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The BARGAIN STORE

Will receive this week

A Shipment of Shoes

From New York

Latest Styles and Highest Quality

Just received a lot of new DRY GOODS

If you should happen to receive a circular quoting special low prices on a few staples just bring it to the BARGAIN STORE and we will give you

Low Prices on Everything

Don't Buy Until You See Us

Bring us your eggs and other produce. Plenty of Alfalfa Hay and all kinds of feed stuff.

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W. R. WHERRY

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND

FREE DELIVERY UNION PHONE NO. 45. CALL US UP

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, Jan. 24.—We have had some fine weather to kill hogs and most all are through with that job.

We have begun to farm some and are going to try to raise all we need at home and every boll of cotton we can. We believe a good suggestion is to burn every nook and corner; by so doing we can destroy many boll weevils; I know by experience, and if the weather is right and at the right stage the cotton will make a fair crop, and make all the side issues we can.

Having out of neighborhood company, we did not attend Sunday school, hence local news is scarce.

We are going after our poll tax receipt today.

Mr. Stevens' gigantic traction engine made it to the farm Tuesday evening. Owing to weight and width it had to dodge every bridge on the road, but when they arrived at big Elkhart creek there was no dodging, so they made a bridge of huge logs and landed all o. k. on the other side. It is the Emerson Big-4 and carries twelve big disk plows. It is no experiment for the men behind it know what it will do. It is only a question of time until old Beck and Jane will not be needed on the big farms. If we only had the right kind of roads trains could run all over our country minus ties and rails. The day will come.

The political pot seems to be gin to boil real early. There are two things I am cranky about—my church obligations and voting and should I die as poor as Job's turkey, will never be too busy to go to church or go and vote, and should we die poor it will be mismanagement and not politics or religion.

Some plowing done. Gardening time and corn planting time is near at hand. J. L. Chiles has peas peeping through the ground. We are glad to see the interest being taken in the farm life of the country. One of our great men has said: "The world had its beginning in a garden and will have its ending in a city." Does it not look that way? Then we will all have a jolly good time in New Jerusalem, I guess. ZACK.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The honor roll this week consists of the following immortals; N. H. Montgomery, George Mobley, Julian Walling, Grapeland; C. C. Chaffin, E. P. Bean, J. D. Haltom, Alfred Caskey, Route 1; T. L. Brown, J. W. Cook, W. E. Allen, Mrs. Nora Burden, L. P. Gentry, Route 2; H. A. Skeen, J. J. Willis, Route 3; Dr. L. Meriwether, Crockett; W. T. Cox, Mrs. W. M. Jeter, Ione, Ark.; W. E. Hollingsworth, Frisco; D. J. Jones, Artesia, N. M.; W. N. Standley, Lovelady; C. E. Jones, Floyd Ferguson, Percilla; S. L. Murphy, Elkhart, Route 2. Mrs. J. F. Fulton renews the subscription of her son, Frank Shipper, Seward, Ill.; Lon Beauchamp, Grapeland.

Flour, Feed and Groceries

BUY IT ECONOMICALLY
BUY IT FROM US

You would not think of going to a lumber dealer to buy your wife a dress, nor to a blacksmith to buy a new hat, nor to a druggist to buy a load of corn.

Then why not come to a Flour-Feed-and-Grocery dealer when you want FLOUR, FEED AND GROCERIES? Why not buy where it is a BUSINESS and not a SIDE-LINE?

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Our line of staple and fancy groceries embraces everything that can be found in a modern stock and all of the best obtainable brands. You know our motto—

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LEASED THE HOTEL

Ben Brooks has leased the Grapeland hotel and will open it for business within the next few weeks. Some repairs will be made inside and out, and this work will begin immediately.

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.

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

Complete!

Our several lines are complete.

Groceries, Light Hardware,
Staple Dry Goods

Shoes!-- Shoes Too!

That are solid leather. Let us show you how they are made. They are sure to SATISFY YOU who are to wear them.

Make our store your stopping place when you are in town. We are glad to see you and serve you in every way possible.

Remember we sell Dependable Merchandise

McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE

FREE DELIVERY

BOTH PHONES

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. W. N. (Will) Standley was in Grapeland a few hours Saturday morning and while here authorized the Messenger to announce his candidacy for the office of Tax Collector of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Mr. Standley lives in the southern portion of the county at Lovelady, where he has resided many years, and is well thought of by his home people. He is seeking the office of col-

lector upon his own merits, knowing that he is capable of performing the duties of the office, and if elected, promises faithful service to the people. Sometime in the future he will visit this section and meet the people and press his claims for the office. He asks that you give his candidacy due consideration.

Olan Davis of this city and Henry Newman of Augusta are in Tyler this week serving the federal government as jurors.

covered to him sickening justification for his apprehensions.

After a moment he returned, shut the door, and set his back against it, as if to bar out that reeking shambles.

He was very pale, his face drawn with horror, and he was shaken with nausea.

Now he knew why his dressing gown had been requisitioned—to protect a butcher's clothing.

The plot was damnably patent—Roddy, somehow a menace to the Pack, required elimination; not only had his murder been decreed, but that the blame for it should be laid at Lanyard's door. Hence the attempt to drug him that he might not escape before the police could be sent to find him there.

Lanyard could no longer doubt that De Morbihan had been left behind at the Circle of Friends of Harmony solely to detain him, afford Smith time to finish his hideous job, and set the trap for the second victim.

And the plot had succeeded despite its partial failure, despite the swift reverse chance and Lanyard's cunning had meted out to the Pack's agent. In was his dressing gown that was saturated with Roddy's blood, just as those were his gloves, pilfered from his luggage, which had measurably protected the killer's hands, and which Lanyard had found in the next room, stripped hastily off and thrown to the floor, twin crumpled wads of blood-stained chamouis skin.

He had now little choice; he must either flee Paris and rely on his wits to save him, or else seek De Morbihan and trust to his protection, to his influence in high quarters.

But to give himself into the hands, to become an associate of one who could be party to so cowardly a crime as this—Lanyard told himself he would sooner pay the guillotine the penalty.

Consulting his watch, he found the hour to be no later than half past four, so swiftly—truly treading upon one another's heels—events had moved since the adventure of the somnambulist.

This left at his disposition a fair two hours more of darkness—November nights are long and black in Paris; it would hardly be even moderately light before seven o'clock. But that was a respite none too long for Lanyard's necessity—he must think swiftly in contemplation of instant action were he to extricate himself without the Pack's knowledge and consent.

Granted, then, that he must fly this stricken field of Paris. But how? De Morbihan had promised that Popinot's creatures would guard every outlet; and Lanyard didn't doubt him. An attempt to escape the city by any normal channel would be to invite one of two things—denunciation to the police on the charge of murder or one of those fatally expeditious forms of assassination of which the Apaches are past masters.

He must and would find another way; but his decision was frightfully hampered by lack of ready money, the few odd francs in his pocket were no store for the war chest demanded by this emergency.

True, he had the Ombre jewels; but they were not negotiable—not, at least, in Paris.

And the Huysman plans?

He pondered briefly the possibilities of the Huysman plans.

In his fretting, pacing softly to and fro, at each turn he passed his dressing table, and, chancing once to observe himself in the mirror, he stopped short, thunderstruck by something he thought to detect in that counterfeit presentment of his countenance, heavy with fatigue as it was, and haggard with contemplation of this appalling contretemps.

And instantly he was back beside the American, studying narrowly the contours of that livid mask. Here, then, was that resemblance that had baffled him; and now that he saw it he could not deny that it was unfatteringly close—feature for feature the face of the murderer reproduced his face; coarsened, perhaps, but recognizably a replica of that Michael Lanyard who confronted him every morning in his shaving glass, almost the only difference residing in the scrubby black mustache that shadowed the American's upper lip.

After all, nothing wonderful in this; Lanyard's type was not uncommon; he would never have thought himself a distinguished figure.

Before rising he turned out the pockets of this casual double. But this profited him little—quite evidently the assassin had dressed for action with forethought to evade recognition in event of accident. Lanyard collected only a cheap American watch in a "rolled-gold" case, of a sort manufactured by wholesale, a common key that might fit any hotel door, a broken paper of Regie cigarettes, an automatic pistol, a few francs in silver—nothing whatever that would serve as a mark of identification; for, though the gray lounge suit was tailor made, the tailor's labels had been ripped out of its pockets, while the man's linen and underwear alike lacked even a laundry's hieroglyphic.

With this harvest of nothing for his pains Lanyard turned again to the washstand and his shaving kit, mixed a stiff lather, stropped another razor to the finest edge he could manage, fetched a pair of keen scissors from his dressing case, and went back to the murderer.

He worked rapidly, at a high pitch of excitement—as much through sheer desperation as through any appeal inherent in his scheme, either to his common sense or to his romantic bent.

In two minutes he had stripped the mustache clean away from that stupid, flaccid mask.

Unquestionably the resemblance was now most striking; the American would readily pass for Michael Lanyard.

This much accomplished, he pursued his preparations in feverish haste. In spite of this, he overlooked no detail. In less than twenty minutes he had exchanged clothing with the American down to shirts, collars and neckties; had packed in his own pockets the several articles taken from the other, together with the jointed jimmy and a few of his personal effects, and was ready to bid adieu to himself, to that Michael Lanyard whom Paris knew.

The insistent masquerader on the floor had called himself "Goodenough Smith;" he must serve now as "Goodenough Lanyard," at least for the Lone Wolf's purposes; the police, at all events, would accept him as such. And if the memory of Michael Lanyard must needs wear the stigma of brutal murder, he need not repine in his oblivion, since through this perfunctory decease the Lone Wolf would gain freedom even greater than before.

The Pack had contrived only to eliminate Michael Lanyard, the amateur of fine paintings; remained the Lone Wolf with not one faculty impaired, but rather with a deadlier purpose to shape his occult courses.

Under the influence of his methodical preparations his emotions had cooled appreciably, taking a cast of cold, malignant vengefulness.

He, who never in all his criminal record had so much as pulled trigger in self-defense, was ready now to shoot to kill with the most cold-blooded intent—given one of three targets; while for Popinot's creatures, if they worried him, he meant to exterminate them with as little compunction as though they were the rats in fact that they were in spirit.

Extinguishing the lights, he stepped quickly to a window and from one edge of its shade looked down into the street.

He was in time to see a stunted human silhouette detach itself from the shadow of a doorway on the opposite walk, move to the curb and wave an arm—evidently signaling another sentinel on a farther corner and out of Lanyard's range of vision.

Herein was additional proof, if any lacked, that De Morbihan had not exaggerated the disposition of Popinot. This animal in the street, momentarily revealed by the corner light as he darted across to take position by the door, this animal with sickly face and pointed chin, with dirty muffer round its chicken-neck, shoddy coat clothing its sloping shoulders, baggy corduroy trousers flapping round its bony shanks—this was Popinot's, and but one of a thousand differing in no essential save degree of viciousness.

It wasn't possible to guess how thoroughly Popinot had picketed the house, in co-operation with Roddy's murderer, by way of provision against mischance; but the adventurer was satisfied that, in his proper guise as himself, he needed only to open that postern door at the street end of the passage to feel a knife slip in between his ribs—most probably in his back, beneath the shoulderblade.

He nodded grimly, moved back from the window, and used the flash-lamp to light him to the door.

(To Be Continued)

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

C. H. Jones of Denton spent a few days here last week visiting the family of his brother-in-law, Wade L. Smith. He also visited Crockett to look after his farm near there.

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.

STRICKLAND FOR STATE SENATOR

Just as we close our forms for this issue we are authorized to announce the candidacy of County Attorney J. J. Strickland of Anderson county for state senator for the 13th senatorial district, composed of the counties of Cherokee, Anderson, Houston, Angelina and Trinity. Limit of space and time both forbid an extended review in this issue of Judge Strickland's platform, and we promise our readers a full review of it next week. His candidacy will be, we know, regarded with interest by very many of our readers, not alone because he is so well and favorably known by many of them, but also because of some of the strong points in his platform. And the voters will view with unusual favor his candidacy because of the well known fidelity of Jeff Strickland in the legislature for four years during the Campbell administration and because of his zeal and impartial attitude in the office of county attorney of Anderson county. Among the things prominent in his platform are that he favors the opening and operating of the iron furnace at Rusk, the selling or extending of the State railroad and his advocacy of prohibition.—Troup Banner.

Hon. J. J. Strickland of Anderson county, whose announcement appears in the columns of the Star, is asking at the hands of the voters of this senatorial district to be sent to the Texas Senate. We are glad to make this announcement because it has been our pleasure for many years to know Jeff, as he was so familiarly called by his intimate friends, and knowing him as we do, we are in a position to appreciate his real merit. He was

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There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

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reared on a farm and was energetic and industrious and whatever his hands found to do he did it with all his might, and success has crowned his every effort. He made his own way through college, studied law in the State University, and was elected to the legislature while yet a student in the University, so great was the confidence of the people of Anderson county in his worth and merit.

The Star folks have had intimate knowledge of his record of four years in the legislature and he had much to do with placing many of our good laws on the statute books. He is now county attorney of Anderson county and is making one of the best that county ever had. To be plain spoken, Mr. Strickland is every inch a man, and the people of

Trinity county will make no mistake in helping to send him to the senate as their representative. Personally he is quite sociable and one of the best young men we ever knew. The Star predicts for him a great future and hopes to have the privilege of calling upon him at Austin while he is senator from this district.—Trinity County Star. (Political Adv.)

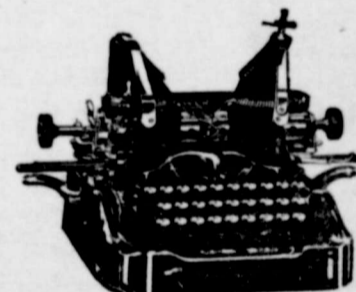
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The **OLIVER** No. 9
The Standard Visible Writer



Yes, The Crowning Typewriter Triumph Is Here!

It is just out—and comes years before experts expected it. For makers have striven a life-time to attain this ideal machine. And Oliver has won again, as we scored when gave the world its first visible writing. There is truly no other typewriter on earth like this new Oliver "9." Think of touch so light that the tread of a kitten will run the keys!

CAUTION!

The new day advances that come alone on this machine are all controlled by Oliver. Even our own previous models—famous in their day—never had the Optional Duplex Shift.

It puts the whole control of 84 letters and characters in the little fingers of the right and left hands. And it lets you write them all with only 25 keys, the least to operate of any standard typewriter made.

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This brilliant new Oliver comes at the old-time price. It costs no more than lesser makes—now out of date when compared with this discovery.

For while the Oliver's splendid new features are costly—we have equalized the added expense to us by simplifying construction.

Resolve right now to see this great achievement before you spend a dollar for any typewriter. If you are using some other make you will want to see how much more this one does.

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17 Cents a Day! Remember this brand new Oliver "9" is the greatest value ever given in a typewriter. It has all our previous special inventions—visible writing, automatic spacer, 6 1-2 ounce touch—plus the Optional Duplex Shift, Selective Color Attachment and all these other new-day features. Yet we have decided to sell it to everyone everywhere on our famous payment plan—17 cents a day! Now every user can easily afford to have the world's crach visible writer, with the famous Printype, that writes like print, included free if desired.

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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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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.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 27, 1916

Frederick Palmer, writing in Collier's, predicts that the war will be over by next November.

No leap year weddings around here yet. Guess our girls think it is better to love and lose than to win.

When a man has a few dollars his friends term him a financier. When he goes broke he is just a mortal and his friends melt away.

The extra customer induced to come to your store by advertising will spend enough to pay for the ad. Go after the extra customer.

In the states where they have equal suffrage, the lawyers have already learned that it is unwise to let a man and his wife sit on the same jury.

Whatever you have to do, take pains to do your work well. The conscientious worker is the one who gets to the front—and the one that never needs to be idle.

Candidates are getting more numerous every week. Of course they all swear they will be elected, and the day after the election most of them will swear on general principles.

W. L. West, editor of the Livingston Enterprise, is a candidate for tax assessor of Polk county. We are willing for him to be elected if he will still continue to edit the Enterprise.

We would like to have a report from all of our exchanges that carried a certain cigar advertisement the first of the year. How did the check look when it was pulled out of the envelope?

Anyone desiring a valuable booklet on raising peanuts may secure same, free, by calling at the Messenger office. They are sent out by the State agricultural department and show the many different varieties and how they are cultivated by scientific methods. Every farmer should have one.

There is a rush to the tax collector's office these last few days, many citizens of this community going down to square themselves with the state and county government and qualify themselves as voters. The tardy ones only have four days left (omitting Sunday) to perform this patriotic and very necessary duty. Unless you have a poll tax receipt you can't vote and along about next July things will be getting so warm that you would give ten dollars to get to

vote. There is not as much fun in voting for a fellow as there is in voting against one you don't like, therefore get that poll tax receipt.

There is something radically wrong with our marketing system, but we are unable to suggest a complete remedy. We know that we are paying out too much money to the grafters who infest the road all of the way from the farmer to the retailer and the ultimate consumer. It's time for a new system, but who is the Moses that will lead us out of the wilderness?

The campaign of "Let Texas Feed Herself," which was inaugurated last year and carried to a fairly successful conclusion, is being revived with the approach of spring and bids fair to be more successful this year. Whatever may be the outcome in other parts of the state, let the farmers of the Grapeland country resolve to make their part of it a success and raise plenty of food and feedstuff.

Geo. B. Terrell of Cherokee county announces that he will not make the race for state senator, but will seek the office of representative from his home county. So far this leaves the field to Jeff Strickland and he may not have opposition. Should there be one who aspires to oppose him he would doubtless hesitate to go against such a strong man—one who is so popular and favorably known over the district and one who has never known defeat. Strickland is a strong man and is capable of ably representing the people of his district.

Texas editors will have a great opportunity next June to see West Texas as she really is, if they go with the crowd in that special train de luxe that George Hunter, general passenger agent of the Texas & Pacific is going to run to El Paso to the meeting of the Texas Press Association.—Richardson Echo.

The El Paso meeting bids fair to be the best for several years, and those editors who are not making their plans to attend are going to miss something worth while. We have induced T. J. Welch of the Times, W. W. Aiken of the Courier of Crockett and Frank Weimar of the Herald at Ratcliff to send in their application for membership and promise to attend.

MRS. WILLIAMS DEAD

Mrs. Katherine Williams, better known to her many friends as "Grandma" Williams, died at her home in this city at an early hour Tuesday morning. Death was caused by an aggravated case of la grippe and bronchial trouble. Her remains were laid to rest Tuesday afternoon in the Antrim cemetery by the side of her husband who preceded her some thirty years ago. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. C. Ansley.

Mrs. Williams was 84 years of age and has made her home here with her son-in-law, Maj. J. F. Martin, for many years. She is survived by one child, Mrs. J. F. Matthews of the Antrim community, several grand children and other relatives, to whom the Messenger joins friends in extending condolence in this sad hour.

Arland Gainey of the San Pedro community was here Tuesday with a hog weighing 600 pounds, which he sold to George Calhoun.

: SAN SILK :

We have just received a big shipment of San Silk and are showing all the Solid Colors and Varigated Shades. Let us have your orders. We sell--
6 Spools for 25c

Spring Suitings

Our spring suitings are the talk of the ladies of the town. If you haven't seen them we invite you to come and look the line over. We have all of the popular fabrics at very popular prices.

White Goods

Are in greater demand this season than ever before. We have received a big shipment of white dress goods, laces, embroideries, underwear goods. We are also showing plain, colored and white linens.



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Service First Store
Grapeland, Texas

NEW PROSPECT NEWS ITEMS

Jan. 23.—Will Music of Crockett is spending a few days here with his relatives and friends.

Bro. Lively preached a good sermon here today. Quite a number of Oak Grove people attended the services.

Mr. and Web Finch spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Herod Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown went to Palestine one day last week to have Mrs. Brown's eyes treated.

We are sorry to hear that one of Mr. Richard Finch's mules got its foot badly cut last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Keen of near Grapeland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bridges.

Mr. A. B. Milliken went to Crockett Saturday on business.

Next Friday night, January 28th, is our society night, so let's all be out and enjoy ourselves. We are expecting to have some nice music. We have also gotten some new lamps since our last meeting.

Mr. Peter Bridges made a

business trip to Crockett one day last week.

There is not much sickness in our community at present, although Mr. Bud Kennedy has been sick with cold the past week. A Reader.

I. & G. N. RAILROAD SHOP MEN ENDORSE STRICKLAND

Whereas, Hon. J. J. Strickland has announced as a candidate for State Senator, and whereas, in private life and in an official capacity he has been the untiring friend of organized labor and been true to every trust imposed upon him by the people, and whereas, we deeply appreciate the fact that he has

made it possible for us to work under adequate car sheds, thus protecting us from the weather.

Therefore be it resolved that we express our appreciation for past services and tender to him our unqualified endorsement for the position to which he now aspires.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this be given to the press.

By authority of the Lodge, Jan. 15, 1916.

C. A. Manley, Pres.
W. E. Bonsall, Sec'y.
Sycamore Lodge, 459
B. R. C. of A.
(Political Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riall were visitors to Houston the early part of the week.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Geo. E. Darsey made a business trip to Houston Wednesday.

Horse shoeing a specialty.
DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

Prof. C. T. Sims was a visitor to Crockett Saturday.

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

Robt. Bobbitt went to Palestine Sunday.

Now is the time to have your plow work done.
DRISKELL & KNOBEL.

Mrs. G. C. Bishop of Amarillo is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Jones.

O. C. Goodwin was here Saturday on business and greeting his many friends.

For first-class horse shoeing see Dick Calhoun. Shoes removed and feet trimmed free.

Bob Traylor of New Waverly spent a few days here this week visiting his brothers.

..ACHES..

Aches are the father of grouches. Grouches produce ill temper and irritableness, and these hasten you to your grave.

For a very little we sell you the remedies that kill the aches as soon as they appear.

Is your health, your happiness, your life, worth this small investment?

LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE

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.

Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y. has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used. Obtainable everywhere."

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

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Miller of Crockett and Mrs. J. L. Beard were visitors to Grapeland Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Floyd Ferguson of Percilla went to Elkhart Saturday to see Mrs. Sherman Lively, who is quite sick.

WILL TRADE

10 nice shoats for a young horse or good note due next fall.
Nat Patton,
Crockett, Rte. 6.

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.

WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

To my friends and the public:
I will not be a candidate for County Treasurer, as some of my friends will be in the race, and inasmuch as it has become generally known that I would be in the race, I deem it proper that I should make this statement. I sincerely thank my many friends for the encouragement and promise of support they gave me.
Yours very truly,
Preston Lively.

C. E. Dickey of Percilla returned from Elkhart Tuesday morning.

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 everywhere.

We had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Floyd Ferguson Saturday while he was in town. Mr. Ferguson and family moved back here recently from Alvin and are living near Percilla. He said the August storm, which swept the gulf coast country, wrought considerable damage to himself, and that was one thing that made him decide to move back.

WHO HAS IT?

Somebody has my Jack-screw about 20 or 22 inches high, marked 320-T. Please bring it home.
J. J. Brooks.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

11 Duroc pigs weighing about 60 lbs., for sale or trade. What have you to offer? W. N. Irwin,
Grapeland, Route 2.

Have your horse shod right. I can do the work satisfactorily. Shoes removed and feet trimmed free.
DICK CALHOUN.

Mmes. P. H. Stafford, J. C. Kennedy and W. A. Riall visited in Crockett last Thursday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:
B H 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
W N (Will) Standley

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:
E E Holcomb (Re-election)

A NEW FIRM TO OPEN

There is a new mercantile firm in Grapeland, Carnes Bros. of Conroe having purchased the Parker stock and will put in a large line of general merchandise. The store will be in charge of A. L. Carnes, who was at one time pastor of the Methodist church here. His brother, O. D. Carnes, was in business here once. Mrs. Carnes came in Sunday and Mr. Carnes and the boys arrived Tuesday, coming with their car of household goods. We are glad to have this good family with us.

A. E. Owens

NOTARY PUBLIC

Legal Documents
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Grapeland, Texas

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.
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D N LEAVERTON

MRS. MARY HESTER DEAD

Monday evening, January 10th, at about 8:30 o'clock, our community was made sad by the grim Monster, Death, entering the home of Mr. S. T. Hester, 8 miles north of Crockett, and claiming as its victim, the dearly beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Mary J. Hester.

Mrs. Hester was born in Denton County, Texas in the year of 1873, coming to this county at the age of seventeen. Shortly after her arrival she was married to Mr. S. T. Hester of this community and for twenty-five years has been a most loving and affectionate wife.

Mrs. Hester was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had lived a devoted Christian from her girlhood. She had reached the age of forty-three years when the happy home ties for father and son were severed by her death. Her death was caused by pneumonia, which lasted only a few days. All that medical skill and loving friends could do was of no avail. She leaves a husband and one son, Walter, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

There is a vacancy in our community, as in the home, which can never be filled, for to know her was to love her. We would say to those who mourn, "Weep not as those having no hope" for we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and while we miss her from our midst here on earth we think of her as being among the saintly ones around the great Throne extending a welcome hand to the beloved ones to come up higher where sorrow and separations never come, but all will be one united, happy family with the Great God of all as father.

So now we say farewell, but not forever. May God's bless-

ings rest upon us and cause us to live so as to meet her in Heaven.

The remains were laid to rest in the McCarty cemetery Tuesday evening, funeral services being conducted by Rev. R. F. Hodges. A FRIEND.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the local teachers' institute held at Percilla was in every respect up to the standard and accomplished the purpose of the meeting, in that it stimulated local interest in progressive ideals and brought those concerned into closer sympathy and harmony along educational lines, therefore, be it resolved—

1 That those teachers that were not present when they might have been, deprived themselves of the rare treats that came to the profession only thru this medium.

2 That we, as teachers, heartily commend the progressive ideals of the people of this community and extend to them our congratulations on the achievements they have already made, as well as on the bright future that seems to be before them.

3 That we visitors most heartily thank the good people for their unstinted hospitality toward us while we were among them. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Scarborough,
Harry Brewton,
J. H. Rosser,
Committee.

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

OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS

All teachers ought to use the enrollment cards that have been sent out to them by the A. & M. College Club Work Department. Use the cards and let's have some genuine interest in the club work. Each principal will be conferring a favor upon his boys and girls if he can secure their co-operation. This is a phase of the school work that patrons and all will be interested in. Organize the Boys' Corn Club, permitting each boy to raise whatever crop he may prefer—corn, cotton, a pig, calf, etc. Most parents will give their boys an opportunity to do something along this line and will be glad to do so. Get the girls into the Girls' Clubs, permitting them to raise any kind of a crop that the boys may raise, and in addition they can have some competition in hand work, cooking, canning and sewing.

Some may regard the above suggestions as ludicrous for girls, but it is both good and sensible, and the teacher who will give part of his time to this will be more appreciated than he who clings to the three "Rs" for his salvation. The past year witnessed the winning of a \$200 prize by a 16-year old girl for being the champion peanut raiser in Texas. A 14-year old boy won the prize for raising the finest hog exhibited. Many other prizes were given to young people by the Texas Industrial Congress for their prize winning exhibits. We can have a Houston County Industrial Congress if we will put our shoulder to the wheel. Many of the business men will gladly contribute to a fund to encourage the boys in this kind of work, and if there was no prize offered it would be a big undertaking for the member and also a profitable one.

It is the desire of many that we perfect this organization in our schools by having the whole number of schools organized into county organization, having a county president and secretary and treasurer. This can be done. Let each principal do what he can to get his students interested.

We are very anxious for the schools of the county to enroll in the Inter Scholastic League, in order that they can send a representative or representatives as the case may be to the County meet in April. We expect to have a goodly number of events this meet; the more schools the better. There will be Junior and Senior Declamation for both boys and girls; debate for boys; debate for girls; spelling for boys and girls; essay-writing; tennis doubles for boys, basket ball; base ball and track and field events; the foregoing are for the county meet. The track and field events will be as per scheduled in bulletin No. 29. I suggest that each teacher write to E. D. Shurter for a copy of the above named bulletin. Send the dollar for membership by the tenth of February.

All teachers should be much interested in the League and endeavor to have the school represented. All schools from the one teacher to the largest may be recognized in the County Meet.

The following committee was appointed at the last County In-

stitute: J. N. Snell, Director General; J. S. Driskill, Director Athletics; S. E. Tanner, Director of Declamation; Miss Lena Bromberg, Director of Debating, essay-writing, and spelling, Mrs. G. R. Taylor is hereby appointed to serve with Miss Lena Bromberg. All desiring any information should address the director of the branch that he is interested in. We should be able to avoid the confusion of students or contestants making the same selections for declamations. A meeting of the above Committee is requested in the County Superintendent's office Feb. 5th. J. N. SNELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan motored up from Crockett Sunday afternoon.

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.

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