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Accept Our THANKS

We are unable to express our appreciation for the many ways in which you have favored us during the year 1913 that is now drawing to a close. Our year's business has been larger and more satisfactory than any we have had since we came in your midst, and we have to thank you for this increase and success in our business. It is our earnest desire to serve you faithfully, promptly and well, to give you the best merchandise for the least money, and each year help to make our business larger and a better town and a better country for us all to live in. We are making it a part of our business to accommodate the public. Here's wishing you a prosperous and happy New Year of 1914, and that we all strive to make our country better in the year that is now upon us.

Kennedy Brothers
The Store for Everybody

THE NEWS FROM PERCILLA

Dec. 28.—Christmas has come and gone since our last letter. Everything passed off very quietly as far as we know. The young folks had several parties—too many for us to undertake to write about. One thing we are very proud to note, they all had a fine time without the use of any extra stimulants. There is nothing any nicer than to see a community of young men to meet and pass off the evening with their neighbor girls, and have it said that there was no liquor fumes on their breath.

Health is very good except some bad colds.

As we had fine luck with our ad in the Messenger, here goes for another: Lost, strayed or stolen—one public road leading from Percilla to Grapeland. When last seen it was going down with a mud-hole on its back. We have seen the mud-hole since, but haven't seen the road any more. The finder will please notify us, for we sure need it.

By the way, readers, aren't you proud of our road system? Well, maybe we should not condemn the system until we have seen it. But Oh, these roads! We acknowledge we haven't seen the road system demonstrated. If you remember, the last legislature appointed a committee to investigate the penitentiary and all other state institutions. In their report, some of them made the assertion that the state convicts could have been taken a tour over the country at a less expense to the State than the way they have been handled. We believe they could be used to a better advantage on the public highways of Texas than the way they are used. Some say that it will cost the state too much money to keep convicts on the public highways. We will admit that it will take a large sum of money to keep them on the road. While its costing the state so much money to do that the people will be getting the benefit of the money in the way of good roads. Do the people of the state get the benefit of the convicts' labor? I say no, it takes all the convicts make to pay those stiff collared officials for their fine knowledge. It does not only take what they can make, but the legislature has to make appropriations in addition to what they make to keep the system up.

Mr. Charlie Bush and family of near Palestine were visiting relatives here last week.

Mr. Jasper Gee has moved back from Denton, Texas, where he has been living lately.

J. A. Shoemaker has moved to Tyler county where he intends to make his future home. We hope his move will prove a wise one.

Mrs. Elmer Sullivan has gone to Palestine to visit her mother, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan.

Mrs. Eva Sullivan visited her sister at Oakhurst last week.

There is to be a Civil Service examination at this place Saturday, January 10, for the purpose of getting a postmaster,

the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Miss Sewell, an account of which we have mentioned in a former letter.

Now, Zack as to paying you that 50c on the grounds you are one of the Lord's children we don't doubt it in the least, but the Lord has so many children you should present an order signed by the proper authority to collect it so we could receipt you, see?

We wish the Messenger staff and readers a happy and prosperous 1914. JAMES R.

LETTER FROM ANTRIMITE

Dec. 28.—After quite an absence we are here again. We have lived to see another Xmas go by, and owing to the weather being cold and rainy everything was for the most part very quiet.

Antrim had a tree for the little ones but only those who lived close by were able to attend on account of the severe weather. However, as many as came seemed to enjoy themselves very well until old Santa made his appearance and things changed up to a regular stampede among the little fellows, but we do not blame them for Santa was not very handsome to say the least. There was plenty of music furnished by H. A. Skeen's graphophone, and we hope that next Christmas will be more agreeable and a good old fashioned Xmas celebration can be had.

People are doing very little work other than get wood and sit by the fire or stay out of the rain, but there will come a time pretty soon that we will get a chance to do all the work we want to. Roads are in bad shape and as we don't possess any flying machines, I suppose we will have to stay "to home" and board at the same place.

Jim Taylor and family ate Xmas dinner with J. L. Nichols and wife.

J. F. Martin and family spent the day with Jim Williams and wife.

The writer took dinner with G. L. Waddell and we know of a certainty that he had to make a trip to town in about two days, but I don't know for what, as we never eat anything when we are visiting.

Miss Lola Dennis spent the week with her parents and returned to her school Sunday. Miss Lola is teaching us an excellent school so far, and we have confidence in her ability to continue it the same way.

R. M. Weisinger and family who have been living at Dodge for the past two years, but formerly of this place, are visiting friends and relatives here.

As ever,
Antrimite.

Rev. C. F. Trimble will preach at the Christian church next Sunday morning and night. He has been called as pastor for this church during the coming year. It will be remembered that Bro. Trimble held a meeting here in the summer and made many friends. He is a good man and a splendid preacher, and we predict a good year's work for this church under his administration.

Allow me the Pleasure of Thanking you.....

For the business entrusted to me since I have been with Kennedy Bros., and I assure you that I have enjoyed and appreciated waiting on you at all times, and will say that you will find me at the same place this coming year, ready and anxious to serve you to the best of my knowledge in the dry goods business, and assuring you that any favor of giving me a part of your business will be greatly appreciated, yours for a bigger Grapeland and a prosperous country in the year 1914,

I am,

W. E. KERR.

"Tom Thumb Wedding"

School Auditorium
Saturday, 7:30 p. m.

The Grapeland children will be drilled by a professional trainer, who comes here for that purpose, to imitate a "SOCIETY WEDDING," on the above date.

We invite you to attend, not so much because it is given for the benefit of the school, but for the reason that it is something novel and intensely interesting.

Admission: - - - Children 15c Adults 25c

Parents' and Teachers' Club

I am Grateful

At the close of the old year I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the people of Grapeland community for the many courtesies shown me the past year. I am thankful for your kind words words as well as the business given me.

If the old year has brought us sorrow and disappointment, let us forget it and look forward to the good things the new year has in store for us.

You will find me at my old stand this year ready, willing and anxious to serve you to the best of my ability.

W. R. Wherry.

W. F. Brooks has returned from Gatesville, where he visited a sister, and Lampassas, where he spent some time with his son. He reports a good time, but says he is glad to get back to Grapeland to be with his many friends.

Bob Wherry and little daughter, Miss Mae, of Oakwood, spent several days here last week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Wherry was formerly a citizen of Grapeland, being in the mercantile business with his brother, W. R. Wherry.

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

JOHN R. OWENS, EDITOR

The "Devil" has had his vacation and again greets the readers of the Messenger. We had a good Christmas, and were afforded several opportunities to eat turkey and other good things, which we did not fail to take advantage of. And owing to the fact that Christmas comes but once a year, we are afraid that we ate a "little" more than usual. So, if our paragraphs are not up to the standard this week, remember that it is difficult for the mind to work after eating so much.

If you don't want to break New Year resolutions don't make 'em.

Start the New Year with a good act, and it will be easier to follow it up with others.

Every little boost you give your town makes you a little better booster.

In bidding the old year goodbye, don't forget the blessings you received during its stay.

The first good thing we are going to look for in Grapeland this year is the incorporation of the town.

The dreams of many children were realized Dec. 24th, when Old Santa Claus filled their stockings with good things.

Woodrow Wilson celebrated his 57th birthday Sunday, Dec. 28th, and here's hoping he will live to celebrate many others.

Probably the reason some people prefer to marry late in life is because they want to skip over some of the rough places in the matrimonial road.

In making Grapeland a bigger and better town, don't forget to make it a cleaner town. The cleanliness of a town is its best advertisement.

If you are going to be a "kicker" during 1914, go out and kick the rotten planks off your fence and replace them with new ones.

The main thing in town building is headwork on the part of the citizens. Two hours of headwork may save several days of useless labor.

If a man is satisfied with his own opinion and views, what's the use to try to change him? If he's wrong it's his business and not yours.

Probably the reason some people don't start the New Year by being good, is because they believe the old saying, that "A good beginning is a bad ending."

About the most attractive sight we saw during the holidays was a crowd of negroes and white men returning from Palestine with their systems and suit cases full of "booze."

Probably the longest face you will see during the first few days of the new year will be that of the fellow who has received the statements from those whom he purchased his Christmas presents. If you shopped early you should pay up early.

A BRIDE SAYS 'I WILL' AND DIES

News has just been received where marriage bliss and death's cold sting embraced the heart together.

The breathless, dying bride, whose death was caused by the appearance of one who clasped her hand and took her heart, faithful to her promise—loyal to her lover—gaspd recognition and said, "I will," as she closed her loving eyes in that long, eternal slumber.

There is an air of mystery in the matter—a hope of joy blasted forever.

For one whole year the groom had been rushing to her, delayed often by almost unsurmountable obstacles and misfortunes. For twelve long months the bride-to-be has lived in a lingering hope of a blissful wedding day. Alas! It proved her dying day.

She grew faint and weary Wednesday evening and sank fast. Drs. McCarty, Stafford and Kennedy said the end was near and all lost hope. The engagement ring betokened hope and joy, with mingled fear, from her finger.

The wedding bells were wont to know whether to ring in faint hope or joy, or toll in sorrow, for the hour was at hand and the groom had not yet arrived. The bride's only wish now was to die his wife. Suddenly a sound was heard in the street and a carriage rolled up to the door, the groom alighted and rushed in with a ruddy smile on his cheek.

He was richly attired in conventional garb and his face full of hope and promise. He glanced at the dying bride, but to the astonishment of all seemed little surprised.

Quickly the marriage ceremony was performed.

The contracting parties were Miss December Thirty-First and Mr. January First.

Colds To Be Taken Seriously

Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing and chilliness with hoarseness, tickling throat and coughing, begin promptly the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold, and stops the cough which causes loss of sleep and lowers the vital resistance. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Charlie Butler, who is attending school at Huntsville, spent the holidays with homefolk. He left Monday at noon for Kansas City as a delegate to the national convention of the Y. M. C. A., representing the Huntsville institution.

If your stomach feels uncomfortable from overeating, or from food which disagrees with you, take Herbine; it settles the stomach, strengthens the digestion and relaxes the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

R. W. Martin and family have moved to Grapeland to make their home and are occupying a residence in Hillcrest. Mr. Martin will engage in tonsorial work, having opened a shop on South Main Street.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

THE VALUE OF SUGGESTION

Humanity is a slave to its wants, and oft-times at the expense of its needs. As a rule, desire, rather than actual necessity, governs buying. Create a want and the needs will take care of themselves, is a saying trite and true, and it contains more truth than fiction. Desire and demand always precede buying, and these elements are the net results of suggestion. The most effective way of placing the suggestions of your business before the buying public is through the columns of the newspaper. No investment can pay larger dividends than money put in advertising space in this paper, and as a business builder it has no rival.—W. Holt Harris.

A Difference In Working Hours

A man's working day is 8 hours. His body organs must work perfectly 24 hours to keep him fit for 8 hours work. Weak, sore, inactive kidneys cannot do it. They must be sound and healthily active all the time. Foley Kidney Pills will make them so. You cannot take them into your system without good results following. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Newton Streetman and Miss Virgie Herod and Perry Cook and Miss Fannie Hudson were married Sunday, Dec. 21, at the New Prospect church after the morning service, Rev. J. E. Bean officiating. The Messenger joins friends in congratulations and best wishes.

Do you begin to cough at night, just when you hope to sleep? Do you have a tickling throat that keeps you awake? Just take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It will check the cough and stop the tickling sensation at once. Does not upset the stomach, is best for children and grown persons. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Rev. H. A. Matney and family arrived in Grapeland from Chapel Hill several days ago, and are at home in the parsonage. Bro. Matney preached his first sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday morning, and despite the inclement weather, a large crowd was out to hear him. If all his succeeding sermons are as good as the first, you can just put it down that we have a splendid preacher in our midst. It is now up to the people to cooperate with him and make this a good year on the Grapeland work.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

Edgar Brooks, a Grapeland boy who makes his home in Livingston, spent the holidays with homefolk.

Chronic Constipation Cured

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. S. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son and Master Jot Davis Hollingsworth of Livingston, visited relatives and friends in Grapeland several days last week.

Ring
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WHERE
TWO
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MEET

1914

At the threshold of the new year we want to express our appreciation of the good will and patronage extended to us during the past year. We have tried as never before to promote the interests of those who trade with us and we have substantial evidence that our efforts have not been in vain.

During the coming year we shall maintain the highest standards of professional pharmacy, the highest quality of goods and the best service possible.

We wish to thank all of our friends and customers for favors shown us and extend to each our best wishes for

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous NEW YEAR!

D. N. Leaverton

THE LEADING DRUGGIST



FOR a QUICK
MEAL
on short notice

Phone the CITY MEAT MARKET
If you desire the choicest meats let us send you your choice of
Hams, Sausage, Fresh Pork, Beef
and Breakfast Bacon

THE CITY MEAT MARKET
J. B. LIVELY, Proprietor.
BOTH PHONES. FREE DELIVERY

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-46

When you feel "Blue," Half Sick, Out of Sorts, and everything seems to go wrong, you can blame it on the Liver, as that organ is usually at fault.

For a Torpid Liver You Need

HERBINE

The Remedy That Puts New Life in the Liver and Regulates the Bowels.

A liver that is torpid exercises a demoralizing influence all through the body. It hampers the kidneys in their work, clogs up the bowels, throws bilious impurities into the blood and interferes with digestion. A person in this condition is pale, sallow and discouraged, feels bad, looks bad and his general condition is bad. Food digests poorly, bowels mostly constipated, suffers from dizzy spells, occasional headaches and prefers to sit around and do nothing in place of his usual hustling energy and cheerfulness.

Herbine changes all this by starting the internal machinery into activity again. Its reviving effect on the Torpid Liver is prompt and thorough. The Stomach and Kidneys feel its stimulating influence. The Bowels are purged of costive conditions and regular daily operations re-established. As a result of this general scouring of the interior, functional activity is resumed everywhere and the purified blood goes coursing through veins, carrying new life and energy to every part.

Sold at Drug Stores, Price 50c per Bottle.

JAMES F. BALLARD

PROPRIETOR

ST. LOUIS, MO.

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

AS SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER, PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST

THANKS

We take this method of thanking our many friends and customers for their most liberal patronage during the year 1913, and will endeavor to merit a continuance of same during 1914. That the year 1914 holds many good things in store for you is our sincere wish.

Porter's Drug Store

IF YOUR FOOD DOES NOT DIGEST

You feel a hot burning sensation in the throat, fullness or bloated feeling in the stomach, belching, sour risings and a loss of your usual vim and energy. You need the help of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an admirable digestive stimulant. It cleanses the stomach of fermented food, cools and tones the digestive organs, drives bilious impurities into the bowels where its excellent cathartic properties force the bowels to operate thus ridding the body of the disturbing matter. It acts quickly and thoroughly, checks heartburn in a few minutes, restores the appetite, comfortable digestion and cheerful spirits.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle
Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

A. S. Porter, Special Agent



WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE
FOR CHILDREN.
It destroys worms and parasites; strengthens the stomach and bowels, and quickly restores health, vigor and cheerful spirits.
Price 25c per Bottle.
Jas. F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.
SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

I. N. Whitaker

WATCHMAKER and PHOTOGRAPHER

You will find me at my office in Grapeland every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

I repair watches, clocks, guns and sewing machines.

ABSTRACTS

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ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

PORTER'S Drug Store

AGENT

Galveston Daily and Semi-Weekly Farm News.
Houston Daily Post and Semi-Weekly Farm and Fireside.
RENEW WITH US

YOU Can Add NEW BUSINESS to Your PRESENT BUSINESS by JUDICIOUS ADVERTISING

Land For Sale

We have several thousand acres of cut-over land that is now being offered to actual settlers at low prices and on liberal terms. Will sell in tracts of forty acres or more. Located in Cherokee County and within one hour to two hours drive of Alto, the best market in East Texas. Good farms all around our lands and schools and churches nearby.

Write us what you want and we will give you full description, prices and terms.

Blount-Decker Lumber Co.,
Adv. Alto, Texas.

For Sale

Two desirable corner lots in Sycamore Addition. Three new residences have been completed near them. For price and terms apply to JNO. R. OWENS.

Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas, and will pay \$27.00 per ton in the hull. See me if you have any to sell.

Adv. J. W. Howard.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

Lee Eaves, teacher at Ratcliff, Warner and Dudley Eaves, students at the State University, and Woodie Eaves, of the S. H. N. I., Huntsville, all spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves.

Stanley Weisinger, section foreman at Salmon, was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office a day last week. He reported that for the past month, the section gang had been kept very busy keeping up the track on account of so much rain. The track is in a very soft condition.

The Messenger received a pleasant call last week from J. F. White, who is living west of town. Mr. White is a new comer to this community, having moved here from Polk county.

CONSTIPATION CURE

Best For Headache, Costed Tongue, Foul Breath, Clogged Up Liver, Upset Stomach and Dizziness

Old people, young people and middle-aged people all are fast learning that the best liver remedy on earth is the famous

HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS

Never use Calomel because LIVER BUTTONS are better; they never fall—always give gentle action and for malaria and to drive poisons from the bowels, nothing is so good. 25c. Free sample LIVER BUTTONS and booklet about the famous Hot Springs Rheumatic Remedy and Hot Springs Food Academy at

A S PORTER



FINANCING RAILROADS

The Fundamental Elements in Securities.

BY JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, Executive Head of Southern Pacific.

THE financing of a railroad is a function which the people, through their servants, the Railroad Commissioners and the Legislators, have never attempted, but it is a most important problem, especially to sections of a State where new railroads are needed. The placing of securities has been left entirely with the promoter and owner of railroads.

"The immediate determination of what earnings the railroads shall be permitted to receive and what burdens it shall have put on it is in the hands of the other servants of the public—the Legislators and the Commissioners.

"Managing a railroad is quite different from managing a government where the money is raised by taxation. When the expenditures, for good reasons or otherwise, increase, taxes can be equally increased. The railroads, while servants of the public, cannot raise money with such ease and facility. The railroads must keep their expenditures within their incomes because while they have some control over their expenditures they have almost no control over their incomes, their rates being fixed by public authorities.

"There is not a railway manager in the country today who is not fearful that under the press of increasing demands the transportation systems of the country will, in a few years, break down, unless the railroads are allowed to earn larger funds wherewith to build it up. There are vast sections of the country, especially in the West, where more railroads are needed and they cannot be built unless the railways raise new capital.

"People invest money in order to make money, and they are skeptical as to whether they can make money by investing in concerns that are dealt with stringently and unfairly. Railroad securities must be made more attractive to invite investments, and in order that they may be made more attractive, the roads must be allowed earnings that will enable them to meet the increased capital charges."

VALUABLE MONKEY IS LOST

Johns Hopkins Hospital Misses Little Animal Holding the Key to a Very Rare Disease.

A small monkey, which scientists of the pathological department of Johns Hopkins believe holds the key to the solution of a rare and fatal disease, mysteriously disappeared from its cage in the Hunterian laboratory and no trace of it has been discovered.

Whether the animal was stolen or escaped from its cage and intelligently closed and fastened the door behind it remains as much a mystery as the ailment with which it was believed to have been inoculated, and from which there have been five deaths at Johns Hopkins hospital in the last year.

Dr. Harry Schmeisser, who has been making the experiments, said that he did not believe the animal could communicate the malady to humans. It showed evident symptoms of the disease, according to Doctor Schmeisser, and he is practically certain his experiments have been successful. He began them early this year.

Physicians and scientists all the world over, it was asserted, have tried, without success, to transmit this disorder to some of the lower animals for the purpose of study.

Woman's Observation.

A woman's powers of observation are fearfully and wonderfully made.

She can be introduced to a strange gentleman, and after two minutes of casual conversation she can tell you his habitual state of temper, whether his wife affects domesticity or clubs, and whether or not he is happy in his home and living within his income.

She can go to a social function where there are 20 women she never saw before, and come back with an inventory of what each one wore, how much it cost, whether any part of the costume was "made over," what changes it needed to make it really becoming, and whether the wearer could afford it.

After she has finished imparting this information she can write down from memory, without making more than three mistakes in each, half a dozen new recipes for onion preserves and asparagus shortcake that she picked up at the same gathering.

MEAT PACKING LEADING INDUSTRY

Growth of Texas Plants Remarkable

For many years Texas has held high rank as a livestock producing unit, but only during the past decade has the slaughtering and meat packing business assumed mammoth proportions. From a comparatively small industry ten years ago it has become the leading manufacturing enterprise of the state as measured by the value of products manufactured. In 1900 the nearest approach to a packing house in Texas was a sausage factory. We had four of these plants at that time and their combined annual output had a value of \$42,000. The latest census reports show fourteen slaughtering and meat packing establishments operating in

Texas whose yearly production is more than \$42,000,000 in value. This gigantic industry furnishes employment to 4,300 persons, who receive \$2,600,000 annually in salaries and wages and represents a capital investment of \$12,438,500.

The packing houses of Texas slaughter 2,000,000 head of livestock annually, which is equivalent to the natural yearly increase and is 20 per cent of our meat animal supply. These animals cost the packers \$37,500,000, while a decade ago animals slaughtered were valued at only \$3,170,000.

In number the predominating class of meat animals slaughtered is hogs, the total number killed each year being 940,000, compared with 208,270 ten years ago. The demand for pork has increased with marked rapidity in Texas during recent years, and last year we consumed \$240,000,000 more of pork and pork products than we produced.

Beeves and calves rank next to swine in number slaughtered, but the cost of the cattle killed yearly is \$7,900,000 more than that of the hogs. As Texas is the leading livestock State she also ranks first in number of cattle. We had 6,056,000 head on January 1, 1913. In 1912 the value of beef produced in Texas had a value of \$47,812,000, while the requirement for the year was only \$19,646,000, leaving a surplus of \$28,166,000. Our packing houses now slaughter a million head of cattle annually, while ten years ago the killing capacity was only 32,000.

The Texas sheep which at one time was raised only for his wool now has a dual commercial value and his flesh is one of our most delicate edibles. Within a decade the number of sheep slaughtered at our packing houses has increased more than thirteen fold.

Orders Is Orders.

A prominent resident of a western city owns a magnificent touring car equipped with every modern improvement. Recently he was taking a trip across the state. Passing through a small town about dusk, he was halted by the town marshal, who ordered him to light his lights. With a movement of one hand he switched on the electric lights, to the great consternation of the pompous marshal. Recovering himself, he thundered:

"Young feller, when I order you to light your lights, I mean for you to get out of the car and light 'em."

THIS PAPER

Reaches Nearly Every Family in This Town. Every Family Has Its Wants. Secure New Customers by Advertising.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR.....\$1.00
6 MONTHS... .50
3 MONTHS... .25

Phones—Farmers Union System

Office.....27
Residence.....67

THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 1914

WORRY KILLED THE CAT

A Want Ad. Got Another Household Pet.

THE NEW YEAR'S INVENTORY

As a citizen of this community, go into private communion with yourself this new year and take a little inventory of your town, in which you are a stockholder. Merchants are deeply engrossed at the beginning of every new year in the bothersome and painstaking task of figuring up everything on shelves and in books to strike a balance on last year's business and plan for the next twelve months. The city or town is really a business corporation in which you as a citizen are stockholders, so it is time for you to take inventory of the town so you may be properly informed about your community and intelligently plan to improve it.

Make an inventory of your community's resources, accomplishments and mistakes of 1913 and its possibilities and opportunities for 1914.

What has it today that it had not a year ago? This may be progress in business, public improvements, private enterprises, happiness, industry.

What are its greatest needs? Enumerate them.

What are its most essential needs for 1914? Put them down and see what you can do to fulfill them during the coming year.

It is proper that the first days of the new year should be devoted to studying the needs of our town and community, discuss things for its advancement and lay plans for greater work in 1914.

You must help your community if you would have it help you; you must take an interest in it and its future and, in starting, it is essential that first of all you know your town.

The Christmas bills are due today. Probably you've found that out by now.

Rev. J. B. Luker, the new pastor for the Methodist church here and at Hemphill, filled his first appointment here Sunday. Rev. Luker comes to us highly recommended and we hope he will be pleased with his new charge.—Bronson Light.

Oh, he'll be pleased alright. Every place he goes is "the best country on earth." He's a regular booster, this pa of ours.

Texas needs good roads, and could easily secure them if she would use common sense. Put the convicts at work in the quarries getting out stone to be converted into road material and build the roads with convicts at so much per mile, accepting county bonds for the work.—State Topics.

That's good sense, and if put into practical operation would soon result in good roads.



ADVERTISING TEXAS

Money Follows Line of the Least Resistance.

BY W. HOLT HARRIS

MUCH has been said and more written about advertising the resources of Texas abroad and our glowing opportunities, when properly safe-guarded, will make the eagle on every American dollar spread its wings and fly to Texas. But the thing most essential to our growth and progress is the proper alignment of our laws and conduct and a clearer understanding of the necessities and requirements of progress. When this is done, it will be as unnecessary to solicit capital to come to Texas as it will be to invite the bees to make honey. Money follows the lines of least resistance and capital flows wherever profit is greatest and conditions most stable. The bank vaults of the nation are filled with dollars that are searching to and fro, up and down the earth for safe and profitable investments but it is of first importance that the house be put in order before the guests are invited.

There is nothing that so weakens the foundation of industrial achievement as the knockout drops of uncertainty, and capital will never seek investment where a myriad of scornful fingers are pointing toward it and neither will it give serious consideration to opportunities that are scarred by fear. No amount of publicity, however adroitly presented, can bring about profitable results under such circumstances. Such a country can only hope for satisfactory development through some freak of nature.

We have so many laws and rumors of laws and Dame Duty is such a fickle goddess when flirting with Ambition, that it keeps industries guessing as to the true status of affairs lest they all become companions in adversity.

The press of Texas has been groaning for the past few months under a burden of announcements of progress made by the State in its efforts to visit the pains and penalties of law upon industry and the inebriated flashes of malice and prejudice that have lighted the horizon have had a tendency to wither and blight our destiny and we still hear threats of war. Not only has it done violence to progress but it has very effectively placed fetters upon our growth and development by giving the State millions of dollars of bad advertising.

Now for a great big pull altogether and make 1914 a banner year for everybody.

The "funnel gang" has been superceded by the "suit case brigade."

Grapeland is the town that made the 'possum famous.—Grapeland Messenger.

We thought perhaps 'twas the other way around.—Lorena Register.

The Board of Trade ought to hold a meeting early in January and map out some specific things to accomplish in the new year. There are many things that will come our way if we go after them in the right manner.

The currency bill has been disposed of, signed by President Wilson, the floods have subsided and things are again normal, Christmas has passed into history, what are the newspapers going to talk about? But then there's Mexico.

Read the article in this issue taken from the Palestine Herald about the "suit case brigade," then ask yourself if you want to shift the scene from Palestine to Crockett, which would be the case if saloons are voted in. Think of the women and children and everything you hold sacred, be a man and vote the pro ticket.

The Hawkeye Glee Club, a number of the Lyceum Course, was billed for Grapeland last Friday night, but failed to get here. They were in Timpson the night before and the jump to Grapeland proved to be too much, on account of the roads being in bad condition from so much rain, and they missed connection. They attempted to drive from Palestine, but got "stuck in the mud" and had to give it up. It was a sore disappointment to the managers and the public, as many had made preparations to attend this number. A definite statement regarding the future numbers will be made by the managers next week.

Two Thousand Students

We have just been informed that the slogan of the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, for 1914 is 2,222. It's record for 1913 passed the 2,000 mark.

You may take the editor's word for it that our young people could not do better than to spend from \$90 to \$100 for board, tuition and books, completing a course of shorthand, bookkeeping or telegraphy in this famous institution or better still, spend about \$175 for two of these courses. What young person can place a hundred or two hundred dollars and three to five months time to a better advantage than to invest it in a thorough business training that will bless the remaining years of his business life? Young people in this community, who a few years ago, borrowed the money to attend this institution, are today out of debt and on the road to success as a result of having the courage and determination to make an effort to do something, to be somebody and add further proof to the old saying, "where there is a will there is a way." There is plenty doing for those who are prepared. Be ambitious. Be one of the 2,222 to enter this famous institution during 1914 that you may go into a good salaried position or into a business of your own with some assurance of success.

No institution could attain such a wonderful enrollment and lead all other American business-training schools, unless it merited it. It costs no more to attend the best school, with a nationwide reputation, than it does for the next best.

Write today for free catalog. They will gladly send you one. (Advertisement.)

Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Brock and children spent Christmas Day with relatives in Huntsville.

Mrs. Joe Colkin and little daughter of Cleburne visited relatives here during the holidays.

Card of Thanks

I take this method of thanking my friends and customers for their patronage during the past year and hope to be able to serve you in the future as in the past. You will find me at the same place with an assortment of fresh groceries and feed stuff. Call on me when you need anything in this line.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,
Yours truly,

Frank Allen

*Book-keeping
and
Penmanship.*

The Palestine Business College

Will Begin its Next Term
Monday, January 5th

A good position awaits every boy or girl who will come and take any two of our courses. The demand for our graduates is so great that we now guarantee positions to all who complete in a satisfactory manner the courses prescribed. Write today for new catalog. It is full of fine pen work and useful information. Address—

PALESTINE BUSINESS COLLEGE
PALESTINE, TEXAS

ALLEN'S STORE
BURGLARIZED

Sunday night thieves entered Frank Allen's store through a side window and carried away a great quantity of bacon, flour and other groceries, and a tub of eggs, which Mr. Allen bought during the week. A wagon was used to haul the goods away. Burglaries of this nature are frequent occurrences in this town, be it said to our eternal shame, and it is all because no effort is made to catch the guilty parties. It has gone out over the country that you can come to Grapeland and do anything and nobody will molest you. How long is this condition going to prevail?

Christmas Wedding At Reynard

At the Meriwether-Fox home last Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Jesse Eaves and Miss Jessie Meriwether were married, Rev. M. L. Williams officiating.

They will make their home at the Eaves home in the Hays Spring community.

The Messenger joins their many friends in best wishes for a happy life.

Cotton Report

The following report, dated Dec. 29, is furnished us by John R. Sheridan of Crockett:

There were 28,968 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1913 prior to Dec. 13, as compared with 29,861 bales ginned prior to Dec. 13, 1912.

Misses Mary Belle and Callie Hill spent the holidays here with their mother.

ADVERTISING
RATES:

Regular ads, 8 inches and over per inch..... 12 1-2c

Under 8 inches, per inch... 15c

Irregular and transient ads, per inch..... 15c

(To be "regular" an ad must run six months in the year.)

J. W. CASKEY

TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business
will be
Appreciated

Shop in Lively building just around the corner off Main st.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

Dr. Sam Kennedy
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Office in Leaverton's Drug Store
Main Street

The Suffragette's Husband

Your mother, wife, daughter or sweetheart will "vote for you" for being the best dressed man in town if you let us make your next suit. M. L. Clewis.

(Advertisement.)

Dr. Sam Yarbrough and his two boys of Trinity spent several days here last week with relatives.

LOCAL NEWS

Curtis Walling came home from Tyler to spend the holidays.

See those nobby fall samples at Clewis' tailor shop. adv.

Garrett Richards came home from Mexia to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVE-
LY CASH—NO CREDIT. Don't ask it. J. W. Howard. adv

Miss Fannie Driskell visited relatives in Elkhart Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Traylor and children visited relatives at Magnolia during the holidays.

Claude Leaverton, who is attending a medical school in Galveston, was here for Christmas.

Mrs. Odell Faris and little son of Lake Charles, La., are visiting relatives and friends in Grapeland.

Miss Carnie Murchison, who is teaching school at Kenedy, spent the holidays with home-folk.

George E. Darsey, who is attending the Southwestern University at Georgetown, spent the holidays at home.

Miss Esther Davis, who is teaching school near Livingston, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Davis.

Hamilton Morris has returned home from various points in Texas, and says he will be with his father the coming year on the farm.

WANTED—A hand to do general farm work. Will pay a good price for a good hand. Apply to R. M. Brooks, Route 3, Grapeland, Texas. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Leaverton, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Boykin and Mrs. M. D. Murchison went to Crockett Christmas Day to eat turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan.

Porter Fulton was up from Trinity a few days last week.

Ladies' work a specialty. adv. Clewis, the Tailor.

Chas. R. Streetman left Friday for Midlothian, Texas.

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis. adv

Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth of Livingston visited relatives in Grapeland last week.

B. R. Eaves had as his guest during the holidays his brother from Nacogdoches.

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

Mrs. Earle Pennington visited relatives at Jacksonville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett were here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Neel and baby spent the holidays with relatives at Lufkin and Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton and Miss Adabel visited relatives at Kauffman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth and children visited relatives and friends here this week.

Mrs. C. E. Dockery of Shreveport is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Spence, and other relatives.

Dr. McCarty reports the following births: A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Murdock; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Sims.

The holidays passed very quietly in Grapeland, the same being observed in a quiet and orderly way by our people.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. King, Miss Willie Browning, Miss Cammie Thompson and Nian Thompson of Palestine were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively Christmas Day.

Miss Jessie Mae Jones visited friends in Palestine last week.

Mrs. Knight of Tyler is here visiting her son, J. O. Edgington.

Mrs. John Smallwood and Mrs. Hart visited in Palestine last Sunday.

Albert Kent of Eldorado is here visiting his father, T. S. Kent.

Miss Rosie Bishop, who is teaching at Ash, spent the holidays with homefolks.

Everitt Frazier of Trinity visited relatives in and near Grapeland a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brewton and children visited relatives and friends at their old home near Crockett last week.

J. A. Shoemaker and family, who formerly lived at Percilla, have moved to Tyler county to reside.

We are always willing to accommodate our patrons. Phone us your wants and we will fill them quick. Adv. City Meat Market.

Arthur Walton left Tuesday morning for Houston where he will enlist in the service of Uncle Sam in the naval department. Arthur spent four years in the navy, returning home a year ago, and has been working in the shop of J. W. Caskey. His many friends regret to see him go.

Notice

Going to open a barber shop January 1 on front street down by Mr. Parker's store. Will give good work with prices right. Your patronage highly appreciated. Call when in need of work. R. W. Martin, Grapeland, Tex. (Advertisement.)

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. J. W. Brown, of Anson, Texas. Mr. Brown was a brother to Mr. Frank Brown, who lives east of town, also a brother to Miss Belle Brown, of this city. He was born and reared in this country, having moved to Anson about seven years ago. The Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives in their hour of affliction.

Junior League Program

Subject.
Leader—Adelaide Selkirk,
Opening Song by League.
Prayer.
Reading—Mary Lou Darsey.
Song—Eva Gene Murchison,
Edith Brown and Bess Boykin.
Recitation—Loreta Sadler.
Reading—Bess Howard.
Business session.
Roll called.
Closing Song.
Benediction.

Business Lots For Sale

I offer for a limited time a few business lots in the coming business district of Grapeland. These lots will be sold on easy terms and if you are interested it will pay you to see me at once as only a few lots will be sold at present prices.

Adv. Geo. E. Darsey, Grapeland, Texas.

Hogs Wanted on Saturday, January, 24th.

On that date I will ship hogs in car lots, and will pay the following prices delivered in Grapeland: Hogs weighing over 150 pounds 6c per lb.; under 150 pounds 5 1-2c per lb. I want all I can get on the above date. Please call and see me for further information. You will find me at Calhoun & Leaverton's Livery Stable. Adv. GEORGE CALHOUN.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate

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

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

**THE REWARD
OF THRIFT
THE BANK
THE PLACE
TO PUT IT**

Every Dollar Hoarded Away and Taken out of Circulation is Dead Money.

Not alone are you endangering it by hiding it, but you are depriving the community of the use of that money, and depriving yourself of the interest it would earn in the bank.



FARMERS & MERCHANTS State Bank

GRAPELAND, . . . TEXAS

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Give us a Trial. Do Your Trading with
The Cash Grocery Co.

Prompt Service and Low Prices

We carry everything in choice family groceries

We deliver your goods promptly

TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK: Fresh car-of
Mountain Peak Flour, Seed Oats,
Chops, Bran and Wheat Shorts

FARMERS UNION PHONE

The Guaranty State Bank

EXTENDS TO YOU

The Compliments of the Season

And assures you of its appreciation of your past business and loyal support, with the hope that the same pleasant relations may continue to exist, and that the year 1914 may be a prosperous one for all.

The GUARANTY STATE BANK

GUARANTY FUND BANK

Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey and children and Misses Georgia Bell and Rena Ross Richards visited in Crockett a few days last week.

R. H. Lacy, wife and little daughters of Crockett visited relatives in Grapeland Christmas day.

10th. Year

The year 1913, which has just closed, marks my tenth year in business in Grapeland. I wish to thank my many friends and customers for their patronage during this entire period.

With the beginning of 1914, it is my earnest desire to make this year the most profitable, both to myself and to my customers, of any in the past. To do this, I need your co-operation and patronage.

You will find in my store a complete line of dependable merchandise at prices to suit the financial condition of the country.

I will endeavor in every way possible to merit your good will and a liberal share of your patronage.

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours truly,

J. J. BROOKS

HAS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRED?

At the beginning of the new year, many subscriptions expire. You probably know whether yours has or not. It is needless to say that we would appreciate an early renewal--you know we can find a ready place for the money.

We offer you several attractive clubbing offers and can save you money on your reading matter for this year. Look over the list below and select what you want. Mail the coupon to us, enclosing the proper amount by check or money order.

The Messenger - - \$1.00
 Farm & Ranch - - \$1.00
 Holland's Magazine - \$1.00

All 3 \$1.75



The Messenger and either one of the above for \$1.50

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Clip the Coupon and send in your subscription at once.



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Editor Messenger,
 Grapeland, Texas.

Enclosed find \$..... Please send to my address below the Messenger and the.....

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Yours truly,

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P. O. R. F. D. No.

Please state if you are a new or an old subscriber.

The Grapeland Messenger, Grapeland, Texas.

Community Co-Operation

Copyrighted Farm & Ranch--Holland's Magazine

Not long ago I was talking with a country merchant who told me of a species of unfair competition he was having to contend with. His is a general merchandise store and he prides himself on the superior quality of the goods he handles. In every department he carries full lines of standard-made, trade-marked, advertised goods, and does this, notwithstanding the fact that the margin of profit on many articles is smaller than it would be on unadvertised goods of poorer quality, because of the pleasure he has in selling high-class goods to satisfied customers.

In the little railroad town some five miles away is a dry-goods and clothing firm that buys up old, out-of-date bankrupt stocks all over the Southwest, brings them to its store and puts on widely-advertised "cut-price sales." To blind the people to the shoddiness of its goods and give a conviction of genuineness to the advertised "cut prices" this firm carries in stock one or two lines of standard goods on which it does cut the price to cost or even less. This it can well afford, for the sale prices on the bulk of its stock are so high, quality considered, that the prof-

its made there easily make the loss sustained on the standard goods a negligible quantity. This "cut-price-sale" store is also always careful that the well-known standard line used as a leader at any particular sale is some popular line that the general merchant mentioned is featuring. At one time it was a popular brand of shoes, sold at less than wholesale cost; at another time it was a widely advertised line of men's clothing, sold at about cost.

Such business methods are unfair to the hoodwinked customer as well as to the merchant who sells only honest goods at honest prices. The customer, who really wants reputable goods because he knows that only in them he gets the value of his money, is deceived, wheedled and cheated, and his faith in his fellow-man receives a severe shock when he is made to believe that the merchant whom he has always considered the soul of honesty is charging prices little short of highway robbery. The merchant is robbed of custom that his long years of honest business and the superior goods he handles entitles him to, and he is held up to the community as a greedy commercial vampire.

Sneffels, Col. A. J. Walsh was badly done up with rheumatism and sent for Foley Kidney Pills which was the only thing that would cure him. Geo. Potter of Pontiac, Mo., was down on his back with kidney and bladder trouble and Foley Kidney Pills made him well and able to work. It is a splendid medicine and always helps. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. (Advertisement.)

Tailor Shop Burglarized

Tuesday night of last week Clewis' tailor shop was burglarized and about one hundred dollars worth of clothing was taken. Some of the clothes belonged to Mr. Clewis, the others belonging to his customers. Entrance was made through a rear window. No arrests have been made and there is no clue to apprehend the guilty party.

His Stomach Troubles Over

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

N. H. Montgomery sends the Messenger six months to his friend, C. W. Boyd, at Lorena, Texas. That's the way to advertise this country, folks. Send them the Messenger and let them see what we are doing every day in the year.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Suit Case Parade Reached Climax

Cuero has her turkey trot, Grapeland her 'possum walk, but it remained for Palestine to pull off the "suit case parade." Never before in the history of booze was such scenes witnessed. On the afternoon train going north, there were seven hundred men, some young, some old and some middle-aged, and the majority colored, and each carried from one to two suit cases, or other receptacle, filled with booze. It is a safe estimate that eight hundred suit cases traveled north on this one train, which under normal conditions consists of two day coaches, being a local train. Today the train consisted of six coaches and an extra baggage car, and the baggage car was packed with negroes and suit cases, about one hundred deep. Each coach carried an average of one hundred and twenty-five people. The crowd could not be controlled by the officers and railroad people. Women and children were ruthlessly shoved aside, and run over. There was more than one knock-down in the scramble. And when the train moved out there were left on the platform some who could not find standing room.—Palestine Herald, Monday, Dec. 22.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

John Shipper and family were here a few days last week visiting friends and relatives. They left Friday for Craft. John has been doing railroad work at Broadus, but will make a change to another point.

Best Cough Medicine For Children

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

The Messenger received a pleasant call Monday from J. D. Campbell of near Palestine, who is here on a visit to relatives and friends. Mr. Campbell formerly lived here, but has been living near Palestine for several years. This was his first visit here in quite awhile, and he was amazed to see how the town had grown.

Everybody is liable to "catch cold" but those who give a cold proper attention never have serious lung diseases. It is neglect that makes them serious. Prudent persons use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as soon as the trouble appears and the cold is cured at once. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

J. S. Salmon writes us to change his address from Hamilton to Tyler. He has been promoted as foreman over the B. and B. department of the Cotton Belt.

If you don't sleep well at night, are nervous and low-spirited, you need a system purifier. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant and cleansing medicine. It quiets the nerves, promotes energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. adv

RADFORD'S PLATFORM

Ex-President of the Farmer's Union Outlines Legislative Needs of Farmers.

MARKETING AND HELPING THE TENANT FARMER THE PARAMOUNT ISSUES.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Replying to many requests to run for Governor, Peter Radford gave out the following statement:

"My duties with the National and State Farmers' Union, I consider, present a wider field for rendering public service than that afforded by the Governorship of Texas. Many things are possible through mutual co-operation that can not be accomplished through legislation and I consider it my duty to work in this broader field.

"Our government has been run by city men and agriculturists whose knowledge of farming has been acquired by looking through the windows of Pullman cars and while the farmer bears the brunt of taxation, owns the larger per cent of property and seventy-six per cent of our population lives in rural territory, he has little voice and receives comparatively small benefits from government. The farmer asks no favors, but he is entitled to the same consideration from government that is accorded other lines of business.

"I follow the plow for a living and my views are gathered from actual contact with the soil and are acquired from association with the great body of organized farmers of this State, and I think fairly represent the consensus of opinion of the farmers of Texas as a whole and embody the elements of constructive legislation needed in Texas today.

Agricultural Legislation Needed.

"The laws of Texas relating to business are wholly unsuited to the transactions of the farmer. While primarily based and admirably adapted to the needs of commerce and industry, they work a hardship upon agriculture. We must give the same care and consideration to a system of co-operative laws extending to the farmer the facilities adapted to his business that is now afforded corporations. We need to enter vigorously this unoccupied and fruitful field of legislative activity and install the legal machinery adapted to permitting and encouraging co-operative business concerns and facilitating co-operation between different lines of industry.

"In glancing over our statutes I find that most of our laws are aimed at the punishment of individual and corporate criminals and while approving the wisdom and applauding the efficiency of these laws, I do not believe government can hope to fully perform its duty toward all the people by addressing itself to the suppression of crime alone. I want to plead for the able and law-abiding citizen that consideration from government that is now accorded the incompetent and criminal classes. We must not relax for a moment our efforts to restrain the avaricious and protect the weak, but let us extend the functions of government into developing new regions of agricultural, industrial and commercial activities for the honest, energetic and law-abiding citizens. There should be breathed into our statutes the spirit of the builder and hope and encouragement for the conscientious and ambitious should abound in our laws. New areas of opportunity should be opened up for the home-owner, the laborer and the investor. Legislation should be based upon the needs of that large body of intelligent and progressive farmers that constitute the great bulk of agricultural population as well as assisting the incompetent.

Co-operation the Remedy.

"To meet the expectations and necessities of the farmers we must develop a co-operative system of rural credits that will make money, at reasonable rates of interest, constantly and easily available to maintain and expand their business. Farm tenancy is the greatest menace now confronting the State and can only be checked by affording the tenant and the laborer facilities for acquiring property and by reducing the high rates of interest which are now sapping the vitality of agriculture.

The curse of farm peasantry now confronts us and our farmers are

ENGLAND TAKS THE LION'S SHARE



First in production, first in consumption and last in manufacture.

fast becoming agricultural gypsies, wandering from farm to farm. We now have 219,575 farms in this State operated by tenants which is fifty-three per cent of the total and the tenant farmers have made a net gain over the farm owners of thirty per cent during the past decade. At the present rate of gain in tenant farming, the home owner will entirely disappear in thirty-four years. Our homes are the cornerstone of government and legislation that con-

tains building material should be provided for the tenant farmer. This should be the paramount issue during the present campaign as the safety of the nation lies in the preservation of its homes.

"Our methods of preparing cotton for the market are wasteful and our holding plans inadequate to meet the imperative needs of the farmer. Legislative facilities should be provided for co-operative ownership and operation of cotton gins; the establishment of a warehouse system and securing funds on storage cotton. Every movement and transaction from the field to the spinner should be carefully studied and methods of co-operation and assistance extended.

"The marketing of farm products should receive the diligent attention of the legislature. A marketing bureau should be established under the department of agriculture and marketing given equal attention to that of production. The bureau should be properly equipped for providing information and studying and assisting in the solution of the many intricate problems connected with the business of farming.

Anti-Trust Law Needs Strengthening.

"The farmers have felt the iron heel of the trusts and illegal combines and the vigilance of our state officials in policing industry is to be commended, but the benefit of these laws has so far been confined principally to lawyers, competitive concerns and politicians with inordinate ambitions. While we should hold all we have I favor extending the benefits of these laws to the producer and consumer and increasing their efficiency to a point where the trusts can not collect their fines from the farmers through increasing the price of their products.

"The combination of capital is universally recognized as necessary to develop the commerce and industry of the country and when properly managed, large business concerns are conducive to efficiency and econ-

omy and all conscientious and law-abiding capital should be encouraged to do business in Texas.

"The trust evil can be reduced by legislation, but it must be finally overcome by organization and co-operation of the farmers. These powerful corporate organizations dealing with the individual producer and consumer, place the farmer at their mercy and to satisfactorily cope with present conditions the farmers must acquire power through organization.

Railroads.

"Our railroad facilities should be improved and our mileage increased and I favor such amendments to our laws as in the wisdom of the railroad commission may hasten these results. I believe that all power conveyed to the railroad commission should be exercised exclusively by them and that neither the legislature nor the Attorney General should take the initiative in any matters within the control of the Railroad Commission. I consider dual jurisdictions confusing and unbusiness-like.

"The Railroad Commission, the railroads and the farmers should cooperate in moving farm products and especially waste products. Certainly our mutual interest and combined intelligence can evolve a plan for moving the tons of fruit, vegetables and semi-staple crops that rot on the ground each year. The loss of a crop is, I think, a tragedy of sufficient importance to justify the consideration of State government and the common carrier.

"The service of the common carrier fulfills every need of the merchant and manufacturer and our transportation system is built around them. They are shrewd traders with facilities for locating the best market, controlling its supply and presenting convincing arguments for rates that will move the traffic, but the requirements of the producer are vastly different from those of the trader and the business of farming will never adapt itself satisfactorily to their necessities. The farmer must have a co-operative system of business that extends the usefulness and utilizes latent powers of the carrier in assisting in the marketing of products.

"The problem is a monumental one, but probably no greater than the many difficulties that have been surmounted in handling the business of the merchants and manufacturers and I ask for the producer the same thoughtful consideration to his requirements that has been

given other lines of business.

Opposed to Woman's Suffrage.

"It is the hand that shuffles the cards rather than the one that rocks the cradle that wants to cast the ballot. The home is the great contribution of women to the world and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her and social righteousness is in her

charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. Southern chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unsullied from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

No Liquor Legislation Needed.

"I am a state-wide prohibitionist, have always voted against the saloon and do not use liquor in any form and I will always remain a life-long enemy to the liquor business. The home of the farmer is the hearthstone of morality and the fountain-head of all that is pure and noble in life and the farmer should ever stand for civic righteousness and the reduction of all forms of vice to the minimum. Not more than twenty-five per cent of our population ever tastes liquor and less than one per cent drink to excess. The delinquents we will always have with us, but the liquor habit affects so small a per cent of our population that I do not think it should be considered to the exclusion of important problems that affect the welfare of all the people. Where liquor sends one man staggering home to his family, our system of marketing and of rural credits sends thousands of families reeling down the thoroughfares of

poverty.

"Each year 2,400 farmers become victims of an inadequate and brutal system of credits, cover their hearthstone with the ashes of failure and as many mothers, drenching the family altar with the tears of despair, cry aloud for help as they close forever the door of the home. Let us turn our attention temporarily from the delinquents and incorrigibles to the worthy and ambitious citizen struggling to feed and clothe his family, educate his children and own his home. Let government assist those who plead for opportunity rather than consume all our energies upon those who scorn the privileges of manhood. Experience has proved that when legislatures become involved in prohibition discussions much important legislation is abandoned and the business affairs of government neglected.

"I favor the rigid enforcement of all liquor laws now on the statute books, but am opposed to any state-wide legislation of any character on this subject by the next legislature.

Education.

"I favor compulsory education extending over the entire school term. Our rural school system is inadequate to meet the requirements of our children. The difficulty of properly educating the children of tenant farmers who move from farm to farm is readily apparent. No matter which way we turn in dealing with the problems in our rural districts, we are confronted with the condition that one-half the population of the country is a floating one. The home and the school are closely allied and their success interdependent.

"Our system of education from rural school to university should receive the careful consideration of the legislature and efficiency and economy instituted wherever possible.

Labor.

"Labor is honorable whether performed by male or female. Skill and ingenuity should be rewarded, but no class of labor that uses energy, practices economy and lives a moral, upright life, should receive a lesser wage for their services than would enable them to lay up for a rainy day, for old age, to educate their children and place them in society to the best advantage to advance the citizenship and improve the same in the community in which they live. The farmer's family, as a rule, is the poorest paid of any laborer in proportion to the service they render for the general welfare.

"I favor conducting government on a strictly business basis and the proper care for our wards, humane treatment and character building of our convicts, encouraging road-building and the full performance of all the functions of government."

Advertisers Are in Good Company.

Mr. Business Men, have you ever thought that advertising put you in good company? It is an old saying that a man is known by the company he keeps. Then you join the ranks of the biggest and most successful merchants and manufacturers of the world.

How many concerns can you name in Chicago, in New York, in Kansas City, in Boston, in any large city in the country? Name them and you will notice that all are big advertisers and all are leaders in their lines. Ask your friends to name the most successful merchants they know in the big cities and in each case the name of a great advertiser will be mentioned.

The same rule is true of smaller cities and towns. The successful merchants are the advertisers. The advertiser stamps himself as one having confidence in himself and his wares, as one proud of his calling and seeking publicity and the test of patronage. Join the ranks of successful advertisers.

Via Parcel Post.

Here are some of the articles, advertised under a general display heading "Parcel Post Business" by miscellaneous firms in a single issue of a western paper: Kodaks, phonographs, elastic stockings, suits for men, women, boys or girls, false hair, boots and shoes, printed matter, music, paints, cigars, collars, both for humans and horses; pipes, rifles and shotguns, portieres, candies, seeds, old hats made new, pocketknives, art and drawing materials, small rugs, valises, women's hats, men's hats, homemade baby blankets, homemade needlework, sausage made by farmers' wives, dolls. This list, short as it is, shows the wide variety of articles which anyone may advertise for sale and on which may be built up a profitable business under the parcel post system, pursuing mail order trade methods.

Darsey's Store News.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER.

EDITED BY DARSEY'S SALES FORCE

Darsey's Store, Grapeland, Texas, Jan. 1, 1914

Darsey's IS THE PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET WHAT YOU WANT 52 WEEKS IN THE YEAR at a big saving in time and money

How About the New Year?

Who of us, on the first of each new year, does not mentally take stock of himself? Who of us does not become ruminative, despite himself, at the close of the old, and the beginning of the new year? This mental stock taking is as inevitable at this season of the year as is the call of the out-of-doors when Spring first greets us with her flowers and her birds.

Most of us are ashamed of this reckoning. Why? Because we have failed so despicably in the keeping of the resolutions we made at the beginning of the year? Because we have seemed to retrogress instead of progress? Because we have fallen so far short of our aim?

What matter? If we had kept all our good resolutions we might have become a self-righteous Pharisee. If we had gained the eminence to which we aspired, it would surely have spurred us on to greater risks and perhaps to our downfall. We are at least richer in experience, and thru

failure we are granted that privilege of sympathizing with our fellow-workers who break their good resolutions. Of course, we fall short of our intentions. God has intended that it should be so. And so we find ourselves each New Year at the tomb of our spiritual offspring with tears and lamentations.

But the only real moment to dread is when you have no courage in your heart to face this reckoning, and mentally shrug your shoulders and say, "What's the use?" When we say that, and know that we are speaking out of the fullness of the heart, it is indeed time to crawl beneath the slab, "At Rest," for that is where we belong.

Doubtless it has been a hard year with you. It has with us. But do not all years seem hard when we come to look back upon them? And if we knew what lay before us in the coming year, would we have the courage to go on? No, but then we can't know. And that is always a blessing, for there is always the hope that it will be a better

year. And we are permitted to work—which is in itself an inestimable blessing.

A hard year—yes. One of your hardest years, maybe, because it may have thrust some ugly phase of life with its stench under your very nose. The vital thing is, have you the courage to rebel. If you have, you may win, and in winning remove the stench from the path of those you love.

Fate cannot do what she will with us so long as the spirit to fight and keep on fighting prevails. She may batter and bludgeon away at us, but so long as we say "I will," there need be no fear but what we shall win.

With all the ills of the past year, hasn't it given you new strength to fight? Hasn't it given you a broader outlook on the world's and your neighbor's problems? Hasn't it brought you a new friend, or a loving wife, or a sweet kiddie, perhaps? If it has, then it has not been altogether a bad year.

There's always the chance

that the new year will be a better one than the old. It may be the very best of all years—who can tell? At least, it is full of possibilities, and that is all the foundation any man needs on which to base his fight. If you have the courage to go on we predict a successful year. If not—well, we don't prophesy. But just try whistling and smiling and the trying to keep of good resolutions.

We wish the people of Grapeland and vicinity a very happy and prosperous year—we feel that they are entitled to it, and will get it, for we have known them too long to believe that they will give up the fight when the battle has only started.

If you need groceries, phone us your order and we will deliver the goods.

See our special mid-season prices on Royal Tailored Clothes. We can give you That Million Dollar Look and save you money on your suit or overcoat.

Bring us your chickens, eggs, turkeys, and peas, and get the top market price for them.

Hog Killing Time

See us for sage, pepper, salt and everything else needed to make your pork taste right.

Remember us when you need any kind of plows or farming tools. We sell and guarantee John Deere cultivators, discs, etc.

Today is the day for resolutions. Resolve to do your trading at Darsey's this year, and you will make it more profitable.

Although we moved a big lot of goods during our big sale, we can still take care of your wants and fill your bill complete in all departments.

Bring us your peas, turkeys, chickens, eggs and hides.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Eaves bought a nice bill of furniture and housekeeping goods from us this week. We thank them very much for their patronage.

A Sale of Remnants

We have just finished our invoice of stock and find that we have a large number of remnants in the most popular patterns of Gingham, Poplins, Wool Suiting, Silks, Messalines, Repts, Laces, Embroideries, Bleached and Brown Domestic, and other goods, in lengths of from 1 to 8 yards, which we are selling at only

2-3 The Regular Price

Our stock taking has unearthed a lot of odds and ends from the past season's selling, which we are willing to dispose of at a sacrifice in order to make room in our shelves for our new spring stock of dress goods and white goods due to arrive soon.

These remnants are now on our counters, and we request you to come and look through them, as they were made by you and perhaps you can find just the piece you want to match your dress or make something like it.

These remnants will be sold only by the piece, and not cut, except at the regular price. Come early and take advantage of these bargains, as they cannot be replaced.

Darsey's Dry Goods Dep't.