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A Daily Effort at Bargain Giving!

The old custom of giving "Bargain Day Sales" is becoming obsolete.

The really progressive merchant now makes it his rule to give bargains every day.

Our Store is Full of Bargains

We bought them right and will sell them right. Come in and let us show you some of the really great values we can give you for a very small price.

If REAL BARGAINS ALL THE TIME is an inducement you will be our regular customer.

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

W. R. WHERRY
Telephone 37 Free Delivery

Buggies

There is no occasion for any one who contemplates buying a buggy or surrey to leave Grapeland to do so, for I have just as good, if not better, values as you will find anywhere. I have just received a car load and am sure I can please you as to style and price. I invite you to call and look them over.

A. B. GUICE
The Blacksmith

STORES TO CLOSE

We, the undersigned business men of Grapeland, agree to close our respective places of business Thursday, Nov. 30th., same being Thanksgiving day, a legal holiday. We respectfully ask our customers to make arrangements for this day earlier in the week.

George E. Darsey, McLean & Riall, F. & M. State Bank, J. M. Owens, S. E. Howard, Frank Allen, W. R. Wherry, Guaranty State Bank, Caskey's Barber Shop, Leaverton's Drug Store, Cash Grocery Store, Keeland Bros., Kennedy Bros., Traylor Bros., T. S. Kent.

NO HUNTING

I take this method of informing the public that I will allow no hunting on my farm.
Geo. Calhoun.

Big Minstrel-Carnival Coming Soon Here One Night Only...Fri- day, Dec. First

Under the auspices of the "Grapeland Musical Club" a first-class minstrel-carnival has been scheduled to appear one afternoon and night only at the school auditorium and campus. No definite announcement can be made at present, except that this high class novel entertainment is under the management of an experienced and efficient director and will be strictly first class throughout. Further and more definite details will appear in next week's Messenger. Remember the date, one afternoon and night only, Friday, Dec. 1.

FOR SALE

Good second hand, 2 seated surrey.
J. W. Jones.

TO THE FARMERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Doubtless many of you already know about the meeting of the committee composing "The Farm Bank Board" in the city of Houston on the 16. Realizing the great benefit such an institution would be to Houston county, and in fact, all of East Texas, and that I might become thoroughly familiar with the law, and its practical effects, and to be in a position to impart such knowledge to you, I was in attendance upon that meeting in the city of Houston. In an article like this, of course, you must realize how impracticable it would be, not only to give you some concrete idea of the meaning of what is known as the "Farm Loan Bank Law" but to advise those, either seeking or needing its benefits, how to secure the same. On this particular point I will simply say, that I will be very glad at any time to explain these matters to the farmers of Houston county without any cost whatsoever.

If the intents and purposes of this law are put into effect and those wanting and seeking homes will but avail themselves of its liberal provisions I see no reason why every man should not own a home.

The failure of thousands of men to buy a home and provide a place of refuge for themselves and family in their declining years has not been the high price of the land or the initial cost of the home, but the fear of that high rate of interest increasing the cost beyond their ability to pay. Lands in Houston county are cheap, and there is room for many times its present population. I, for one, would like to live in a community where there was neither landlord nor tenant, and, as visionary as the statement may seem, I think this law will make that a possibility.

Briefly stated—the Federal Government will loan to actual farmers who are to become occupants of the land, as much as fifty per cent of the real value of the land on forty year's time at five per cent interest. If you have no cash to pay for the other half, I firmly believe any land owner would be willing to take a second lien on the land for the other half of the purchase price.

If those of you who have unpaid for homes or who desire to purchase homes feel sufficiently interested, as stated before, I will be only too glad to give you the benefit of my investigation and knowledge.

J. W. Young.

OUR NEW PRESS

The Messenger has purchased a new cylinder press, which will be installed within the next week or ten days. It is a much faster press than the one now in use and will enable us to turn out our increasing volume of work quicker and in a more satisfactory manner to our patrons. We want to add to our equipment as fast as the growth of the town will permit and we give our subscribers and advertisers the best service possible.



What a Glorious Feast

Our Thanksgiving display of good things to eat promises! Relishes, tea, coffee, raisins, currants, just give a small idea of the hundreds of foods, and food products to choose from, with a knowledge that there are no better no matter how much more is paid for them.

CASH GROCERY COMPANY
LONG & DAVIS, PROPRIETORS
PHONE US YOUR ORDER. WE DELIVER RIGHT NOW

OUR Thanksgiving

Truly, those of us who live in America should be thankful for all the many blessings we have received during the past year.

Peace and prosperity are ours. Good will and good fellowship toward all men.

Free from the turmoil of strife, away from the throes of war.

Free from the sway of demagogues and one man rule.

Surely some Omnipotent Power has seen and accepted all as well.

Then in deed and in truth, let us be thankful, as were our ancestors at Plymouth, for the blessings have been bestowed upon 100,000,000 souls.

McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

To leave the Store without calling for "GREEN" Coupons is like leaving your Change on the Counter.

Callers are welcome at our office, and if you come in Wednesday, we will be glad to show you how the Messenger is printed and mailed out each week.

MEBANE COTTON SEED

We have just received a car load of those famous seed and can supply your wants if you see us at once. They will not last long. Kennedy Bros.

G. W. Weisinger of the San Pedro community was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Monday and requested us to announce that work will begin on the San Pedro and Grapeland road again next Monday. Everyone interested in this road will please respond and do his portion of the work necessary for the completion of the work. Work will begin where the Belott road intersects the San Pedro road.

**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, Nov. 23, 1916.

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

THIS STORE WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY---NEXT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Thanksgiving Day

Once again, we, as a nation, will suspend business affairs in commemoration of the season of Thanksgiving and Praise set aside by our forefathers several centuries ago. Then, they had many things for which to be thankful; prosperous crops, deliverance from Indian raids and others. How much more thankful should we be today. Our harvest has been bountiful and we have reaped a good price in return; our country is enjoying its greatest era of prosperity, a season of peace and plenty. On next Thursday, let us review the many causes of our thanksgivings and make it a real Thanksgiving day.

Thanksgiving day means good things to eat. If you want to be sure of the purest ingredients on your table, you will do well to supply yourself at Darsey's where purity is the first consideration in placing our order for groceries. Phone us your orders. We deliver them to your door.

We are thankful for the trust and confidence placed in us as a store by our many friends. May we ever hope to retain this confidence by a strict adherence to our rule of giving the best values possible for the money.

Our prices on some articles may seem a little high. But if you consider the high price of cotton, and by a comparison of our goods, you will find we are giving better values for the money than anyone.

Good gingham, 8 1/2, 10 and 12 1/2c. American calicoes, 8c. Heavy outings, 10 and 12 1/2c. Heavy chevots 12 1/2c.

We have other good values in dress goods. We ask you to compare values.

WOOL SHIRTS. Our wool shirts are here and they are pippins. If you want the best values for your money, you should see this line in all sizes. \$1.25 to \$3.00 each.

Do your Christmas shopping now. You will lose by putting it off. There are many advantages in buying now. You save time and worry and have more time in which to select your gifts. We have many customers who have bought Christmas things and have them marked for Christmas delivery. We will do this for you. Our entire store is bulging with gift suggestions.

We have a beautiful line of Parisian Ivory toilet articles, silver picture frames, etc. Darsey's is a real gift store.

Let us send you up a Buck's Stove. Cook on it thirty days and if not satisfactory, we will gladly take it off your hands.

A man who uses a Leudinghaus wagon will have no other kind. That's why we sell them. A new car received last week. We have some good second hand wagons at a bargain. Let Charley show you.

Automobile accessories that we can look you in the face and sell you. That's the kind you want-the best. We have 'em. Come here for your air, gasoline, oils, etc. We change tires free.

Chicken prices dont roost too high for us. We pay the top for turkeys, chickens, eggs, hides, bees wax etc. Bring 'em to Darsey's. We'll help you save by paying you more.

Underwear and sweaters for the whole family. We also have a complete line of hosiery for men, women and children from 10c up to \$1.00. Original quality at old prices. Get 'em here.

Men's Neckwear



We are showing a real snappy assortment of Thanksgiving neckwear and belts for men and boys. You should see these lines for here we give you the very latest ideas at **25 to 50c**

On Monday after Thanksgiving we will

have on display, our Christmas line of men's neckwear and belts. Also a big line of silk handkerchiefs.

INSURE YOUR HEALTH AGAINST COLD RAINY DAYS.

Protection is the first real health insurance. With proper clothing you can stand most any kind of weather. Our line of winter wearing apparel for men, women and children should merit your approval.



Boots and Bootees

Men, if you want a real good boot or bootee, we have them and they will give you the kind of protection you want.

Men's tan bootees, 18 inch top - **\$6.50**

Men's heavy black bootee, waterproof, with 18 inch top - **7.50**

Men's black square box toed boots, regular height top - **8.50**

Men's tan boots, round box toe, regular height top - **10.00**

Men's 15 inch rubber side boot, Gun Metal Leather - **6.00**

Our line of all leather shoes for men, women and children are the kind for winter wear. "IT TAKES LEATHER TO STAND THE WEATHERS." "Drifoot" makes your shoes waterproof for 25c a can.

RAIN COATS

Rain Coats for men, women and children. Don't put off buying any longer. The price is too small for you to take the risk of your health. We have slickers too. Our cold weather line of clothing includes

Ladies Coats and Suits,
Boys' and Men's Slickers,
Men's Suits,

Misses' and Girls' Coats,
Men's Overcoats,
Boys' Suits.

Don't let a few dollars stand between you and health. We have a complete line of Underwear, Wool Shirts and Sweaters. We can keep you warm at a big saving.

Our Leather Goods Department

Contains a complete line of wagon and buggy harness, bridles, piece goods, side leather, lace leather and the prettiest line of SADDLES shown in Grapeland.

You can get everything to mend your harness with or a new set at a big saving in price.



DARSEY'S

THE STORE THAT HAS WHAT YOU WANT

Local News

Items From Rock Hill Community

Nov. 20.—We must remember that Christmas is not but a month off and save some of that twenty cent cotton money to greet Santa Claus

The sudden change of the weather has caused a great many colds, but this is always common with cold weather.

Little Velna Streetman has been sick for three or four days.

Tommie Helms was on the sick list last week.

Our literary society met last Friday night. We had a nice crowd present and a good program. The debate was omitted and a spelling match substituted in its place.

Quite a number of people of this community attended church at Antrim Sunday.

There was a nice crowd present at Sunday School Sunday evening, among whom were: Misses Lula Belle Taylor, Alma Jones, Messrs. Ed Pierson, Virgil Durnell and Jim Ritchie.

Mr. Parker spent Sunday

night with Mr. C. M. Streetman. Messrs. J. L. Nichols and A. U. Streetman have gone back to the "game country" across the Trinity river to spend a few days.

Mr. J. L. Nichols and his daughter, Miss Eva Mae, attended church at Antrim Sunday night.

Mr. Dewey Willis had the misfortune of spraining his ankle last week at school.

Rev. R. L. Brooks, Universalist preacher, will begin a meeting at this place Tuesday night, Nov. 21. Rattler.

Local News

Items From The Waneta Country

Nov. 20.—We have been having some real cold weather the past week. Several have killed hogs.

Church was well attended at New Hope Sunday.

Mr. Ollie Harrington left Sunday for Grand Saline to visit relatives there.

Several people of this place attended a box supper at Denson Springs Saturday night. All re-

port a nice time.

Mr. J. E. Shoemaker and family of Percilla were the guests of Mr. Sammon Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckalew of near Percilla were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Barnes Sunday.

Miss Ruby Harrington, accompanied by her father, went to Palestine Friday to have an operation performed on her eye.

Mr. Ross Sammon went to Alto Saturday.

Quite a number of young people of this place attended a show at Grapeland Friday night.

Our school is progressing nicely. We have an enrollment of almost 100 pupils. The boxes at our box supper sold for \$16.45, which has been used to buy more desks for the school.

Mr. Ross Fortson went to Grapeland Sunday.

Bonnie

\$125.00 TO BE GIVEN AWAY

within the next 30 days, to anyone trading with J. J. Brooks, to the amount of \$10.00, will receive as a present one \$2.50 picture frame 23X27 inches.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER

Begin Now to Save Coupons For Holiday Gifts

Our new catalogue lists over 500 valuable and useful X mas. gifts. We will have these new catalogues for distribution within a few days. Call for one.

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

Here's Our Recipe For Your Thanksgiving Dressing

For the base of your Thanksgiving dressing use a **Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suit**

Two or three buttons--and over this goes a Varsity Six-Hundred Overcoat. For seasoning add a smart dress shirt, one of our new four-in-hands; garnish with a new hat--soft or derby.

We are ready with all the necessaries, Prices and styles are right.

THE LADIES

Will find the season's newest in Waists; Skirts, Sport Coats, Long Coats and Coat Suits, that are priced to suit you. Ask to see them.



Copyright Hart Schaffner & Marx

HOSE OF QUALITY

We are very anxious that you see our line of Topsy and Iron Clad Hose, now on display at our hose counter, for they are dyed with the best dyes that are used in dyeing the high grades of hosiery and will not dye your feet at all or at any time of wear. See them. Priced

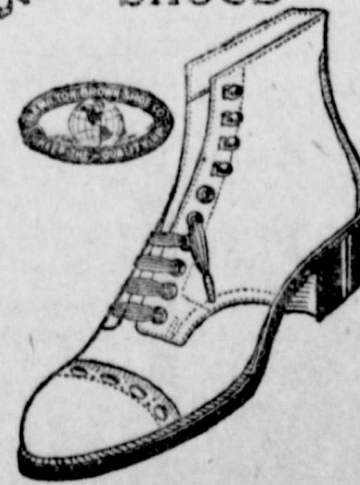
From 25c to \$1.00 Per Pair



SHOES FOR ME

Kennedy Bros.' stock of shoes is a good line to make my November selections from. They are not only stylish, but satisfy at the same time. They are leather, not paper. They are designed to please the most fastidious. Make your selection now, for our stock is complete. Prices to please.

American Gentleman Shoes



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.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2 1/2-c 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 social, 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, NOV. 23, 1916

There are a number of hogs on the streets and GrapeLand has a hog law.

We planted some shade trees around the Messenger office about two years ago, and we planted them there to furnish a shade and not to hitch horses to.

When a person has no sympathy for others when they experience adversities, how can he expect others to sympathize with him when he is in trouble?

The time for planting shade trees is rapidly approaching and it would not be a bad idea to plant a few more in GrapeLand. They would add to the beauty of the town and make hot weather more endurable.

We would like to see the spirit of civic improvement more predominant in the citizenry of the town. There are many things on the streets of GrapeLand that are not pleasing to the eye. Strangers are not favorably impressed with the town when about the first thing they see is a street literally covered with tin cans, rags, paper, bottles and goods boxes. Cleanliness should be the motto of every town that desires good health and a good name.

We would like to see the use of narrow-tired wagons eliminated. They ruin roads and kill teams. The passing of the narrow-tired wagon shows a mark of intelligence in the farmers who desire to be progressive and who are considerate in the care of their teams and the roads, upon which they travel with heavy loads. If you have a narrow-tired wagon now, let the next wagon you buy be a wide-tired one.

GrapeLand needs a Young Men's Business League. We have advocated the organization of a Y. M. B. L. before, but it seems that the business men of the town are slow to realize the fact that such a league would greatly benefit every line of business in the town, and there are many things that can never be secured for the town only thru concerted action.

Remember, if you decrease your acreage in potatoes, corn, peas, peanuts or other food and feed crops, and increase your cotton acreage, you will lower the price of cotton and raise the price of food stuff. Be conservative and escape having to take a low price for your cotton and pay exorbitant prices for something to feed yourself and your stock.

It is to be hoped that the farmers of the GrapeLand country will not go "cotton wild" next year and neglect the food and feed crops. We call your attention to an article in this issue clipped from Farm & Ranch, entitled "Going Cotton Wild". Every farmer reader of this paper should carefully read this article and fully realize the truth it contains.

The public well on main street caved in several weeks ago and the town has only two public wells now. A new well is needed on front street for the accommodation of those who make GrapeLand their trading place. Besides, to fill up the old well and dig a new one would add to the appearance of the street and the town.

In many ways GrapeLand surpasses other towns of the same size, but in some ways the town is not what it should be and could be, if the citizens would work together in a systematic way. Do not work and plan for things that benefit self alone, but exert your efforts for the things that are beneficial to the entire citizenry and which add to the worth of the town as a whole.

Clipped From Our Exchanges

Other's Views on Current Items

TIME TO BE GOOD

The time to show your good will and charity towards a man is when he is struggling against great adversities; when everything seems dark and hopeless and there are many to condemn and few to speak a good word in his behalf; when misfortunes pile in his life thick and fast until his very existence is one great struggle against overpowering calamities is the time to speak a friendly word or lend a helping hand. When everything is lovely and nothing goes wrong, when the sky of life is without a cloud and everything seems bright and cheerful and he has nothing to struggle with, is a time when man can take care of himself and no words of yours can make him much the happier. The single ray of sunshine that finds its way into a dungeon cell is much more appreciated by the lonely prisoner than the world of sunshine is to the man outside who is free to come and go.—Memphis Herald.

GOING COTTON WILD

Farmers of the South have dreamed of 15-cent cotton for a generation. The dream is more than realized. It has been thought and argued that an average price of 15 cents would bring prosperity and put the cotton farmer on an equal footing with producers in all other lines. But after the season opened the price so rapidly passed the long-coveted mark that what 15-cent cotton would do for the Southern farmer is still undetermined.

The Southwest, at least, has made a fairly good feed and food crop and a cotton crop just a little under the average, and the larger plantings of feed and food, the slow result of much experience, had brought this section to a condition admirably prepared to test all the theories of a reasonable cotton crop at 15

cents. The test will now have to be postponed to another year—will it be next? Hardly. There is talk of planting the fence corners and all the land that "laid out" in cotton next year. Some new ground will be taken in, too.

If ever a man could afford to plant all cotton and buy everything else it would seem as if that time had come. But has it? He would have to buy feed, and feed is as high as cotton. He would have to buy bacon, bread and other foods, and foodstuffs are higher than cotton.

Financial authorities agree that warring Europe is rapidly approaching the end of prodigious buying in America. She soon will have nothing to buy with and will begin to confine her takings to the things she needs most. And Europe's greatest needs are food and munitions. She may do without cotton, but food and munitions she must have in ever increasing quantities until the war ends, which means high prices. The Southwestern farmer is not concerned with munition prices—but what about the prices of food which he raises cotton to buy?

Every bushel of wheat, of corn, of potatoes, every pound of meat, of beans and peas, of butter, every gallon of milk and of syrup, which the farmer uses, he pays for at war prices—what warring Europe in her straits is willing to pay. But if he raises those supplies at home he is paying himself the war prices—and what a profit he reaps.

The demand for cotton may slacken and the price may go down. Or the demand may strengthen and undreamed of levels be reached. But one thing is sure—the Southwestern farmer, warring Europe, and the world at large will have to eat. Blessed indeed is he whose granaries, bins and meat boxes are filled from the home acres.—Farm & Ranch.

Some people think that the county demonstration agent is employed by the county as a sort of veterinarian, and that it is his business to get up and go to see any case of animal sickness that may be called to his attention. This is not true at all; the county agent is supposed to visit communities where contagious diseases break out among hogs, cattle, horses, etc., and give such information to the farmers of that community as he may be able to impart concerning treatment of the disease and necessary methods to be taken to prevent its spread, but he is not supposed to act as a veterinary and take charge of any particular case, thereby saving the owner of the stock a fee. He is expected to give demonstrations in terracing when a group of interested parties may meet at a given point for instruction, but it is not his business to go to every farm that needs terracing and do for the owner what he ought to learn to do for himself. His business is to give information to groups of farmers and not to individuals. If the farmers are not interested enough to form groups, they cannot expect to receive instruction.—Cherokee County Banner.

Tenderness or aching in the small of the back is a serious symptom. The kidneys are suffering. Take Prickly Ash Bitters at once. It is a reliable kidney remedy and system regulator and will cure the trouble before it develops its dangerous stage. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Is It Flying Your Way?



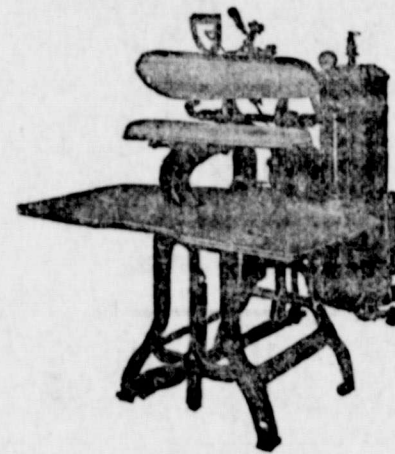
Be prepared to catch and hold a portion of all that flies your way. We have the cage. You will be surprised how fast the cage will fill after you make the start.

Opportunity Passes the Man Without Money

How many times could you have made a good investment or bought a home if you had saved for the first payment? Don't delay; start today.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
A GUARANTY FUND BANK

Satisfy Yourself



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.

CLEWIS The Tailor

Anything to Sell, Buy or Exchange? ADVERTISE

ADVERTISING

Advertising is the education of the public as to who you are, where you are, and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the world in the way of commodity or service.—Elbert Hubbard.

A. E. Owens
NOTARY PUBLIC
Legal Documents
Correctly Drawn
GrapeLand, Texas

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

Caskey's Barber Shop
O. Caskey, Prop

Your Business will be Appreciated

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

LAUNDRY AGENCY

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

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

CARDUI

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.

Get a Bottle Today!

Sores and Wounds on the limbs or body should not be neglected. They quickly become ulcers and are hard to cure.

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

Heals Quickly

It is an excellent remedy to keep in the house for prompt use when accidents occur. Try it for Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Galls, Swellings, Chafed Skin, Sore Feet, Oak or Ivy Poisoning. It is good for human or animal flesh. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

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

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

Notice to the Public

I have rebuilt my mill and can now supply your needs in all kinds of lumber needs at very reasonable prices. My mill is located three miles southeast of Grapeland.

Let me figure with you before you buy.

J. C. Lawrence

Guard your kidneys, the health of the body depends on those small but important organs. They extract uric acid from the blood which if allowed to remain in the system would cause Dropsy and Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful kidney tonic; it heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion and cleanses the bowels. It will prevent or cure Bright's Disease. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

CORN WANTED

I am in the market for 2000 bushels of good ear corn delivered in Grapeland. Will pay 75c per bushel cash. I have arranged with J. W. Howard to weigh and pay for this corn.

Geo. Calhoun.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I shall be at the following places on the following dates:

Weches, Dec. 6.
Augusta, Dec. 7.
Percilla, Dec. 8.
Grapeland, Dec. 9.

In order to save unnecessary trouble I shall discourage the use of checks.

C. W. Butler, Jr.,
Tax Collector, Elect.

Prickly Ash Bitters can be depended on to cure the kidneys, correct the urine, strengthen the stomach and relieve backache. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Mrs. Holland Scarbrough of Augusta was carried to Palestine last week, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to report her condition improved.

TEXAS NEWS

The Bureau of Child and Animal Industry met at Austin last week.

Cotton was sold at Houston last week as high as 29.50 per pound.

A well is being sunk in search of oil on the Navasota River near Bryan.

The increase of milk prices over the state will be investigated by the attorney general of Texas.

The convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs closed its annual session at Sherman Friday.

The Texas Fraternal Congress at its fifteenth annual session at Dallas Friday selected Houston as the convention city for 1917.

A special effort is being made by the Texas National Guard to secure 1,500, which number is needed to bring it up to full war strength.

Several test wells are being put down in the Goose Creek oil field near Houston to find if better results can be obtained at greater depths.

Charles L. Stowe of Sherman has been named to succeed the late Captain Owens as state superintendent of public buildings and grounds at Austin.

The Texas State Conservation and Reclamation Association met in Waco last week. A meeting for permanent organization will be held at Austin soon.

The Inland Waterways League will work to secure an appropriation from congress to aid in opening the Sabine-Houston-Galveston section of the canal.

Your turkey for Thanksgiving will probably cost you 30c per pound. Many birds are being sent East and the crop in Texas is shorter than for many years.

The attorney general's department has approved the record in Port Arthur bond issues for \$100,000 for sewer extension and \$80,000 for water works extensions.

In the past few years Corpus Christi has expended \$500,000 for street paving, \$250,000 for a court house, \$300,000 for a sewer system and \$300,000 for water works improvements.

At the instance of the railroads, who complained of the car shortage, the railroad commission has set down for December 12, at Austin, Texas, the matter of increasing demurrage charges.

The drawbridge across the Sabine-Neches canal at Port Arthur, which was damaged by the Italian tank steamer Splendor six months ago, has been put in commission again at a cost of \$22,000.

Exports of cotton through the port of Galveston for European markets during the month of October amounted to 284,662 bales, valued at \$25,535,399, as shown by figures compiled by the custom service.

The bulkhead across Turtle Bay, near Anahuac, which was destroyed during the August storm of last year, will be rebuilt in time to insure a fresh supply of water for next year's rice crop on the Anahuac canal.

The bureau of markets of the Texas department of agriculture at Austin is daily in receipt of inquiries, both by mail and telegraph, from Northern buyers who want large quantities of peanuts, hickory nuts, black walnuts, sweet potatoes and jack rabbits.

In 1850 only one acre in every 250 in Texas was improved farm land; in 1860 one in 60 acres was improved; in 1870, one in 50; in 1880, one in 13; in 1890, one in nine; in 1910, one in eight, and at the present time one of every six acres is improved farm land.

Texas has 60,000,000 feet of standing timber and employs 25,000 people in the lumber industry. The state is ninth in the amount of standing timber, eleventh in the number of lumber workers, and fifteenth in the value of its lumber products. The annual cut of timber is three times what it was 25 years ago and twice what it was 15 years ago.

A condensed monthly statement of the condition of savings departments of the twenty-eight state banks maintaining such departments at the close of business October 31, issued this week by Commissioner of Insurance and Banking Charles O. Austin, shows total amount of savings deposits, \$4,180,216; required cash reserve, \$602,309; actual cash reserve, \$867,245; cash reserve above legal requirements, \$264,935.

Building activities continue at Brownwood and at the present time a goodly number of business buildings are under construction.

Banks, bank directors and bank officials are the next medium through which the tick eradication campaign will be pushed in South Texas. Every bank in the sixty-one counties of the South Texas district has been placed on a mailing list. Each of these will soon receive literature from the Houston office of the United States bureau of animal industry to be distributed throughout their respective districts.

ROAD BUILDING

IMPROVE ROADS IN ILLINOIS

Expected That State Will Spend Nearly \$200,000,000 for Better Highways in Next Few Years.

(By H. A. JEFFRIES, Member of Illinois Good Roads Association.)

Illinois has been one of the last states to take up seriously the problem of improving its roads, but now it is going into it with a determination to make big advancement in a short time. A commission of Illinois road enthusiasts has been touring the states, inspecting roads and investigating the methods of road building. It is expected that the state will spend in the next few years nearly \$200,000,000 for good roads, and necessarily our people want to get the best roads possible.

The question of whether there shall be macadam roads, brick roads or concrete roads is one to be determined. Many of the new roads are of macadam construction, and there has been a lot of sentiment for the brick highways. Concrete roads have been objected to largely because of the great cost of construction. It costs \$14,000 a mile for an 18-foot concrete road, and this initial outlay is so great that it ordinarily scares any community. The advantage of the concrete road, however, lies in the small cost of maintenance.

The expense of keeping up a concrete road, it is said, is less than \$30 a year per mile, with the experience of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania shows that it costs \$800 a mile to maintain macadam and brick roads.

It makes no difference what kind of construction, so long as we get improved roads, and we can well afford later on to change the style of road if we get a first-class highway across the continent, which, I believe, will be accomplished in the next ten years.

BRINGS RELIEF FROM PAIN

Exposure of Wound to Rays of Incandescent Electric Bulb Has Splendid Effect.

An interesting use of a household appliance has just been given to the medical profession. By exposing a wound to the rays of an ordinary incandescent electric bulb several times a day, to a total of eight or nine hours, the Current Medical Literature says, Doctor Schottelius has obtained some interesting results.

The immediate local effect, he says, was as striking as the general effect from day to day later. All of the pa-



tients told of relief from pain from it. Paper and a sheet are thrown over the whole, and the temperature of the enclosed space grows high, but he ascribes the benefit to the light rather than to the heat. The bulbs used were of 30, 50 and 100 candlepower.

NOTICE WOODMEN

All woodmen are requested to be present at the lodge Saturday night. Important business to attend to.

C. L. Haltom, C. C.

"Old Timer" Writes The News From Oak Grove

Nov. 20.—The freeze last week was the coldest weather I remember of ever seeing at this time of year, and this morning the signs are right for rain. A good season in the ground would not be a drawback.

While prices continue to go higher, people still try to make ends meet. Some are clearing land, some cutting wood, some improving.

Our school is doing nicely. S. T. Parker had business in Crockett Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Baxley spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Walling in the Guiceland community and returned home yesterday.

What do you think of the \$110,000 bonds that the Commissioners' Court issued at its last meeting? I guess we will have some taxes to pay next year.

ADVERTISING AND BUSINESS

Advertising as an organizing force in business is beginning to be appreciated. The student of conditions—even the intelligent man who is also an observer—is beginning to understand what it means to business in general to have advertising persistently and intelligently applied by here and there a producer or distributor.

One product after another is so efficiently advertised as to cause it to flow out to consumers in a manner, along routes and in quantities, to spread it over its territory adequately and economically. Diffusion is regulated in two major ways: the creation and manipulation of demand, and a process of standardization of product. Both of these ways for control of diffusion and consumption are operated thru advertising, and advertising methods. This idea may be visualized from the experience of anyone who has been a consumer long enough to enable him to recall brands of goods he used ten, twenty, thirty years ago.

The nature, character, quality and form of commodities are being fixed by advertising—not by any arbitrary or obnoxious methods, but through gradually germinating in the minds of consumers subconscious tendencies toward advertised articles. Gradually, lines of advertised goods are gaining dominating positions in the market. Gradually, lines of unadvertised goods are disappearing.

For good or for evil, advertising is every year assuming a greater influence in the life of everybody. Even now there is scarcely an article in common use in any household that does not owe its quality, character, value, spread, utility—and price—to advertising, wholly or in part. The social, religious, political and cooperative phases of life are coming under the dominance of advertising.

Advertising cannot be escaped, cannot be avoided, cannot be hindered—it must be studied and guided and utilized.

Miss Lucretia Riall delightfully entertained several couples of her young friends at the home of her brother, W. A. Riall, Saturday evening. Several fascinating parlor games were introduced and enjoyed by the guests.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER.

LOCAL NEWS

For a full dollar's worth, buy it from the Cash Grocery Co.

When you are in town, eat at Hatchell's restaurant.

If you consider quality, you will give us your next order for groceries. Cash Grocery Co.

Try the Barnyard shoe and keep your feet dry. Sold by S. E. Howard.

You will find fresh fish and oysters at Hatchell's restaurant on Fridays and Saturdays.

Rev. S. M. Tenny of Rusk visited his nephew and niece, John and Louise Denny Monday.

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

FOR SALE

My place in southeast Grape-land. For price and terms see W. S. Johnston.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

We deliver on the dot. Try us with your next order. Farmer's Union phone 73.

Cash Grocery Co.

Miss Mary McLean of Crockett was the guest of her cousins, Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall a few days this week.

Perfect workmanship, guaranteed fabrics and excellent service is what you get when Clewis orders your suit.

We guarantee satisfaction with every order we fill. We have hundreds of satisfied customers. Are you one of them?

Cash Grocery Co.

WANTED

100 turkeys; peas in the hull; cow hides—green or dry; peanuts, J. W. Howard.

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

HOGS WANTED

I am in the market for good hogs and will pay the top price. See me if you have any to sell. Geo. Calhoun.

NOTICE

All persons that have Mebane Cotton Seed bought of us will please call for them, as we can not supply the demand for them, nor hold them very long. Geo. E. Darsey.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two young high grade Jersey cows and calves, fresh; 4 full blood angora goats, one pair of gentle mules, one pr. registered collie dogs. W. T. Pridgen.

NOTICE

I will be in Grapeland Saturday, Nov. 25 with a car of young horses and mules. Good and sound. Prices right. Hosea Anthony.

Try us for groceries—S. E. Howard.

The Grapeland Music Club will meet with Miss Carrie Spence next Wednesday afternoon. Remember the music items. Lura Mae Owens, Pres.

For farms or homes in town see S. E. Howard.

A. H. Luker and sister, Mrs. Frank Leaverton, left Monday morning for Hemphill in response to a message stating that their father, Rev. J. B. Luker was dangerously ill.

TOM THUMB WEDDING

The Tom Thumb wedding, under the auspices of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church, and under the direction of Miss Mildred Randall, Tuesday night, was enjoyed by a good sized crowd, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The program was well rendered and reflected credit to the director.

PROGRAM OF LOCAL TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

A Teacher's local institute will be held at Belott, Dec. 8 and 9. All those who are interested in education are cordially invited to be present.

Friday night—Address of welcome—Nat Patton.

Response—Arthur Milliken.

The Future Outlook of Schools of Houston County—J. N. Snell, County Sup't.

What is the Value of Literary Societies—S. D. Webb.

Saturday, 9:00 a. m.—Classification of Rural Schools—R. J. Dominy.

What Should be the Attitude of a Patron Towards his School—Albert Gainey.

What Would be a Satisfactory Use of the Text-book During the Recitation—R. L. Eaves.

Has Latin a Place in the Rural School—Coleman Scarbrough.

Formal Examinations as a Means for Testing the Efficiency of Instruction—T. F. Richardson.

Intermission.

When Should a Pupil be Promoted—J. H. Rosser.

Sanitation in the School.—J. B. Driskell.

Noon Intermission 12:00 to 1:00

What Has Become of the Million Dollar Appropriation School Fund—J. N. Snell.

Value of Athletics in the School—Henry Whipple.

Mid-Term Promotions—Miss Ruth Patton.

Correlation of Studies—Claude Andler.

Aims to be accomplished by the Primary Teacher.—Miss Bess Dickerson.

Saturday night—In What Way Can the School Act as a Social Center—Arthur Milliken.

Lecture—J. N. Snell, Co. Supt.

Discussion—What are We Doing for Our School—Patrons of School.

Miss Lula Jones,
Miss Johnnie Duren,
G. S. Hart,
G. E. Parker, Prin.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

To be held at Oak Grove on Thanksgiving day.

Opening song by W. R. Campbell.

Invocation—R. D. Parker.

Welcome address by C. E. Brooks.

Response by Arthur Sawyers.

Song.

Short talk by J. E. Bean.

Song.

Short talk by J. F. Lively.

Song. Dinner.

Reassemble at one o'clock.

Singing, led by all the different leaders for the entire afternoon.

All singers are especially invited and the adjoining communities are expected to be represented with full baskets of good edibles.

M. E. Bean,

D. A. Montgomery,

J. A. Bean.

Program Committee

McLean & Riall will pay you more for your turkeys.

Found—An automobile lamp. Owner can have same by calling at the Messenger office, describing same and paying for this ad.

Prices are soaring skyward, cotton by leaps and bounds, and everything following except land. Buy a home while you can, I have it. S. E. Howard.

We have all ingredients for making fruit cakes, also will have fruit cakes for sale Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Cash Grocery Co.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

FINE ROADS ATTRACT TRADE

Pedestrians Go Around Bad Streets to Reach Shops on Good Highways—Add to Realty Value.

(By L. K. COOPER.)

It would seem that in this late day and age advocating good roads as good for mankind generally and business particularly would be unnecessary.

Good roads mean good business. Have you ever noticed that in towns immediately after a street has been paved or resurfaced, pedestrians and vehicles begin to multiply on those roads?

It does not take long before everybody, it seems, knows of the newly paved streets and many go out of the way to travel them. Last summer the pavement on a street near my home was torn up for repatching. The contractors were so long in even attempting to get started on the work that merchants along the street started suit against the city for business they knew they had lost because the street was impassable.

If good streets—and street is only another name for road—mean so much to the city business man, it is to be supposed they are just as valuable an asset to the business man or the farmer located on the highways of the country. Good roads, in the first place are a benefit to every individual in this big land of ours. If all roads are good, the people residing in their immediate locality find it easier to get

TANLAC

When your digestive organs lack vitality and begin to act more slowly and less effectually than they should, the circulation becomes poor, the blood gets thin, the appetite fails and the digestion weakens. **TANLAC** is the powerful reconstructive tonic, is the ideal strengthener and body builder for run down people because it creates a good, hearty appetite, strengthens digestion, enriches the blood, and in this natural manner builds up and invigorates run down and nervous people.

TANLAC is sold exclusively in Grapeland by—

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

REMEMBER

We have the dry goods and the price to fit your pocket book, and can save you money on all of your bill. Plenty of shoes of the very best, the kind that gives satisfaction.

- 25 Boys' Suits, former price 2.25, now - **1.50**
- 25 Boys' Suits, former price 3.50, now - **2.50**
- 25 Suits for men, price 5.00, now - - **4.50**
- 25 men's suits, former price 12.50 and 10.00, now - - - **8.00**

Overcoats that will keep you warm and please you. We can save you money. Come and see us when you need goods and remember, "Quality is the Thing."

T. S. Kent
QUALITY IS THE THING

City Cafe And Bakery

We have opened an up-to-date Cafe and Bakery in the Dr. Black building on the east side of the railroad and will bake Good Bread, Cakes and Pies, which will be kept fresh and sanitary at all times.

We will also serve anything you want to eat. We have ten tables and can serve forty people. Especially do we invite the ladies to visit our place. We have spared neither pains or money to equip our place, and trust you will give us your patronage, for which we sincerely thank you in advance.

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