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## Troop Train In A Bad Wreck Near Grapeland

A wreck occurred three-quarters of a mile north of here at 3 o'clock Saturday morning that came near proving fatal, when four Pullmans next to the engine on a northbound International & Great Northern troop train left the track. Eight troopers received slight injuries, mostly cuts from glass, and were carried to Palestine for medical treatment.

The wreck was caused by a broken rail, one of the coaches jumping the track, two being thrown over on the side and one turned bottom side up. Three cars were badly damaged and the track was badly torn up for about 300 feet. Two wreckers were required to clean up the track.

That many were not killed is a wonder. Perfect order was maintained and no excitement prevailed. Every man left his car completely clothed. One trooper was missed and a rescue party found him still asleep in an upper berth of the upturned car. None of the live stock was killed. The train consisted of Battery A, Clinton, Iowa, and Battery C, Muscatine, Iowa and a hospital corps from Iowa City, Iowa, en route from Brownsville to Iowa.

Both cars belonged to Battery A. The injured were: V. C. Dobson, medical corps, First Field Artillery, slight abrasion over left temple; Fred Obermiller, Charles B. Smithers, Claude Darsy, Edward Marquardsen, Fred Humphrey, George Rowe and L. J. Smith, all of the First Field Artillery, Battery A, received slight cuts over their eyes with the exception of Obermiller, who received a bad cut on his right foot; none of the injuries were serious. The injured were carried to Palestine to the International & Great Northern Hospital in charge of Lieutenant Roxth. When interviewed by the reporter one of the men remarked that "this was too much for four bits a day."

Battery B of the First Field Artillery of Iowa was following this train. Brakeman Davis of the train crew received some slight bruises.

All day Saturday Grapeland resembled an army post, as the soldiers moved to and fro around town. They were a jolly and good natured set and conducted themselves in a gentlemanly manner. Business picked up while they were here, especially in post-cards, cold drinks and tobacco. The hotels also reaped a harvest. Mrs. Goodson reports that she fed about 400 soldiers during the day.

Another wreck occurred Sunday afternoon near Elkhart, when a freight train engine left the track, scalding the engineer and fireman pretty badly. Sunday night No. 5, passenger train, went in the ditch near the same place. No one was hurt, but traffic was delayed until noon Monday.

Feedstuff and flour at the Cash Grocery Store.



## Santa Claus Is Able to Take Such a Big Trip

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### Local News

#### Reported From Waneta Country

Dec. 18.—Well, it's almost time for Santa Claus to come again. We are expecting a jolly time Xmas, if the weather isn't too cold.

Health of the community is fine, with the exception of bad colds.

Miss Mary Kate Butler went to Crockett Saturday.

Quite a number from here went to Grapeland to shop Saturday.

Mr. Ross Fortson and family moved near Slocum last week. We regret to see them leave, but hope they will be well pleased with their new home.

Mr. Alton Lively has sold all of his household goods and will leave this week for Buffalo Gap. We wish them happiness and prosperity.

Misses Mary and Leta Lively were the guests of Miss Ruby Harrington Wednesday night.

Miss Susie Hendricks, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie at Percilla this week.

Mr. Ellie Hendrick who has been gone for some time returned home last week. We are glad to see him back again.

Mr. C. E. Killgo and family were the guests of J. E. Edmondson Sunday.

Mr. Will Moore, wife and daughter, visited relatives at Denson Springs Sunday.

The school at this place will close Friday until after the holidays.

Wishing the Messenger and it's readers a merry Xmas, and a happy New Year. Bonnie.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co has a complete line of paints, varnishes, stains, brushes, window glass, brick, lime, cement. In fact, everything you need to build a house.

### News Items

#### Gleaned From Reynard Vicinity

Dec. 18.—Christmas is coming and what we do must be done quickly. Everybody down this way is as busy as can be. The ladies are crocheting and the men are sacheting. Are going to set up two trees at the church and look for old Santa at the usual hour Xmas, eve night. Don't see why we should not have a good time, with eggs selling at 40c a dozen or three for a dime. But with all of that you can hear some say they don't think there will be much Xmas. My! Let's not only be optimists, but "helptomists". Of course, some will act ugly—always have and always will as long as sin is in the world.

G. B. Kent is expecting his brother, R. E., from Oklahoma, and several other relatives and there will be a family reunion at his home during the holidays.

C. H. Beazley came out from town yesterday and attended our Sunday School.

Tom Kent, jr., Sumnar Rials, Bailey Taylor and John Kyle spent a few days on the river near Bowman ranch last week. They had lots of squirrels, but nothing larger.

The wickets have been set up at the Lock, hence the river is rising upstream. They claim it will put 2 feet of water as high up as Navaro crossing.

Everybody has fresh hog meat to eat and are getting fat and saucy.

Wishing the Messenger force a pleasant Xmas., will close. Zack.

### NOTICE

The City Cafe and Bakery is prepared to fill your orders for fresh bread, cakes and pies. Your patronage appreciated.

## Merry Christmas To Everyone!

We wish for everybody a merry and happy Christmas

To make this Christmas time the happiest ever, come to our store and pick out some present for your loved ones and also for your friends.

You will find here many presents that are useful and ideal for gifts.

We have TOYS for the little folks. Be sure that you see us before you buy.

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

### THE ROAD WORK

The good road work around Grapeland is progressing satisfactorily. Smith Bros., the contractors, have a large force of men at work on the "lost mile," a strip of road lying between the Grapeland and Crockett districts, beyond Elkhart creek. This piece of road has been neglected several years, but it is being put in good shape now and resembles a highway. A force is at work on the Crockett

ett road in this district and will soon have all the bad places repaired. The people on other roads are getting things shaped up, and after the holidays road building will begin in earnest.

Alton Lively and family, who have been living in the Waneta community, left Tuesday for Buffalo Gap, where they will reside in the future. We regret to lose this good family, but wish them success in their new home.

# 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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CHAPTER XVIII.

THE only thing in the world that the victorious Speed wanted was to lie down and stretch out and allow those glowing coals in his chest to cool off. But rough hands seized him, and he found himself astride of Stover's shoulders and gyrating about the Echo Phonograph in the midst of a war-dance. He kicked violently with his spiked shoes, whereat the foreman bucked like a wild horse under the spur and dropped him, and he staggered out of the crowd, where a girl flew to him.

"Oh, Wally," she cried, "I knew you could!" He sank to the ground, and she knelt beside him.

Skinner was propped against the corral fence opposite, his face distorted with suffering, and Gallagher was rubbing his ankle.

"Taint broke, I reckon," said Gallagher, rising. "I wish to hell it was!" He stared disgustedly at his fallen champion, and added: "We don't want y'all for a cook no more, Skinner. You never was no good no-how. He turned to Helen and handed her a double handful of bank-notes, as Berkeley Fresno buried his hands in his pockets and walked away. "Here's your coin, miss. If ever you get another hunk, let me know. An' here's yours, Mr. Speed; it's a weddin'-present from the Centipede." He fetched a deep sigh. "Thank the Lord we'll git somethin' fit to eat from now on!"

Speed staggered to Skinner, who was still nursing his injury, and held out his hand, whereat the cook winked his left eye gravely.

"The best man won," said Skinner, "and say—there's a parson at Albuquerque." Then he groaned loudly, and fell to massaging his foot.

There came a fluttering by his side, and Miss Blake's voice said to him, with sweetness and with pity:

"I'm so sorry you lost your position, Mr. Skinner. You're a splendid runner!"

"Never mind the job, miss, I've got something to remember it by." He pointed to a sash which lay beside him. "The loser gets the ribbon, miss," he explained gallantly.

Off to the right there came a new outcry, and far across the level prairie a strange sight was revealed to the beholders. A fat man in white flannels was doubling and dodging ahead of two horsemen, and even from a considerable distance it could plainly be seen that he was behaving with remarkable agility for one so heavy. Repeatedly his pursuers headed him off, but he rushed past them, seemingly possessed by the blind sense of direction that guides the homing pigeon or the salmon in its springtime run. He was headed toward the east.

"Why, it's Larry!" ejaculated Speed. "And Cloudy and Carara."

"Wally, your man has lost his reason!" Chapin called.

At that instant the watchers saw the Mexican thunder upon Glass, his lariat swinging about his head. Lazily the rope uncoiled and settled over the fleeing figure, then, amid a cloud of dust, Carara's horse set itself upon its haunches and the white-clad figure came to the end of its flight. There was a violent struggle, as if the cowboy had hooked a leaping tuna, cactus plants and sagebrush were uprooted, then the pony began to back away, always keeping the lariat taut. But Glass was no easy captive, as his thrashing arms and legs betrayed, and even when he was dragged back to the scene of the race, panting, grimy, dishevelled, the rope still about his waist, he seemed obsessed by that wild insanity for flight. He was drenched with perspiration, his collar was dangling, one end of a suspender trailed behind him.

At sight of Speed he uttered a cry, then plunged through the crowd like a bull, but the lariat loop slipped to the neck and tightened like a hangman's noose.

"Larry," cried his employer, sharply, "have you lost your head?"

"Ain't they g-g-got you yet?" queried the trainer in a strangled voice.

"You idiot, I won!"

"You won!" Larry's eyes were starting from his head.

"He sure did," said Stover. Didn't you think he could?"

Glass apprehended that look of suspicion. "Certainly!" said he. "Didn't I say so, all along? Now take that clothes line off of me; I've got to run some more."

That evening J. Wallingford Speed and Helen Blake sat together in the



Skinner Had Fallen!

hammock, and much of the time her hand was in his. From the bunkhouse across the court-yard floated the voice of the beloved Echo Phonograph, now sad, now gay; now shrilling the peaceful air with Mme. Melba's "Holy City," now wailing the echoes with the rasping reflections of "Silas on Fifth Avenue." To the spellbound audience gathered close beside it, it was divine; but deep as was their satisfaction, it could not compare with that of the tired young son of Eli. Ineffable peace and contentment were his; the whole wide world was full of melody.

"And now that I've told you what a miserable fraud I am, you won't stop lovin' me?" he questioned.

Helen nestled closer and shook her head. There was no need for words.

Jack Chapin came out upon the porch with the chaperon. "Well, Fresno caught his train," he told them.

"And we have had such a glorious drive coming back! The night is splendid!"

"Yes, so nice and moonlight!" Wally agreed pleasantly, whereat Jack Chapin laughed.

"It's as black as pitch."

"Why, so it is!" Then as a fresh song burst forth from the very heart of the machine, he murmured affectionately: "By Jove! there goes 'The



"I'm So Sorry You Lost Your Position, Mr. Skinner."

Baggage Coach Ahead" once more! That makes ten times."

"It's a beautiful thing, isn't it?" Miss Blake sighed dreamily.

"I—I believe I'm learning to like it myself," her lover agreed. "Poor Prez!"

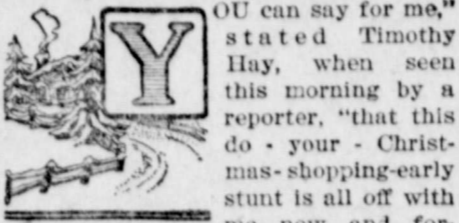
The bridesmaids wore white organdie and carried violets.

THE END.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS

## TIMOTHY HAY ON EARLY SHOPPING

By JOHN STOCKBRIDGE.



YOU can say for me," stated Timothy Hay, when seen this morning by a reporter, "that this do-your-Christmas-shopping-early stunt is all off with me now and forever, one and indivisible, world without end, amen.

"I started to do my Christmas shopping early," continued Timothy, giving his fiver a disciplinary kick as it growled at a passing terrier, "but it was right on the start that I overtook, discovered and otherwise apprehended the Senegambian in the woodpile.

"Christmas shopping, you are at liberty to quote me as saying in your valuable medium, is bunk if you add an 'early' to it.

"It was about Thanksgiving time, if I recollect rightly, that we were first admonished to do our Christmas shopping early. It struck me as the proper thing to do. I decided I'd do it.

"Naturally, the thought first came to me what to give myself for Christmas. I always hand myself some slight token of my esteem at the happy yuletide. It compensates for what other folks hand me. A little gift doesn't



"I Decided on a Haircut for My Christmas Gift to Myself."

have to cost very much to make a hit with me if I give it to myself with the proper spirit.

"It's the giving, rather than the receiving, of this gift that brings me the more pleasure, anyway.

"Well, gasoline has been going up pretty steadily lately—you notice I do not talk in dialect in spite of my rural name and predilections; if I talked in dialect I would say gas was goin' up purty stiddy—and, due to the increased cost of living expenses, I decided that it behooved me to economize.

"So I decided on a haircut for my Christmas gift to myself, and I decided to get it early on account of the poor, tired shopgirls who are wishing the store would close so they can crowd in a few more dances with the dashing young ribbon clerks three aisles over.

"Whereupon I got a haircut, a good, short one.

"The rest of the story is soon told. I got it cut again last night, and I had to wait for six customers ahead of me who were telling the barbers to shave 'em extra close so it would last over to Monday.

"That much for early Christmas shopping. I bought the junk for the folks after they'd locked the street doors last night and have just been making the rounds of the drug stores to pick up the odds and ends I've forgotten. No more Christmas shopping in mine. Giddap, Dobbin."

And with a peremptory cluck to his steed, Timothy Hay motored away in high dudgeon.—Denver Times.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

All Happiness be yours to-day. May Yuletide peace attend you. May friendly fortune on you smile. And many blessings send you.

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# "DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please bring me——"

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a little automobile, some fire-works, some candy and fruit. Your little friend,  
Roy Spruill.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you getting along? I wish that you would bring me some apples, oranges, candy and bananas and a doll. Your little friend,  
Lois Oliver.

Dear Santa Claus: Xmas. is nearly here. Please bring me a dress, some ribbon, candy, apples, oranges and nuts of all kind. Bring my two little sisters some dolls and bring us all some fire-works. I remain,  
Your little friend,  
Violet Beauchamp.

Dear Santa Claus: I am in the second grade. I am writing you to tell you what I want. I want a game, a boy doll—you can get it at Traylor Bros., a story book, fruit and nuts. My little brother wants a gun, a horn, a little wagon. Before I close, don't forget the poor little children who need these things. Well, bye bye,  
Rosalie Howard.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle, watch, whip, wagon, fireworks and fruit.  
Your friend,  
Edward Leaverton.

Dear Santa Claus: We have all tried to be good boys and girls and do what our teacher tells us. Please come to see us. I want you to bring me an air-gun, roman candle, candy, apples, oranges, fire crackers.  
Your little friend,  
Victor Beauchamp.

Dear Santa Claus: We have all tried to be good little boys and girls and do what our teacher tells us. Please come to see us. I want you to bring me an automobile, a little red wagon, foot ball, basket ball.  
Earnest Foreman.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a set of little dishes, a story book, a doll trunk, candy, fruit, nuts, doll dresser, doll carriage and twin dolls.  
Your friend,  
Mary Sam Howard.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a baby doll, doll bed, doll trunk, set of dishes, doll carriage, story book, fruit, fire-works, gloves, doll table, doll chair and a doll dresser.  
Your friend,  
Marjorie Leaverton.

Dear Santa Claus: You have been so good to me. Now, I am going to tell you what I want this Christmas. I want a bow and arrow, fire-works, fruit and candy.  
Your little friend,  
Leon Clewis.

Dear Santa Claus: We have all tried to be good little boys and girls and do what our teacher tells us. Please come to see us. I want you to bring me a little train, an express wagon, story book, some fire-works, fruit and candy.  
W. D. Taylor, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a bed, tea set, a stove, a story book, a buggy, fruits, nuts, candy and fire-works.  
Your friend,  
Ida May Thedford.

Dear Santa Claus: I am getting along fine in school. I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some cocoanuts, a little teddy bear, some oranges and a little trunk.  
Your little friend,  
Eula Durnell.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a real good girl and would like very much to have a necklace, doll, set of dishes and some candy, fruit and nuts. Please do not forget to bring a buggy and bed for the doll.  
Your little friend,  
Elsie Kolb.

## DISCOVERED



Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy, 8 years old. I want you to bring me a story book for little boys. Please bring me some fire works, oranges, apples, nuts and candy. And Santa, bring my little sisters some dolls and my little brother a rocking horse. Your little friend,  
Calvin Durnell.

Dear Santa Claus: I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some apples, oranges, candy, a pair of shoes, a teddy bear, a little stove and some nuts. Your little friend,  
Lillie Ruth Durnell.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 13.  
Dear Old Santa Claus: Please bring us an air rifle, a harp and a violin, some fire works, also some candy, apples, oranges, fruits and nuts. Please bring our little brother, Weldon, a knife, a rubber ball and a drum, and bring our little friends some nice toys. We will thank you for all. Your little friends,  
Chester & Herman Brumley.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, doll bed and lamp, some apples, oranges, candy and nuts, and please bring Wiley a little tool box, a set of tools and a watch and Pauline a doll and a doll buggy. And be sure not to forget my little Bud. He wants a rubber ring and Santa, bring all my little playmates something nice. Your little friend,  
Viola Shoemaker.  
Percilla, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a piano, some vases, a big doll that will go to sleep, also some candy, apples, oranges and nuts. Please bring Reba, my baby sister, a rubber doll, some vases and a tea set. Also bring my little playmates something. Your little friend,  
Edna May Brumley.  
Percilla, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Xmas. will soon be here so I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a doll, doll bed, a stove, doll buggy and all kinds of nuts, candy, apples, oranges, fire crackers and anything else you think will suit your little friend,  
Ima Lea Weisinger.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, nine years old, and I will tell you what I want. I want a doll, a doll buggy, some oranges, apples, nuts. I am sending my letter with Gracie Moore's, hoping you will get them in plenty time.  
Ida Barnes, Rte. 1,  
Percilla, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, ten years old. I want you to bring me a pair of vases, some apples, oranges and all kinds of nuts. I am sending my desk-mate's letter with mine.  
Gracie Moore,  
Route 1, Percilla, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Xmas. is drawing near—the time you make us little children happy. I have been studying hard, trying to decide what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a set of chairs, a little water set, some sky-rockets, some sparklers, all kinds of nuts, apples, oranges, and if you can please bring me some water colors.  
Your loving friend,  
Ina Mae Weisinger.

Dear Santa Claus: It won't be long until you will be here, and oh, how happy all us little children will be. Santa, please bring me a doll, a little wagon, fire crackers, a doll bed and a little set of dishes, a cocoanut, some candy and oranges. Well, that is all for me this year.  
Your little friend,  
Fannie Bell Weisinger.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a little rocking chair, a doll, a ring, some apples, candy and all kinds of nuts.  
Your little friend,  
Cecil Lee Brown.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a knife, a bow and arrow, an air gun, a "Sammy Gay" story book.  
Your little friend,  
Marion Traylor.

Dear Santa Claus: I will write you this letter to tell you what I want so you will know just what I need. Now, Santa, do bring me some story books—two if you have plenty and you can bring me a set of little dishes with pink roses on them and a little wash tub and clothes line and don't forget to bring me a dozen clothes pins to pin my doll's clothes to the line. Now, Santa, do not bring me a little stove this time, for the one you brought me three years ago is still nice and the little wash board is still good and all of my dollies are pretty yet. Oh, Santa, you can bring me a little buggy for my dolls and you can bring me some oranges, apples, candy and butter nuts. Please go to see Uncle Joe Hamb's little children. They live in East Texas, near Crockett. Good-bye Santa. I will close, wishing you good speed on your journey and hope you don't get cold.  
Your little girl, age seven,  
Lura Bell Dickey,  
Route 1, Ennis, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a false face, a humpty dumpty, a sand mill, a picture of you, a ring, a wheel barrow, a tool chest, fire crackers, roman candles, all kinds of fruits, torpedoes, sunnerverguns, a story book and a pair of gloves.  
Yours truly,  
Pete Murchison.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a pump air gun, a bicycle pump, some fruit, candy and fire crackers? Your dear friend,  
Rollie Simpson Traylor.

Dear Santa:  
You have always been good to me every Christmas. I want you to bring me an air gun, a bicycle, a story book—"Sammy Jay;" fruit, and some fireworks.  
Your little friend,  
Harry Jones.

Dear Santa:  
You have always been good to me. It is nearly Christmas now. I will tell you what I want. I want a Sandy Andy an air rifle, a top, a bow and arrow, some apples, oranges and candy.  
Your little friend,  
Pat Gray.

Dear Santa:  
Do you know it is nearly Christmas? I am so glad when Christmas comes! I will now tell you what I want. I want a doll, doll carriage, doll dresser, set of dishes, story book, fruit, nuts, candy and all kinds of fire works. Your little friend,  
Edwina Haltom.

Dear Santa Claus, North Pole:  
I have heard that you have been traveling for many ages, going to see poor and rich little children. I have read many poems about you, and so all people know and love you and so do I. I want you to visit me again and come with many beautiful presents, and so in my letter I will tell you what I want. I want an air rifle that is powerful and some B B shot to shoot in it; also a French harp, a pretty bugle, a false face and a book that tells me how to make things as a carpenter does; also a little automobile with a spring to run it, and, dear Santa, if you are

able, I would like to have a bicycle and be sure to bring me plenty of fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets and sparklers so that I can celebrate Christ's birthday, and I would like to have some water colors. Well, that is all.

From your friend,  
Delma Weisinger.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a bicycle, fruits and peanut butter candy, some torpedoes and firecrackers and some roman candles and nuts of all kinds.  
Your friend,  
A. B. Guice.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Santa, I want a story book, a set of dishes, fruit, a doll trunk, candy, a doll and doll carriage.  
Your little friend,  
Alma May Spruill.

Dear Santa Claus:  
You have always been good to me and brought me nice presents. This Christmas I wish that you would please bring me a doll, some candy, a dresser, a doll trunk, some fire works, some fruit and a story book.  
Your little friend,  
Lena Clewis.

Dear Santa:  
How are getting along? It is nearly Christmas time and I want you to bring me some torpedoes and some fire crackers and fruits of all kind and nuts of all kind and candy of all kind and a cap pistol. Bring me some young Americans. I will close for this time. Your little friend,  
Bruce Foreman.

Dear Santa:  
I want an air gun and some torpedoes and some fruit and some fire crackers and a little wagon. I want some apples and some oranges. I want some caps for my pistol and I want some sky rockets and some roman candles. Your friend,  
Leland Ferguson.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 18.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl ten years old. I want you to bring me a doll and a little dresser and some candy, apples, oranges and all kinds of nuts and a box of cocoanut candy. I will close. Your little friend, Mattie Mae Covington.

Dear Old Santa: Will you please bring me a doll, some candy, apples, oranges and nuts of all kind. Your little friend,  
Mamie Weisinger.

Salmon, Texas, Dec. 18.  
Dear Santa: I am six years old. Please bring me a ring, fruit of all kind and please bring my little sister, Lovire something too. Your friend,  
Zona Mae Morehead.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 16.  
Dear Santa Claus: Well, Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a doll bed, some candy, oranges and apples. That is all. From your little friend,  
Laudie Jones.

Dear Santa Claus: Xmas. is nearly here. Bring me fire-crackers, roman candles, apples, oranges, candy and nuts of all kind. Bring my two little brothers, Reason and Desmond, a stocking full of something good to eat. Your little friend,  
Herman Beauchamp.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.  
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a jews harp, a box of chocolate candy, and lots of other kinds, nuts, pecans, oranges, apples and bananas. Santa, bring me a nice pair of shoes. I am eleven years old and like to go to school. I am learning. Your friend,  
Maudie Mae Jones.

**SERVICE  
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# Darsey's Store News.

**SERVICE  
FIRST STORE**

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

# Merry Christmas

If your friend has an automobile, give him something for his car. We have a full line of accessories, including pumps, inner tubes, patches, casings, weed chains, caps, gauntlets, wrenches, pliers, spark plugs.

If you can't decide what to give your wife or mother, just take a peep at our furniture department. There you will find almost anything that would please her.

If you want that boy to keep his finger nails clean, give him a manicure set from Darsey's. Maybe he will take the hint.

Some razors are made to fight with. Ours are made to shave with. Our line of safeties is a peach. See it.

An aluminum percolator that will percolate is a gift worth having. We have them as well as a score or more other useful aluminum gifts.

Give your friends the kind of gifts you would like to receive and you will be sure to please.

We have a beautiful line of dresser scarfs, table runners, etc., as well as linen damask, towels, etc.

Buy your ivory mirrors, combs, brushes, etc., from us.

Your friends can buy anything you can give them except your photograph. Put it into a beautiful sterling frame from Darsey's and it will be more appreciable.

Nutty? I should say so! We have English walnuts, almonds, pecans and coconuts galore and everyone sound and fresh.

Cranberries at Darsey's.

Durkee's dressing salad makes turkey meat taste like more. This is only one of the specially prepared table necessities at our store.

Royal Baking Powder—absolutely pure—contains no alum. Always at Darsey's.

Boys, we have the express wagon you want.

We are prepared to handle your trade today, Friday and Saturday. Come and let us wait on you.

Rain coats and over shoes at Darsey's.

A Leudinghaus wagon is a man's gift to himself. We have a few left. Get yours today.

Start the new year right. Buy everything you need at Darsey's.

If you want to give him a Stetson hat, just tell us his size and we'll do the rest.

A nifty selection of holiday ties, belts, supporters, hosiery etc. for men at this store.

Any article of jewelry purchased at this store, is warranted to give satisfaction, regardless of price. A good array of men's sets, brooches, scents-a-bals, barpins, etc.

Madam, let us suggest a silk petticoat as a gift to your mother.

A beautiful line of men's shirts, ladies' silk waists, scarfs, handkerchiefs, etc. on display at Darsey's.

A good pair of shoes will keep your feet dry if they come from Darsey's. Shoes for men, women and children.

Every day brings new faces to our store. We are glad to see you, our new friends and hope to see you more often.

Don't you like to sit around a good hot fire on a cold day and talk to your friends from the other side of the county? We have the hot fires at all times and you will usually find scores of friends awaiting you. Make yourself at home at Darsey's.

## We Thank You!

In looking back over the year just gone by and our 28 years of successful merchandising in Grapeland, we are deeply thankful to our many friends and customers who have so freely accorded us their good will, confidence and patronage. We sincerely hope that we have merited the trust reposed in us by our fellow citizens and assure you that we are at all times looking for the opportunity to serve you better.

In the coming year, it shall be our desire to continue to merit your patronage by the highest principles of merchandising and be at all times ready to help build up our town and strive to please our friends.

May this Christmas hold untold joys and merriment for each of you, and may the New Year have in store prosperity, happiness and health for all is our simple, yet sincere wish.

## Santa Claus' Letter to Late Christmas Shoppers.

Dear Friends:—

If at the last moment you can't decide what to give, go to Darsey's Store in Grapeland and buy something useful. I have just received a message that January will be a real cold month and suggest that you give warm clothing. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and hoping that you will give me a warm reception, I am,

Your friend,

SANTA CLAUS

P. S.—You will come nearer finding gifts for everybody at Darsey's Store because it is the store of Christmas Service.

S. C.

### Give That Boy a Daisy Air Rifle

We have them in all makes; pump guns and repeaters. We also have a full line of 22 rifles and shot guns.

### FIREWORKS

A big shipment of new, fresh fireworks just received, firecrackers, salutes, torpedoes, sparklers, Roman candles, sky rockets.

### Good Warm Underwear

Nothing adds more to a person's comfort than warm underwear. Not the heavy, stinging kind, but that made from clean, sanitary materials and cut to fit.

Men's Union Suits, Ladies' Union Suits, Men's Shirts and Drawers, Ladies Vests and Pants, Boys' Union Suits, Misses' Union Suits, Boys' Shirts and Drawers, Misses' Vests and Pants.

The famous line of Z. E. Union Suits for children. Ruebens Infants' vests. Bear Waists.

### Men's Suits

Every day sees several men go happily clad in a new suit from our store. We have men's suits and overcoats in all popular fabrics and colors at holiday prices.

### Give Him a Styleplus Suit \$17.00

and he'll remember you for several years. Ask the man who wears one.

### Sweaters

We have a big lot of men's and boys' sweaters that are extra values for the money. Many of them are suitable for ladies and girls. See the big array of colors at

**50c to \$3.50**

### Ladies Coat Suits

We have several good sizes and numbers in the newest style coat suits for ladies. If you want to make a gift of one of these, you can do so at a saving. Special Holiday Prices. We also have a good assortment of ladies' misses, and children's coats. They are better now than earlier in the season. Let us show U.

### Boys' Suits

This line affords an attractive assortment of gifts to select from for the boys. Here you will find the boys' ideal accomplished in the highest tailor's art at a medium price. All the new styles in a good line of sizes.

10 per cent discount this week on Boys' Suits.

Come to our store and complete your Christmas purchases. If you want to send packages by mail or express, we will gladly wrap and pack them. Every department of our big store stands ready to serve you. We are as near as your phone or mail box and deliver promptly.

**GEORGE E. DARSEY**  
The Service First Store

**GEO. E. DARSEY**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Rub-my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

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

Tom Breeze of Ratcliff was a visitor to Grapeland Sunday.

The Cash Grocery Co. will carry a complete line of fire works.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan of Crockett spent Sunday afternoon in Grapeland.

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

You can save money by buying your groceries from the Cash Grocery Co.

FOR SALE—Two nice Jersey heifers. Call at once if you want one. C. L. Haltom.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ursprung of Silsbee visited relatives here several days last week, returning home Sunday.

**FOR SALE**

A good young sorrel mare for sale. See me at the Goodson Hotel. Herman Beazley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones of Crockett spent Sunday in Grapeland, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Smith.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. can build your house complete. Let us talk the matter over with you.

Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey, accompanied by Mrs. Geo. Crook of Crockett, spent several days in Houston this week.

Hosea Anthony of Ft. Stockton has been here several days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony, and disposing of some live stock from his ranch.

Ben Brooks is placing material on the ground on his property on the east side of the rail road, and will erect a modern home as soon as the carpenters can get to it.

Former County Clerk, A. S. Moore, was in the city Monday on business. Mr. Moore has moved to his old home at Augusta and will engage in the mercantile business with his brother.

Mr. Steve Powers died at his home in Elkhart at an early hour Wednesday morning from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Powers and a son died recently from the same cause. The family have the sympathy of the Messenger in their grief.

**NOTICE-FOR SALE**

A \$2,000 stock of merchandise for sale; will sell at a reasonable price on good terms; also two horses, and a cow that will soon come in fresh, for sale. J. J. Brooks, Grapeland, Texas.

**\$100 Reward, \$100**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

We can fill your entire bill for your Christmas cooking. Cash Grocery Co.

We have just received a car of Cypress shingles. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

Mr. S. N. Boykin is at home to spend the holidays with his family.

Why not have that picture framed? We can do you a nice job. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

Arthur Owens was up from Crockett Sunday afternoon greeting his many friends.

Oscar Maxwell and Charlie Jones, who travel for N. K. Fairbanks Co. are at home for the holidays.

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

I have purchased the produce business of S. T. Anthony and added a line of groceries; will pay cash for all produce. Your business will be appreciated and will treat you right. J. H. Bowman

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

We wish to thank our customers for their patronage during the past year and wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Traylor Bros.

**BAGGED THE GAME**

Jim McLean returned Monday from his annual deer hunt near Carrizo Springs in Southwest Texas, being accompanied on the hunt by several parties from Houston. Mr. McLean reached home with two large bucks, eight being killed by the hunters, besides numerous wild hogs, blue quail and other game.

**NO HUNTING**

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

You can save money by subscribing for the Houston Chronicle now. We are authorized agents. Subscriptions must be in by January 1st to secure the Xmas rate. After that time the rate will be regular. Send us your subscription at once. Rate until January 1: 1 year \$4.95; 6 months \$2.75; 3 months \$1.50. Wade L. Smith, Agt.

**CATTLE STRAYED**

1 brown cow with white face and tips of horn sawed off, marked crop and split in left ear, crop in right ear; 1 solid red heifer, 3 years old, branded heart on left hip; 1 red cow with yoke on, branded T K on side, marked smoothe crop and split in each ear; 1 jersey heifer, 2 years old, crop and split in each ear; 1 red and white spotted heifer 1 year old. These cattle got out of Luther Warner's pasture. If found, notify T. S. Kent, Grapeland, Texas.

**Clewis wishes his friends and customers A Merry Christmas**

**THE PERFECT WOMAN AT LAST**

Jones came home at an unseemly hour one night, and was surprised to see Mrs. Jones sitting up for him below stairs.

"M-M-Maria" he said huskily, "y-you shouldn't sit up so late when I'm out on business."

As Mrs. Jones did not answer him, he continued in an alarmed voice, "Shorry, m' dear, but it's lash time—tell you I'm shorry. Won't speak to me!"

At this moment Mrs. Jones called from above stairs: "Mr. Jones, who are you talking to at this hour of the night?"

"Hic-thas'h what I'd like to know myself," stammered Jones.

Mrs. Jones hastened down stairs, lamp in hand. When she saw the situation, she laughed in spite of being angry.

"It's the model", she said,—"the model I bought today to fit my dresses on."

"Yes, thas'h so," said Jones tipsily, "model woman—didn't talk back—make shome fellow good wife."

**TRINITY COUNTY REMAINS DRY**

Groveton, Tex., —Dec. 16.—Trinity County went dry today, as the result of the local option election, by a majority of more than two to one. The total vote counted tonight, with the exception of three small boxes, was 1,357, the count standing 986 for prohibition and 371 against, giving the pros a majority of 615. It is expected that the three boxes yet out will bring the total vote up to 1500 and swell the pro majority to about 650 votes.

**FRUIT CAKES**

That are guaranteed to be good. If not you can return them and get your money. Cash Grocery Co.

**OUR HONOR ROLL**

The following have our thanks for their subscription: J. J. Johnston, Grapeland. J. F. Durnell, Route 3. John R. Taylor, Elkhart. Geo. Crook, Crockett. M. E. Dickey, Ennis.

**Is it Santa Claus?**

By Nancy M. Naves

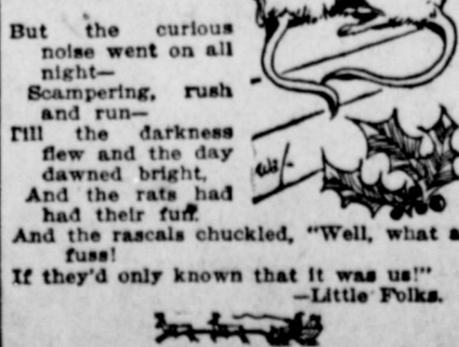
At a quarter to twelve on Christmas eve Teddicums woke with a start:

There was somebody tugging him by the sleeve, And he turned with a thumping heart. "Now, don't make a sound!" said brother Jim. "As sure as ever I'm here—it's him!"

"Is it true?" whispered Teddicums—"Santa Claus! Oh, isn't this simply great! Can't you light up a match, Jimmy—quick—because if you don't it will be too late! I'm longing to know just what he's like. And if he's brought me a motor bike!"

"Well, I'm puzzled," said Jim. "Praps, if we look (They say that he hates a spy). He won't leave the ball and the picture-book. But jolly well pass us by."

And while they wondered if they should peep, Somehow, the bears fell off to sleep! But the curious noise went on all night—Scampering, rush and run— I'll the darkness flew and the day dawned bright. And the rats had had their fun. And the rascals chuckled, "Well, what a fuss! If they'd only known that it was us!" —Little Folks.



**Holiday Goods**

These are going fast, still we are able to supply your wants in

DOLLS--both American and the imported sleeping dolls

FRENCH IVORY

MANICURE SETS

BOOKS and JEWELRY galore

and many other articles that will please

We extend to you our best wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a happy and prosperous

NEW YEAR

**The Peoples Drug Store**

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



As the year of 1916 is rapidly nearing the end, our thoughts turn to the New Year and what it will bring.

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage during the present year and wish for you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

**T. S. Kent**  
QUALITY IS THE THING

**News Items Reported From Rock Hill Country**

Dec. 18.—We again have the pleasure of announcing that we know of no illness in the community except bad colds.

Mrs. R. M. Brooks who has been sick with typhoid fever is able to be up again.

Our literary society did not meet last Friday night, for we expect to have a little program Friday night, Dec. 22.

Mr. Edd V. Pierson was a visitor to our Sunday School Sunday evening.

Mr. James Cook visited relatives in this community last week.

Mr. Walter McCarty and Mr. Bowden were in this community last week threshing peanuts. After learning the good price paid for peanuts and that several threshers had been purchased

to carry around over the country to thresh, a number of the people of this community have resolved to plant a larger crop next year than they ever have before.

Some of the cows are beginning to look thin. This is the result of most of the cotton seed being sold while the price was so high.

Most of the people are beginning to see the result of the high price of cotton in buying their winter clothes.

There will be a box supper at this place Friday night, Dec. 22, and everybody is invited to be with us and the ladies to bring boxes. Rattler.

**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK**

Following our usual custom, there will be no issue of the Messenger Christmas week. Our next issue will appear January 4, 1917.

**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¢ 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.

**SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE**

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1916

Do you realize that next Monday is Christmas day?

The high cost of living continues both high and costly.

We tender you our good will and best wishes, our purse isn't worth having.

The dove of peace made about one flutter, then flew away to parts unknown.

When peace is declared those American "war brides" will resemble an old hen.

The streets of this town should be well kept and the roads of the country demand constant attention. The best way to kill a good town is to disregard these essentials.

Houston county could have gotten into the canned goods game this year if our folks had known there would be a shortage in that line. We should profit in the future by our past mistakes.

More peanuts and more hogs will reduce the high cost of living. The farmers should go in for both and raise poultry on the side. If they will they will be the best fed men in the world next year.

We remind you again that this is a good town to live in, a good place to trade in, and a good one to keep your money in. But in time it will cease to be either unless you are as loyal to the town as it is to you.

The A. & M. College and the State Agricultural department will begin waging a campaign early in the year for the reduction of the cotton acreage and an increased acreage of diversified crops. There will be enough men engaged in the work to cover Texas in a few days.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Fred W. Davis, is trying to popularize the jack rabbit as an article of food, in the hope of reducing the high cost of living and at the same time produce some extra revenue for the farmers of west Texas. But they don't think much of jack rabbits out where they grow. Listen to this from the Wichita Falls Times: Recipe for Planked Jack Rabbit. "Peel the rabbit carefully and remove all interior plumbing; put in to boil over a slow fire; replenish water whenever necessary until cistern is emptied. As soon as cistern is full again, repeat the process, select clean, smooth piece of pine plank and place rabbit upon it. Salt and pepper to taste and bake five hours. Then bury the rabbit and eat the plank."

**Interesting News  
Items Reported from  
Hays Spring**

December 17.—Health of our community is good with the exception of bad colds.

We are having some fine hog killing weather, and lots of hogs are being killed. W. J. Clark killed one last Friday, eight months old, which tipped the scales right at 300 pounds. That is the kind of hogs to have—make them grow while they are young and it won't take so many to make your meat. Mr. Clark says that he did not miss what this hog ate.

There are some improvements going on out this way. Ed Clark and Chas Story have got their new residences nearly completed.

W. E. Gerrard has moved to the New Prospect community.

Dudley Ellis and his father have moved to Hays Spring and will reside on the Herod farm. We welcome them in our midst.

Berry Yates has moved to the Warner place.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers and children of Bigby, Ala., are here on a visit to Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Leon county are also visiting at Mr. Brown's.

Say, Mr. Editor, whoever knew cotton to sell for a good price and after it had left the farmers' hands it goes down? It is something strange.

Our school is going fine. We have had a good month. The following pupils are on the honor roll for November: Ethel Spence, Pearl Spence, Lorena Brown, Clara Loggins, Mary Tyer, Bennie Craig, Burton Gerrard, Eula Bradley, Sam Pennington, Etta Pennington, Eula Jones, Columbus Shelton, Ida Mae Robison. We hope to see more names on the honor roll next time.

Wishing the editor and his force a merry Christmas,  
Big Foot.

**LET IT SLIP AND WAS RUINED FOR LIFE**

What's the matter? Why are you letting this opportunity slip through your fingers? Don't you know that out there in the hustling business world opportunity is calling for young men and women trained as stenographers, bookkeepers, operators and secretaries? How much longer will you stand aside and make excuses? Aren't you afraid that if you "Put it off" to another time that something will arise between now and then to prevent you from getting this training?

You can succeed. Other people—those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve or muscle than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts—out of action. They used their gifts—as you should. They gained a training that developed and broadened and increased their talents—as you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you! Wherever your eye turns, you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no greater general education or "school learning" than you, but who was wise enough to become specially trained in some one special line and who today is going ahead fast and leaving in the

**GREETINGS**

BY THE EDITOR

**TO YOU** We sincerely extend to you the compliments of this Christmas season. May Providence deal gently and generously with you and yours, to the end that in the fulness of life and the ripeness of age you may reap bountifully of the blessings that accrue to man and womankind.

**AS YOU** follow the Star of Destiny through life, may your acts and your examples be such as to prove an inspiration to others who are yet groping in the shadows of existence.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a prosperous and extended journey through life.

A. H. LUKER

**Christmas  
Nineteen Sixteen**

**THIS IS A WORLD OF PROGRESS**



We do not stand still—we either go ahead or we go back. It's easy to go either way with with a little help. We want your help and good will.

**A KNOCK OR A BOOST**

Everyone has some influence either for good or bad. Give us your account and BOOST for yourself and OUR BANK. You will be pleased with the results.

**Farmers & Merchants  
State Bank**  
A GUARANTY FUND BANK

rear those who thought special business training unnecessary.

You must not think of success as a kind of Santa Claus and expect it to drop presents into your stockings while you sleep.

You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision NOW. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring an enrollment NOW.

When may we expect you? Write or wire America's largest business training school for free catalogue. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

**HOLIDAY FARES VIA I. & G. N. RAILROAD**

Excursion rates to all points in Texas on sale December 15 to 26, inclusive, also December 31 and January 1; limit January 5. To Louisiana tickets will be sold December 21 to 25 inclusive, also December 30 and 31, limit January 7. For rates, schedules, reservations, etc., see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Ry.

## TEXAS NEWS

Work has been started on a new oil well at Anchor, Texas.

A 200,000-bushel grain elevator will be built at New Braunfels at once.

Bee County's Boys' Baby Beef and Hog Clubs are growing rapidly.

A contract has been let for the new state land office building at Austin.

Suffragists will maintain headquarters at Austin during the legislature.

The hotel men of the State held their convention at Mineral Wells last week.

A farm loan association has been formed at Alvin to aid the farmers of that section.

Plans for opening of the sulphur field at Big Hill near Matagorda, Texas, are about completed.

The attorney general's department has approved a \$450,000 bond issue of El Paso for a court house and jail.

The rice growers and millers of Texas are to conduct a three years' advertising campaign for rice as a food.

Four hundred musicians will compose a massed band that will play at San Antonio for the Christmas festivities.

Issuance of bonds to the amount of \$600,000 by Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 was voted unanimously.

Investment in buildings and equipment at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station has passed the \$2,000,000 mark.

Engineers have been ordered to draw up plans for the rehabilitation of the Galveston causeway, the old arch foundation to be used.

According to the annual report of the superintendent of the Confederate Woman's Home at Austin the expenditures have exceeded the appropriation.

The Texas Company has purchased a ten-acre tract of land on which is located a large artesian well in Orange county. The company proposes to pipe the artesian water to its oil refinery in Jefferson county.

The farmers of Gonzales county are now putting in good time plowing and getting ready generally for the next crop, which, from all indications, will be one of the largest cotton crops planted in that county for a long time.

The charter of the University of Texas Students' Loan Association has been presented to the secretary of state for approval. The association is organized for the purpose of maintaining a permanent fund to be loaned deserving students of the University of Texas. Austin is to be the headquarters of the association.

The thirty-fifth legislature probably will be asked to amend the game law by making one open season for the hunting and shooting of all game, except migratory birds; for a period of two months, beginning December 1 and ending February 1. Suggestion for such a radical change in the game laws is made by Chief Game Warden Bailey.

Compulsory cattle dipping through the enforcement of the State law after local option elections is to be the next move on the part of the Houston office of the United States bureau of animal industry. Harris and Jefferson counties, where vats are being built and cattle dipping is in progress, are first to be asked to approve of the compulsory measure in elections.

That the lower Rio Grande valley of Texas will eventually equal California as a citrus fruit producing country is predicted by Dr. John J. Morton, a specialist on subtropical life, assigned to that section by the federal department of agriculture. Interest in citrus culture is gaining an impetus through the big profits being realized from oranges and grapefruit now being harvested in the valley.

The commissioner of insurance and banking has approved a participation and assessment indorsement for use on workmen's compensation policies in this state, provided such indorsement shall be used on all policies of compensation written by a company. Under this indorsement such company is privileged to create a Texas workmen's compensation department, which would be largely based upon the mutual plan.

According to the present plans, the proposal to lease or sell the State railroad will be placed before the legislature for action.

## GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

## PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

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

Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

As a result of a conference between representatives of the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas Association and Attorney General Looney, held in Austin, an amendment is to be prepared under the direction of the attorney general which will exempt the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas Association from the provision of the law prohibiting contributions from corporations to statewide and industrial associations, which exemptions will be sufficiently broad to include all similar organizations.

Fruits and candies at the Cash Grocery Co.

## You Need a Tonic

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

You can't make a mistake in taking

# GARDUI

## The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

### City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Props.

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

### NO HUNTING

I will allow no hunting in my fields, on account of my stock.  
M. D. MURCHISON

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**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

# NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS

For the present I am out of the Hog Market, having purchased all I need. I will be in the market again about February 1st, when I will begin shipping and will buy all hogs offered me that are in shipping condition. I expect to ship in February, March and probably April.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of Peace, Prosperity and Happiness.

# GEO. CALHOUN



You will find in this store a wealth of resources in your problem of choosing gifts for every member of the family for Christmas. Everything here is of the highest quality; you don't need to wonder about it being good. You couldn't buy a more useful present than a Hart Schaffner & Marx suit or overcoat; splendid values at \$25.00 for the men.

### For Father and Son

Gloves Mufflers Cuff Links Neckwear Belts Garters Hosiery  
 Suspenders Caps Sweaters Underwear Handkerchiefs  
 Collars Pajamas Shirts

We guarantee satisfaction; we refund money either before or after Christmas on goods that are not exactly what you want.

### For Mother and Daughter

Ladies' Waists Ladies' Caps Boudoir Caps Ladies Slippers Furs, Fancy  
 Ladies Kid Gloves Silk Kimonas Handkerchiefs Long Coats  
 Sport Coats Auto Caps, Silk Windsor Ties Ladies' Fine Dress Shoes  
 Silk Hose in all colors Ladies' Purses Pretty Comforts  
 Fine Wool Blankets Fancy Ribbons

We have many other items that we will be glad to show you that we haven't space to offer you in this issue. We wish you all a Merry, Merry Christmas.

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