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The institute is conducted for the betterment of the respective schools of the county, and the teachers of all the schools in the county are expected to be in attendance for the whole time. The County Superintendent has no authority to excuse anyone who has contracted to teach, either by verbal agreement or written contract.

We hope to have a very successful session, but in order to make it profitable each teacher must come prepared to give his time to the work in hand. Each teacher must secure the books recommended by the Department of Education, which are to be studied during this session. "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects," and "Huey's Pedagogy and History of Reading" are the books selected for this work and these will be found at Bishop's Book Store, Crockett, Texas. Primary teachers will be expected to secure a copy of each of these books and all other teachers may secure the first named. The books may be ordered from the Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas, if it is inconvenient to get them from Bishop Drug Co.

We have the promise of some assistance from the State Department of Education, A. & M. College, University of Texas,

State Department of Agriculture, State Health Department and the Sam Houston Normal. Several good school men and lecturers will be sent out by these institutions to lecture the institute.

It is hoped and expected that each teacher will consider himself as being on the program to do a certain work, whether his name appears on the program or not. Teachers of experience should have something ready for the institute to hear that will be beneficial, and all young teachers should come with the desire to gain information. Let all study the program and then begin studying on the subjects.

All friends of education are invited to attend the sessions of the institute at any time. The trustees of the county are requested to be present Monday, October 2nd, for at that time we expect to discuss some of the recent school laws.

9:00 a. m. is the hour set for the opening of the institute; all teachers should be present at that hour. J. N. Snell,
County Supt.

AUCTION SALE

Will sell 80 head of young mares, colts and fillies at auction Saturday, Sept 23, at Sullivan & Bobbitt's barn. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock a. m.

V. L. Bains.

New fall samples are now on display. Call and see the many pretty patterns. Clewis.

Four Barns Burn. Tax Rolls Show A Big Decrease

Crockett, Texas, Sept. 18.—Four barns, situated on the farm of W. T. Bruton, on Trinity river twenty miles southwest of this city, were destroyed by fire Saturday night. They contained 2500 bushels of corn, several hundred tons of hay and a lot of farming machinery and implements. The loss at a conservative estimate, is placed at \$7000, partly covered by insurance. County Attorney Dent and Sheriff Spence returned from the scene Sunday evening and stated that the origin of the fire was unknown, but indications are that it was the work of an incendiary. A full investigation is being made.

Tax Assessor J. H. Ellis has completed the tax rolls of Houston county for the year 1916. The assessed valuation of all property is given at \$8,047,900. The tax rolls for 1915 gave the valuation of the property at \$8,310,370. The rolls for 1916 show a decrease from 1915 of \$262,470. The cause of the decrease is not stated. The rendition of the International & Great Northern Railroad, owning about 34 miles of line in the county, was received by the Commissioners' Court at an assessed value of \$1000 per mile less than it was in 1915.

Cotton seed sold here Saturday at \$42 per ton, about ninety tons having been marketed during the week. Three cars containing about 25 tons each, were shipped to Houston, the remainder being placed in local ware houses to be held temporarily. The local mill has a stock of seed on hand, but when seen, refused to give your correspondent an estimate of the number of tons.

Happenings Reported From The Reynard Community

Sept. 18.—The Messenger was "chuck" full of news last week and we are proud of our local paper and feel like it is filling its mission well.

The first real norther of the season struck us Friday morning and is still on, but some of us are so torn up by the heat until it does not feel very exhilarating yet, but work will be more pleasant.

Everybody is rushing to harvest the crop while the sun shines and the price makes work more pleasant.

We came near having a serious accident in our midst Sunday. Mrs. Chiles, Mrs. Allen and little son were in a buggy on their way to Sunday School when one of the lines came unfastened at the bits. The horse was trotting down a little hill near a curve in the road and when it made the turn, ran the buggy up on the bank and turned the buggy over. Mrs. Chiles was bruised about the head and face. The little boy did not get a scratch. It happened in front of Beazley & Kent's store, and Mrs. Kent appeared immediate-

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Grapeland, Texas

ly with a bottle of liniment.

Pledger Chiles came in the middle of the week from the lock and dam with fever. He said nearly all the white force were laid on the shelf.

The late pea crop is a failure and it seems evident that the potato crop will fall short this fall.

Our school is running again under the supervision of Miss Ady. Let's all help to make the term a good one.

The following have entered the Grapeland High School from our

midst: Miss Cora Belle Kent and George Houston Beazley.

Things in general down this way are about to resume their normal attitude. Zack.

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J. W. Howard

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A ROMANCE OF STRENUOUS AFFECTION

BY REX BEACH

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Illustrated By Edgar Bert Smith

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Cowboys of the Flying Heart ranch are heartbroken over the loss of their much-prized phonograph by the defeat of their champion in a foot-race with the cook of the Centipede ranch. A house party is on at the Flying Heart. J. Wallingford Speed, cheer leader at Yale, and Culver Covington, intercollegiate champion runner, are expected.

CHAPTER II—Helen Blake, Speed's sweetheart, suggests to Jean Chapin, sister of the owner of the ranch, that she induce Covington, her lover, to win back the phonograph. Helen declares that if Covington won't run, Speed will. She tells Stover, the foreman, that the phonograph will be won back.

CHAPTER III.

It was still early in the afternoon when Jack Chapin and the youthful chaperon found the other young people together on the gallery.

"Here's a telegram from Speed," began Jack.

"It's terribly funny," said Mrs. Keap. "That Mexican brought it to us down at the spring-house."

Miss Blake lost her bored expression, and sat up in the hammock.

"Mr. Jack Chapin," read the owner of the Flying Heart Ranch. "Dear Jack: I couldn't wait for Covington, so meet with brass-band and fireworks this afternoon. Have flowers in bloom in the little park beside the depot, and see that the daisies nod to me.—J. Wallingford Speed."

"Park, eh?" said Fresno, dryly. "Telegraph office, water-tank, and a cattle-chute. Where does this fellow think he is?"

"Here's a postscript," added Chapin. "I have a valet who does not seem to enjoy the trip. Divide a kiss among the girls."

"Well, well! He's stingy with his kisses," observed Berkeley. "Who is this humorous party?"

"He was a Freshman at Yale the year I graduated," explained Jack.

"Too bad he never got out of that class." It was evident that Mr. Speed's levity made no impression upon the Glee Club tenor. "He hates to talk about himself, doesn't he?"

"I think he is very clever," said Miss Blake, warmly.

"How well do you know him?"

"Not as well as I'd like to."

Fresno puffed at his little pipe without remarking at this.

"Well, who wants to go and meet him?" queried Jack.

"Won't you?" asked his sister.

"I can't. I've just got word from the Eleven X that I'm wanted. The foreman is hurt. I may not be back for some time."

"Nigger Mike met me," observed Fresno, darkly.

"Then Nigger Mike for Speed," laughed the cattle-man. "I've told Carara to hitch up the pintos for me. I must be going."

"I'll see that you are safely started," said the young widow; and leaving the trio on the gallery, they entered the house.

When they had gone Jean smiled wisely at Helen. "Roberta's such a thoughtful chaperon," she observed, whereupon Miss Blake giggled.

As for Mrs. Keap, she was inquiring of Jack with genuine solicitude:

"Do you really mean that you may be gone for some time?"

"I do. It may be a week; it may be longer; I can't tell until I get over there."

"I'm sorry." Mrs. Keap's face showed some disappointment.

"So am I."

"I shall have to look out for these young people all by myself."

"What a queer little way you have of talking, as if you were years and years old."

"I do feel as if I were. I—I—well, I have had an unhappy experience. You know unhappiness builds months into years."

"When Jean got up this house-party," young Chapin began, absently, "I thought I should be bored to death. But—I haven't been. You know, I don't want to go over there?" He nodded vaguely toward the south.

"I thought perhaps it suited your convenience." His companion watched him gravely. "Are you quite sure that your sister's guests have not—had something to do with this sudden determination?"

"I am quite sure. I never liked the old Flying Heart so much as I do today. I never regretted leaving it so much as I do at this moment."



"We've Got Another Foot-Runner."

"We may be gone before you return."

Young Chapin started. "You don't mean that, really?"

Mrs. Keap nodded her dark head. "It was all very well for me to chaperon Helen on the way out from the east, but—it isn't exactly regular for me to play that part here with other young people to look after."

"But you understand, of course—Jean must have explained to you. Mother was called away suddenly, and she can't get back now. You surely won't leave—you can't." Chapin added, hopefully: "Why, you would break up Jean's party. You see, there's nobody around here to take your place."

"But—"

"Nonsense! This is an unconventional country. What's wrong with you as a chaperon, anyway? Nobody out here even knows what a chaperon is. And I'll be back as soon as I can."

"Do you really think that would help?" Roberta's eyes laughed humorously.

"I'm not thinking of the others, I'm thinking of myself," declared the young man, boldly. "I don't want you to go before I return. You must not! If you go, I—I shall follow you." He grasped her hand impulsively.

"Oh!" exclaimed the chaperon. "This makes it even more impossible. Go! Go!" She pushed him away, her color surging. "Go to your old Eleven X Ranch right away."

"But I mean it," he declared, earnestly. Then, as she retreated farther: "It's no use, I shan't go now until—"

"You have known me less than a week!"

"That is long enough. Roberta—"

Mrs. Keap spoke with honest embarrassment. "Listen! Don't you see what a situation this is? If Jean and Helen should ever discover—"

"Jean planned it all; even this."

Mrs. Keap stared at him in horrified silence.

"You do love me, Roberta?" Chapin undertook to remove the girl's hands from her face, when a slight cough in the hall behind caused him to turn suddenly in time to see Berkeley Fresno passing the open door.

"There! You see!" Mrs. Keap's face was tragic. "You see!" She turned and fled, leaving the master of the ranch in the middle of the floor, bewildered, but a bit inclined to be happy. A moment later the plump face of Berkeley Fresno appeared cautiously around the door-jamb. He coughed again gravely.

"I happened to be passing," said he. "You'll pardon me?"

"This is the most thickly settled spot in New Mexico!" Chapin declared with an artificial laugh, choking his indignation.

Fresno slowly brought his round body out from concealment.

"I came in to get a match."

"Why don't you carry matches?" Fresno puffed complacently upon his pipe. "This," he mused, as his host departed, "eliminates the chaperon, and that helps some."

Still Bill Stover lost no time in breaking the news to the boys.

"There's something comin' off," he advised Willie. "We've got another

foot-runner!"

If he had hoped for an outburst of rapture on the part of the little gun man he was disappointed, for Willie shifted his holster, smiled evilly through his glasses, and inquired, with ominous restraint:

"Where is he?"

Being the one man on the Flying Heart who had occasion to wear a gun, Willie seldom smiled from a sense of humor. Here it may be said that, deceived at first by his scholarly appearance, his fellow-laborers had fished at Willie's affectation of a swinging holster, but the custom had languished abruptly. When it became known who he was, the other ranch-hands had volubly declared that this was a free country, where a man might exercise a wide discretion in the choice of personal adornment; and as for them, they avowed unambiguously that the practice of packing a Colts was one which met with their most cordial approbation. In time Willie's six-shooter had become accepted as a part of the local scenery, and, like the scenery, no one thought of remarking upon it, least of all those who best knew his lack of humor. He had come to them out of the Nowhere, some four years previously, and while he never spoke of himself, and discouraged reminiscence in others, it became known through those vague uncharted channels by which news travels on the frontier, that back in the Texas Panhandle there was a limping marshal who felt regrets at mention of his name, and that farther north were other men who had a superstitious dread of undersized cowmen with spectacles.

"This here is a real foot-runner," said Stover.

"Exactly," agreed the other. "Where is he?"

"He'll be here this afternoon. Nigger Mike's bringin' him over from the railroad. He's a guest."

"Oh!"

"Yep! He's intercollegit champeen of Yale."

"Yale?" repeated the near-sighted man. "Don't know's I ever been there. Much of a town?"

"I ain't never traveled east myself, but Miss Jean and the little yaller-haired girl say he's the fastest man in the world. I figgered we might rib up something with the Centipede."

Still Bill winked sagely.

"See here, do you reckon he'd run?"

"Sure! He's a friend of the boss. And he'll run on the level too! He can't be nothin' like Humpy."

"If he is, I'll git him," said the cowboy. "Oh, I'll git him sure, guest or no guest. But how about the phonograph?"

"The Centipede will put it up quick enough; there ain't no sentiment in that outfit."

"Then it sounds good."

"An' it'll work. Gallagher's anxious to trim us again. Some folks can't stand prosperity."

Willie spat unerringly at a grasshopper. "Lord!" said he, "it's too good! It don't sound possible."

"Well, it is, and our man will be here this evenin'. Watch out for Nigger Mike, and when he drives up let's give this party a welcome that'll warm his heart on the jump. There's nothin' like a good impression."

"I'll be on the job," assured Willie. "But I state right here and now, if we do get a race there ain't a-goin' to be no chance of our losin' for a second time."

And Stover went on his way to spread the tidings.

It was growing dark when the rattle of wheels outside the ranch-house brought the occupants to the porch in time to see Nigger Mike halt his buckboard and two figures prepare to descend.

"It's Mr. Speed!" cried Miss Blake. Then she uttered a scream as the velvet darkness was rent by a dozen tongues of flame, while a shrill yelping arose, as of an Apache war-party.

"It's the boys," said Jean. "What on earth has possessed them?"

But Stover had planned no ordinary reception, and the pandemonium did not cease until the men had emptied their weapons.

Then Mr. J. Wallingford Speed came stumbling up the steps and into the arms of his friends, the tails of his dust-coat streaming.

"Really? This is more than I expected," he gasped; then turning, doffed his straw hat to the half-revealed figures beyond the light, and cried, gayly: "Thank you, gentlemen! Thank you for missing me!"

"Yow—ee!" responded the cowboys.

"How do you do, Miss Chapin!" Speed shook hands with his hostess, and in the radiance from the open doorway she saw that his face was round and boyish, and his smile peculiarly engaging.

She welcomed him appropriately; then said: "This reception is quite as startling to us as to you. You know, Mr. Speed, that we have with us a friend of yours." She slightly drew Helen forward. "And this is Mrs. Keap, who is looking after us a bit while mother is away. Roberta, may I present Mr. Covington's friend, and ask you to be good to him?"

"Don't forget me," said Fresno, pushing into the light.

"Mr. Berkeley Fresno, of Leland Stanford University."

"Hello, Prez!" Speed thrust out his hand warmly. Not so the Californian. He replied, with hauteur:

"Fresno! F-r-e-s-n-o;" and allowed the new-comer to grasp a limp, moist hand.

"Ah! Go to the head of the class! I'm sorry you broke your wrist, however." The eastern lad spoke lightly, and gave the palm a hearty squeeze, then turned to Jean.

"I dare say you are all disappointed, Miss Chapin, that Culver didn't come with me, but he'll be along in a day

Had Planned No Ordinary Reception.

or so. I simply couldn't wait." He avoided glancing at Helen Blake, whose answering blush was lost in the darkness.

"I did think when you drove up that might be Mr. Covington with you," Miss Chapin remarked, wistfully.

"Oh no, that's my man." Speed glanced around him. "And, by-the-way, where is he?"

The sound of angry voices came through the gloom, then out into the light came Still Bill Stover, Willie, and Carara, dragging between them a globular person who was rebelling loudly.

"Stover, what is this?" questioned Miss Chapin, stepping to the edge of the veranda.

"This gent stampeeds in the midst of our welcome," explained the foreman, "so we have to rope him before he gets away." It was seen now that Carara's lariat was tightly drawn about the new arrival's waist.

Then the valet broke into coherent speech, but he spoke a tongue not common to his profession.

"Nix on that welcome stuff," he burst forth, in husky, alcoholic accents; "that goes on the door-mat!" It was plain that he was very angry. "If that racket means welcome, I don't want it. Take that clothes-line off of me." Carara loosened the noose, and his captive rolled up the steps mopping his face with his handkerchief.

"What made you run away?" demanded Speed.

"Any time a bunch of bandits unlitch their gats, I'm on my way," sputtered the fat man. "I'm gun-shy, see? And when this hold-up comes off I beat it till that Cuban rummy with the medals on his dicer rides a live horse up my back."

"You don't appreciate the honor," explained his employer; then turning to the others, he announced: "Will you allow me to introduce Mr. Lawrence Glass? He isn't really a valet, you know, Miss Chapin, and he doesn't care for the west yet. It is his first trip."

"I have heard my brother speak of Larry Glass," said Jean, graciously.

Mr. Glass courtesied awkwardly, and swinging his right foot back of his left, tapped the floor with his toe.

"You were a trainer at Yale when Jack was there?"

"That's me," Mr. Glass wheezed. "I'm there with the big rub, too. Wally said he was going to train during vacation, so he staked me to a trip out here, and I came along to look after him."

"Come into the house," said Jean. "Stover will see to your baggage."

As they entered, Mr. Berkeley Fresno saw the late arrival bend over Helen Blake, and heard him murmur:

"The same unforgettable eyes of Italian blue."

And Mr. Fresno decided to dislike Wally Speed, even if it required an effort.

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Good Yield of Feed Crops Reported From Guiceland

Guiceland, Sept. 18.—Perhaps a few lines from the old Guiceland community would not be entirely out of place, as many readers of the Messenger are well acquainted with, and in fact, a good many of them were once residents of this place.

We are very busy just now harvesting the crops of various kinds, which are very good, especially the food and feed stuff, such as corn, peas, peanuts and sweet potatoes. The cotton crop is a little short, but as the lint and seed are bringing a good price we think we will come out all right. Another good thing, there is hardly a single farmer in all this community, even the renters, who has not his hogs in the pen to make his meat and lard for the next year; also a cow or two for their milk and butter and great flocks of good active hens. All this is in the right direction. Cutting out the buying of feedstuff, meat and lard.

The health of our community is improving. So, considering all these good things, we are inclined to take an optimistic view of the future, for the next year at least.

Some of our good neighbors have moved away, but we are expecting them back before long. Come back friends, you will find a hearty welcome and plenty here to live on.

W. F. Brooks.

Local News Items Gleaned From The Antrim Community

Sept. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Streetman and children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nichols and children visited Rev. W. R. Durnell and family Sunday.

Bro. Sam McDaniel filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. We elected a new pastor and church clerk for our church. Rev. W. R. Durnell was elected pastor and V. L. Durnell was [elected] clerk. We are very sorry to lose Bro. McDaniel, for he has done some fine work for us and preached us some fine sermons during the past year. We will welcome him back any time.

Quite a crowd visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Martin Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks and baby, Mr. and Mrs. John Hudnell and Misses Ola, Grace and Ethel Kiser, Lizzie Belle Streetman, Eva May Nichols, Ruby Helm, Esther Durnell, Minnie Collins, Mrs. Cleo Weisinger and Messrs. Virgil Durnell, Jim Ritchie and Joe Miller. We had a fine time.

A large crowd attended church Sunday. Rock Hill, New Prospect, Rocky Mound and Myrtle Springs were well represented.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you and your force would enjoy a good fall vegetable dinner with us one day we will feed you on beans, pumpkins, roasting ears, peas, cushaws and potatoes, if that is what you like.

Miss Ola Willis visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gibson Sunday. Mr. William Waddell attended the entertainment at Mr. Claud Brooks' near Oak Grove Saturday night.

We had a good rain last Wednesday afternoon, and a good many turnip seed were sowed Thursday.

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GRAND AND PETIT JURORS FOR FALL TERM OF DISTRICT COURT

The following is a list of the Grand Jurors for the fall term of the District Court in and for said Houston County, Texas, to appear Monday, October 9th at 10 o'clock a. m., 1916:

B. A. Speer, Lovelady, Route 1; W. H. Wall, Augusta, Route 1; C. O. Nelson, Creek, Route 1; Oscar Douglas, Crockett, Route 5; L. B. Thomasson, Crockett, Route 6; Edgar Arledge, Crockett; A. B. Burton, Crockett; D. A. McDougald, Creek; E. C. Matthews, Grapeland, Route 3; Walter Gossett, Pennington; W. P. Traylor, Grapeland; J. W. Boatwright, Kennard, Route 1; P. C. Nix, Ratcliff; W. H. Collins, Lovelady; Clay Jones, Percilla; D. M. Ham, Lovelady.

PETIT JURORS

To appear Monday, October 16, 1916 at 10 o'clock a. m.
E. L. Miller, A. M. Caskey, J. C. Grener, J. S. Brown, H. W. Vaught, G. W. Clins, W. E. Brown, E. H.

Chandler, Fred Mansfield, Ike Craddock, M. A. Conoway, T. E. Covington, J. R. Rushing, W. O. Conner, Jim Musick, C. Hartt, E. D. Smutherford, G. A. Buchanan, Chas. Ursprung, J. I. Sheptrine, T. B. Oliver, W. T. Teney, Jim McCelvey, R. F. Adams, J. R. Kilgore, A. L. Bitner, T. H. Alexander, Frank Arnold, H. D. Clanton, H. J. Berry, H. F. Whitehead, Lee Foster, O. E. Hallmark, A. H. Holley, G. H. Duren, A. J. Randall, W. R. Durnell, A. J. Searcy, Jim McLean, F. M. Thomas.

Petit Jurors to appear Monday, October 23, at 10 o'clock a. m.:
F. A. Steed, Harvey Douglas, Ben F. Janes, W. W. Dunham, W. W. Lundy, E. C. Hodges, Howard Ross, J. M. Fowler, G. W. Cupp, C. D. Towery, C. C. Reynolds, Chas. Arnold, Jno. Bradley, A. A. Bynum, John Burden, W. R. Julian, G. S. Bynum, J. G. Gates, H. S. Brannen, R. T. Atkinson, W. J. Dobson, Lee Warren, Fred Bridges, A. J. Morrow, L. F. Liveley, Walter Brailsford, W. D. Dudley, Wyatt Creath, J. M. Lockey, G. R. Enloe, Seth Fitchett, W. C.

Shivers, D. F. Froeman, Joe Colkin, Roy Brewton, J. D. Trimble, L. L. Ash, T. H. Harrison, B. B. Snell, Rob't. Cunningham.

To appear Monday, October 30, at 10 o'clock a. m.:

R. H. Hearn, Frank Turner, A. L. Bowdoin, N. M. Long, S. T. Morgan, J. L. Whitehead, W. F. Payne, S. E. Baker, W. E. Monzingo, J. E. Cunningham, Jno. W. Eddy, Dan Hill, L. L. Daff, T. B. McConico, Jasper Allen, B. S. Kelley, M. E. Darsey, B. A. Maxwell, C. S. Fuller, F. N. Lewis, Jno. S. Arrington, E. B. Goodrum, J. H. Newton, N. B. Brown, G. R. Cook, T. E. Milliken, J. W. Lowe, E. Butler, J. D. Haltom, C. F. Boykin, W. A. Atkinson, A. H. Allee, Geo. Smith, Julian Walling, J. B. Callier, A. E. Murray, M. D. Padgett, A. A. Thomasson, Guy Alford, Sam Green.

To appear Monday, November 13, at 10 o'clock a. m.:

J. M. Carleton, J. L. Hail, A. W. Streetman, G. H. Jackson, H. A. Anglin, L. D. Anderson, A. V. Faulkner, T. E. Skipper, W. R. Vickers, W. A. Sowers, S. H. Turner, Jim O. Wells, Lee Perry,

J. V. Anderson, J. T. Dickey, T. A. Newton, G. W. Bowdoin, W. B. Christian, D. G. Gossett, H. E. Bitner, L. E. Hartt, J. S. Eaves, W. E. Buffington, W. F. Davis, M. C. Carter, A. A. Hale, Jack Dorniny, T. S. Minter, Bolton Bobbitt, S. B. Brister, E. P. Bean, B. L. Satterwhite, J. S. Cook, Crockett, Route 6, Donald Thompson, A. J. Bates, W. F. Dauphin, N. H. Buller, J. K. Shield, H. Z. Collier, W. J. McClain.

Local News From The New Prospect Community

Sept. 18.—The little norther last week was nice and made it pleasant for the farmers who were busy gathering their corn and peas, and most all have their pigs in the goober field. It will soon be time to dig potatoes, and pork and sweet potatoes are fine.

There has been some moving

in the community. Mr. Peter Bridges moved to Elkhart last week. Mr. Joe Hudson moved in to look after the stock and will also work the place another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Musick spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baker Sunday.

The Walling reunion that was held here last week was very well attended for such a rainy day and there was plenty of dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Herod and Mrs. Emma Musick and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Keen spent the day with Mr. Fred Bridges and family Sunday.

Mr. Wilcox visited in our community recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker and family visited Mrs. Baker's mother at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown Sunday.

A good many of the young people went to the ice cream supper at Claud Brooks Saturday night.

A Reader.

**SERVICE
FIRST STORE**

Darsey's Store News.

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FIRST STORE**

Published Every Week in Grape-
land Messenger by Darsey's Store

Grapeland, Texas, Sept. 21, 1916.

"Not best because it's the biggest,
but biggest because it's the best."

Have you seen the new hat
styles for men at our store?

While this issue is devoted to
mostly talking about men, the
ladies will find a pretty line of
the newest—

- Coat Suits
- Coats
- Skirts and
- Millinery at
DARSEY'S.

If your hens are not laying,
sell them. If they are laying,
sell the eggs. Darsey pays top
prices for all kinds of produce.

We have a big line of builders'
and shelf hardware. Come in
and let us figure on your bill.

In buying groceries, get in the
habit of buying Darsey's.

We have a big lot of boys'
suits made on the newest models
for fall. Don't wait until your
size is gone, but come in today.
Darsey's styles are authentic.

Furniture of all kinds, iron
beds, springs, mattresses, and
cook stoves are lines you will
find complete at Darsey's.

A full line of saddles, harness,
collars and leather goods at our
store.

== : GREETING : ==

Two seasons our STORE
NEWS appearing weekly in
The Messenger, was one of
the features of this paper
and after considering the
favor it met with among
our patrons, we again come
to you with our little week-
ly message. While this
page is devoted to the in-
terests of this store, we shall
be glad at times to print
items of interest to our
customers in the way of

style notes, market condi-
tions, etc., and we ask for
your co-operation.

It shall be our aim, as in
the past, to TELL THE
TRUTH in our advertise-
ments and guarantee the
goods and prices to be as
represented. In so doing,
this will be a page you can
safely refer to when you
when you are planning
your purchases.

WHEN THE COW JUMPED OVER THE MOON

leather was higher than it has
ever been since. Yet the old
prices we are selling our shoes
at, gives you plenty of room to
make a big saving on this item.
We have shoes for all kinds of
feet from infants' 0 to men's
size 14. All the popular styles
and leading leathers.

IT TAKES LEATHER TO
STAND THE WEATHER.

Our line of Outings, Ging-
hams, Calicoes, etc., is of the
best grades for the money. If
consider QUALITY, we guaran-
tee to save you money.

Do you need a trunk or suit
case? Don't borrow—buy.

CADET HOSIERY for child-
ren and grown-ups, the same
price as heretofore, 25c a pair.

Every sales person in our store
is glad to have you call on them
whether you buy or not. Come
in and talk things over.

Automobiles are taking the
day, but there are some who
prefer a good horse and saddle.
If YOU do, see our saddles.

LADIES' COAT SUITS

Our line of Ladies' Coat Suits is NOW ON DISPLAY. We shall take
pleasure in showing you these new creations in
wearing apparel. Newest styles in
Coats, Suits, Skirts, Millinery



STYLEPLUS CLOTHES

NEVER MORE **\$17** NEVER LESS

THE SAME PRICE EVERYWHERE

We Are the Only Styleplus Store

STYLEPLUS is the ONLY safe suit you can buy and have the satis-
faction of knowing that you are getting--

- The same all pure wool fabrics
- The same perfect styles
- The same expert workmanship
- For the same price \$17

YOU WONDER WHY we can sell this suit at the same price when every other make of known cloth-
ing values have advanced their prices from 10 to 25 per cent. The reason is that the makers of
Styleplus do not make suits at exorbitant prices, and by conservative buying, are in a position to
take care of the wants of 63 per cent of the people of our country--those who cannot afford to pay
\$20 and more for a suit.

**Styleplus Wearers Everywhere are our best Advertisements. They are Sold by
the best Stores in Every Town. Each Styleplus Suit is Sold under a Written
Guarantee. Come in Today and see the many New Styles and Patterns.**

We have other Suits in Serges and Fancy Weaves at \$10.00 and up

GEORGE E. DARSEY

LOCAL NEWS

Coleman Scarbrough went to Lovelady Sunday.

Bob Smith of Salmon was transacting business here Monday.

Ira Walling who lives north of town, has sold his crop and will move to Ellis county.

Rev. A. O. Riall filled the pulpit at the Christian church in Crockett last Sunday.

J. N. Snell was here a few hours Monday and went out to Augusta Monday evening.

J. A. Hooks and family of Laxo visited friends in Grapeland Sunday.

D. N. Leaverton and Dr. Kennedy motored to Houston last week, returning home Friday afternoon.

Jim Parker returned Thursday from Galveston, where he spent several days enjoying the cool sea breezes.

Frank Newman of Augusta and Daniel Pennington of Route 4 are the latest to acquire automobiles, both having purchased a new 5-passenger Ford.

FOR SALE

A good second hand, open top buggy and harness. You will find me at Howard's ice house.
Chas. Royall.

DENTAL NOTICE

I will soon be in Grapeland to do all kinds of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain. Office at the Grapeland Hotel.
C. L. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday.

Prof. Alvah Davis is teaching school at Lone Pine, the school opening last Monday.

Emory Long of Augusta has accepted a position at Leaverton's drugstore.

Miss Cammie Thompson of Palestine spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Ray Wells and family, who left here some time ago for Hood county to reside, have returned.

Dr. C. C. Hill of Daly's went to Crockett Monday morning and drove home a new model, five passenger Ford car.

J. J. Brooks is having erected a frame store building on his property on the east side, just below the restaurant, which he will occupy when completed.

HORSE FOR SALE

Light bay, 8 years old. For further particulars, see Arland Gainey, Grapeland, Route 2.

The fellow most admired is he who always looks his best, while the fellow with a shabby suit just gets a luke warm glance.
Clewis—The Tailor.

A. P. Tims of Slocum was here Saturday marketing cotton. Mr. Tims brought a bale of cotton in the seed and had it ginned here. He stated that a year ago such a thing could not have been done with a single team, but the work recently done on the Slocum road has put it in good shape, and it is now easy for the people of Slocum to bring their cotton here.

The picture show will open every night promptly at eight o'clock. Good program every night.
Arnold Clewis

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Stafford motored to Ponta Sunday, where they spent the day, returning Monday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Vera Fields.

I have a new shoe shop on the east side of town and will do all kind of work under a guarantee and will appreciate a share of your trade and will save you money on it. J. R. Campbell, Grapeland, Texas.

BUY SOME PEANUTS

I have purchased the peanut roaster at Wherry's store and will appreciate your patronage. Good peanuts, fresh and hot.
Lee Darsey.

NOTICE TO PEANUT GROWERS

We will be ready to start our thresher about Oct. 1st. Where acreage is sufficient we will go to it. We will have certain days to thresh in town.
Leaverton & Murchison.

NOTICE LAUNDRY PATRONS

On account of school opening, the boy will call for your laundry every Tuesday evening after school, instead of Wednesday morning. Please have your bundles ready. Caskey & Denson.

NOTICE

I have returned home from my vacation and resumed work in my shoe and repair shop in Keeland Bros. store. Am better prepared than ever to give you good work and will appreciate your business. J. P. Royall.

Begin Now

TO SAVE YOUR
Profit - Sharing
COUPONS

This is no contest. Everyone has an equal chance to secure these premium articles.

All you have to do is to save your coupons, return them to us and without one cent of cost to you the article is yours.

Hundreds of articles are listed in our catalogue. Surely there is something you may need. Many have already received articles whose value is above the dollar mark, such as sets of Rogers Silverware.

Why not begin now to save your certificates for a holiday gift?

We guarantee value received on all merchandise sold.

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

Willis Goodson happened to a painful accident Saturday afternoon at the meat market, by running against a butcher knife and sticking it in his leg.

Aubrey Lively left Monday night for Douglas, Ariz., to resume his position with the Douglas Drug Co. He said he was going to stay this time, and his friends wish him good luck. He will receive the Messenger each week.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Miss Esther Davis is teaching school at Voth, Texas.

New Fall Styles!

THE GREATEST OF ALL TONICS



THE FALL DRESS UP

Are you nervous, irritable; are you losing confidence in yourself; are you beginning to "let down" in your work a little? Sounds like a patent medicine ad, doesn't it? Well, it isn't; we don't guarantee a cure—we only say we can help you, and a lot, too.

Apply this Dress Up tonic externally in the form of

- A Varsity Fifty Five Suit**
- A Varsity Six Hundred Overcoat**
- A new shirt; a tie**
- A new hat**

If you don't feel like a new man afterwards, you can have your money back.

New Fall Styles are here in every department and they will please you in every way

LADIES COAT SUITS

In ladies coat suits you will find the season's latest styles and the newest fabrics to be found anywhere.

LADIES SKIRTS

Many new styles and materials in ladies skirts that you will be pleased with and the prices are very close and are extra values for the small amount we ask for them.
Prices \$3.00 to..... **5.00**

LADIES LONG COATS

We are showing the swellest line of long coats this season that has ever been shown in Grapeland and invite your attention to them.
Prices from \$5 to..... **20.00**

STAPLE DEPARTMENT

In our staple department you will find our goods all STANDARD BRANDS—absolutely the BEST money can buy and under the present market about 2 1-2c a yard. See these goods.

- OUTINGS—the heaviest.
- BLEACHED DOMESTIC—the best
- GINGHAMS—none better.
- BROWN DOMESTIC—the best.
- COTTON FLANNEL—extra heavy.

You will have to see these VALUES to appreciate them.

Our sales people are very anxious to show you any item you may want and need. Drop in and see the new styles this season.

"THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY."

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

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.

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

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, SEPT. 21, 1916

PAPER FAMINE AND PRICES

The price of paper which has advanced from 100 to 200 per cent or more, over prices prevailing a year ago, seriously threatens the life of a number of publications throughout the country.

It is doubtful if any other large industry in the United States has had to face so serious a situation, because when prices of raw material have advanced the manufacturers of the finished products have advanced their prices and thus thrown the burden on the ultimate consumer. In the newspaper business this has not yet been done. The newspapers, from the largest dailies to the smallest weeklies, have been bearing the burden which to many publications will mean complete destruction and to many others the wiping out of all profits.

Had the newspapers of the country been as prompt to defend their own interests as they have the interests of others, they, too, would before this have undertaken to save themselves by an advance in subscription price and advertising rates. Under existing conditions they will be forced to do this sooner or later, and they cannot postpone it much longer without serious financial embarrassment to many of them. Hundreds of the smaller weeklies, including the religious papers, which have but a very narrow margin between loss and profit, will, we fear, suffer most seriously, and many of them disastrously, unless the public promptly recognizes the situation and accepts an advance in subscription and advertising rates and thus save the situation.

The day laborer, the mechanic, the farmer and nearly all business interests, manufacturing and mercantile, under the activity of the times, are showing larger earnings than for years. But the newspapers, as a whole, are meeting a more perplexing problem in the doubling, and in some cases the trebling, of price of paper, and in the absolute inability to contract in advance for supplies, than they have ever had to face before. The statements which have recently appeared in the daily papers on the subject do not at all exaggerate the seriousness of the problem.—Manufacturers' Record.

A wise nut has discovered that it is unhealthy for two persons to occupy the same bed, regardless of the fact recorded in the Book of Books that Moses slept with his forefathers, which was five to the bill, and then lived to

the ripe old age of seven or eight hundred and twenty years. Another savior for the health of his brethren has learned that it is unsafe to ride a horse that another fellow has ridden or to attend church where other people attend. The kiss has been branded as a tempter of death in all manner of diseases. Handshaking is now considered extremely dangerous. The Crosby Times thinks if things keep up it will be unhealthy to be buried in the same grave yard with other people. The only place a person can be safe from disease or getting run over is a store that doesn't advertise.—Trinity County News.

If you are in the right you need never worry about what people will say.

A telephone cable is to be laid to Cuba, but who wants to talk to anybody in Cuba?

The quickest way to help yourself is to help your community. Then everybody will help you.

Any auto owner understands that "accessories" covers a number of items on his bill, and that he has to pay the freight.

Russia owns one-seventh of all the land in the world and Great Britain owns all the water. But why worry? You can own a house and lot in this town and dig a well.

The bickerings and strife of many small towns, we are glad to say, does not exist here. We have a good people and they can be depended upon to do the right thing at all times.

PAY YOUR DEBTS

We want to say just a few words to our readers. Have you overtaken a newspaper one year, two years, three years or more and then stopped it without paying for it? If you have, don't do it any more, for the act is just as reprehensible and just as dishonest as the repudiation of a grocer's bill or your refusal to repay borrowed money. Now, let this soak in. When you do a thing like we have mentioned, don't go away and call yourself the straightest man in the world because you tried to pay your bills, for you are not. Too many of us say we did not order the paper or that we only ordered it for one year, etc., most of which are white fibs to ourselves that may try to stifle our conscience. Just so long as we take the paper out of the postoffice we are guilty of denying a just debt if we do not pay for it. We try to be men in everything but this and we have often wondered when the 'roll is called', how we are going to dodge these little dishonest fibs. Be square with the newspaper. Don't incriminate yourself with the price of a subscription to any paper. If you are going to knock down something on your fellowman make it bigger, but don't sell your honor for the paltry sum of a dollar or two.—Bay City Tribune.

Mr. John Brown Sr. of route 2 paid us a pleasant call Saturday and renewed his subscription for another year. He has been a subscriber to the Messenger since the first issue and has never missed a copy. He pays his subscription promptly and says he appreciates the paper.

Good Roads Help Everybody. Vote For The 10c Tax

Good roads save the "bad road tax."

Good roads decrease the hauling of everything.

Good roads allow a greater production with a given number of men and teams.

Good roads permit and encourage diversification of crops. Good roads permit the use of better stock and better vehicles.

Good roads invite more people and more investments in every line of development.

Good roads make better schools in the country and make the town schools more accessible to the children living in the country.

Good roads are needed all over this country. On Saturday, Oct. 7, you will have the opportunity to go on record for or against good roads. On that date an election will be held in GrapeLand Road District No. 1, to vote an additional 10c tax on the \$100 valuation of property to supplement the road and bridge tax of 15c. It is very important that the tax should be voted, for it will aid the people greatly in their efforts to build better roads, bridges and culverts in the district.

Correspondent From Rock Hill Community Writes

Sept. 18.—Mr. I. M. Baber, who has spent several weeks in the vicinity of his boyhood home in Missouri, returned last week and reports a delightful trip. Mr. Baber says he traveled in several states and saw very few good crops.

The writer is in receipt of reports from several counties in different parts of the state and is of the opinion that for good crops, Houston county is surpassed by few.

Mr. G. T. Brimberry of Cross Roads was in our community last week doing some repair work on C. M. Streetman's well and wind mill.

George and Jim Kyle visited in the Daly and Reynard communities Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Streetman was at Center Grove for preaching Sunday morning.

Many of our people were at Antrim for preaching Sunday morning. Rock Hill Youth.

How to Give Good Advice

The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

Messrs. Geo. E. Darsey, S. E. Howard and A. E. Owens went to Lovelady Sunday afternoon to attend the fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. Church.

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels. Keep your bowels regular and your liver healthy and you will not only feel younger but look younger. When troubled with constipation or biliousness take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are intended especially for these ailments and are excellent. Easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Our Customers Our Recommendation



Ask the person that is carrying an account at OUR BANK. Our business is carried on in a safe, legitimate and progressive method.

Our Books Are Regularly Examined

By men officially appointed to see that YOUR DEPOSITS ARE PROTECTED. We solicit inspection and refer you to OUR PUBLISHED STATEMENT IN THIS ISSUE.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
A GUARANTY FUND BANK

Our GUARANTEE of QUALITY

Is back of our entire stock of DRUGS.

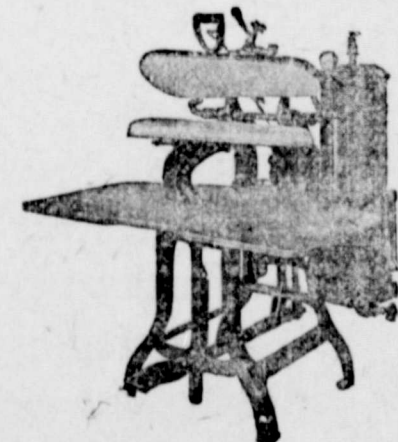
Our line is complete. Our prices as low as you will find anywhere.

Our SERVICE is always courteous and gladly given.

Special attention given to physicians' prescriptions.

LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE

Satisfy Yourself



Properly tailored clothes from your choice of hundreds of hundreds of handsome fabrics, with skilled workmanship

Will stand the test of service and the critical eye of fashion. Leave your measure for a suit at a price within your means. Let's talk it over.

CLEANING AND PRESSING

CLEWIS
The Tailor

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

A Cold in the Chest clogs the lungs and air passages and becomes serious if neglected; besides it makes you feel bad. To get rid of the misery, take

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

It is a Fine Relieving Remedy.

It is good for colds settled in the lungs, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, Soreness in the Bronchial tubes, Hard Coughs, Congestion in the Lungs. It is soothing and healing and very comforting to the sufferer.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle

Buy the \$1.00 size. You get five times as much as the 25c size, and you get free with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

The Soda Fountain

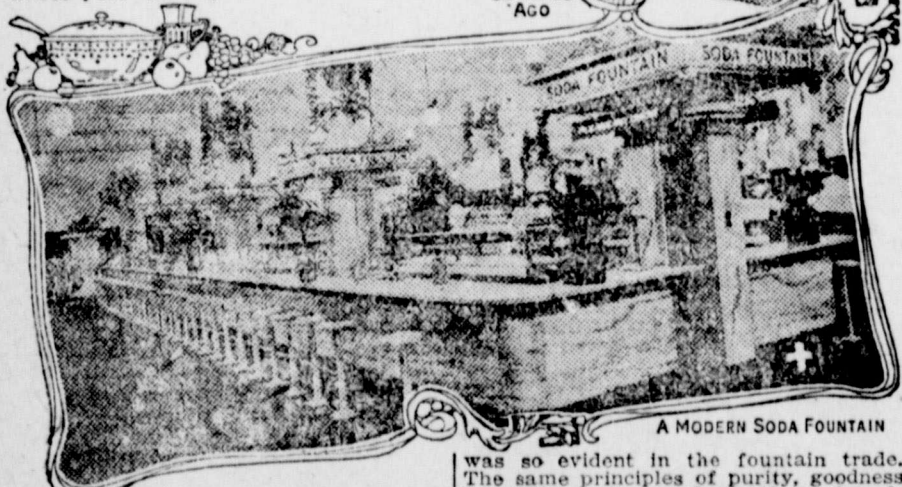
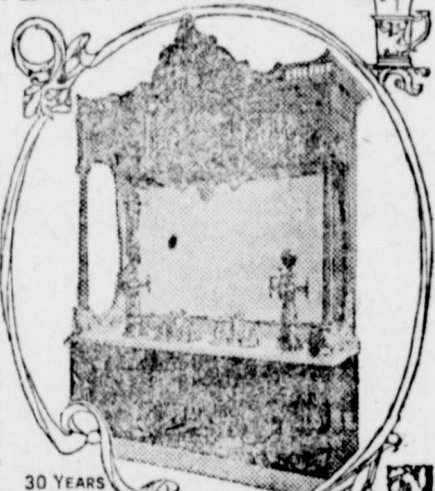
An American Institution

Did you ever stop to realize that the soda fountain is as much an American institution as the sausage is a German institution, "French Bread" is an institution in France and the Plum pudding an English institution? And the funny part of it all is that though one seldom sees a soda fountain in Europe (and then only for the sake of attracting American tourist trade) just as soon as a foreigner gets to this country he too seems to learn to love the soda fountain.

But, if you are old enough to look back a few years you will remember that only comparatively recently has the soda fountain been either so popular or so beautiful and hygienic.

You may remember what these old soda fountains looked like—what poor provision they made to supply even their scanty trade.

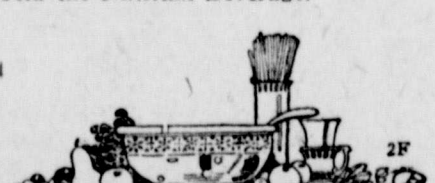
What has wrought this great change—what has made the soda fountain a national institution—a comfort and necessity in the daily lives of men and women—not only during the hot summer time but the whole year 'round.



The answer lies in that delicious beverage Coca-Cola. Soon after its introduction at the fountains people began to ask more and more for this distinctive drink. Along with its demand came the demand for more places that would serve it. Soda fountains sprang up everywhere, improving in beauty, neatness and attractive service. It is a fact that the part the soda fountain and all its allied industries have come to play in the economic life of the nation today is due largely to the stimulus given to it by Coca-Cola.

In the same way has the call for bottled beverages grown. In 1899 Coca-Cola in bottles was first put on the market and the same quick recognition and appreciation was accorded to it in this form as

was so evident in the fountain trade. The same principles of purity, goodness and deliciousness made another astounding record of growth possible. Bottling plants have been established all over the country to take care of this branch. Just think of it—over 90,000,000 glasses and bottles of Coca-Cola are drunk every month. So—just as much as is the soda fountain a national institution so is Coca-Cola the National Beverage.



"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

We could admire the nerve of some people more if the supply was exhaustible.

It's alright to "do as Rome does" when in Rome—provided Rome does right.

Our guess is that the man who said "Man wants but little here below" was not a Republican.

If many more Grapelandites buy automobiles, the town will have to employ a few traffic cops.

Begin to think about your Christmas shopping. Avoid the rush by shopping early.

All things may come to those who wait—if they will mix a little hustling with the waiting.

Newspaper men will have to retreat to the trenches if the price of paper does not get lower.

After spending a summer in picnicing, visiting, flirting and marrying, the school teachers are again at their posts of duty.

We wonder if the stripes on ladies' hose for winter will be changed to run "lengthwise" instead of "crosswise." We'd like the change.

Since the farmers have been marketing fifteen cent cotton and forty dollar cotton seed, they have received several calls from automobile and Ford salesmen.

Considering the fact that the Republicans could not produce anything better than Hughes for a candidate for president, they should breed "new blood" into their party.

A man may treat his stomach "royally" for twenty years and then have it "turn" on him and send him to the "Happy Hunting Ground."

The watermelons and peaches are gone, but we will soon have the pleasure of "destroying" a few bushels of sweet potatoes and several hogs.

"The forecast of winter styles says the ladies will wear longer skirts. Now let the Hamilton girls beat 'em to it."—Hamilton Herald.

Perhaps they will not be long enough to reach Hamilton.

The Dallas Democrat says: "Marrying a man to reform him is like drinking whiskey to destroy it." And there are so many women who desire to marry a "wild man" instead of a "tame" one, that lots of "tame" men have been known to get "wild" in order to gain the sympathy of some adventurous woman.

Constipation the Father of Many Ills

Of the numerous ills that affect humanity a large share start with constipation. Keep your bowels regular and they may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new and give good service.

M. L. Clewis.

WHEN THE BOWELS DON'T MOVE

At the regular morning hour you're uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. A dose of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IS THE REMEDY YOU NEED

It quickly sets things moving. You feel better at once, and after a copious bowel movement, you experience that thrill and joy of living, that exhilaration of spirits and activity of body and brain that only those can feel whose internal organs are in a state of functional activity and cleanliness. It helps digestion, sweetens the breath and restores vigor of body and brain. Try it. Sold by all dealers in medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo.

SOLD BY D. N. LEAVERTON

Bank No. 183

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business, on the 12th day of Sept., 1916, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 21st day of Sept., 1916:

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$46,725 48
Loans, real estate	7,500 00
Overdrafts	322 00
Real estate (banking house)	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures	1,750 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	11,145 35
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	3,272 03
Cash items	370 68
Currency	4,900 00
Specie	1,550 52
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,152 20
Other resources as follows:	
Collection in Transit	200 60
Suspense Account	100 00
Total	\$81,984 87

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	12,000 00
Undivided Profits net	361 18
Individual Deposits, subject to check	38,708 76
Time Certificates of Deposit	5,823 28
Cashier's Checks	38 65
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	10,000 00
Other liabilities as follows: Dividend unpaid	50 00
Total	\$ 81,984 87

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GEO. E. DARSEY, President.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of Sept., A. D., nineteen hundred and sixteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
T. S. KENT
M. E. DARSEY } Directors
W. G. DARSEY }

Irregular bowel movements breed disease in the body. You should purify and regulate the bowels by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It is mildly cathartic and strngthens the stomach, liver and kidneys. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Sim Finch of route 3 dropped around Saturday to renew his subscription and pass the time of day. Sim said fifteen cent cotton looked good to him and that he would take his earnings and buy a farm instead of an automobile, and in that he exercises good business judgement.

No. 666

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

CASKEY & DENSON BARBERS

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

INEEDA LAUNDRY, Houston Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE

ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY
ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

A. E. Owens

NOTARY PUBLIC

Legal Documents Correctly Drawn Grapeland, Texas

RUB-MY-TISM

Will cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Old Sores, Tetter, Ring-Worm, Eczema, etc. Antiseptic Auodyne, used internally or externally. 25c

John Spence

Lawyer

Crockett, : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

Years ago when things were different, people didn't care so much.

Today a change has taken place and men who win must press up, clean up, spruce up Clewis—The Tailor.

Put your stomach, liver and blood in healthy condition and you can defy disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful system regulator. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

A man takes unto himself a wife For better keeping; And unto himself a perfect press For better looking. Clewis—The Tailor.

PILES CURED WITHOUT THE KNIFE

Piles and Fistula cured in a few days. No knife, no pain, no chloroforming. Write for Bank references and testimonials from cured patients. Blood and Skin Diseases cured to stay cured. Kidney and Bladder troubles quickly relieved and permanently cured. Arrange terms and payments to suit your convenience. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write for free book on Chronic Diseases.

PELVO-RECTAL SPECIALISTS
210 1/2 Main Street Houston, Texas

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

In the past year Americans spent \$150,000,000 for coffee and cocoa. That's about a dollar and a half for each member of the family. You don't have to subscribe for the Messenger but once for the whole gang and you get it all the year—and for a dollar, too.

**Newsy Letter
From The San
Pedro Community**

Sept. 18.—The health of the community is better. Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Tyer are real sick and have been for several days. Mr. W. A. Kleckley was sick all last week, but is up now. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kleckley and baby of Crockett spent Saturday night and Sunday at W. A. Kleckley's. Everybody is getting along fine gathering their crop. We had a nice rain last Tuesday evening and we sure did need it so we could plant turnips. Nell.

GONE TO MARKET

Murdoch Darsey left Tuesday night for the Dallas market where he will make a study of the newest styles for fall. He will purchase the newest fads in ladies' and misses suits, skirts and coats. These goods will arrive by Friday's express and the ladies should not fail to inspect them at Darsey's store.

If your food does not digest well, a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters will set matters right. It sweetens the breath, strengthens the stomach and digestion, creates appetite and cheerfulness. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

CORN WANTED

I am in the market for 2000 bushels of good ear corn delivered in Grapeland. Will pay cash. See me for prices and other particulars. I have arranged with J. W. Howard to weigh and pay for this corn. Geo. Calhoun.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:
M. A. Gadway, T. S. Goodnight, Grapeland.
John Masters, Alfred Caskey, Route 1.
J. W. Whitehead, John Brown, Sr., Mrs. W. N. Ritchey, R. E. Martin, Mrs. S. J. Martin, G. W. Weisinger, Route 2.
M. J. Baker, H. M. Brown, Sim Finch, Route 3.
Frank Taylor, W. M. Brown, B. R. Eaves, Route 4.
M. B. Salmon, Paris Island, S. C.
Mrs. Arrie Newman, Corsicana.
B. F. Foster, Percilla.
J. H. Scarbrough, Augusta.
C. A. Campbell, Salmon.
Jesse Willis, Jacksonville.

LANDS FOR SALE

We have listed for sale several good farms near Grapeland; also some town lots. If you want to buy property see us. If you want to sell, list with us. We will find a buyer. Davis & Edens.

UNION SCHOOL OPENS OCT. 9

The Union school will open Monday, Oct. 9. All the pupils and as many patrons as can do so, will please meet at the school house Friday, Sept. 29, for the purpose of arranging the different grades and classifying the pupils. Trustees.

ELECTION NOTICE

Order for Additional Tax in Grapeland Road District No. 1

That whereas, a petition was presented to the Commissioners' Court on this, 11th day of September, 1916, asking that an election be held in Grapeland Road Bonded District No. 1, in Houston County, Texas, for the purpose of levying a Special Tax of 10c additional tax on the \$100 valuation of property within said district for the purpose of supplementing the road and bridge tax of 15c on the \$100 valuation within said district, to be used as a maintenance fund, and,

Whereas, all things in connection therewith being in strict conformity with the law, it is ordered that an election be held at Grapeland, Texas, and Daly's, Texas, on Saturday, October 7, 1916, on this proposition, and B. R. Eaves is appointed manager of said election at Grapeland, and W. N. Laseter manager at Daly's on the day and date given above. E. Winfree, County Judge, Houston Co. Tex.

We understand that Ed Edge has leased the Wootters place, a large farm on the Trinity river, and will farm there next year.

**Bank No. 768
Official Statement**

**OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
Guaranty State Bank**

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 12th day of Sept, 1916, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 21st day of Sept. 1916.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$41,251.68
Loans, real estate	1,974.14
Overdrafts	91.77
County warrants	650.00
Real estate, (banking house)	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	16,197.98
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	465.89
Cash Items	29.75
Currency	4,938.00
Specie	1,143.40
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	674.00
Total	72,845.51

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net	1,631.80
Individual deposits, subject to check	44,712.21
Time Certificates of Deposits	5,336.00
Cashier's Checks	165.50
Bills Payable and Discounts	2,500.00
Total	72,845.51

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }
We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. KENNEDY, President.
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20th day of Sept., A. D., nineteen hundred and sixteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
J. N. A. DAVIS, Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
W. H. Holcomb }
J. R. Pennington } Directors,
M. P. Herod }

INTO THE QUIET COUNTRY

Particularly Must the City-Bred Man Appreciate Value of Being Close to Nature.

When summer days grow long and summer suns oppressive it needs no effort of the imagination to conjure up delightful pictures of other scenes far removed from the dust and the heat and the clang. Perhaps you have stepped from the train on some dewy summer morning at a station that amounted to no more than a shack almost in the heart of the woods. And while the cars have rumbled on their way you have embarked in a boat that took you up some delightful river, deeper and deeper into the wilds. The closeness and the dirt and even the noise of the city have been lost in the strange quiet, broken only by the occasional flapping of wings, the dip of your paddle or maybe the odd laughing of a loon as your river widened into a little lake, a veritable jewel of the woods hidden away from profane eyes. It is a picture that never fades; it calls up other memories—the narrow trail through the big trees, the sun setting over the quiet waters, the cool forest night and the lullaby of little waves lapping the shore that only emphasized the deep, brooding quiet.

Lean back in your chair for a moment on a long, warm day. How it all comes back, the lure of the wind, not because it is wild, but because it is natural and serene and reassuring—the voice of the mighty silent places speaking peace to the soul.—Milwaukee Journal.

IMPERFECT EQUIPMENT



"I wonder if hunters had any kind of equipment in Nimrod's day?"
"Of course not. They hadn't invented cameras and press agents in those days."

WORTH REMEMBERING.

"Some of the grandest discoveries of the ages," said the great scientist, sonorously, "have been the result of accidents."
"I can readily believe that," said the fair lady. "I once made one that way myself."
The great man blinked his amazement.
"May I ask what it was?"
"Certainly," replied the fair one. "I found that by keeping a bottle of ink handy you can use a fountain pen just like any other pen—without all the trouble of filling it."—Christian Register.

IN THE STATION.

"I want to take a train to New York."
"But, my dear sir, we pay our engineers to do that."

Last Of The Season. Popular Excursion To Galveston Via I. & G. N. Ry., Sat., Sept. 23.

For trains arriving Galveston Sat. p. m., and Sunday a. m.; return limit Monday, Sept. 25. Your last chance to buy popular rate tickets to Texas' amusement center. See I. & G. N. Ticket Agent for rates, schedules, etc.

TEXAS NEWS

Fort Worth is rigidly enforcing the pure food law.

A new State bank has been organized at Fayetteville.

Work on the test oil well at Glen, south of Anahuac, has begun.

Oil has been found on the Rossa lease, a few miles east of Kingsville.

A prohibition election will be held in Burleson county in the near future.

Houston and Harris county have started a campaign for a tubercular hospital.

A high school building is now being built at Port Arthur to cost \$275,000.

Mrs. Lucy Kidd-Key, president of Kidd-Key College at Sherman, died there last week.

Preliminary construction work has begun on the Temple-Marlin Interurban Electric railway.

Saw mills are now humming near Jasper, and in addition three large turpentine plants are in full operation.

The attorney general's department has approved a \$72,000 bond issue of the McAllen independent school district.

The inscription for the monument erected at Washington-on-the-Brazos State park has been approved by state officials.

Judge Leroy G. Denman, former associate justice of the Texas supreme court, died at his home in San Antonio last week.

The Texas Cattle Raisers' Association will ask the legislature to appropriate money to test the Shreveport rate case.

Antonio Ramirez, a Mexican, in a cotton picking contest near Luling this week, picked 306 pounds of cotton in six hours.

Annual settlement papers from tax collectors throughout the State have been received at the controller's department at Austin.

The commissioners court of Blanco county has formally accepted the new \$30,000 court house that has been completed at Johnson City.

A movement has been started in Dallas to organize Southwestern hotels to provide an extra charge for bread and butter served with meals.

The State board of education has just purchased new bonds aggregating approximately \$94,000. This exhausts the board's funds for the purchase of bonds for this month.

The contract for the potato curing house, for the kiln drying of sweet potatoes at Jasper, has been let and work has commenced. The crop of potatoes this year is unusually good.

The Texas gulf coast counties possess great advantages for the promotion of dairy and creamery industries. Fine dairy herds and silos are becoming familiar sights on many coast farms.

Merchants and business men of Temple have united in pushing a campaign that has for its object the attraction of 50,000 bales of cotton to that market this season, and a committee has been named to finance and manage the movement.

In Texas at the present time there is standing merchantable timber as follows: Yellow pine, 66,000,000,000 feet; long leaf pine, 22,400,000,000; short leaf pine, 22,500,000,000; hardwoods, 20,900,000,000; cypress, 200,000,000; total, 132,000,000,000 feet.

The bee-keeping industry of Goliad county has been recognized for a good many years as one of the best money crops of that county. At present there are within the borders of Goliad county 2,635 colonies of bees, yielding on an average of 125,000 pounds of honey.

According to the statistics gathered from the records of the United States immigration service, there passed

through the port of Laredo, Texas, last year, from June 30, 1915, to June 30, 1916, a total of 35,000 Mexican immigrants, approximately half of them being women and children. Throughout all the ports on the Rio Grande last year there entered the state of Texas from Mexico in excess of 100,000 of these Mexican laborers.

Governor Ferguson has issued a proclamation designating October 9 as State Fire Prevention Day of Texas to fittingly observe the day in some activity that will promote preparedness, increase efficiency and make progress toward the solution of the fire loss problem. More than thirteen thousand fires, entailing a loss of over \$16,000,000, occurred in Texas during the past year.

The contracts for state printing for the next two years, the aggregate being \$237,391 and the increase over the old contracts varying from 6 to 12 per cent on account of high price of paper and increased expenses in the mechanical departments, have been awarded by the state printing board at Austin. In order that the state may be protected and in fairness to the contractors it was agreed to have an adjustment of prices every six months, that is, should the price of paper decrease, then the state should have the benefit of the reduction.

THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



Cy Cawkins 'Lews to Do a Lot of Fishin' This Summer. Th' Kid's Big Enough to Dig Bait.

Oh, man is a creature, superior quite To woman on plane underneath, But he can't hush a babe without swearin' at night Or untie shoestrings with his teeth.

Notes of hand are very prosaic bits of paper, an' yet somehow a good deal of interest attaches to 'em.



MRS. THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

NOTICE!

All parties who owe the estate of J. N. Parker must settle by October 1st, 1916, or I will be compelled to place the matter with the court for collection.

All parties are asked to settle with J. M. Owens.

R. A. PARKER,

Administrator of the Estate of J. N. Parker.

Sept. 11, 1916.