

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JAN. 20, 1916

\$1.00 PER YEAR

## The BARGAIN STORE

**Will Always Give You Your  
Money's Worth**

A full line of Dry Goods, Shoes and Notions  
All kinds of Feed Stuff carried in our feed store.  
We will deliver to any part of the city.  
We will do our best to please you and will appreciate anything you do for us.

We have put in a large coffee mill and will grind your coffee for you free of charge.

Bring your Eggs to  
**The Bargain Store**

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

**W. R. WHERRY**

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND

FREE DELIVERY UNION PHONE NO. 45. CALL US UP

## LOCAL NEWS FROM CROCKETT

Crockett, Texas, Jan. 17.—Commissioners' court met in regular session Monday, 10th, and continued in session until Saturday morning. A full court was present, the members answering when court opened. Claims amounting to \$4,492.08 were examined, approved and allowed and warrants ordered issued to cover. Among the claims allowed were—

A. L. Greenburg Iron Co., iron bridges, etc. . . . .	\$2,260.00
Cook and Richardson, road district No. 3. . . . .	480.42
W. M. Bumgarner for lumber. . . . .	214.95
R. J. Spence, board of prisoners. . . . .	104.50
R. J. Spence, conveying patient to Abilene Epileptic colony. . . . .	53.30
R. J. Spence, court attendance. . . . .	72.00
R. J. Spence, guard for jail. . . . .	45.00
G. Q. King, pay roll road district No. 3. . . . .	175.75
Houston County Times printing and stationery. . . . .	55.15
W. V. McConnell, merchandise for Henry McKinney, lunatic. . . . .	36.80
W. V. McConnell, merchandise for Martha Howard, lunatic. . . . .	22.95

### SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

The court rejected a petition for an election for a special tax in school district No. 11, Center Ridge, the district already being taxed to the limit.

### PAINTING COURT HOUSE

The contract for painting the court house, roof, etc., was let to E. F. Durham, a local painter, for \$244.50, the work to be accepted by the court before payment is made.

### HOLLY ELECTION CLAIMS

A claim for holding a special election at Holly was rejected, no returns ever having been made to the proper officials.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

The reports of the following officers were examined and approved: B. F. Dent, county attorney; R. J. Spence, sheriff; A. S. Moore, county clerk; G. H. Denny, tax collector.

### JIM SANDERS CLAIM

A warrant was ordered issued to Jim Sanders for \$25.00 to pay for land purchased for widening road.

### J. H. ELLIS ORDER

A warrant was ordered issued to J. H. Ellis, tax assessor, for \$300.00, and one each month for \$150.00 until the amount of \$1,250.00 is paid, the different amounts to be used in paying deputies, office expenses, etc.

### GENERAL NEWS

B. M. Buchanan, a prosperous farmer living three miles northwest of this city, was tried Saturday for lunacy. He was found to be insane and ordered conveyed to a sanitarium. A lick that he received on the head in a difficulty several months ago is the supposed cause of his mental trouble.

When County Clerk Moore

## "Full House"

We now have a full supply of "Verabest" and "Silver Lake" Flour. They are the two highest grades of flour in town. Give them a trial and be convinced.

We also have plenty of Seed Oats, Shorts, Bran, Maize Chops, Corn Chops and Meal.

SEED POTATOES—If you are in the market for seed Irish potatoes, see us before you buy as our quality is the highest and the price is right.

REMEMBER—The Cash Grocery Co. has saved you money ever since in business and will continue to do so

PRODUCE—Bring us your Eggs, Butter, Chickens and all other produce. We will give you the highest market price and guarantee to save you money on every bill you make with us.

Call and see us. We appreciate every bill you make with us.

**Satisfaction Guaranteed**

## THE CASH GROCERY COMPANY

HARRY LONG, Manager

FREE DELIVERY

Phone us Your Orders

### COTTON REPORT

There were 21,307 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1915, prior to January 1, as compared with 23,161 bales ginned prior to January 1, 1915.

### VISITING THE SCHOOLS

L. L. Pugh, rural school inspector, accompanied by County Superintendent John Snell, will be in this end of the county today visiting the different schools. They visited schools in the southern portion of the county early in the week.

# A Hint to the Wise Is Sufficient!

Someone will miss a bargain by not coming in time.

**Goods are Going  
Fast**

Come see for yourself!

Bring us your Eggs this week--25c in trade, 20c cash.

# J. J. Brooks

# Shoes! Shoes!

Due to arrive this week a big shipment of mid-season

## "Star Brand Shoes"

**A Shoe for Every Foot. Let us Make Your Feet Glad.**

Also see our new line of beautiful LACES! Your especial attention is called to the new ORIENTAL SILK LACE.

Every day sees our stock replenished with the very latest and best in seasonable merchandise.

Come in and warm by our fire and let's swap the time of day.

# McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE

FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

went to his barn Saturday evening to hitch his horse to the buggy, some sneak thief had beat him to it and stolen his set of harness valued at \$25.00. When and how they were taken, Mr. Moore was unable to say. No arrests have been made and there is no clue.

One evening last week, J. C. Stewart, age 56 years, dropped dead at the home of a relative near town, with whom he had been visiting for a month. He was preparing to start for his home in Coryell county the next

morning. Seemingly in good health, he had never been heard to complain of feeling ill.

Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey of Grapeland was here Saturday, the guest of Mrs. G. W. Crook.

Friday morning about 1 a. m. a hurry call was sent to Deputy Sheriff Will Music at the jail, stating that there had been a fight on the square, and that the pavement was quite bloody. When he arrived at the point indicated, there was not a person in sight, the only thing he found was a broken bottle of wild cherry bitters.





**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER**

A. H. LUNER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE**—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2 1-2c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

**OUR PURPOSE**—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of GrapeLand and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

**SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE**

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 20, 1916

**COUNTRY MERCHANTS AS ADVERTISERS**

There is no one more familiar with the advertising methods used by the merchants of the smaller towns than the country newspaper man. He watches closely those who advertise regularly and those who advertise spasmodically, and even those who do not advertise at all.

The country newspaper is considered by all advertising experts as the best medium through which to reach the people because it draws the advertiser in closer touch with his customers than any other medium. Some merchants in small towns have found that advertising is one of their main attributes to a successful business, while others who purchased space in the same paper have condemned advertising and classed it as a useless expense. Why? The ads of both merchants appear in the same paper and are read by the same people. Then it surely cannot be the fault of the paper, but the fault lies with the advertiser. He has not given enough thought to the preparation of his copy. He has merely stated, "you will find the best goods for the least money at John Jones'." He has exercised no particular pains in preparing attractive copy with "a pull" to it. Probably his ad has the same meaning as several others. Anybody can sling in a few words about "finding the best bargains for the least money." If three ads of as many different firms read like this, the reader merely glances at them and concludes that one of the other of them is exaggerating. The advertiser who takes pains in preparing ad copy, and if possible illustrates the articles he is trying to induce the reader to buy, his ad will be read and appreciated because it is "something different" and leaves an impression because the reader has an idea of the article advertised. This enables them to get a clear conception of the quality and price of the article before going to the store to purchase and the salesman can make the sale quicker as the customer knows exactly, from the description in the ad, what he wants. It is a time saver to both the advertiser and the customer.

When a merchant displays some of his goods in his window does he pile up a truck full of a little bit of everything he carries in stock and dump it in in a slipshod fashion? Not much. He selects a few things, decorates the window to make it as attractive as possible and places each article so it will be pleasing

to the eye. If he would employ the same methods in his advertising he would soon see that the people read his ads and look for them in each issue of the paper.

There must be system in everything pertaining to the 20th century business. Bookkeeping must be on a systematic and scientific basis to produce the best results; system must be used in buying and selling; system must be used in keeping up the stock, then is it not essential to use systematic methods in advertising? Money has been wasted in advertising for the simple reason that the advertiser did not use his "thinker" in preparing good, "live" copy. Prepare attractive ads and they will never fail to draw the attention of the prospective purchaser and results will surely follow.

**"JENTLE JABS"**

By Jno. R. Owens

There is one thing a lazy man always has—an excuse.

While some men lie for money, there are others who lie in bed till the wife cooks breakfast.

It is evident that the dollar that gets the hardest squeeze is the dollar for subscription to the home paper.

As the women can't vote in Texas this year, the unmarried ones can invest their poll tax change in a marriage license.

Probably the majority of the democrats who are condemning Mr. Wilson's policy, are those who did not receive a post-office.

Our idea of a tightwad is a fellow who wants the Lord to guarantee him a return of \$5 for every dollar he gives to charity.

While the "big things" in life are said to be composed of the little things, there are only a few men who take time to stop and put the trifles together.

Feminine ankles that are being slighted by the new style skirts will have to rely on the little ankle furs during the present cool spells.

A literary critic says "American literature is going to the dogs." It is to be hoped that they will not imbibe enough of it to cause hydrophobia.

It seems that Roosevelt is entirely convinced that his extemporaneous expostulations will thoroughly expurgate the present administration.

If the criticisms of the Republicans and back-sliding Democrats had been torpedoed, the present administration would be "blowed plum to—!?!?!"

While nothing suits our eye As well as apple pie; We like to jab our fork In a piece of home-cured pork.

The fact that there are 90,000 farms in Texas that are "cowless", should be an incentive to this class of farmers to manage to get an old "Blue" or "Pide" to "juice" during 1916.

A lady subscriber on Route 4 wants to know "why we talk about the ladies so much in our paragraphs." Well, it's like this: The boss is a married man, and is afraid to, so he casts it off on us and we have to. And if you'd like this part of our job,

**A Wonderful Display of the Season's Newest Goods at DARSEY'S!**

This week has marked the arrival daily of new goods. In the past several days we have received thousands of dollars worth of new goods and are showing a stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings, etc., that is above comparison with any other in the county. All the way through the line we maintain highest quality for the money with the best service possible.

**All Leather Work Shoes**

We are showing a complete line of men's, women's and children's ALL LEATHER WORK SHOES. Every pair is guaranteed to be all leather and to have a solid tip. Let us sell you your shoes for spring. Leather shoes cost no more than the ordinary kind. We have a big line of shoes for dress wear.

**New Dress Goods**

We have received our first shipment of dress goods for the season and are showing all the newest patterns in—

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| Wool Suitings      | Utility Gingham | Colored Linens      |
| Palm Beach Suiting | Plain Linens    | Silk Crepe          |
| Wash Silks         | Voiles          | Batistes and Madras |

—AND OTHERS ARE COMING—

We also have a pretty line of middy blouses, wash dresses, skirts, sport coats, millinery and waists that will be here withing the next few days.

**Men and Boys**

Come to our store when you want the latest assured styles in

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| Shirts        | Neckwear | Hosiery   |
| Hats and Caps | Collars  | Underwear |

**We Want the Trade of Particular People**

**George E. Darsey**

madam, we'd be mighty glad to give it to you. But to soothe your feelings we will apply the next outburst for your benefit.

While life is said to contain a good many "little bumps," it is hard to refrain from calling some of them full grown carbuncles.

The Geraldine Farrar editions of the Houston papers were good. We suppose the next person to receive this distinction at the hands of Houston papers will be Billy Sunday or some suffragette.

While searching for a "preventive" to ward off the visits of the "suffs" who will convene in Houston, we would suggest to Col. Geo. Bailey of the Houston Post, to apply a generous portion of limburger to his breath daily.

After all the man who lies awake nights thinking how he can cheat some fellow-man out of a dollar, can't "hold a light" to the loose-tongued gossip who lies awake thinking of a way to start some slanderous tale on an innocent girl.

Married men whose wives have the habit of rifling their pockets for small change, should, before retiring, place the photograph of a pretty chorus girl in the same pocket with the cash. The photograph would be found and the cash would be forgotten.

A prominent minister says: "It takes two women in the life of a man to make him what he should be." The minister is right as far as he goes, but we've seen some men who were so sorry that it would take a dozen angelic women to make him what he should be.

From the action of the government authorities in New York,

it seems that Mrs. Pankhurst is still considered a dangerous visitor. But Emiline says she is here to secure aid for the Serbians and not to stir up the American women with "votes for women" speeches.

The fact that many sincere bachelors wrote good letters on "Why a Woman Should not Propose" in the recent Leap Year contest conducted by the Houston Post, will not safe-guard them against the old maids who wrote good letters on "Why a Woman Should Propose."

Hats cleaned and re-blocked, made to look new. New bands put on inside and outside. adv. M. L. Clewis.

**Headquarters for all kinds of Shop Work, Woodwork and Blacksmithing**

**HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY**

In fact, any kind of ordinary smithing done to order. Call and see us.

**Driskell & Knobel :: GrapeLand**

# Quality Supreme

## Is Our Rule

The users of Toilet Articles are becoming more and more critical of the quality.

Quality means purity of ingredients. That is what you get when you purchase your Toilet Articles from---

# The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

### FOR COMMISSIONER

Eugene E. Holcomb of Augusta announces this week for re-election as commissioner of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Holcomb is serving his first term in this office, and according to democratic precedent, is entitled to a second term. However, Mr. Holcomb does not put this forward as a claim for the office, preferring to stand on his record. We have heard many people say that Mr. Holcomb has made a good commissioner and we have never heard anything to the contrary. He has been diligent in the discharge of his duties, al-

ways looking to the best interests of the county. He asks your support.

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Young man, young lady! If you are contemplating a course in a business college, it will pay you to see The Messenger, as we have two scholarships in a leading college we will sell at a discount.

I will give to every applicant I write for the Woodmen as a premium a nice W. O. W. badge for a short time.

M. E. BEAN.

### LOCAL NEWS

Try Darsey's service.

Horse shoeing a specialty.  
DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

Service that serves at Darsey's.

Ben Brooks went to Crockett on business Tuesday morning.

Bring us your work and try us,  
DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

T. S. Kent was a business visitor to Houston the latter part of last week.

N. H. Montgomery transacted business in Crockett last Thursday.

Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth left Sunday for Colorado City to visit the family of J. E. Stowe.

Mrs. J. P. Royal has gone to Dallas to visit her daughter, Mrs. Smiley.

Now is the time to have your plow work done.

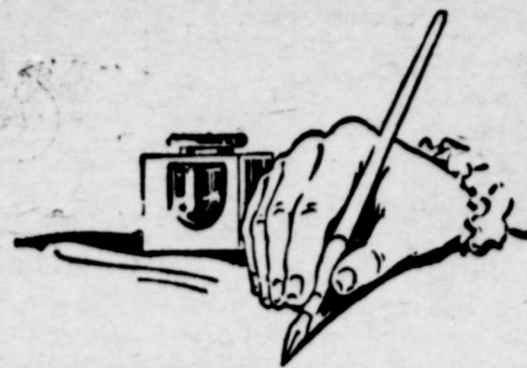
DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

W. G. Darsey and S.C. Spence went to San Antonio the early part of the week to purchase a car of work mules.

R. C. Thames of near Augusta has purchased the Ward place southeast of town and will move there.

Going away and haven't the time to go to town to get a grip? 'Phone Darsey's and have several suitcases sent up for you to select from.

Miss Adele Mansell has returned from her home in Trinity and resumed her duties in the school room, being absent several days on account of sickness. Miss Esther Davis taught in her place.



## When You Write Letters

You ought to have the most suitable stationery you can get, whether you're writing for a job, or accepting a proposal of marriage, or simply sending a long gossipy letter to a chum.

## Our Stationery

supply is composed of styles, tints and weights to please a variety of tastes. It makes writing a real pleasure. And our prices—Your Money's Worth!

# D. N. Leaverton

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:

BH Gardner  
Anderson County

For State Senator:

J J Strickland  
of Anderson County

For County Treasurer:

W M (Willie) Robison

For Tax Collector:

C W Butler Jr

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:

E E Holcomb (Re-election)

When you buy work shoes, do you pay for leather or paper? It is an assured fact that leather outwears paper and will give better protection against the weather. The Friedman-Shelby line of shoes is solid leather throughout, and every work shoe has a solid vamp. Come into our store and let us show you what this line has in it. We have cut samples and guarantee the shoes to be as good or better than the sample. Geo. E Darsey.

Chas. N. Thredford, late of Normangee, has purchased the S. E. Howard farm a mile east of town, and this week moved his family there. The Messenger extends them a welcome and hopes they will be satisfied with their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox, who have been living north of town, left last Friday for Ione, Ark., to make their future home.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation, adv

# We are Offering

## Buying Opportunities That Cannot be Equalled

Our large stock of the best selected merchandise is marked at prices that will appeal to the buyers of merchandise for this month.

We want you to see the many new values in Dress Shoes, Work Shoes, Boottees and Boots that we are offering.

### BUY YOUR MIDDY BLOUSES HERE

GIRLS, you will find what you want here in Middy Blouses, in Blazer Stripes, Solid Colors and many other pretty makes in fast color trimming.

### YOUR UNDERWEAR

If you want good, sensible, serviceable, satisfactory underwear, that will fit, wear and wash, then buy Ivanho Mills Underwear that will wear to your entire satisfaction. It is the best you can buy for the least money.

FOR SALE BY

# KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

Car of flour, chops and bran just received at T. S. Kent's. Get our prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Howard Jr. have moved to the Johnson place in South Grapeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor Denson have moved to the place in North Grapeland vacated by Wylie Caskey.

Mrs. N. H. Montgomery returned last Thursday from Houston, where she had been visiting relatives.

Wylie Caskey will move into his home this week, purchased some time ago from B. R. Eaves in Sycamore Addition.

Mrs. Clay Jones of Percilla went to Palestine Sunday to see her daughter, Mrs. Buckalew, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Paek Traylor, who has been visiting her parents in Palestine, has joined her husband here for a visit with relatives.

J. J. Knobel, an experienced blacksmith of Latexo, is now associated with A. C. Driskell in the blacksmith shop, and will move his family here next week.

### FOR SALE

1 good young work mule and 50 bushels of corn; cash or time. E. P. Bean, Route 1.

### RENTER WANTED

I want a renter to work 50 acres or more of land. Write or see R. M. Brooks, Grapeland, Route 3.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

I will ship hogs Saturday, January 29. I will buy a few more and will pay the following prices: 150 pound hogs, 5 1-2c; 200 pound hogs 6c. No shoats wanted. Geo. Calhoun.

### MAIZE HEADS

I have a car load of maize heads to arrive this week. They are the best and cheapest feed stuff you can buy. Good for all kinds of stock and is excellent chicken feed. See me at once if you want any. J. W. Howard.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Sold by all druggists. adv

## STRICKLAND FOR SENATOR GIVES OUT HIS PLATFORM

Hon. J. J. Strickland of Palestine announces for the State Senate from the 13th Senatorial District, and gives out the following platform.

1. Integrity, honesty and sobriety in all servants as essential qualifications for public offices.

2. Taxes Should be Reduced—That he believes that taxes are unnecessarily high for the returns we receive therefrom and believes in strict economy in every department of the state service; that state taxes should be reduced and all state institutions should be made to sustain themselves.

3. Penitentiaries—That state penitentiaries should be made self-sustaining. The present commissioners seem to have the idea to work all convicts on farms. This may prove satisfactory but in my opinion before the penitentiaries ever sustain themselves, factories will have to be established within the walls, managed and operated by long term convicts and the short term convicts used in building good public roads.

4. Iron Furnace at Rusk—I believe the iron furnaces at Rusk should be re-opened. Recently the Palestine Young Men's Business League had an expert to visit the ore beds of Cherokee County and inspect the iron furnaces at Rusk and he reported that he saw no reason why the iron industry at that place couldn't be operated with success.

5. The State Railroad—The State Railroad should be either sold or extended. At present it hasn't territory enough to support it and it will be 25 years before the country between Palestine and Rusk will develop to such an extent that said railroad will make its own expenses. I would first prefer to sell the road with an understanding with the buyer that it be extended in either or both directions to some center of commerce. If it can't be sold, it should be extended by the state as above indicated. If I can be of some service in opening the iron furnace at Rusk and making the proper disposition of the Texas State Railroad, I think I will have done my district a valuable service even if I should fail in all

my other purposes.

6. Organized Labor—My four years in the lower house of the state legislature speaks for itself. I have always supported all measures that were for the benefit of the laboring classes and the record will disclose that I not only voted for, but was the author of some of the most prominent labor legislation of this state.

7. Prohibition—I am a prohibitionist, both local and state wide. I have been of that opinion all my life and never expect to change my mind on the subject. My four years record in the lower house in this respect is open for inspection.

8. Truck Growers—I am the author of the bill passed during the thirtieth legislature requiring commission merchants to give bond. While this was a step in the right direction, it seems that this bill did not go far enough to remedy the evil. I am in favor of going further than this and establish standard grades of fruit and vegetables and requiring commission merchants to take out a license with the commissioner of agriculture and to give a bond to said officer for the protection of the growers and shippers before said license is issued.

9. Platform Demands—I shall support all platform demands of my party. I was of this opinion during the Campbell administration and I shall be of this opinion during Ferguson's administration and those who succeed him.

The people have spoken their will and I am in favor of giving the present administration a chance to make good on its platform. If elected I shall endeavor to work with the present administration in all things for the good of the state.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effectual.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effectual for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cold always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

## SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF



A happy home and a good BANK Balance make a good combination.

Everyone feels and works better if they know they have something for protection in time of adversities.

### We Want all Such Accounts

Whether large or small. It's the many small accounts that make strong banks. Think this over and start with us today.

## Farmers & Merchants State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

## - Reasons for Home-Trading -

Because you examine your purchases and are assured of satisfaction before investing your money.

Because your home merchant is always ready and willing to make right any error or any defective article purchased of him.

Because when you are sick or for any reason it is necessary for you to ask for credit, you can go the local merchant. Could you ask it of the mail-order house?

Because if a merchant is willing to extend credit to you, you should him the benefit of your cash trade.

Because your home merchant pays local taxes and exerts every effort to build and better your market, thus increasing the value of both city and country property.

Because the mail-order merchant does not lighten your tax or in any way help the value of your property.

Because the mail order merchant does nothing for the benefit of market or real estate values.

Because the best citizens of a community should patronize home industry. Why not be one of the best citizens?

Because if you will give your home merchant an opportunity to compete by bringing him your order in the quantities you buy out of town, he will demonstrate, quality considered, he will save you money

## If You Want a Better Community TRADE AT HOME

### LOCAL NEWS FROM BELOTT

(Delayed)

Belott, January 10.—Health is reasonably good with the exception of bad colds and a few cases of lagrippe.

As we are now spending the first days of the new year we should all strive to make a record in 1916 above all past years of our lives by being better men and women, better neighbors and better citizens. By so doing we would have better churches, better schools and a better country in every way.

Saturday night was lodge night for the W. O. W. at Belott Camp. The new officers were installed for the ensuing year: J. O. Kelley, C. C.; W. T. Payne, Adv. Lieut.; Geo. Duren, Banker; T. J. Sartor, Clerk; A. P. Balch, Past C. C. We failed to get the names of the other officers. The attendance was not very good, but some better than it had been. We believe the Camp will soon be on a boom again; hope so, at least.

Mr. Bill Ashby returned home Saturday from Kentucky where he had been visiting his father, whom he had not seen for a number of years.

We notice the candidates are beginning to "bob up". Now look out, boys. We are going to keep an extra hoe at the end of the rows and talk real nice to you. The Rambler.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. Sold by all druggists. adv

## M. L. CLEWIS, Tailor

CLEANING

and

PRESSING

DONE THE SANITARY WAY

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Moderate Prices

TAILOR MADE CLOTHING A SPECIALTY

SEE OUR NEW FALL SAMPLES

### THE KIND WE PRINT

We're printing some mighty fine sale bills this fall. Week before last we got out an order of bills for a farmer north of town and they were so attractive and nifty that he couldn't begin to take care of the crowds that flocked to to the sale. After getting the top price for every animal, impliment and article on the bill, Jim, the auctioneer, simply couldn't stop. The people clamored for more. The farmer, in the hope of driving them away, put up his mother-in-law. She brought \$160 on the hoof. Then he offered his mortgage for sale. A lifelong friendship between two old neighbors was shattered as each tried to out bid the other. It was finally knocked down to the richer man who was promptly knocked down by the poorer. He sold the weeds along the road-

side. He sold a gold brick that he bought in Chicago during the World's Fair. He sold the ruts in the road in front of his place and then offered to sell the secret of where he had the sale bills printed. We cannot give the results as the returns are not all in. They are bidding yet. That's the kind of sale bills we print. Give us a call.—Ex.

### The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable every-where.

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## NEWS FROM SAN PEDRO

Jan. 17.—It seems now that winter has just begun and we will probably have a late spring.

There was no preaching Sunday on account of the bad weather.

Luther Kleckley of Crockett spent the latter part of the week with his father.

Among those attending the local institute at Percilla Friday night were: Norman, Tom and Willis Whitaker, T. A. Morgan and Luther Kleckley.

J. F. Fullmer and son, Harvey, were in Augusta Saturday.

Eli Tatum of west Texas, came in Thursday and is visiting at J. F. Fulmer's.

I. N. Whitaker and sons, Norman, Tom and Willie, were Crockett visitors Friday.

The little son of Mr. Sampson Tyer is confined to his room with bronchitis.

Earl Shaver spent Saturday night at I. N. Whitaker's.

John A. Brimberry spent Saturday night with Enoch Whitaker.

W. A. Kleckley had business in Grapeland Saturday.

Mrs. George Richards left Wednesday for Wharton, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. L. G. Clark is visiting her sister in Elkhart.

Nero.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. Sold by all druggists. adv

## NEWS ITEMS FROM PERCILLA

Jan. 17.—Cold? Well, I should say so! These cottonades of ours feel like a shadow when our better half waives the poker at us and says "James get some wood." Of course we don't have to get wood, but its get wood or the poker.

Doctoring lagrippe seems to be the order of the day. That isn't much news, as it seems to be raging most everywhere.

Mrs. Willie Wright is sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Reba Buckalew is in a sanitarium at Palestine, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She was doing nicely when we heard from her last. Mrs. Ed Holcomb of Augusta also went on the same train to Palestine for an operation for the same trouble. We join their many friends in wishing for them a speedy recovery.

C. W. Butler Jr. has bought Dr. Hays' house and lot. It will be occupied by Joe Cook.

Mr. Graves of Waneta has moved here and expects to put in a set of blacksmith tools.

Our school is moving along nicely. The old fashioned Spelling Bee was enjoyed by everyone present. The local institute was a grand success, notwithstanding the threatening weather. The following schools were represented:

- Liberty Hill, 2 teachers.
- Livelyville, 2 "
- Porter Sp'gs, 2 "
- Augusta, 2 "
- Union, 3 "
- San Pedro, 1 "
- Oakgrove, 1 "
- Waneta, 3 "
- Belott, 3 "
- Glover, 1 "
- Percilla, 3 "

JAMES R.

## PEBBLES FROM ROCK HILL

January 18.—We are having some very cool weather. Many of the farmers are using it for saving their meat.

We hear of a good deal of sickness scattered about through the different parts of the country and several in our community are on the sick list. Little R. C. Streetman is sick with fever and cold.

Mr. J. T. Kiser had lagrippe during the past week, but is improving.

Miss Ola Willis has been very sick since Thursday, but are glad to report that she is improving at present.

We also hear that Mrs. Bessie Weisinger and little daughter, Mamie are sick, but have not heard about the nature of their sickness. We are wishing for the speedy recovery of all those who are sick.

Mrs. Lucy Willis and son, John, have just returned from a visit to their old home in Calhoun Co., Florida. They report a nice time with their friends and relatives, also that there had been many changes since they moved away.

Our literary society met Friday night and we had a very nice program, but had only a small number of visitors on account of bad weather and sickness.

Scribbler.

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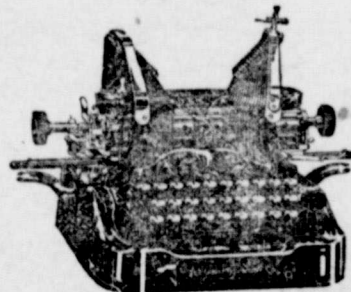
The shrewd men and women of today not only read advertisements, but they study them. They have come to watch for them, and the business man who realizes as much is getting their trade. The modern man and woman have come to know that when a business house has anything special to offer that offer will appear in the newspaper—and if no such offers meet their eyes when they open the paper, they very naturally conclude that their merchants have nothing worth saying this week, or that week, or whatever week it may be. The public the world over is guided in its purchases by newspaper offerings. If their local paper does not bring these offerings to them, they naturally look elsewhere for them.

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HAYS SPRING LOCAL NEWS

January 16.—W. W. Spence, T. B. Spence, W. M. Brown and several others have sick folks.

There has been but very little farm work going on. Ed Clark, Tom Spence, A. W. Hughes and W. J. Clark are taking in several acres of new land this winter.

Luther Warner visited relatives at Daly's Saturday night and Sunday.

W. E. Garrard and family visited at New Prospect this week.

Luther Lively made a business trip to Palestine this week.

The big traction engine came down the Daly's road Wednesday evening on its way to the Stevens farm.

There has been some moving going on here the past week. Mr. Kelly moved to W. W. Spence's farm. Richard Spence has bought one of A. B. Spence's farms and moved on same. Hamilton Clines has moved to Walter Pennington's farm.

This must be election year for we can see the candidates peeping around the corner. They seem to be a little wild now, but they will gentle by spring. Come on, gentlemen, and place your announcement in the Messenger. No use to put it off, for we know you are coming. Away back yonder men wanted an office just for the honor there was in it, but now they tell you they appreciate the honor conferred upon them, but if it was not for the compensation there is in it they would not want the office—but we don't blame them.

We want to tip our hat to "Observer" on the article he had in the Messenger last week. Tell it again. While it is lawful to give suspended sentences, it is very badly abused.

Big Foot.

JUST FOUR. READ THE ANALYSIS

You do just four things. You think; you remember; you imagine; you act. When you learn to think better, remember better, imagine better or act better, you are increasing your efficiency, and therefore your income. You may feel that you are very successful now. Suppose you are; it isn't a question of what you know, but of how beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. You will agree with us that to violate a part of the laws of business means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all the laws means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of business success. The late Prof. James of Harvard declares that the average man only uses ten per cent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean you are only twenty per cent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our course is to produce a maximum of proficiency with a minimum effort. Did you ever stop to think that eighty-five per cent of the men of this country are only earning \$15 a week or less? That

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STRICKLAND FOR SENATOR

In the proper column this week will be found the name of Hon. J. J. Strickland of Palestine, who announces for State Senator from this district. Elsewhere in this issue we publish Mr. Strickland's platform, giving the voters an idea of what he stands for and will advocate. Mr. Strickland is the present county attorney of Anderson county, which office he has filled with credit. He has previously served in the legislative halls, being representative in the lower house from Anderson county four years. He filled the office with distinction and was helpful in passing some good laws. He is the author of the law creating the state bureau of labor and the present inheritance tax law and was joint author of the carshed bill.

Mr. Strickland will visit this section of the county sometime during the campaign and more fully explain to the voters the things he stands for. He solicits your support.

Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS ITEMS

Jan. 17.—It seems that winter has arrived at last.

The health of our community is better than it has been for two or three weeks.

Mrs. Odell Long is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Sophia Morris, at Elkhart.

There wasn't any Sunday School yesterday on account of the cold weather.

Our literary society met Friday night for the first time since Christmas. A good program was carried out and good music rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brooks and Miss Erie Bridges. Debate: Resolved; That Corporal Punishment Should be Prohibited in our State Prisons." Speakers on the affirmative, A. B. Milliken and Ped Herod; negative, Fred Bridges and Lewis Herod. Judges rendered the decision in favor of the negative.

Mr. Thomas Caskey and Miss Bessie Bridges surprised their many friends by getting married last Friday night. We all wish them a long and happy life.

We are expecting Mr. Jim Lively to preach for us next Sunday and also organize a church of his faith as there are several members of that denomination at this place.

Mrs. Mat Hudson spent a few days last week with her son, Joe.

We hear Mr. Ed Parker is moving where Mr. Jim McKnight lived.

We know everyone who killed hogs last week is glad to see this cold weather, especially Mr. Lee Finch, as he had some nice hogs to kill. A READER.

LETTER FROM OLD GRAY

1915 has passed away and now rests with the many years that have preceded it. History will refer to it as one of great storms, wars and great destruction of life both on land and water. We meet 1916 with conditions something more promising than we had at the commencement of the past year, for weal or for woe. We take up our daily avocations with hopes that all may be well at the end of the present year. We think that its now time for the farmers to consider what is best to be done. The same cause exists today that did one year ago for reducing cotton acreage and diversifying our crops. The past season has, beyond a doubt, established the fact that a short crop gives better prices for our cotton, therefore it will be best for us to cut the cotton acreage and make good for better prices. We realize that a great many will say it is the same old chestnut. It is enough to say it will be well to stick to it until we get satisfactory results.

Xmas. was very quiet in these parts, nothing of note transpiring.

There has been a good deal of sickness—some fatal.

This is candidate year and we notice some have already announced. T. M. Campbell of Palestine for U. S. Senator is among those whose names ap-

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pear in the announcement column and we rather think Mr. Campbell has a rough sea ahead of him. However, we cannot always tell where the plum will fall.

We wish to compliment the Messenger for its splendid work in the Xmas edition. It carried cheer to its many readers and will even be appreciated by all reasonable people.

We wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. As ever, OLD GRAY.

NOTICE

Mrs. Jennie Dotson is authorized to solicit subscriptions for the Messenger, both new and renewal, and any favors shown her will be appreciated by us. She will appreciate your subscription, and if not convenient to see her, write her Grapeland, Route 1.

Just Possible.

Gayboy—I'm delighted to have met you, Miss Swift, and I hope to see more of you.

Miss Swift—Oh, perhaps you will. I'm going to spend the summer at the seashore.

The Case.

"What did the poet mean when he asked his sweetheart to drink to him only with her eyes?"

"Of course, she had liquid eyes, stupid."

Equal to a Cat Concert.

Mrs. Hixon—Is your husband a sound sleeper, Mrs. Dixon?

Mrs. Dixon—Well, you would think so if you were to hear him snore.

VETINARY L. S. HARRIS

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