Co., of Chicago. All work guaranteed. If you need anything in new spring coats, coat suits, dresses and waists, I would be glad to show you my samples. (adv) Mrs. W. A. Craven.

W. R. Wherry will, within the next two or three weeks, let the contract for a brick building on his present site, between A. S. Porter and the Guaranty State Bank. He is now asking for bids, and we will have more to say about this when the contract is awarded.

Dr. L. Meriweather, of Crockett, was called here Saturday to see Mrs. George Bragger, who lives north of town. For several days this lady has been critically ill, but we are glad to state she is now improving.

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"BROKEN LINKS" AT AUGUSTA

Last Friday night the Grapeland Dramatic Club presented the high class, five act drama, "Broken Links" at the Augusta school auditorium, to a large and appreciative audience.

From the time the curtain first rose until the close of the last act the audience was thrilled with pleasure, and by their many outbursts of laughter, caused by the comedy features of the play, it could easily be seen that they were more than pleased with the evening's entertainment.

All the characters acted their parts to perfection, and showed that they were free from timidity among strangers.

"Pomp," the gentleman of color, kept the audience in an uproar of laughter throughout the performance with his funny jokes and comical actions "under the cork."

The sum of forty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents was taken in, of which the Augusta school received a per cent.

A large crowd from Grapeland attended the play, notwithstanding the fact that they witnessed the same performance the week before in Grapeland.

The members of the Dramatic Club were royally treated by the people of Augusta, and declare that the hospitality of these people cannot be surpassed. They also heartily thank them for the liberal patronage extended them, thereby helping a good cause, as the proceeds of the play will go toward buying seats for the auditorium of the new High School building.

The Club will present other plays in the near future and hope to be again favored with a liberal patronage from the people of Augusta and surrounding country.

A Pleasant Reception

Myself and family arrived in Grapeland Friday on the noon train. A number of friends met us at the depot and we were taken to the home of brother and sister W. H. Lively, where a nice dinner had been specially prepared for us. Later in the afternoon we drove to our home, where a few hours were spent in quiet rest, but before the sun had gone over the western hills two well-meaning ladies stopped in front of our gate in a one-horse wagon loaded with groceries. A mischievous youngster of the larger teens occupied a place on the rear end of the vehicle. The ladies were invited in, and sister Cagle and I entertained them the very best we could under the circumstances. However, it was discovered before the ladies had hardly disappeared that the youngster who had accompanied them had effected an entrance into the dining room and left twenty-five or thirty dollars worth of groceries, including a Swift's premium ham and a large cake. The selections seem to indicate "kitchen familiarity" and we allow the suspicion to rest upon the good ladies of our town.

Before leaving Beeville we received many presents, including a purse of twenty dollars, presented by Mrs. J. D. Stout, which had been contributed by friends.

For such people we thank the Lord. J. F. CAGLE,
Pastor Christian Church.

Jehu Goolsby of Crockett spent Sunday here.

TEXAS NEEDS GOOD ROADS

The building of good roads in Texas, and the campaign for improved highways in all sections of the state, have caused every community to give this important subject consideration, with the result that many counties have voted as much as millions for good roads, while others are either contemplating a good roads bond election, or already have had a date set for same.

The subject of good roads in Texas is of so much moment, that the Texas welfare commission last year, in its report, recommended that a state highway department be created to aid and encourage the building of good roads and, to see that the vast sums being raised for this purpose are wisely spent.

Hon. H. B. Terrill, of West, representing the senatorial district No. 8, in the Thirty-third legislature, has prepared a bill which was introduced in the senate to create a highway commission, with authority to employ a skilled highway engineer and, no doubt, legislation along this line will be enacted.

The federal government is encouraging the building of better roads in Texas, and recently appropriated \$10,000 to assist in improving a stretch of Texas highway fifty miles long. This amount will be increased \$20,000 by Tarrant, Palo-Pinto and Parker counties, and the total expended upon a highway connecting Fort Worth with Mineral Wells.

The federal department of highways is assisting the various counties of Texas in improving their roads, by sending good roads experts to the state to analyze soil, examine grades and investigate drainage systems of the various stretches of roadway in the state. These experts have also been of benefit in building stretches of demonstration good roads, which have done much in educating the farmer to the value of improved highways.

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DEATH OF A GOOD CITIZEN

Mr. Homer Gee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gee, died last Saturday morning, at eight o'clock, at his home, ten miles west of Grapeland, after a long illness of pneumonia.

Deceased was a married man, about thirty years of age, and a good citizen, a devoted father and husband. He was liked by all who knew him. He was a member of the Baptist church. His earthly absence is mourned by a father, mother, wife, several children, and brothers, besides a large circle of friends.

The remains were laid to rest in the Davis cemetery, three miles east of Grapeland.

Religious services were held at the grave, conducted by Rev. C. A. Campbell, after which the remains were turned over to the W. O. W. lodge, of Grapeland, for burial, of which order he was a member.

The Messenger extends sympathy to his heart-broken wife, fatherless children and bereaved relatives, in their hour of affliction.

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George E. Darsey, jr., who is attending school at Georgetown, spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks, school having suspended to observe George Washington's birthday.

Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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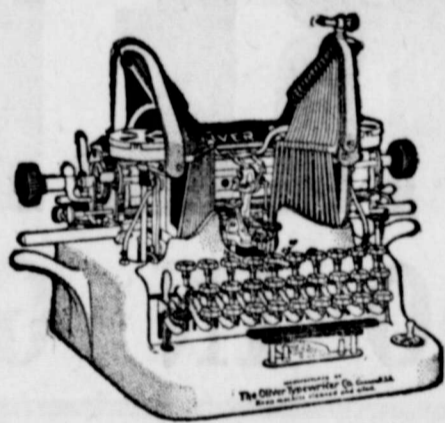
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This young man broke his land in the early winter with a two-horse plow, cutting about six inches deep; followed in the same furrow with a team pulling what is known as a "bull-tongue" that cut ten inches further into the earth, but turned up no new soil, and formed a reservoir to hold the moisture as well as to aerate the land and make more plant-food available. He used five hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer that had been recommended by a reliable house as best adapted to the successful growth of corn upon his black, sandy land, which had been in grass for a number of years and had an ample supply of humus. He used seed-corn that was popular in his neighborhood, known as the "Bloody Butcher." He states that he made as much corn on the one acre by the better methods above-mentioned as his father made on ten acres prepared and cultivated in the old-fashioned way.

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The general average of all contestants was fifty-one bushels to the acre, while the general average for the State in 1912 was but twenty-one bushels. If all of the corn growers in Texas had averaged just what these contestants averaged, at the prevailing price, the crop would have brought one hundred and sixty-odd million dollars more than it did.

In 1911 the average corn crop of Texas was 9.6 bushels to the acre. Seventeen hundred and forty-six contestants for the prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress, coming from one hundred and sixty-one counties, averaged 31 1/2 bushels of corn per acre. All of the prizes were won in seventeen counties. In 1912 there were 4,030 contestants from 205 counties. Fifty-five counties won prizes, and 16 of the 17 that won in 1911 won again in 1912. This clearly demonstrates that the work of the Congress is constructive, permanent and cumulative.

The Congress keeps in touch with all contestants, makes suggestions as to preparation of soil, conserving moisture and fertility to make plant food available, as to seed selection and the best methods of cultivation, but all of these are subject to any changes that the contestant thinks best to make; the only object being to offer suggestions that cause the farmer to investigate and with all the information at hand to determine the best methods to adopt.

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Of the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Anderson County association, to be held with New Hope Baptist church, Percilla, Houston county, Texas, beginning on Friday, before the fifth Sunday in March, 1913, at ten o'clock a. m.

Introductory Sermon—By J. T. Ferguson. Text, John 14th chapter, 6th verse.

Following subjects to be discussed:

1. "Is the Church of Christ visible or invisible?"—B. F. Wright and H. B. Gibson.

2. "What is to become of Baptists who fail to do all things commanded by the Lord?"—W. D. Defoor and J. S. McDaniels.

3. "Does God use human instrumentality in the salvation of the Lost?"—J. W. Caldwell and W. D. Anders.

4. "Why should we give to Missions?"—W. J. Freeman and U. Riffle.

5. "What is the state of the dead from death until the judgment?"—F. C. Ray and J. T. Ferguson.

6. "Does the Scripture teach that souls will be saved after death?"—W. A. Barber and Aaron Foster.

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Crockett Camp No 141, U. C. V., are all requested to meet in my office, at Crockett, Texas, on Saturday evening, at one o'clock, March 8, 1913, to attend to important business.

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DEVOE.

Kennedy Bros. sell it. Adv

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A contest of unusual interest for supremacy as a propelling power has been going on among the elements in the realm of transportation in this State during the past year.

Gas and electricity have challenged steam as a motive power. In a few instances the gas motor has displaced the steam engine on its own rails and in new construction mileage electricity has much to its credit.

The gas motor is making twelve schedules in this State on the following lines: Texas and Pacific, Texas Midland, Santa Fe, Frisco and Quanah, Acme & Pacific. Of new construction during the year, 153 miles used steam and 85 miles electricity.

Arthur Walton, who has served four years in the United States navy, arrived home last Friday and says he has enough of the navy for awhile. Arthur has developed into a fine specimen of manhood. The navy seems to have agreed with him.

Aunt Mattie Smith, an old lady seventy-three years of age, of Percilla, was suddenly summoned to the bed-side of a brother, who was reported to be dangerously sick at Gainsville, Texas, and who desired the presence of his sister before he expired. Auntie came to the Goodson hotel Saturday evening and boarded the night train to see her brother, unaccompanied.

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There is not a day in the year that a harvest is not blossoming from the soil of Texas in one or more sections of the State. When the "Frost King" has our northern States in its wintry grip we are digging potatoes in the coast country, gathering strawberries, vegetables, etc. and shipping by the carload to the northern and eastern markets, providing the nation with the luxuries of life from our winter gardens. During the hot summer months when vegetation throughout the nation is withering under the scorching rays of a burning sun, nature is weaving in the Texas cotton boll a fibre that clothes the world.

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