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SERIAL PICTURE

Beginning at the Electric Theatre Friday night, October 20, the serial picture, "The Girl and the Game", one of the most interesting and gripping serial pictures on the screen. See the first picture and you will see them all. Remember the date.

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.

NOTICE

We are pleased to state that the Parents-Teachers Club has been reorganized and is actively at work for the interest of the school, and all branches of educational work in our community.

We earnestly invite and urge all patrons to join us at once that we may have the most successful school term in the history of our school.

The first meeting will held at the school auditorium, Friday evening, Oct. 6, at 8:00 p. m.

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easy matter to have an agreement so each farmer will drag in part of his farm.

Mrs. Monroe Jones of Percilla was called to Lovelady Saturday on account of the death of her little brother, the four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lively, death being caused by congestion. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lively in this community will sympathize with them in their bereavement.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

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OYSTER SUPPER

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church will serve Oysters, Cake and Chocolate at Pate's restaurant on second street, Friday night.

Miss Louise Denny complimented her visitors and several friends with a theatre party Friday night, Misses Patton and Spence of Crockett, being the honorees. After the show the guests returned to the home of Mrs. S. N. Boykin and enjoyed a delightful time. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Boykin. The personnel included: Misses Blanche Kennedy, Addie Hill, Adele Mansell, Julia Spence, Willie Mae Patton, Louise Denny, Mabel Boykin, Jas. Ryan, Jno. R. Owens, Geo. E. Darsey and Jno. Denny.

I. M. Baber spent several days here last week visiting friends. Mr. Baber recently returned from Missouri, where he spent two months visiting his boyhood home. While there he met one of his brothers, who lives in Oklahoma, whom he had not seen in forty years.

Geo. Allen of Reynard was here Saturday, bringing a bale of cotton to be ginned and do some trading. Mr. Allen said he arose at 3 o'clock in order to get to the gin early, but when he arrived found that twenty-three others were ahead of him.

Claude Leaverton left last week for Galveston to re-enter the state medical college. He will complete the four year course this term and emerge next spring as a full fledged physician.

A slight change in schedule was made last Sunday by the I. & G. N. South bound train No. 3 now arrives at 8:21 a. m., instead of 9:35. This was the only change made.

Lon Beauchamp sold a bale of cotton and the seed Saturday for \$126.85. We think the buyer ought to have given him 15c more and made it even money.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY

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A FINE DINNER

Murdock Murchison complimented several boy friends Sunday with an excellent dinner at his home, one mile south of town, the occasion being his eighteenth birthday.

"Tump," as he is familiarly known by his friends, treated his guests royally and his mother had prepared a dinner "fit for a king." The good things to eat were too numerous to mention and the boys ate ravenously of the feast. Those enjoying

the dinner were: Messrs. Geo. E. Darsey, jr. Arthur and Jno. R. Owens.

Miss Louise Denny complimented her visitors, Misses Willie Mae Patton and Julia Spence of Crockett with a sunrise breakfast at Myrtle Lake Saturday morning. They enjoyed an hour's boating after breakfast. Those enjoying this hospitable event besides the honorees and hostess were: Misses Blanche Kennedy, Vera Fields, Addie Hill, Adele Mansell and Mabel Boykin.

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GOING SOME

A ROMANCE OF STRENUOUS AFFECTION

BY REX BEACH

SUGGESTED BY THE PLAY BY REX BEACH AND PAUL ARMSTRONG

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—Stover's announcement that they have a new foot-runner causes great joy among the cowboys. Speed and his valet, Larry Glass, trainer at Yale, arrive.

CHAPTER IV.

It was on the following morning that Miss Blake made bold to request her favor from J. Wallingford Speed. They had succeeded in isolating themselves upon the vine-shaded gallery at the rear of the house, and the conversation had been largely of athletics, but this, judging from the rapt expression of the girl, was a subject of surpassing interest. Speed, quick to take a cue, plunged on.

"I would have made the Varsity basketball team myself if I hadn't been so tiny," said Helen. "I have always wanted to be tall, like Roberta."

"I shouldn't care for that," said the young man.

"You know she was a wonderful player?"

"So I've heard."

"Do you know," mused Helen, "I have never forgotten what you told me that first day we met. About your friendship for Mr. Covington. I think it is very unselfish of you."

"Oh, I wouldn't say that," ventured the young man, vainly racking his brain. "Nobody could help liking Culver."

"Yes; but how many men would step aside and let their best friend win prize after prize and never undertake to compete against him?"

Speed blushed faintly, as any modest man might have done.

"Did I tell you that?" he inquired.

"Indeed you did."

"Then please don't speak of it to a mortal soul. I must have said a great deal that first day, but—"

"But I have spoken of it, and I said I thought it was fine of you."

"You have spoken of it?"

"Yes; I told Jean."

The Yale man undertook to change the conversation abruptly, but Miss Blake was a determined young lady. She continued:

"Of course, it was very magnanimous of you to always step aside in favor of your best friend; but it isn't fair to yourself—it really isn't. And so I have arranged a little plan whereby you can do something to prove your prowess, and still not interfere with Mr. Covington in the least."

Speed cleared his throat nervously.

"Tell me," he said, "what it is."

And Miss Blake told him the story of the shocking treachery of Humpy Joe, together with the miserable undoing of the Flying Heart. "Why, those poor fellows are broken-hearted," she concluded. "Their despair over losing that talking-machine would be if it were not so tragic. I told them you would win it back for them. And you will, won't you? Please!" She turned her blue eyes upon him appealingly, and the young man was lost.

"I'll take ten chances," he said. "Where does the raffle come off?"

"Oh, it isn't a raffle, it's a foot-race. You must run with that Centipede cook."

"I'll run a race!" exclaimed the young college man, aghast.

"Yes, I've promised that you would. You see, this isn't like a college event, and Culver isn't here yet."

"But he'll be here in a day or so."

Speed felt as if a very large man were choking him; he decided his collar was too tight.

"Oh, I've talked it all over with Jean. She doesn't want Culver to run, anyhow."

"Why not?" inquired he, suspiciously.

"I don't know, I'm sure."
"If Miss Chapin doesn't want Culver to run, you surely wouldn't want me to."

"Not at all. If Mr. Covington knew the facts of the case, he would be only too happy to do it. And, you see, you know the facts."

Speed was about to shape a gracious but firm refusal of the proffered honor when Still Bill Stover appeared at the steps, doffed his faded Stetson, and bowed limply.

"Mornin', Miss Blake." To the rear Speed saw three other men—an Indian, tall, swart, and saturnine, who walked with a limp; a picturesque Mexican with a spangled hat and silver spurs, evidently the captor of Lawrence Glass on the evening previous; and an undersized little man with thick-rimmed spectacles and a heavy-hanging holster from which peeped a gun-butt. All were smiling pleasantly, and seemed a bit abashed.

"Good morning, Mr. Stover," said Helen, pleasantly. "This is Mr. Speed, of whom I spoke to you yesterday."

Stover bowed again and mumbled something about the honor of this meeting, and Miss Blake cast her eyes over the other members of the group, saying, graciously: "I'm afraid I can't introduce your friends; I haven't met them."

The loquacious foreman came promptly to the rescue, rejoicing in an opportunity of displaying his oratorical gifts.

"Then I'll make you acquainted with the best brandin' outfit in these parts." He waved a long, bony arm at the Mexican, who flashed his white teeth. "This Greaser is Aurelio Maria Carara. Need I say he's Mex, and a preemier roper?" Carara bowed, and swept the ground with his high-peaked head-piece. "The Maduro gent yonder is Mr. Cloudy. His mother being a Navajo squaw, named him accordin' to the rights and customs of her tribe, selecting the title of Cloudy-but-the-Sun-Shines, which same has proved a misnomer, him bein' a pessimist for fair."

Miss Blake and her companion smiled and nodded, at which Stover, encouraged beyond measure, elaborated.

"He's had a hist'ry, too. When he reaches man's real-estate the Injun agent ropes, throws, and hog-ties him, then sends him east to be cultivated. He spends four years kickin' a football—" Speed interrupted, with an exclamation of genuine interest.

"Oh, it's true as gospel," the foreman averred. "When he goes lame in his off leg they ship him back, and in spite of them handicaps he has become one rustlin' savage at a round-up."

"What college did you attend?" inquired Speed, politely. The question fell upon unresponsive ears. Cloudy did not stir nor alter the direction of his sombre glance.

"He don't talk none," Stover explained. "Conversation, which I esteem as a gift devine, is a lost art with him. I reckon he don't average a word a week. What language he did know he has forgot, and what he ain't forgot he distrusts."

Turning to the near-sighted man who had been staring at the college youth meanwhile, the spokesman took a deep breath, and said, simply yet proudly, as if describing the piece of resistance of this exhibition:

"The four-eyed gent is Willie, plain Willie, a born range rider, and the best hip shot this side of the Santa Fe trail!"

Speed beheld an undersized man of indeterminate age, hollow-chested, thin-faced, gravely benignant. It was not alone his glasses that lent him a scholarly appearance; he had the stooped shoulders, the thoughtful intensity of gaze, the gentle, hesitating backwardness of a book-raised man. Speed acknowledged the introduction pleasantly, while the benevolent little man blinked back of his lenses.

Stover addressed himself to Miss Blake.

"I told the boys what you said, miss, and we four has come as a delegation to find out if it goes."

"Mr. Speed and I were just talking about it when you came," said Helen. "I'm sure he will consent if you add your entreaties to mine."

"It would sure be a favor," said the cow-man, at which the others drew nearer, as if hanging on Speed's an-

swer. Even Cloudy turned his black eyes upon the young man.

The object of their co-operate gaze shifted his feet uncomfortably and felt minded to flee, but the situation would not permit of it. Besides, the affair interested him. His mind was working rapidly, albeit his words were hesitating.

"But I'm not in condition," objected the youth.

"Mr. Glass said you was never better than you are right now. Anyhow, you don't have to bust no records to beat this cook. He ain't so fast."

"It would sure be a kind-hearted act if you'd do it for us," said the little man in his high, boyish voice. It was a shock to discover that he spoke in a



Felt as if a Large Man Was Choking Him.

dialect. "There's a heap of sentiment connected with this affair. You see, outside of being a prize that we won at considerable risk, there goes with this phonograph a set of records, among which we all have our special favorites. Have you ever heard Madam-o-sella Melby sing The Holy City?"

"I didn't know she sang it," said Speed.

"Take it from me, she did, and you've missed a heap."

"You bet," Stover agreed, in a hushed, awed tone.

"Well, you must have heard Missus Heleny Moray in The Baggage Coach Ahead?" queried the scholarly little man. At mention of his beloved classic, Carara, the Mexican, murmured, softly:

"Ah! The Baggage Car—Te'adora Mora! God bless'er!"

"I must confess I've never had the pleasure," said Speed, whereupon the speaker regarded him pityingly. Stover, jealous that so much of his conversation had escaped him, quired:

"Can it be that you never heard monologue, Silas on Fifth Avenue? Again Speed shook his head.

As if the very memory were amusingly funny, Still Bill's shoulders heaved, and stifled laughter of his Adam's apple to race up and his leathern throat. Swallowing merriment at length, he recited, choking voice, as follows: "Silas goes up Fifth Avenue and climbs into a bus. There is a girl settin' opposite. He says, 'The girl opened her valise,



"The Four-Eyed Gent is Willie."

took out her purse, closed her valise, opened her purse, took out a dime, closed her purse, opened her valise, put in her purse, closed her valise, handed the dime to the conductor, got a nickel in change, opened her valise, took out her purse, closed her valise, opened her purse—"

At this point the speaker fell into ungovernable hysteria and exploded, rocking back and forth, slapping his thighs and hiccupping with enjoyment. Willie followed him, as did Carara. Even Cloudy showed his teeth, and the two young people on the porch found themselves joining in from infection. It was patent that here lay some subtle humor sufficient to convulse the Far Western nature beyond all reason; for Stover essayed repeatedly to check his laughter before gasping, finally:

"Gosh 'mighty! I never can get

past that place. He! He! He! Whoo-hoo! That's sure ridic'ous, for fair." He wiped his eyes with the back of a sun-browned hand, and his frame was racked with barking coughs. "I know the whole blame thing by heart, but—I can't recite it to you. I bog down right there. Seems like some folks is the darndest fools!"

"You see what the phonograph means to these gentlemen," said Miss Blake. "I think it's a crying shame that they were cheated out of it, don't you?"

Speed began to outline a plan hastily in his mind.

"I assured them that you would win it back for them, and—"

"We sure hope you will," said Willie, earnestly.

"Amen!" breathed the lanky foreman, his cheeks still wet from his tears of laughter, but his face drawn into lines of eagerness.

"Please! For my sake!" urged Helen, placing a gentle little hand upon her companion's arm.

Speed closed his eyes, so to speak, and leaped in the dark.

"All right, I'll do it!"

"Yow-ee!" yelled Stover. "We knew you would!" Willie was beaming benignantly through his glasses, while both Carara and Cloudy showed their heart-felt gratitude. "Thank you, Miss Blake. Now we'll show up that shave-tail Centipede crowd for what it is."

"Wait!" Speed checked the outburst. "I'll consent upon conditions. I'll run, provided you can arrange the race for an 'unknown.'"

"What does that mean?" Helen asked.

"It means that I don't want my name known in the matter. Instead of arranging for Mr. Whatever-the-Cook's-Name-Is to run a race with J. W. Speed, he must agree to compete against a representative of the Flying Heart ranch, name unknown."

"I don't think that is fair!" cried the girl. "Think of the honor."

"Yes, but I'm an amateur. I'd lose my standing."

"That goes for us," said Stover. "We don't care what name you run under. We'll frame the race. Lordy! but this is a glorious event."

"We can't thank you enough," Willie piped. "You're a true sport, Mr. Speed, and we aim to see that you don't get the worst of it in no way. This here race is goin' to be on the square—you hear me talkin'. No double-cross this time." Unconsciously the speaker's hand strayed to the gun at his belt, while his smile was grim. Speed started.

"What day shall we set?" inquired Stover.

Wally rapidly calculated the date of Culver's arrival, and said: "The county has formally accepted the moving-\$30,000 court house that has been completed at Johnson City."

"A movement has been started by you Dallas to organize Southwestern hotels to provide an extra charge for breakfast 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 the State of Texas."

"And don't waste no time neither," directed Willie. "You tear like a jackrabbit ahead of a hot wind."

Carara tossed his cigarette aside, and the sound of his spurs was lost around the corner of the house.

"This makes a boy of me," the last speaker continued. "I can hear the plaintiff's notes of Madam-o-sella Melby once again."

(To be Continued)

Important Amendment That Should Carry By Voters

House Joint Resolution 30, passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, submits an amendment to the State Constitution to be voted on by the people at the general election to be held in November, 1916, providing that the Legislature may enact a law permitting common and independent school districts to levy a local school tax not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed property valuation by a majority vote of the qualified taxpaying voters of the district, and also permitting counties to levy a county school tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of assessed property valuation to supplement the county school funds if a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the county desire to do so.

The adoption of this amendment does not, therefore, im-

pose a tax upon anyone, but removes the constitutional handicap, which forbids many localities, having efficient schools, and allows the people of school districts and counties where they desire to do so to provide adequate financial support from their own funds for the proper maintenance of their own schools.

In many sections of the State the schools are suffering seriously on account of insufficient funds. The people of such sections desire better schools for their children but the constitution stands in the way. Is this right? If you do not need the amendment in your county or district, will you not help your fellow citizen in some other section who does need it?

The adoption of this amendment does not impose a tax upon anyone, but insures a better school system for those who need the tax and vote it upon themselves.

Local News

Items From The Ephesus Community

Sept. 25.—Most of the farmers are in a rush to get their cotton picked and sold while it is a good price.

On account of sickness in the community we had no Sunday school and singing, Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Grounds and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Hugh Goolsby.

Mrs. Kandis Luce was visiting Mrs. J. M. Anderson last week.

Mr. D. Anderson and wife, were visiting at Mr. Andy Kelley's last Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lucy Nealey entertained the people of this community last Friday night with a party and cream supper. Everyone reports a fine time.

Miss Lena Turner was visiting Miss Lucy Nealey Sunday.

Mr. John Skidmore and family visited at Mr. Joe Hamb's Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Parker visited Mrs. Jim Turner last week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Graham is very sick at present.

Misses Minnie and Bertha Anderson visited Miss Callie Turner Sunday.

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TEXAS NEWS

A good roads association has been organized at Giddings.

Fire nearly wiped out the business district of Industry, Texas, a few days ago.

The new \$500,000 school building was dedicated at El Paso a few days ago.

The rice crop of Chambers county promises to be heavier than ever before.

The cotton crop of Eastern Texas has been considerably damaged by the boll weevil.

Denton county is preparing to vote on a proposed bond issue of \$1,000,000 for good roads.

Forty arrests were made in one day in Houston recently for violation of the traffic law.

The Rockdale oil mill property was sold last week. The mill will be put in operation again.

The Texas Methodists have started a campaign for a \$1,000,000 endowment for its aged preachers.

The big gin eight miles east of Brenham, at Choctaw, has been destroyed by fire with much cotton.

Fifteen thousand United States troops engaged in maneuvers near New Braunfels last week.

Nineteen cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Texas during August to the state board of health.

Joe Brown of Gladsdale died in Houston last week after suffering for a year with a broken back.

The Guadalupe County Fair Association has completed its various buildings on the grounds at Seguin.

An all-woman brass band, from Cleveland, Ohio, will be one of the features of the Texas Woman's Fair.

The bean crop in the Asherton community will reach some four or five hundred acres and promises a good yield.

Unusually fine crops were raised on the State farms this year. Between 8,000 and 10,000 bales of cotton are expected.

Carlos B. Madero, brother of Francisco Madero, martyred president of Mexico, is attending the Rice Institute at Houston.

A movement for the establishment of a new modern nine-story hotel, to cost at least \$250,000, has been started at Beaumont.

Peanuts are now being marketed by Washington county farmers. It is estimated that about 1,200 acres were planted to these nuts.

Beaumont's 1916 tax rate has been fixed at \$1.40 on the \$100 valuation. The assessed valuation totals \$31,490,650. The 1915 rate was \$1.21.

The construction of a concrete reservoir with a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons of water will be added to the water works system at Temple.

A contract has been let for the reconstruction of the Nueces county causeway at Corpus Christi, damaged by the hurricane of August 18.

At a depth of 1,027 feet the drill in search of artesian water at Orange passed through a cypress log that was in a fairly good state of preservation.

The new military units ordered to the Texas-Mexican border will replace other divisions which have been in service there. The plan is to give all mobilized State guards field service experience.

Asa Noguez, a young Orange county rice farmer, marketed the first rice of the season at Orange. He delivered 977 bags, which he sold at \$3.26 a bag. His crop averaged about sixteen bags to the acre.

Onion growers in the country about Laredo have started the sowing of Bermuda onion seed in seed beds preparatory to following up with the transplanting process in November, when perhaps four thousand or more acres of onions will be set out.

The new potato warehouse recently constructed in Orange under the supervision of the state agricultural department is now ready to receive the new crop of potatoes. Farmers say that the potato crop is going to be fine and the yield will be large.

Dr. N. J. Anderson, recently elected president of the Austin Theological Seminary at Austin, has assumed charge.

The twelfth annual convention of the Interstate Inland Waterways League of Texas and Louisiana will be held at Lake Charles, La., October 20 and 21. The construction of the intercostal canal along the Texas and Louisiana coasts is the result of the efforts of the league, which is now working for the extension of the canal and its improvement to a great depth.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Every farmer should feel his dependence upon good roads. Whether or not one lives on a public highway he should take an interest in the nearest one to his farm or the road he must use to market his farm, orchard and garden products.

There are many times when a day's work can be spared on the road. After heavy rains the road may need certain repairs or improvements when the overseer is not ready to call out the hands. Why not individual farmers donate a day's work on the road at such time?

By keeping a road drag and dragging the road along one's land after heavy rains the road may be greatly improved. It is

an easy matter to have an agreement so each farmer will drag the road in front of his farm. This would maintain the road until the regular hands could be called out at stated intervals or till the commissioner could make the repairs.

The time has come when we must consider the roads an asset, indispensable to the well-being of the farmer and his family. This being true, is it not every man's duty to do all he can to keep the roads in good condition. —Farm & Ranch.

A. N. Parker of the Oak Grove community was a caller at the Messenger office Tuesday. Mr. Parker recently moved here with his family from Crockett county.



What The War Is Doing For The Farmer

The European war is not an unmitigated evil; nor yet is it an unmitigated blessing for this country. We shall not attempt to go into the ethical side of the question at all, nor shall we discuss "war brides", munition plants or other similar phases of the situation. We shall look at the war purely from the standpoint of prices for raw products, either produced here in this country or imported from foreign countries. And of course when we consider raw products we must carry the subject further on into the matter of the prices we get and the prices we must pay for finished products. We shall confine our consideration, too, to those products which have their origin on the farm either in the raw state or finished and manufactured into edible or wearable articles.

Let us take wheat, for example. We all know that the war has put the price of wheat way up. Very well—this means that the whole country, city, town and rural population



as well as paying more for their flour—therefore the wheat raiser should theoretically be getting rich on a product which it costs him no more to raise than formerly and for which he gets more money.

But wait a minute—there are other things to consider in this matter of growing rich off of the war. Cotton and wool and meats and farm machinery and sugar have gone up too. This means that while the wheat raiser is getting more for his product, he is also paying some other agriculturist more for his product. This cuts down somewhat on the profits the

war is bringing to the farmer. Then it would seem that the best way to keep ahead of the game is for the farmer to pay the farmer who raises his necessities the increased prices that the war has brought about and when buying his luxuries or those things that are not bare necessities of life to pick and choose from amongst them those that have not gone up in price in spite of the war.

For example, here is a peculiar situation in regard to a beverage which is so universally liked that it has become almost a staple. The name of that beverage is Coca-Cola.

Now Coca-Cola, as you know, is really an agricultural product—a product of the soil. Cane sugar—the very purest and finest—constitutes a large part of Coca-Cola syrup. As you know, sugar has gone way up—so every glass of Coca-Cola you drink makes some farmer's heart gladder.

So it is with the pure fruit juices that, combined, produce the inimitable flavor of Coca-Cola. Not so much in quantity seemingly when you consider—a single glass of this delicious beverage, but enormous when the entire Coca-Cola output is considered.

Yet this product of nature—of the farm—increased in cost though it has been to the makers, has not been raised one penny in price to dealer—or to you. The price at the soda fountain and in the bottle has not risen one iota.

Now inasmuch as the rural population alone of America consumes millions of bottles and glasses of Coca-Cola every year, you and the other agriculturists of this country will not only be able to continue to please your palates and get delicious refreshment with this beverage at no increased cost, but you will be sending back to the farm bigger profits and more money at no greater expense to yourself.



Malaria

in the system destroys energy and makes the most vigorous worker feel lazy. Unless corrected it brings on "the chills."

HERBINE

Is a Powerful Medicine for Torpid Liver and Malaria

The malarial germ cannot exist in the system under the searching influence of Herbine. It purifies the stomach, liver and bowels, drives out bilious obstructions and puts the internal organs in fine healthy condition. Price 50 cents.

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

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

**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. 28, 1916.

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

LADIES! You are urged to attend our big **MILLINERY OPENING** and display of **READY TO-WEAR**, tomorrow, **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th**. This is the event you have been looking forward to all the fall. We assure you some new, snappy merchandise that cannot be duplicated for more money.

BUY AT HOME

There are some people in and around Grapeland who seem to think they can't get good values at home. Do you know that it is to your interest to buy at home?

Your home merchant is here to fight the battles of your community with you; he helps you when you are in trouble and is ready to stand by you at all times. In buying at home you not only encourage him to carry more complete and up-to-date stocks, but you add to the growth of your town. When your money goes to Houston or Dallas or Chicago it has left you, but when it comes to Grapeland it is kept working here. You get it back for cotton, chickens, eggs, peas and all kinds of country produce. And then, sometimes there is dissatisfaction. If you buy an article from us and are dissatisfied we immediately satisfy you. If a garment does not fit you, you know so on the spot and are saved a delay of several days in getting the matter adjusted. And then, too, we guarantee to sell you the same grades of merchandise as cheaply as you can send away and get them.

We ask you to compare our value—not prices. Buy at home and save the expense and delay of buying away from home.

THIS ANNUAL display of Fall Millinery is one of the most important events to the good dressers of this community. Before placing our orders, we make a careful study of the leading styles, domestic and foreign, and with our prestige among the dealers, are in a position to buy our wearing apparel at a great saving. You will not be disappointed by attending this display and we assure you that we give you the latest styles and most popular fabrics at the lowest possible prices. A comparison of values will convince you.

A STYLE REVIEW

Summarized from *Articles in the Dry Goods Economist* and ideas gained from Buyers Direct from New York

COATS

The lines of Ladies' and Misses' Coats afford the biggest range of selections, as they vary from the staple blacks to the most fastidious colors. In all cases the black plush coats are being shown as well as long coats in many shades. The new sport effects are especially popular, giving the purchaser a range of colors that rival the rainbow in their brilliancy. The misses' and children's coats are made along the lines of the ladies'.

MILLINERY

This line is one that affords 'milady' the pleasure of selecting a hat to suit her as there are many styles in most all shapes that are good. While there are a large number of fabrics being worn, the popular demand is for felts and plushes. These are made in large and small shapes and with much or little trimmings, preferably little. A variety of fancy braids, ribbons and leathers gives you a big range of select trimmings.

SUITS

The styles in Ladies Suits this season are distinctly different from any preceed-season. The coats are cut on several lines, the most popular being the long, full bottom effect with the skirts almost perfectly plain, with the exception of a few numbers in sports. A variety of trimmings are being used to good advantage also, including furs and braids. The suit fabrics are of a big variety. Among the most popular being broadcloth, serge, poplin, gaberdine and other cloths. The colors tend to the darker shades: navy, brown, green, black.

SKIRTS

The skirts are shown in about the same fabrics and materials as the suits. All of the materials are for the most part the light weight goods which give more graceful lines than heavier materials. The line of sport skirts comes in colors and plaids.

New goods arrive at this store most every day.

Friday, September 29th

"Service First" is the slogan that we try to carry out. If our service is not satisfactory we shall thank you to tell us.

Friday, September 29th

Two bales of Tupelo Cheriots—fine for making shirts. We also have a big assortment of Percales, Gingham, Madras Shirting, Calicoes, Domestic, etc.

A new lot of middy blouses received Tuesday.

Friday, September 29th

A rain coat is a good thing to buy in dry weather. See our line for men, women and children.

School children will find free blotters at our tablet counter. We have a complete line of school supplies.

Our new waists are meeting the approval of everyone who sees them.

The newest patterns in plaid silks are being shown at our store.

Come to the "Service First Store" for your notions.

Popular Fabrics in Popular Styles at Popular Prices

LADIES COAT SUITS--made along the newest lines from the best fabrics are being shown in all of the leading colors at \$12.50 to \$27.50

LADIES COATS--In long and sport effects; made from lasting materials in fast selling colors, \$5.00 to \$20.00

LADIES SKIRTS--All the new ones made to please you. Come and see the big range of patterns shown here up to \$7.00

ALTERATIONS FREE. We guarantee every garment to fit you and give satisfactory wear. We stand all alterations.

LITTLE GIRLS will find just as good styles here as their mothers. Our line of coats range from \$1.50 up and the fabrics are great.

Children's dresses in plaids and solid colors 50c to 1.25
Shoes that will stand the wear and tear of school.

Cadet Hosiery, the biggest value 25c ever bought for your child. We sell everything the boys and girls wear.

FASTIDIOUS DRESSERS who dote on correct style will find their fancies anticipated in our big stock of the new boots for fall. The assortment includes popular blacks in button and lace in all leading colors. Our prices are exceptionally low.

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

Newsy Letter From The Hays Spring Community

Sept. 25.—Cotton picking will soon be a thing of the past. The crop is very short.

Corn and sweet potatoes are fine and we have hogs to make our meat and a few to sell.

While the cotton crop is short, we should be thankful that everything is as well as it is, for prices make up for the shortage.

We learn that our school will start October 9, with Stokes Pelham and Miss Winnie Davis as teachers. Hope we will have a good school, and think we will if we co-operate.

Mrs. M. A. Herod of Daly's has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Story for several days. Mrs. Earl Pennington and children also of Daly's, visited Mrs. Story Saturday and Sunday.

Luther Warner attended a party at Mr. Pendergrast's at Daly's Saturday night.

E. L. Frisby informs us that he has purchased a new Ford car, which will be delivered some

time this week. This is car No. 1 for Hays Spring. Here's hoping some more will be bought out this way, for we can see very plainly that where there are cars there is more interest in good roads. The writer is interested in good roads if he never buys a car, for if the people who own cars have good roads to drive on, we will have a good road to walk on. So let's have good roads.

Big Foot.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

Mr. Wilson Whitaker of the San Pedro community called at the Messenger office Saturday and requested us to announce that there will be a good roads meeting at the San Pedro school house Saturday night, Sept. 30. Everyone who is interested in good roads is urged to be there.

Murdoch Darsey, who visited the wholesale market in Dallas last week, reports the greatest activity among the wholesalers. Nearly every section of the state was represented by buyers laying in supplies for the fall trade. The good price of cotton has injected new life into every line of business.

BUYING AUTOMOBILES

So many of our farmers are acquiring cars that it is hard to keep up with them. The latest owners are Ford Newman of the New Prospect community, who had delivered to him last Saturday a five-passenger Dodge, and I. N. Whitaker of the San Pedro community, a five passenger new model Ford. There are quite a number of others who are contemplating purchasing cars, and by January 1st, it will be just as important for people who live in the country to "watch their step" as it is for people who live in town.

George Shaver went to Fort Worth last week and drove back a seven passenger Studebaker, arriving here Sunday.

Jim Saxon of Kilgore was here several days last week visiting his friends. Mr. Saxon formerly lived here and was engaged in the mercantile business, and is thinking of moving back.

Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Riall, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riall and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Extra Coupons Given!

BUY FROM US YOUR-----

School Tablets, Pencils, Book Straps, Book Satchels, Dinner Baskets, pens, penholders and ink.

We Will Give Double Coupons on These Arttcles Up to October 15th.

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

McCALL PATTERNS
THE LATEST

KENNEDY BROTHERS

PHONE US YOUR
ORDERS

We are ready to show you the largest stock of dry goods, clothing and shoes that was ever shown in Houston county. Our shelves are full and overflowing in every department and we will be pleased to show you the many extra values we offer you in each department.



Varsity Fifty Five Belt Backs

The Favorite "Dress Up" Suits With Young Men.

It's no wonder Hart Schaffner & Marx have designed so many different kinds of them.

Nothing is more becoming to well built young figures than a smart belt back suit.

Fall designing shows double breasted belters, new ideas in pinch back models; belted backs and sides.

We have them in a great variety of fabrics, greens, blues, greys, tans.

At \$20, \$22.50, \$25 and up

We invite you to inspect our extensive line of the famous "CURLEE PANTS."

Staples

are of the highest grade that money can buy and we are offering them at 2 1-2c a yard under the market value. See them.

Ladies Coat Suits

We are showing the very latest in coat suits and long coats and they are selling very fast. You are invited to see these new suits and long coats that are now on display in our ready to wear department.

Sweaters

Yes, our sweaters are here and they are going to be offered to you at the old prices and save you about 15 per cent on each one, so call and look them over.

Hose for Everyone



For Women and Children
COOPER WELLS & CO.

ST. JOE KNIT "Iron Glad" STOCKINGS

Look best, fit best and wear best

They are the best that can be bought for the money. See them. Priced at \$1.00 down to **25c**

Not iron, but lots of 'hardwear' in them. Don't simply ask for hosiery--insist on "IRON CLAD."

Shoe Values

The best values in shoes are being offered at our shoe counter this season that was ever offered by us before the advance in leather, and that is saying a lot. We will be glad to show you these shoe values.

GRAPELAND, - TEXAS

KENNEDY BROS.

WE BUY YOUR COTTON

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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

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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, SEPT. 28, 1916

RAISED THEIR RATE

The Crockett Courier, The Times and the Ratcliff Herald announce an increase in subscription rates, effective December 1, the raise being to \$1.50 a year. The scarcity and high price of news print and other materials used in the printing office is the cause of the increased price.

There is no question but what the publishers of the country, and especially those in the smaller towns, are facing a life and death struggle. The blank paper upon which the Messenger is printed has advanced since January 1 from \$2.85 per hundred to \$6.75 and is very scarce at that price. It cuts a hole in the publisher's profit that cannot be overcome except by an increased price of subscription.

ARE YOU PROGRESSIVE?

In the past few years every line of business has been materially changed by the invention of labor saving devices. The primitive methods of carrying on the world's business are being abolished and modern methods are being adopted by the civilized peoples of the world.

The modern and up-to-date business offices are equipped with the latest office appliances, such as the adding machine, addressograph, typewriter, multi-graph, dictaphone, mimeograph, etc. These machines perform a greater amount of work at a smaller cost than could be performed before they were invented. The installation of these appliances in the commercial business office marks the progress the business is making. They enable the business man to give his customers quicker and better service; practically eliminate errors and saves many times the cost of the machines in a short period of time.

The farm has not been overlooked in the invention of the wonderful labor and time saving devices of the twentieth century. The abolition of the old time farm implements, and the installation of the modern farm machines, such as the traction plow, binder, threshing machine, corn and peanut sheller, planter, etc., marks the progress that is being made on the farm. When the farmer is able to equip his farm with these modern devices, he shows to the world that he is advancing with other lines of business, and that he is succeeding. The modern, up-to-date farmer breaks his land with a traction plow, plants his seed with a planter, harvests his

grain and hay with the proper machines, separates his cream with a separator, pumps his water, saws his wood and shells his corn with a gasoline engine. These methods save the farmer much hard work and enable him to make more stuff at a smaller cost, and makes his work a pleasure instead of a drudgery. The farmer who is striving to attain these modern methods is a credit to his community and the state in which he lives.

If somebody is thinking evil of you when you know you have done the best you could, why worry? The opinion of outsiders may affect your reputation among those who know you not but your character should stand between your friends and all slander. As long as your own conscience approves your actions there is no use for you to worry, whatever may be the opinion of men. When you yourself doubt your own rectitude, it is time you let your conscience bother you, regardless of whatever praise may be bestowed upon you by others.

Most anybody likes money, but some like it too well.

It is never too late to do better if you have done your worst.

When you hear a town well spoken of you may know that its citizens are on the same plane as its reputation.

When you think you have reached the point of human perfection, it is time to back up and take a fresh start.

England has gained the ascendancy of the air, says one of her patriots. She has always possessed the supremacy in hot air.

Candidate Hughes is swinging around the circle for the second time. The democrats will have Mr. Hughes running in circles after November.

An early fall may be a good thing for some people, but it is surely hard on the fellow who bought a new summer suit at the August clearance sale.

If prices continue to rise it will take more paper to figure up the cost of a bill of groceries than it takes to wrap them up.

Most anyone can buy hardware or fence by mail, but it takes a real genius to select a necktie from a mail order catalogue and then be able to wear it after it arrives.

When some people die their tombstone is the only evidence of their existence. Don't let the date of a monument be necessary to remind people of your death. Do things for your home town and let the world know you are a live booster for a lively town.

Mr. A. L. Saddler of May, Texas, is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Jno. A. Davis.

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.

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

Lots of people talk enough about themselves to let others know they have very little sense.

The farmers have seen the hand writing on the wall and although they raised 15c cotton, they will not have to buy much 20c bacon.

Automobiles are getting so numerous that old time "horse swapping" is slacking up. We predict that "swapping" automobiles will be common in a few years.

A married man's life in Houston is worth six bits; in Dallas it's worth a quarter and in Ft. Worth it's valued at fifteen cents if he is cautious at all times.

The grave diggers in Buenos Aires went on a strike when the city cut their wages 8 per cent. We don't suppose their action had a tendency to check the death rate.

The northern states are experiencing a series of "strikes" in almost every line of labor. If these states were blessed with more democrats there would be fewer labor troubles.

It is reported from some of the states where Hughes is reputed to be strong that there is no Hughes money in betting circles. After all some men are learning not to make bad bets.

A headline says women of Chicago will fight high prices of foodstuff. They raise the devil if bread advances 1 cent a loaf, but never murmur if this year's winter hat costs ten dollars more than it did last year.

It is said that seventy-five per cent of the men who desert their wives are blue-eyed. Most of the blue-eyed men marry black-eyed women, and that is doubtless the cause of their desertion.

Men find it convenient to go home before dark when there is a mad dog scare in town, and pretend that they do so, because they fear wife will be scared. That ain't the reason for their thoughtfulness.

A news article says the keyholes to all doors leading into the corset display room at the Fashion Art League Show in Chicago were stuffed up to keep men from seeing pretty models put on and take off the latest corsets for women artists and buyers. Verily, verily, women's confidence in men is diminishing.

There were so many cotton wagons in GrapeLand Saturday that the only way most of the business men could get to their homes for dinner was by mounting the wagon nearest their place of business and stepping from one to another until they reached their home. They were here from everywhere.

Governor Ferguson has filed suit against the Temple Telegram for \$50,000 for alleged slanderous statements published in that paper during the recent gubernatorial campaign. We can not imagine what Governor Jim wants so much money for, unless he desires to alleviate the suffering of some of his tenant farmer friends.

Handling Money Our Business



THIS is our business just the same as our Merchants, each have their special lines. Not unlike the merchant, we are constantly looking for new customers.

Keep GrapeLand Money in GrapeLand

Buy your goods at home. Let's cultivate the habit of doing all the business we can right here in GrapeLand and keep our money in Houston County.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

Our GUARANTEE of QUALITY

Is back of our entire stock of DRUGS.

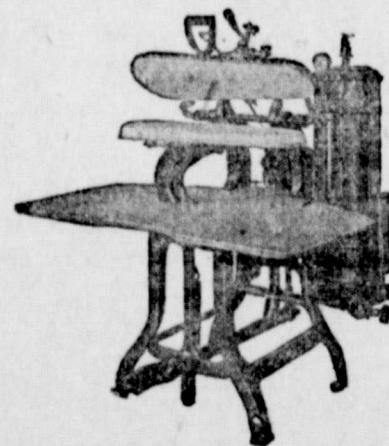
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CLEANING AND PRESSING

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.

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It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

GARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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 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

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
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Local News
Reported From
Rock Hill Country

Sept. 25.—The marketing problem is causing our roads to be frequented by cotton wagons. Fifteen cent cotton is making it possible for even the insane to have "cents", and our community has a whole family of "Nichols", so evidently prosperity is ours.

Mr. P. L. Cook of the San Pedro community visited friends and relatives here last week.

Carol and Misses Cora and Effie Estill of Ephesus are in our community for a several weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis visited in the Antrim settlement Sunday.

Lee Martin of Antrim and Bill Bridges of New Prospect were in our midst Sunday.

Our Sunday school has not been so enthusiastic here of late, but recruits are being added, and we hope to put on more life than ever. Our newly elected and re-elected officers are as follows: J. L. Nichols, Supt., N. V. Streetman, Ass't. Supt., Mrs. A. H. Streetman, teacher of Class No. 1; Mrs. H. M. Streetman, teacher of Class No. 2; Mrs. Z. W. Weisinger, teacher of Class No. 3; Miss Grace Kiser, Sec'y.

and Treas.

Our public school will open Monday, Oct. 9, taught by Mr. L. L. Morgan of Grapeland and Miss Ola Willis of this place.

The writer regrets that after this week he will not be able to report for his community.
 Rock Hill Youth.

"Zack" Reports
Local News From
Reynard Vicinity

Sept. 25.—Cotton picking, peanut pulling and corn pulling are the main issues with the farming people down this way. Cotton is turning out better than we expected, but sorry enough. However, the price makes every little boll worth while. Just think, most any kind of cotton is worth 15c, and when there is a "fight" on, cotton seed are all the way from 5 for a nickel to 10 for a dime. This is what we like to see, but regret the conditions that cause it, or some of them, and predict a "let down" some day.

We are for the road tax and only wish we had more property so our taxes would be more. Have not talked with many and have no idea how the vote will be, but it scares most folks to death to talk about taxes. My rule is when you can't get a thing just like you want it, take the next best thing in sight.

Yesterday Rev. M. L. Williams preached his last sermon for the year and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eaves were elected messengers to the association.

Mrs. J. H. Beazley, Mrs. Herman Beazley and children and Mrs. West spent several days in Grapeland last week.

Homer Beazley and family were Crockett visitors last week.

Mr. Kincaid joined his wife and baby and mother-in-law, Mrs. Davis, at the home of their relatives, G. W. Allen and family. They left yesterday for their home in Cleburne. Mr. Kincaid is a railroad man and said it would have been better for the country if the strike had been pulled off. That it would have caused the government to take over the roads and run them under Civil Service regulations.

Pledger Chiles says they have \$3,600 to spend on the lock before it is complete. Of course, that won't be long.

Heath, the cattle man was in our midst last week and drove out a nice bunch of fat cattle to the Madisonville country. Pastures are beginning to be opened and they are looking fine.

G. B. Kent was a Grapeland visitor yesterday to see T. S. Kent, his brother.

Tom Kent, jr. spent most of last week in Grapeland helping in his father's business.

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KILLS ENERGY

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

PRICKLY ASH
BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.
Price \$1.00 per Bottle
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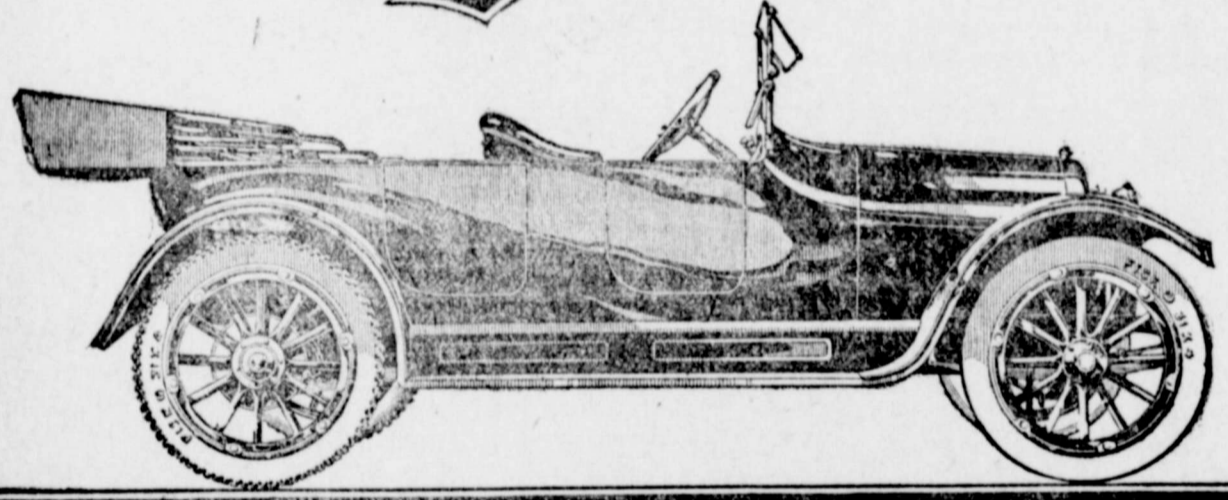
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No need to wait any longer
 Get your new car now.

No need now to dig deep into your savings or to scrimp for months in order to pay for your car in one lump sum.

The "Guaranty Plan" makes that unnecessary.

You can now get any Overland or Willys-Knight Car for a small payment down. Then you can pay the balance monthly—a little at a time.

That in a word is the "Guaranty Plan"—a thoroughly organized, financially sound system of time payments to help people buy Overland or Willys-Knight Cars.

The "Guaranty Plan" is one which we can heartily recommend to all.

Come in right away, learn all about it and pick out your car.

It's just the sort of plan everyone has been waiting for.

And now it's here—an accomplished fact.

Of course there'll be a rush to take advantage of it.

So don't wait until we're slowed up on deliveries.

Get your order in now—specify immediate or later delivery as you wish, but make sure of your car today.

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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.
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Your Business will be Appreciated

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 Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

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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.

LOCAL NEWS

W. E. Keeland was a business visitor to Dallas last week.

Chas. Story went to Crockett Saturday morning on business.

H. J. Castleberg of Crockett was here Saturday on business for the East Texas Motor Co.

M. L. Clewis was a visitor to Hous'on and Galveston Sunday and Monday.

FOR SALE

6 pigs two months old.
J. A. Frisby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan and children of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

FOR SALE

Two milch cows and one horse. For price see J. M. Owens.

Turkish Harem coffee is a new brand that we want you to try. Large whole grains.
Cash Grocery Co.

Coleman Scarbrough, Chester Owens and Enoch and Will Whitaker were visitors to Galveston Sunday.

The best families in this community use Light Crust flour because it gives better results. Sold by the Cash Grocery Co.

A. B. Spence has purchased the blacksmith shop of A. C. Driskell. Mr. Knobel, who was with Mr. Driskell, will be in charge.

Mrs. Joe Morrison of Rusk visited relatives in the Salmon community last week, and spent Friday with her brother, C. L. Haltom.

R. T. Murchison called Monday morning and renewed his own subscription and that of his sister, Mrs. Josie Aldrich, at Rosebud, Texas.

Bread baked from Light Crust flour is light and fluffy, pure and wholesome. It is the best flour on the market and moderate in price.
Cash Grocery Co.

We are requested to announce that T. C. Fox of Troup will preach at Midway the first Sunday in October, and Saturday night before. The public is invited to attend these services.

Michigan salt at the Cash Grocery Co. Buy it now to save your meat.

Miss Fibelia Bowers of Groveton is the guest of Miss Sallie Mae Kent this week.

Miss Arline Howard left Sunday night for Carthage, where she has accepted a position in the school there.

Virgil Musick beat the boll weevils to it this year, and gathered nine bales of cotton from sixteen acres of land.

Misses Willie Mae Patton and Julia Spence of Crockett were week end visitors at the home of Mrs. S. N. Boykin, the guests of Miss Louise Denny.

HORSE FOR SALE

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

We are requested to announce that Rev. H. E. Harris will preach at the baptist church here Sunday and Sunday night.

LOST—One small gold chain with cameo pendant, between home and school building. Finder return to Mrs. J. W. Howard and receive reward.

W. R. Wherry visited the wholesale markets in Galveston and Houston Monday. He reports goods very scarce and prices high.

The Messenger received a pleasant call Saturday from C. E. Killgo of Waneta. Mr. Killgo is offering a fine stallion for sale, which he is advertising in this issue.

The lyceum course will be opened in Grapeland Monday night, October 9, at the school auditorium, with Miss Devault. A further announcement will appear next week.

NOTICE

All Woodmen interested in the team will please meet at the hall Saturday night. We intend to reorganize the team and attend the encampment next fall and the convention next Spring, and if you want to take these in, it will be best to start with us now.
J. M. Gilbert, Capt.

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REGISTERED PERCHERON STALLION. Will sell, or trade for cattle and mules. This horse can be seen at my home. For further particulars see or write

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Residence Waneta. P. O. Percilla, Texas, Route 1

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"THE PRICE IS THE THING"

By invitation the Oak Grove singing class will sing at Hays Spring next Sunday afternoon, October 1, beginning at 2 o'clock. All members of the class are expected to be there. M. E. Bean.

The flavor and aroma of Turkish Harem coffee is something excellent. The grains are large and whole and will go further than other kinds of coffee. Try some of it. Cash Grocery Co.

Prof. J. A. Mason and family left Tuesday morning for Ash, where Mr. Mason will teach school. He taught at Enon the past two years. Of course the Messenger will go to his address

Walter Howard of Route 1 was in town Saturday selling 15c cotton, and having more 'dinero' than he knew what to do with, left a dollar with us to renew his subscription for another year, and also ordered the Galveston News and Farm & Ranch.

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.

T. S. Kent went to a sanitarium last week to be examined by a specialist for an operation but found it unnecessary. He is now at home and is getting along nicely.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Joe Miller of the Rocky Mound community paid us a call Saturday and renewed his subscription. Mr. Miller stated that the Messenger was a welcome visitor to his home and he enjoyed especially the letters from the different communities.

Poor roads are the expensive things that curse a country district.

RUB-MY-TISM

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

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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 failing 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.

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Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

All farm wagons ought to be equipped with wide tires. The wide tires pack the roads and smooth them out, while the narrow tires cut like a knife. By running on top of the surface, the wide tires make hauling easier, also.

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