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\$1.50 PER YEAR

Big Christmas Sale

at Keeland Bros. begins
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AND
CLOSES DECEMBER 24

Below are a few of our prices. See our big circular for others. Hundreds of bargains are offered in Groceries, Hardware, Furniture, Stoves, Dolls, Toys, etc. THIS IS THE CHRISTMAS GIFT STORE. Come to see us.

5 bottles Garrett Snuff	\$1.00
5 lbs extra good roasted coffee	1.00
\$1 bucket pura ground coffee	.85
5 bars white laundry soap	.25
5 gallons of best oil for	.85
100 lb sack of salt for	.85
Best grade of flour for	2.90
Best grade Red Rust Proof Seed oats per bushel	1.00

We want to buy your Butter, Chickens and Eggs--Cash or Trade

Keeland Bros.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

VALUE GIVING IS OUR MOTTO

Our Thanksgiving Sale closed last Saturday, and we are glad to say it was a great success.

We are going to continue to give our customers the benefit of our early buying. If you will come to us to make your bills we guarantee that the price will be as low as any in town, besides we give you coupons with every cash purchase that entitles you to quality brand aluminum ware.

Don't fail to pay us a visit when you are in town.

Since the war is over, we will take your Liberty Bonds and W. S. S.'s same as cash.

We will give 55c in cash and 60c in trade for your eggs.

WE BUY COTTON

W. H. Long & Co.
THE VALUE GIVING STORE

THE SOUTH IS IN A PROSPEROUS CONDITION

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Thomas A. Reynolds, vice president of the National City bank of New York, upon the completion of a tour of centers in the tenth federal reserve district, finds an unprecedented awakening of investment interest due to the stimulus of liberty bond campaigns.

"The people of the Southwest are developing a tendency toward thrift and investment that promises to utilize all of the momentum acquired of liberty bond campaigns," he said. "The territory is more prosperous than ever and an enormous volume of new wealth will be created in permanent savings."

TEXAS NEWSPAPER IDEAS

If we were electing a president just now, Santa Claus would get a tremendous vote, declares the Waco Times-Herald.

The Waxahachie Light thinks that Colonel Roosevelt is not only willing for President Wilson to go to Europe, but he is more than willing for him to stay there.

The Navasota Examiner-Review says that no doubt the boys over there will enjoy the Christmas packages they will soon be receiving almost as much as the packages they sent to William Hohenzollern.

President Wilson expects to see a formal declaration of peace by treaty by the time spring has come. President Wilson goes abroad to write into the peace treaty the principles of a virile and ever-living democracy, declares the Fort Worth Record.

Women are being given political positions never before entrusted to the fair sex. We notice that a woman has been appointed assistant corporation counsel of New York. Mrs. Anna M. Kross is her name and she recently returned from France where she has worked among the expeditionary forces, so the McKinney Courier-Gazette tells its readers.

FORD FOR SALE

We have a five passenger Ford for sale, in good condition. If you are looking for a good car worth the money, see us.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

FOR SALE

A full blood Tamworth sow that will farrow in January also one Duroc Jersey sow, some full blood Poland China pigs.

J. E. Hollingsworth.

H. A. Leaverton has returned from Camp Travis, having been honorably discharged from the army last week.

Buy your Outings at Darsey's Anniversary Sale.

Mrs. W. B. Taylor and children of Creek are spending the week in Grapeland with relatives.

INFLUENZA CAUSED BY POISONOUS GAS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—In a paper recently read before the Chicago Medical Society and being circulated by medical journals Dr. Albert J. Croft of Chicago expressed the opinion that the influenza which has swept over the world is caused by poison gas in the air and is not spread by the victim coughing and sneezing, as most physicians contend, but due to what he calls "irritated atmosphere." Dr. Croft points out that the present epidemic started on the gas-poisoned battlefields of Europe.

"I advance the theory that the condition termed influenza is in reality a nonbacterial, noncontagious disease caused by inhalation of small amounts of depressing, highly irritating, high density gas, present in the atmosphere especially at night and when the air is surcharged with moisture, more particularly near the surface of the earth" said Dr. Croft.

He said the spread of the disease to every part of the world was to wide and rapid for body or personal contact and too erratic for germ transmission.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

I shall be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of collecting your 1918 tax. Remember after January 31st there will be a ten per cent penalty.

Friday, Dec. 13th, Weldon.
Saturday, Dec. 14th, Lovelady.
Friday, Dec. 20th, Kennard.
Saturday, Dec. 21st, Ratcliff.
Saturday, Dec. 28th, Grapeland.

C. W. Butler, Jr.
Tax Collector.

Plenty of fresh lemons to arrive by Saturday at Darsey's. 25c a dozen. Cash register checks given with every sale.

PROPER ROAD DRAINAGE ESSENTIAL

The only reason for crowning a road surface is to enable it to shed water, and unless effective means are provided for disposing of the water after it is drained off the surface crowning will be of very little, if any, advantage. The side ditches should be ample large and should have sufficient fall to carry the water away as rapidly as it enters them, and they should have outlets at all convenient points. Cross drains or culverts should be constructed wherever it is desirable to transfer drainage water across the road, and they should usually be for protecting the slopes of the provided with end of wing walls embankment. When the material composing the roadbed is likely to be springy, a system of longitudinal under-drainage may be found necessary to secure proper drainage. In constructing a road, of any type whatever, it should be constantly borne in mind that adequate and continually effective drainage is absolutely necessary if the road is to be maintained in good condition.

Get others sale prices and then come to Darsey's and buy your bill complete. Our Anniversary Sale Prices have not been met and in addition, you get valuable premiums with cash register checks.

FOR SALE

Good young work mule, well broke, 2 years old.

C. W. Butler, Sr.
Percilla, Texas

M. L. Williams was in town Saturday for the first time in several weeks. He and one of his boys have been quite sick.

Trunk and suit cases at Darsey's. Cash register checks given with every purchase.

A Knock-Out Blow for High Prices

\$5.00 Liberty Coats for Ladies	\$3.95
Liberty Coats for Children	\$2.50
Good Grade Ginghams per yard	19c
Best Grade Outing per yard	24c
Best Grade Meslin per yard	\$1.65
Best Grade Tafata per yard	\$1.35
\$7.50 Ladies Shoes for	\$5.50
\$5.00 Work Shoes for Men	\$4.00
\$3.00 Overalls for	\$1.50
Garrett Snuff per bottle	20c
Brown Mule Tobacco Plug	15c
Good Grade Roasted Coffee 6 lb	\$1.00
Best Flour and everything else cheaper than anybody.	

Price Subject to Change Without Notice.

W. R. WHERRY

ROCK HILL

By Norman

Rock Hill, Dec. 9.—We had a few days of pretty weather last week. We appreciated it very much, but it is real cloudy again this morning.

Miss Lula Belle Taylor who has been visiting relatives in this community, returned to her home at Rocky Mound Sunday.

A great deal of moving has taken place since we last wrote to the Messenger.

Willis Hudnell and Howard Campbell have moved their families to the river. Mr. Bud Crawford has moved on Mr. Campbell place. John Willis has moved to his new home near Antrim and Mrs. Lucy Willis has moved to the place where he lived.

Mr. Newton Tucker and family arrived at Grapeland Friday with their household goods, and will move down here on the place where Newton Streetman lived. Mr. Streetman will move to his new home in this community this week. We welcome Mr. Tucker in this community.

Mrs. Harelson and Miss Tyer went home on Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Harelson's mother was quite ill and she didn't get to come back and teach until last Thursday. G. L. Streetman took her place in the school room during her absence.

Richard Streetman and Miss Ludie Willis went to Crockett Thursday, for the purpose of taking examination, they returned Saturday night.

We regret to report that Willis Page is very ill at this writing.

GEO. E. DARSEY'S LETTER

With the A. E. F., Oct. 23.—Dear Papa: As I happen to be at the Y. M. C. A. with my pencil, will let you know how I am getting along. I have received more letters from different ones at home and am glad to know that all are well and everything is getting along alright. I have just read about how the Liberty Bond drive came out and I know Grapeland wasn't very far behind the best of them in coming "over the top" by a big surplus with her quota. I have already told you about having all the states represented in our company and train. Well, we often have big discussions, as everybody stands up for his home state and we Texans don't let any of them put anything over on us at all. For when they begin to make comparisons, I show them some newspaper clippings about the number of men in the service from Texas, Liberty Bond and Red Cross Drives, etc. and we haven't been "downed" a time.

I met another old friend yesterday by accident. He is from Stamford and is in an ambulance company and had just moved into our "little village," so he and I and some more of our Long Horn collection talked old times and had quite a little reunion for a while.

As I have written, we are now in the Motor Transportation Service and will explain to you more fully. Before the present war, the motor transportation as we now have it, was of so little importance that it was classed as a part of the G. M. C. But since the service in France began, this became of such importance and grew so big, that it had to be placed in a department by itself so the new department was created and made to cover all motor transportation and we were placed in it with no change work or address. It was a change in name only and we are still the Motor Supply Train of the 5th Division and move with them as they move. I hope this will be clear as an improper address on a letter to France often causes an indefinite delay and more often a loss of the mail. I still get letters regularly and hope you are getting mine, for I am writing at least once a week and twice if I have time, which is not very often now, although we are not quite so busy as we have been.

This finds me well and doing fine. We are having some nice

fall weather now and I am sure enjoying it as we have had quite a bit of rain in the past month or six weeks. They have issued our winter underwear and clothes, so we are prepared for cold weather. I have gotten another Red Cross sweater, so that with one mama gave me and the army sweater I have, I don't think I will have any trouble keeping warm.

I am glad that all of you at home enjoy reading my letters and I am trying to write of things of interest. I always try to do this but it is sometimes hard, especially with new censorship regulations read to us every few weeks. I wrote to Garrett Richards and Chester Owens after writing you last and should hear from them in the next few days, and if we ever get back to Bordeaux for any length of time, I won't have any trouble in finding either if they are still there for I was there almost a month and know the place quite well and if I am not mistaken, Garrett is stationed near where we were from what he said. I guess you remember from my letters that we had quite a nice time there.

As it is getting dark, I will have to close. Give my love to all and write soon.

George E.

O. K'd by Censor.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method to thank the people of Grapeland and community for the wonderful bravery and energy demonstrated at the time we lost our house also the kindness offered us and family in a time of need and hoping everything may prove for good, we are still thankful.

C. L. Cromwell and wife.

Don't fail to read McLean & Rial's ad on the last page of this issue. There is something worth while in their space.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the sickness and death of our loved ones. We appreciate more than words can express our gratitude for the words of condolence and many expressions of sympathy. We also thank the high school pupils and others for the beautiful floral offerings.

T. E. Hague and family.

WHEN WAS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE

Was it the day of your first long pants?
Of your first love kiss?
Of your first mustache?
Or the day your mother-in-law left?

No: It was the first time you bought a tailor-made suit from Clewis.

Rev. Abe Mulkey filled his engagement at the Methodist church here Sunday night to a packed audience. For an hour and half Bro. Mulkey held his audience attentively. He is now advanced in years, but has not lost his vigor of former years, and many in the audience remembered him as holding a revival here twenty years ago. He is now out in the interest of the Methodist orphanage at Waco, and raised over \$260.00 Sunday night.

LOST

On Grapeland and Augusta road, between Brown bridge and Enon school house, little boy's brownish red, plaid wool hat. Finder please leave at Messenger office or notify Mrs. F. D. Luce, Palestine, Texas, 1108 Conrad street.

Judge and Mrs. E. Winfree of Crockett have gone to Houston to visit with their son until the legislature convenes in January, when Judge Winfree will go to Austin to represent Houston county.

TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS



It is possible to live without Music but who wants to? You want Music and real Music is what you get in the NEW EDISON. "The Phonograph with a soul" an ideal Xmas gift.

Now that the war is over and the ban upon Xmas shopping has been lifted, the spirit of rejoicing and of the giving of gifts will find expression this year as never before

As usual, you will find a full line of--

Holiday Goods
at The Peoples Drug Store

We have very attractive articles in Jewelry, Pictures, French Ivory and miscellaneous articles, such as Santa Claus gathers together for his good little children.

Wade L. Smith

ERLS MADDEN IS AGAIN PROMOTED

Lieutenant Commander Wilson E. Madden, recently detached as commanding officer of the Salt Lake City Naval Mobilization District and assigned as Executive Officer of the Naval Air Station at San Diego, California, has received orders from Washington again changing his status in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Under his new orders he is to proceed to the Pacific coast to assume the duties of Executive Officer of the United States Ship Oregon, known as the famous "old bull-dog of the Navy" and Flag-ship of Admiral Fullim, commander of the second division of the Pacific fleet.

Several years ago Madden was retired from active service because of failing health, and was recalled for shore duty at the entrance of the United States into the European war, he having recovered his health, and was promoted from the rank of Junior Lieutenant to Lieutenant Commander. Repeatedly he made application for sea duty, but his requests were denied, and he was then assigned to San Diego for permanent duty.

The orders just received changing his previous orders and assigning him to active sea duty were received with joy by the young officer. He will relieve Lieutenant Commander Kirby Crittendon as Executive Officer of the Oregon. Adniral Fullim was an instructor at the Naval Academy when Madden was a midshipman there and has been in the active service all the time since, and Commander Crittendon graduated four years before Madden.

Madden was to leave Salt Lake for his new duty as soon as Lieut. Commander Stephen Wal-

lace can arrive at Salt Lake to succeed him as Commanding officer of that Mobilization District. In a letter to his father, he says: "My new appointment is one of considerably responsibility, but I am going to assume it. Everybody on board will be subordinate to me expect the Captain and the Admiral, and I will have to handle the ship at all emergency drills and maneuvers. My family will remain here until I have reported and get a line on the ship's movements. It is anticipated that the ship will be in San Francisco Harbor more than in any other port. If so, my family will get an apartment thereon. Just how long this appointment is to last I do not know, but it puts me more fully in line with my chosen profession than I have been since I was retired and I am happy to get back."

When your digestion is poor, when your bowels are costive, when your breath is bad, when your stomach is sick or disordered, and you feel languid and low-spirited, Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy you need. It cleanses the vital organs, purifies the bowels, and imparts a fine feeling of strength, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

NEW SAVINGS STAMPS

The new stamps are to be issued after January 1 and will be blue instead of green. They will bear a portrait of Benjamin Franklin. The same Thrift stamps and Thrift cards will continue to be used and exchanged for \$5 War Savings stamps by the methods now in use. The 1919 series will mature January 1, 1924.

ITCH!
Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ring worm, and Tetter, and is sold by the druggist on the strict guarantee that the purchase price, 75c, will be promptly refunded to any dissatisfied customer. Try Hunt's Salve at our risk. For sale locally by
WADE L. SMITH

MUST HAVE THE RETURN ADDRESS

Under restrictions issued by Postmaster General Burleson, no letter or parcel mail will be accepted by postoffices in the United States for delivery to members of the American expeditionary forces or for soldiers in the United States without a return address on the envelope. The order was issued at the request of the war department so that proper disposition may be made of mail reaching France for members of the expeditionary forces who have returned to the United States and for those in camps who have been mustered out.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

MORE PROFIT IN POULTRY

With eggs in most big towns at from 60 to 65 cents a dozen and with correspondingly good prices in all parts of the state this early in the season, it is apparent that many women can raise more poultry and produce more eggs at a good profit. This will not only help fill the pocket book, but it will increase the food supply.

Big Auction Sale of Automobiles

Being in need of the money, and to make ready for some changes January 1st, we have decided to Auction off our entire stock of USED CARS. On December 23rd next, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., before the Court House, we will sell the stock to the highest bidder, and the sale will be managed by an Auctioneer from Houston.

The stock consists of—

- Fords
- Dodge Brothers
- Maxwells
- Overlands
- Chevrolets
- Also One Buick.

These Cars have been carefully over-hauled by our mechanic, and are guaranteed to be in good running condition. They will be subject to inspection and testing by the bidders.

This is a rare chance to buy a good used car at your own price. To prevent possible collusion, we reserve the right to raise the highest bid \$5.00, and retain possession of any Automobile.

We will accept Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps at value as cash, and are further prepared to accept secured note for 50 per cent of bid, balance cash.

Don't Forget the date--come and pick up a good Automobile cheap.

SPECIAL

We have just been allotted a few "Dodge Brothers" and "Buick" new cars, latest models, and can take care of a few sales. "First come first served," and we suggest quick action if you want a new car. Prices will not decline for some time, and both are now comparatively cheaper than others.

EAST TEXAS MOTOR CO.
Crockett, - Texas

ADVANTAGE OF NEWS-PAPER ADVERTISING

Most of the advertising copy for the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign was, of course, prepared in advance.

During the campaign the circumstances under which the bonds must be sold underwent a radical change. We went into the campaign on the theory that the war was going to last indefinitely, and the copy, both for newspapers and magazines, was written from that viewpoint. Then, after some of the advertisements had been printed, came the German peace drive. It had a dampening effect upon the sale of bonds. It became necessary to disabuse backward subscribers of the idea that the war was practically over and the government's need of money less urgent. This involved the preparation of new copy—for the newspapers; not for the magazines. For them what was written was written, and had to be printed.

In one city alone, says the Philadelphia Record, 160 newspaper advertisements were "scrapped" and new ones, up to date in their appeal in every particular, were prepared to take their place. The German peace drive became a factor in the newspaper Liberty Loan advertising but in all other advertising it had to be ignored.

The lesson in this should be obvious to every advertiser. The newspaper advertisement is a publicity weapon instantly adaptable to every conceivable change of conditions confronting the advertiser, and even to conditions of which he could not conceive in advance.

LOYALTY AND THE LAW

It would be interesting to know just how many Texas school teachers take literally that law enacted by the special session of the Thirty-fifth legislature which commands: "That the daily program of every school in this State shall be so formulated by every teacher, principal, or superintendent as to include at least ten minutes for the teaching of lessons of intelligent patriotism, including the needs of the State and Federal government, the duty of the citizen to the State, and the obligation of the State to the citizen."

Without doubt there are many teachers who are obeying both the letter and the spirit of this law.

Without doubt, too, there are many teachers who are not obeying this law and who can not obey it for the simple reason that they do not understand what the law commands that they shall teach.

Even the war has not awaken-

ed the minds of some people to the needs for a comprehensive knowledge of the duties of citizenship.

Even the war has not awakened the hearts of some people to a love and admiration and reverence for the country and the nation in which they live.

Unfortunately some teachers do not realize the responsibility that is theirs in training the boys and girls—the men and women—who must guide the ship of State in the days that are to come. And until they do realize that responsibility the law quoted above will be a dead letter in the school rooms over which such teachers have control.—Houston Post.

NOTICE TAX PAYERS

Heretofore you have paid your school tax with your county and state tax, but this year we have our own collector—Mr. Paul Kennedy, who will be found at Kennedy Bros. store. We urge that you call on him and pay your school tax, as the money is needed to keep our school going. Please bear in mind that when you pay your county and state tax that your school tax is not paid. One per cent discount will be given on payments during December.

41-3 W. D. Granberry,
President Grapeland
School Board.

MEAT PRODUCERS DID FULL DUTY

Increase in American Hogs Will Help to Meet World Fat Shortage.

FARMERS SAVE SITUATION.

Government Justified in Stimulation of Pork Production—Sevenfold Increase Over Pre-War Exports.

Through increased production and conservation we will be able this year to export seven times our pre-war average exports of pork products. With the heavy demands added in caring for the millions who have been freed from German oppression, the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration are justified today in our every action of stimulation of hog production. In the coming year the greatest world shortage will be in fats, and pork will help to save this situation. The efficacy of the policy of stimulated production has built up in this country supplies which will enable us to supply a very large part of the fat deficiency of the world. In beef there must be a shortage in Europe, due largely to limited refrigerator ship capacity. All freezer ships available, however, will be filled by America, Argentine and Australia.

The contribution made by the producers of this country to the war program as applying particularly to animal food products is illustrated by the following:

Reports compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs. These figures were compiled to January 1 last.

In this period there was a decrease in sheep of \$19,000 head. The indications are that this decrease will show an increase, according to recent reports.

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than 8 per cent, and not more than 15 per cent, as compared with one year ago, with an increase in the average weight.

Following the request of the U. S. Food Administration for an increase in hog production for marketing in the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,600,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 903,172,000 pounds, while for the corresponding months of 1918 the dressed hog products totaled 1,277,589,000, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period for 1917 the records of inspected slaughter of dressed beef showed 1,263,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

Our food Gospel

eat less
serve less
waste nothing

America's Pledge of Food Gave Heart to the Allies In Their Darkest Hour

Whatever is necessary America will send. That was America's pledge to the interallied food council. And because the American food army had hitherto made good they took heart and went forward.

Farm enterprise and much soft corn increased pork supplies, food conservation increased exports—total shipments doubled.

+ FAITH JUSTIFIED BY EVENTS. +
+ I do not believe that drastic force need be applied to maintain economic distribution and sane use of supplies by the great majority of American people, and I have learned a deep and abiding faith in the intelligence of the average American business man, whose aid we anticipate and depend on to remedy the evils developed by the war.—Herbert Hoover, August 10, 1917. +

Renew your subscription.

SUGAR SHOWED OUR BACKBONE

American Willingness to Give Up Luxury Demonstrated Nation's War Conscience.

STAND WITH THE ALLIES.

By Reducing Consumption People of the United States Averted a Famine at Home in Spite of Low Supplies.

The fact that the people of the United States were able to reduce by more than one-half million tons their July, August, September and October consumption of sugar proves conclusively that their war conscience was thoroughly awakened and that the country as a whole stood ready to follow the injunctions of the Government.

Our normal consumption of sugar in the four-month period beginning with July has been 400,000 tons per month, a total of 1,600,000 for the quarter year.

In July, when our sugar stringency began to reach its height, consumption was reduced to 200,000 tons. In August only 325,000 tons went into distribution and in September only 279,000 tons. In October the distribution fell to 230,000 tons.

If the general public had failed to observe the injunctions of the Food Administration this country would have been in the throes of a sugar famine before the end of August. Our visible supplies were so low as to bring great anxiety to those familiar with the sugar situation. They feared that it would be absolutely impossible to reduce consumption to a point where sugar would no longer be a mere luxury in the American diet.

Few accomplishments of the Food Administration will stand forth so predominantly as this reduced consumption of sugar. By it we have been able to bridge over the period of stringency until the new beet and Louisiana cane sugar crops were in sight.

Now the nation is in a position so that if we choose we may return to our normal home use of sugar, and Europe, with the release of ships to go far afield, can maintain its recent restricted rations. If, however, those nations are to increase their use of sugar very considerably it must be by our continued sharing with them through limiting our own consumption.

AMERICAN SPIRIT RELIED ON TO WIN.

In the light of succeeding events it is interesting to recall the confidence with which the United States Food Administrator viewed the gloomy outlook in July of 1917, when this country had been in the war for less than four months and the Germans were steadily sending the western front nearer and nearer to Paris.

"Even though the situation in Europe may be gloomy today," he declared in a public statement, "no American who has knowledge of the results already obtained in every direction need have one atom of fear that democracy will not defend itself in these United States."

LOYALTY IN LITTLE THINGS LAST PROOF OF PATRIOTISM

Americans without murmuring cut their sugar allowance from four pounds a month to three and then as long as need be to two pounds for loyalty's sake.

Food Will Win the World.

America earned the gratitude of allied nations during war by sharing food. America under peace may win the world's good will by saving to share.

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

SEE ME FOR

Good ear corn and Maize. Have a car, but it will go fast. J. W. Howard.

Bob Bobbitt has purchased the home place of C. R. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will move to the farm in the near future.

ADVICE TO "FLU" CONVALESCENTS

SPAIN AND ENGLAND REPORT INCREASE IN TUBERCULOSIS AFTER INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

U. S. Public Health Service Warns Public Against Tuberculosis, One Million Cases Tuberculosis in United States—Each a Source of Danger.

Influenza Convalescents Should Have Lungs Examined—Colds Which Hang On Often Beginning of Tuberculosis. No Cause for Alarm if Tuberculosis Is Recognized Early—Patent Medicines Not to Be Trusted.

- ★ Beware tuberculosis after influenza. No need to worry if you take precautions in time.
- ★ Don't diagnose your own condition. Have your doctor examine your lungs several times at monthly intervals. Build up your strength with right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.
- ★ Don't waste money on patent medicines advertised to cure tuberculosis.
- ★ Become a fresh-air crank and enjoy life.

Washington, D. C.—(Special.)—According to a report made to the United States Public Health Service, the epidemic of influenza in Spain has already caused an increase in the prevalence and deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. A similar association between influenza and tuberculosis was recently made by Sir Arthur Newsholme, the chief medical officer of the English public health service, in his analysis of the tuberculosis death rate in England.

In order that the people of the United States may profit by the experience of other countries, Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the United States Public Health Service has just issued a warning emphasizing the need of special precautions at the present time. "Experience seems to indicate," says the Surgeon General, "that persons whose resistance has been weakened by an attack of influenza are peculiarly susceptible to tuberculosis. With millions of its people recently affected with influenza this country now offers conditions favoring the spread of tuberculosis."

One Million Consumptives in the United States.

"Then you consider this a serious menace?" was asked. "In my opinion it is, though I hasten to add it is distinctly one against which the people can guard. So far as one can estimate there are at present about one million cases of tuberculosis in the United States. There is unfortunately no complete census available to show exactly the number of tuberculosis persons in each state despite the fact that most of the states have made the disease reportable. In New York city, where reporting has been in force for many years, over 35,000 cases of tuberculosis are registered with the Department of Health. Those familiar with the situation believe that the addition of unrecognized and unreported cases would make the number nearer 50,000. The very careful health survey conducted during the past two years in Framingham, Mass., revealed 200 cases of tuberculosis in a population of approximately 15,000. If these proportions hold true for the United States as a whole they would indicate that about one in every hundred persons is tuberculous. Each of these constitutes a source of danger to be guarded against."

What to Do.

In his statement to the public Surgeon General Blue points out how those who have had influenza should protect themselves against tuberculosis. "All who have recovered from influenza," says the Surgeon General, "should have their lungs carefully examined by a competent physician. In fact, it is desirable to have several examinations made a month apart. Such examinations cannot be made through the clothing nor can they be carried out in two or three minutes. If the lungs are found to be free from tuberculosis every effort should be made to keep them so. This can be done by right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

Danger Signs.

The Surgeon General warned especially against certain danger signs, such as "decline" and "colds which hang on."

These, he explained, were often the beginning of tuberculosis. "If you do not get well promptly, if your cold seems to hang on or your health and

strength decline, remember that these are often the early signs of tuberculosis. Place yourself at once under the care of a competent physician. Tuberculosis is curable in the early stages.

Patent Medicines Dangerous in Tuberculosis.

"Above all do not trust in the misleading statements of unscrupulous patent medicine takers. There is no specific medicine for the cure of tuberculosis. The money spent on such medicines is thrown away; it should be spent instead for good food and decent living."

U. S. HEALTH SERVICE ISSUES WARNING

Increase in All Respiratory Diseases After the Influenza Epidemic Probable.

Influenza Expected to Lurk for Months. How to Guard Against Pneumonia. Common Colds Highly Catching—Importance of Suitable Clothing—Could Save 100,000 Lives.

Washington, D. C.—With the subsidence of the epidemic of influenza the attention of health officers is directed to pneumonia, bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system which regularly cause a large number of deaths, especially during the winter season. According to Rupert Blue, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, these diseases will be especially prevalent this winter unless the people are particularly careful to obey health instructions. "The present epidemic," said Surgeon General Blue, "has taught by bitter experience how readily a condition beginning apparently as a slight cold may go on to pneumonia and death. Although the worst of the epidemic is over, there will continue to be a large number of scattered cases, many of them mild and unrecognized, which will be danger spots to be guarded against." The Surgeon General likened the present situation to that after a great fire, saying, "No fire chief who understands his business stops playing the hose on the charred debris as soon as the flames and visible fire have disappeared. On the contrary, he continues the water for hours and even days, for he knows that there is danger of the fire rekindling from smoldering embers."

"Then you fear another outbreak of influenza?" he was asked. "Not necessarily another large epidemic," said the Surgeon General, "but unless the people learn to realize the seriousness of the danger they will be compelled to pay a heavy death toll from pneumonia and other respiratory diseases."

Common Colds Highly Catching.

"It is encouraging to observe that people are beginning to learn that ordinary coughs and colds are highly catching and are spread from person to person by means of droplets of germ laden mucus. Such droplets are sprayed into the air when careless or ignorant people cough or sneeze without covering their mouth and nose. It is also good to know that people have learned something about the value of fresh air. In summer, when people are largely out of doors, the respiratory diseases (coughs, colds, pneumonia, etc.) are infrequent; in the fall, as people begin to remain indoors, the respiratory diseases increase; in the winter, when people are prone to stay in badly ventilated, overheated rooms, the respiratory diseases become very prevalent."

Suitable Clothing Important.

"Still another factor in the production of colds, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases is carelessness or ignorance of the people regarding suitable clothing during the seasons when the weather suddenly changes, sitting in warm rooms too heavily dressed or, what is even more common, especially among women, dressing so lightly that windows are kept closed in order to be comfortably warm. This is a very injurious practice."

Could Save 100,000 Lives.

"I believe we could easily save one hundred thousand lives annually in the United States if all the people would adopt the system of fresh air living followed, for example, in tuberculosis sanatoria. There is nothing mysterious about it—no specific medicine, no vaccine. The important thing is right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

Droplet Infection Explained in Pictures.

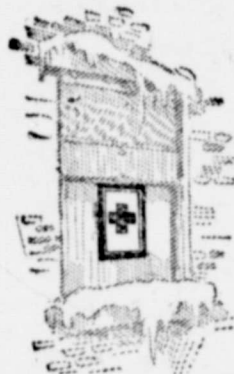
"The Bureau of Public Health, Treasury Department, has just issued a striking poster drawn by Berryman, the well-known Washington cartoonist. The poster exemplifies the modern method of health education. A few years ago, under similar circumstances, the health authorities would have issued an official dry but scientifically accurate bulletin teaching the role of droplet infection in the spread of respiratory diseases. The only ones who would have understood the bulletin would have been those who already

JOIN



Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness that America must not forget—there is misery and distress and sickness all over the world. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.



Put your flag in your window

Join the Red Cross - all you need is a heart and a dollar



Wear your Button

Will you be wearing your membership button when the boys come home?

Join

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knew all about the subject. The man in the street, the plain citizen and the many millions who toil for their living would have had no time and no desire to wade through the technical phraseology."



COLDS, INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, AND TUBERCULOSIS ARE SPREAD THIS WAY

Copies of this poster can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

GLASS SUCCEEDS SECRETARY McADOO

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Carter Glass of Virginia was nominated today by President Wilson to be secretary of the treasury.

Mr. Glass will go into office on December 16, under an agreement with Secretary McAdoo, whose resignation was accepted upon the appointment and qualification of his successor.

At an executive session late today the senate referred Mr. Glass' nomination to the senate banking committee. This is the usual routine and leaders expect prompt confirmation by the senate.

THE FOOL GRASSHOPPER

Now take the grasshopper for example. No insect on earth more sorely needs to ask daily to be excused for living. The bee has a business. The wasp has a business end. The ant has an investment and the grub worm has a grudge. But the grasshopper has only an existence—an aimless existence.

When we say aimless, we speak advisedly, for the scientists tell us that when a grasshopper catapults his corporate self into space by the propulsive power of his hinged hopping poles, he has no idea where he is going to light. It may be in the lake or the brush fire or the kerosene can or the pansy bed; it is all the same to him.

Examine his countenance. He looks the perfect fool. At top of the head two bulging eyes

as expressive as the eyes of a dead carp; and below this a nose like a wooden plowshare. This is all. There is no forehead, no brain and no room for one. The grasshopper we find, is an insect idiot. The best he ever did was to keep out from under foot of his betters.—Minneapolis Journal.

The number of hogs in Maine is 15 per cent greater now than a year ago. That State is leading the Northeast in making preparations to meet the demand for pork, for lard, and for stock hogs which is sure to come from Europe with the peace settlement. Texas farmers can possibly produce hog meat, using modern methods, for two-thirds of the cost in Maine; and this State has a ready market for every hog.—Houston Post.

WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

It is a sure sign that something is wrong with your kidneys, you should take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A POWERFUL KIDNEY REMEDY

It is a kidney tonic and liver stimulant of the highest order. It relieves the strain on the suffering kidneys, puts new life in the torpid liver, helps digestion, eases the aching back and makes you feel well and strong again.

Sold by Dealers in Medicine.

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

WADE L. SMITH, SPECIAL AGENT

That Christmas Feeling

Useful Gifts at Anniversary Sale Prices

Gift Suggestions

For Men and Boys

Knife and Chain
Watches
Cuff Links
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Combs and Brushes
Pocket Books
Bill Folds
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Pep Caps
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Underwear
Holidays Ties
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Blanket Robes
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Knit Caps
Kid Gloves
Knit Gloves
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Kiddie Kars
22 Rifles
Knit Caps
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Gloves
Shoes
Clothing
Hosiery
Hats
Caps
Jewelry

With Christmas just a few weeks off, there is every reason for us to prepare now for one of the happiest Yuletide seasons of the past several years. Now that the big guns have ceased firing on the battle fields of France and with the thought that our boys are out of danger, and some really coming home in the near future, there is an air of good will and thanksgiving that we, as a nation, have never before experienced. However, we should not be foolishly squander our money on useless giving in view of the fact that we are now faced with the problem of "Winning the World." Make this Christmas doubly enjoyable by giving useful gifts—things that are of some value and that may be used daily. They are the kind that keep the thankful feeling going. This store offers some attractive, useful gifts suitable for every member of the household.

NEW PREMIUMS ARE BEING ADDED

to the already big assortment we had on display. This week has marked the arrival of several shipments of goods that are being given away absolutely free with cash register checks during our Anniversary Sale. There are no strings tied to this offer. We will sell you good goods during our 30th Anniversary Sale for less than anyone and in addition, we are giving these beautiful, serviceable premiums in addition to the low prices throughout the store. Don't fail to visit our premium counter when you are in town. There are premiums going at all amounts from \$5 and up.

Join the Red Cross
It only takes a Heart
and a Dollar

Gift Suggestions

For Ladies and Girls

Ivory Mirrors
Ivory Dresser Sets
Ivory Pieces
Combs and Brushes
Waist Pins
La Vallieres
Scissors
Brooches
Silk Waists
Coat Suits
Tailored Skirts
Coats
Dresses
Handkerchiefs
Table Linens
Dresser Scarfs
Dinner Sets
Silk Collars
Fancy Silks
Sweaters
Knit Caps
Kid Gloves
Knit Gloves
Shoes
Silk Hosiery
Manicure Sets
Toilet Articles
Purses
Suit Cases
Hand Bags

Furniture Always Useful

Cook Stoves, Ranges
Heaters, Art Squares
Cedar Chests Kitchen
Cabinets, Dressers
Commodes, Iron Beds
Kitchen Tables, Dining
Tables, Library
Tables Springs, Mattresses,
Kitchen Safes
Counterpanes, Sheets,
Towels, Comforters
Blankets

The Anniversary Sale has not Closed

Do not be deceived by the erroneous reports to the contrary. We will pay cash for Chickens, Eggs, Turkeys, Butter and all produce during this sale.

GEO. E. DARSEY & CO.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

Attend the Clearance Sale. Make your dollars go further--trade at Kennedy Bros.

KENNEDY BROS. DECEMBER

Don't miss the biggest sale in Grape-land's history. Come and bring the family

CLEARANCE SALE!

Kennedy Bros. December CLEARANCE SALE starts Dec. 12th and Closes Dec. 24th, 1918

DRESS GOODS

In our Dress Goods department you will find anything that is found in any up-to-date store. Note the following prices:

Several pieces of French Serge, all colors, 36 inches wide all wool regular price \$1.50 clearance price..... **80c**
 Ten pieces all wool Serge, 50 inches wide in all colors regular price \$1.50 clearance price **\$1.00**
 1 lot all wool Serge 36 inches wide regular price \$1.25 clearance price..... **80c**
 All wool Serge, 36 inches wide in all colors regular price \$1.00 clearance price..... **65c**
 We are offering a few pieces of all wool Poplin 36 inches wide regular price \$2.25 clearance price..... **\$1.70**
 Mercerized Garberdine 36 inches wide regular price 75c clearance and price..... **55c**
 Several all wool plaids 36 inches wide regular price \$2.25 to \$2.75 clearance price..... **\$1.70**

This is the greatest opportunity of your life to buy merchandise at these great sacrificial prices that are being offered in this the greatest sale of all sales ever held in Grape-land or Houston county.

STOP! READ!

Take advantage of these bargains that are being offered in this gigantic clearance sale. When we say "DECEMBER CLEARANCE SALE" we mean everything goes in this sale at sacrificial prices--nothing is reserved--everything must be sold at prices never before heard of in Grape-land or any part of Texas.

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE! Kennedy Bros. Don't forget the date! December 12th to 24th, 1918. Come one, come all. Come early. Bring this ad, check off your items, get what you want before the big stock is picked over and the best values gone.

you can get one here now at a price
 1 lot of extra values for \$4.00 clearance price..... **\$2.95**
 1 lot of new high grade Sweaters regular price \$3.25 clearance price..... **\$2.45**
 One lot of a high grade, latest quality regular price \$2.25 clearance price..... **\$1.75**

MEN'S AND LADIES' UNDERWEAR

1 lot of heavy ribbed underwear for Men's regular price \$1.00 a garment current price..... **75c**
 1 lot of men's heavy underwear regular price \$1.25 a garment clearance price..... **\$1.00**

ance price..... **\$17.95**
 1 assortment of plaid Coats for ladies regular price \$15.00 clearance price..... **\$10.40**
 1 big assortment of Children's Velvet Coats regular price \$6.50 clearance price..... **\$4.85**
 1 assortment of Children's Coats extra values for \$4.75 clearance price..... **\$4.75**

clearance sale price..... **\$34.95**
 \$30.00 New Home Ruby Machine guaranteed for 10 years clearance sale price..... **\$25.00**
 La Bell Special Machine the kind others advertise for \$21.50 our clearance sale price only... **\$19.00**

MEAT CUTTERS

\$2.25 Meat Cutter sale price **\$1.98**
 \$1.90 Meat Cutter sale price **\$1.74**

IRON BEDS

The kind that others advertise for \$7.95 our clearance sale price..... **\$7.85**
 The kind that others advertise for \$8.95 our clearance sale price..... **\$8.85**
 The kind that others advertise for \$7.50 our clearance sale price..... **\$7.40**

MATTRESSES

40 lb Cotton Mattresses the kind others advertise for \$8.50 our clearance sale price..... **\$8.00**

CHAIRS

The same kind of Double Cane Chairs you see advertised for 90c our clearance sale price..... **90c**

and price**55c**
 Several all wool plaids 36 inches
 wide regular price **\$2.25** to **\$2.75**
 clearance price**\$1.70**

STAPLE GOODS

There will never be another opportunity to buy dress gingham at the following prices:

One big assortment Zephyr Madras 36 inches wide regular price 35c clearance price**30c**

One big assortment of the very finest dress gingham that can be sold for 30c per yard in this sale for only, clearance price**25c**

Big assortment of colors of A. C. A. gingham, the best any firm ever sold in this town for 30c clearance price**20c**

A few pieces left of our special values of 25c goods we will offer at a price**15c**

The best buy in Texas, a few pieces of bleached domestic, 36 inches wide regular price 20c clearance price**13c**

The very best outing that you can buy for 30c a yard the town offered, the heaviest that money can buy clearance price**19c**

MEN'S AND BOY'S OVERALLS

Ace High Overalls for men the best there is for \$2.25 clearance price**\$1.75**

1 lot Boy's Overalls that are extra heavy that sell regular price \$1.25 clearance price**85c**

Our best grade of 240 weight blue overalls for boys that sell anywhere for \$1.50 clearance price**\$1.15**

1 lot of men's work pants that sell for \$3.50 clearance price **\$2.95**

1 lot of extra heavy corduroy pants that sell, regular for \$4.50 clearance price**\$3.85**

SWEATERS SWEATERS

Now for that Sweater that you will need for the coming winter

price**\$2.45**
 One lot of a high grade, latest quality regular price **\$2.25** clearance price**\$1.75**

We are going to offer one assortment of Men's and Boy's Sweaters in this sale for **\$1.00** **SEE THEM**

1 lot jersey Sweaters extra quality all wool regular price \$3.00 to \$3.25 clearance price**\$2.65**

COTTON FLANNEL

You must not fail to see this extra good quality of Cotton Flannel that we are going to offer, regular price by any one 30c clearance price**19c**

HOOSIER CHEVIOTS

You do not buy any better than this one for 30c a yard clearance price**19c**

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

Never have you had an opportunity to buy high grade shoes at these prices? Come and get your fit before they are gone.

1 big assortment of sizes in gray kid with cloth top, regular price \$8.00 clearance price**\$5.95**

1 lot all kid gray shoes regular price \$8.00 clearance price **\$5.80**

1 lot of ladies gray shoes that sell for \$7.00 clearance price **\$5.70**

Many other values that will offer, see them and save money on your next shoe bill.

PEPPERELL AND FOXCROFT SHEETING

This is the best that money ever bought some offer it at 62 1/2c a yd. on sale clearance price**55c**

BUY YOUR SUPPLY NOW

Who said bleaching at a price? We offer an extra good value, 36 inches wide, regular price 20c, clearance price**15c**

LADIES' SHIRTS

An extra good quality for the regular price of 75c a garment clearance price**45c**

garment current price**75c**
 1 lot of men's heavy underwear regular price **1.25** a garment clearance price**\$1.00**

BLANKETS & COMFORTS

The largest assortment of wool and cotton blankets ever offered the people of this county, look these values over and you will surely buy.

All wool blankets 72x84 one of the best value ever offered in the county regular price everywhere \$10.00 clearance price**\$6.75**

Woolnap blankets 64x76 an extra good value for \$6.00 clearance price**\$4.25**

The largest size cotton blankets and an extra heavy blanket regular price \$4, clearance price**\$3.60**

Extra heavy comforts, good size flowered design regular price \$4.25 clearance price**\$3.80**

HOSIERY

Hose for the family a treat is in store for you when it comes to our hosiery department. Look at the values offered below.

1 assortment of ladies' gray silk hose, regular price \$1.25 clearance price**90c**

1 assortment of ladies' gray mercerized hose, regular price 75c clearance price**55c**

1 lot of Ladies' and Misses Cotton Hose, black and white, regular price 25c clearance price **15c**

LADIES AND CHILDREN'S COATS

This is one price that is made on coats that will go down in history for the Grapeland people.

1 ladies' broad cloth Coat, regular price \$25.00 clearance price**\$18.75**

1 ladies' Coat, an extra good value for our price of \$22.50 clearance price**15c**

Positively no goods charged during this Sale.

Velvet Coats regular price \$6.50 clearance price**\$4.85**
 1 assortment of Children's Coats extra values for \$4.75 clearance price**\$3.95**

1 assortment of Children's Coats regular price \$3.50, clearance price**\$2.95**

GROCERIES

4 bottles 6 oz. Garrett Snuff**90c**
 5 bars best White Soap only**25c**
 6 bars best Yellow Soap only**25c**
 6 boxes best Matches only**25c**
 4 one pound packages ground Coffee**90c**

5 lb best Roasted Coffee for**\$1.00**
 5 gal. best grade Coal Oil for**85c**
 4 packages A & H Soda**25c**
 3 5c boxes snuff (new kind)**10c**

1 gal. good syrup for**95c**
 5 bottle Sunrise Bluing for**20c**
 5 cans Fairweather Salmon \$1.00
 100 lb sack Salt**95c**

\$2.85 bucket Lard for only **\$2.60**
 \$2.65 bucket Lard for only **\$2.40**
 No. 2 Lamp Globes 10c 3 for **25c**
 6 School Tablets for**25c**

We have plenty of Flour, Coffee, Sugar, Lard Peanut Oil and other groceries too numerous to mention that we are selling at a reduced price during this sale.

SHOT GUNS AND SHELLS

\$17.50 Double Barrell Shot Gun clearance sale price only **\$16.00**
 \$20.00 Double Barrell Shot Gun clearance sale price**\$17.50**

New Club Shells black Powder clearance sale price per box**80c**
 Nitro Club Shells Smokeless powder clearance sale price per box**95c**

SEWING MACHINES

\$40.00 New Home Sewing Machine guaranteed for 25 years as good as any Singer Machine

This is the Biggest Sale of the season, come early and do your trading and avoid the Rush.

CHAIRS
 The same kind of Double Can Chairs you see advertised for 90c our clearance sale price each**80c**

BED SPRINGS

Others ask from \$2.90 to \$3.25 our clearance sale price**\$2.15**

DAVENPORTS

Just one left was \$30.00 clearance sale price**\$26.95**

AXES

Double Bit Axes, the same kind others ask \$2.25 our sale price**\$2.00**
 Double Bit Axes the same kind others ask \$2.15 our sale price**\$1.90**

GLASSWARE

\$1.50 Set Goblets sale price **\$1.00**
 \$1.25 Set Goblets sale price **90c**
 \$1.00 Set Goblets sale price **75c**

We have a complete stock of Horse Collars and Leathers goods that we are selling at a big discount

CHARTER OAK COOK STOVES

\$55.00 Closet Range Stove with duplex dump Grate sale price**\$46.50**
 \$57.50 Closet Range Stove with Reservoir and duplex dump Grate sale price**\$51.00**

\$35.00 6 eye, 20 inch oven Iron-dale Cook Stove clearance sale price**\$31.00**
 \$33.00 Cook Stove sale price**\$28.50**
 \$23.50 Cook Stove sale price**\$21.00**
 \$17.50 Cook Stove sale price**\$12.85**

Our supply of Heaters is unlimited and they all go at reduced prices.
 Big reduction on all Dressers and Wash Stands.

Bring us your Chickens Eggs, Butter and any other kind of produce you have.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 12, 1918

HENRY FORD'S PAPER

The Dearborn, Mich., Independent is the name of Henry Ford's new weekly newspaper, and we wish it well. But if it succeeds it will be the first time such an adventure has succeeded, and there are thousands of instances wherein just such weekly papers have failed.

It doesn't make any difference to Henry Ford from a financial standpoint whether the paper succeeds or not. He can not afford to run it at a loss. His sole idea seems to be to wield influence through it. But if he thinks he can he is as much mistaken as when he thought he could end the war by sending a shipload of Dreamers to Europe. W. J. Bryan started a weekly paper when at the height of his glory and for a time made money. But as far as its influence is now concerned it doesn't extend very far—not as far as he intended. Sen LaFollette is having the same experience with a weekly paper, and as sure as we are trying to run a respectable paper in Grapeland Henry Ford will accomplish no more.

There is a place in all communities for a paper that tries to help the people of the community instead of "reforming" them or telling them how they shall vote. And one of the best things in this country is that it takes more than money and a printing press to influence public opinion.

It may be all very well for a single man to love his neighbors, but a married man ought to be careful.

One of the worst features we see about Bill Hohenzollern's case is that it isn't possible to hang him more than once.

It wouldn't seem like Christmas, though, to some Grapeland folks if they didn't wait until the last minute to do their buying.

Physicians say to avoid the "flu" to keep out of crowds. And the best way to keep out of crowds is to go in to stores that do not advertise.

The Messenger is being edited to a great extent this week by our advertisers. You can find hundreds of bargains listed in the ads this week, and you ought to read every one of them.

With eggs selling at 60 to 75 cents a dozen, the prospect for an egg-nog this Christmas is very slim. But then if we could afford the eggs the nog would not be forthcoming.

Most any bride would feel insulted if you offered her a wash board for a bridal present, but six months later she would thank you for your thoughtfulness.

STRAYED

Black bob tail sow, marked crop and split in each ear, weight about 300 pounds. Will pay a reward for information leading to recovery. C. W. Butler, Sr. Percilla, Texas.

U. S. FARM TRACTOR GIVES TANK IDEA

Washington, Dec. 5.—The use of tanks in warfare resulted from ideas gained by a British official while watching the demonstration of an American farm tractor in a German city in 1913. This official account of the origin of the tanks is given by Colonel I. C. Welborn, director of the tank corps of the United States Army, in his annual report, made public today. The report contains no information as to the American tank program, as it was prepared before the cessation of hostilities.

"For several years prior to the world war the authorities of the British army had been endeavoring to create some machine highly destructive in its fighting capacity and at the same time affording maximum protection to human life. The Holt Manufacturing Company, makers of the Holt farm tractor, were giving a tractor demonstration in one of the large German cities about 1913. A representative of the British government who happened to see the exhibit conceived the idea that the caterpillar tractor principle might be employed in propelling a huge steel fighting machine which would enable a moving fort to negotiate the steepest hills and move over difficult ground impossible of passage by any other vehicle. This officer immediately brought the tractor to the attention of General E. D. Swinton of the British army, who also realized the effective use to which the caterpillar tractor could be put.

"Extensive experiments were begun under General Swinton and in September, 1916, the first tanks ever employed in warfare were launched on the British front in France."

THE CROWN PRINCE RENOUNCES THRONE

Paris, Dec. 6.—Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm has renounced his right to the German throne.

This was announced officially here late Friday afternoon.

A dispatch received in Basel from the semi-official Wolff bureau quotes the crown prince in renouncing the throne as having said:

"I renounce formally and definitely all rights to the crown of Prussia and the imperial crown which would have fallen to me by the renunciation of the emperor-king or for other reasons.

"Given by my authority and signed by my hand. Done at Vieringen, December 1, 1918.

(Signed) "Wilhelm."

Why sell your produce for trade when you can get cash at Darsey's and goods at Sale Prices?

CITY BARBER SHOP
DENSON & WALTON
 Proprietors
 Shop on Main Street next door to Guaranty State Bank
Your Business will be Greatly Appreciated
Laundry Agency
 Basket leaves every Wednesday and returns Saturday.

AN APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Young folks, here is a Christmas present you can get if you will put the matter squarely up to your parents, in fact, they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to earn a good salary. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance, the school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the largest business offices, but secures these positions for them. So efficiently is its work it has been designated by the U. S. Government as one of the approved schools for the retraining of disabled soldiers and sailors.

The cost of life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$60. Shorthand \$60, or the two \$100.00, Telegraphy \$60.00, Cotton Classing \$60.00, Business Administration and Finance \$60.00 Board and room is from \$14.00 to \$18.00 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing our Shorthand course is three and one half months, our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping four months, Business Administration and Finance five months, our Bookkeeping and Shorthand combined five months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost you to obtain a cash producing education that you can use for a life time. It will be a Christmas present that you will always appreciate, because you will never cease using it, it is something of every day need, it makes of you a useful citizen.

If you or your parents, as the case may be, haven't the cash to pay for the entire course, we have a note plan, we also have a loan fund in connection with our Endowment Association that may be participated in. The old saying is quite true. "Wherever there is a will, there is a way." If you can't get the money to pay board, do what thousands of others are doing; take a correspondence course until you can enter college for personal work. Hundreds finish the entire course at home and accept good office positions, you can likewise get our credit or note plan on the home study course.

See about this Christmas gift. Take it up and discuss it seriously. Convince your parents you are determined to be a success. Write for our large catalogue, it is free and will convince you and your parents of the importance of our suggestion.

Name
 Address
 Course interested in

MONEY IN EGGS

Eggs are not bankable but the money from their sale is. This money is yours for the effort. How do you treat the hen that lays the "Golden Eggs" B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy will keep the poultry in good condition and increase the yield in eggs. We guarantee this and refund your money if not satisfied. McLean & Riatt.

FOR SALE

Ford Roadster in good condition. Dr. Stafford.

At Cost!

150 Boys' Suits

To be sold at cost

All good material, nicely made and latest patterns. I am overstocked and must close them out by January 1. See me and save money.

T. S. Kent

Automobile Owners! Attention!

When your car gets sick, try the Service Garage.

We are prepared to do all kind of automobile repairing.

We have had several years' experience in the automobile business. Try us.

We carry a complete line of

Ford Parts

All Work Guaranteed

Kolb & Ragsdale

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Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness, that America must not forget—there is misery and distress and sickness in war-torn Europe. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.

Join the Red Cross
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REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, Dec. 9.—Last week "was fine on the top crop and quite a number of dollars "popped open" for us, and it is up to us to save them if we can. If we have a few more days of open weather 75 or 80 per cent of the cotton will open.

Some fall plowing has been done. Some wheat and oats have been planted.

Building and improvements of various kinds is going on.

Mrs. G. B. Kent and children spent Saturday night at their country home. C. C. Smith and family and Mrs.

Douglas Beazley and children spent Sunday with J. L. Chiles and family. W. F. West and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley.

Frank Denton and his daughter, Miss Eula, spent a couple of days here last week with his daughter, Mrs. Tom Kent.

The following are billed for the Sandy City today: W. P. Chiles, Oran Rialls, Homer Beazley, Herman Beazley, Mrs. Geo. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kent, all of course, on business.

The report we had from the Mulkey meeting was that it was the biggest show that has been in Grapeland this fall. Think he should be styled a religious actor instead of an evangelist.

Now, do not think we are criticising, for it is a pity we do not have more religious shows than the kind we do have, for we are a strong believer in public demonstrations or love manifested.

PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR LEAGUE

Sunday December 15, 2:00 o'clock.
Responsive Reading—Psalm 14.
Leader—Dimple Cromwell.
Song—No. 9.
Story of Star Spangled Banner—Joe Wherry.

Recitation—Mildred Traylor, Dorothy Darsey and Ardis Murray.
Prayer.

Song—"My Country Tis of Thee."
History of My Country Tis of Thee.—Francis Leaverton.

TEXAS BOYS HOME BY MID-SUMMER

Washington, Dec. 7.—Eight of the thirteen divisions comprising the American Third Army now approaching the Rhine, either are national guard or national army troops and there is every reason to believe that they will be on American soil again by mid-summer.

General March, chief of staff, announced today that he anticipated no difficulty in getting these units home within four months after peace has been established formally by proclamation. President Wilson in his recent address to congress said the sessions of the conference probably would be concluded by spring and based on this estimate of the time, General March's statement was accepted to mean that these forces would return during the summer.

The national guard divisions, the Thirty-second and Forty-second and two of the national army, the Eight-ninth and Ninetieth, are now in the front line of Major General Dickman's army of occupation which was within twenty miles of the Rhine last night, according to General Pershing's report. The Twenty-eighth and Thirty-third national guard and the Seventy-ninth national army are in the second line, constituting the reserve. The First, Third, Fourth and Fifth regulars comprise the remainder of the advancing army, while the Second and Seventh divisions are with the reserve.

The estimate as to the possibility that all except regular divisions will have been withdrawn from France by mid-summer is based on General March's reply to a question as to steps necessary to obtain an extension of the enlistment period for men in the army of occupation.

IN MEMORY OF RUEL KILLION

"There is no flock however watched and tended, but one dead lamb is there;

"There is no fireside however defended but has one vacant chair."

Death's angel entered the home of Mr. Walter Killion, Monday morning, December 9th about 1 o'clock and claimed as his victim little Ruel. Though his death had been expected some time, it was however the less so hard to give up one who because of his brilliancy and kindness, had become the pride of his family and the beloved of his associates and acquaintances, both young and old. His life is in that inexorable past. He cannot again return to once more say "good-bye" as he did to his loved ones ere he departed this life. "Thou unrelenting Past" strong are the barriers round thy dark domains and felters, sure and fast.

Hold all that enter Thy unbreathing reign! Ruel is gone to that eternal city and is now enrolled in that host of the mighty dead; and however grand his future appeared and tho' however deeply the heart of his loved ones would rejoice to hear but once again his loving voice, it cannot but seem an injustice to him that were it possible, to recall him to this life, full of sorrows cares, heartaches and woes.

Yes he is better off than those who mourn for him, his life was but such a "short gleam of light between two eternities," that he had never yet learned of the cares and afflictions of the human race. He departed pure and childlike to meet his God. May his life serve as a beckoner to his loved ones, and others who desire to meet him again.—By his teacher Prewit DuBose.

WILL DRAW NO SALARY FOR TWO WEEKS

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary McAdoo, who quit the cabinet because his salary was insufficient, now faces the predicament of working two weeks for the government for nothing. He will retire as secretary of the treasury December 16 and his pay at the rate of \$12,000 a year will stop. Until January 1, however, he will continue as director general of railroads and for this job he receives not a cent, although his regional directors receive \$40,000 a year.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Small farm of 52½ acres, improved for sale or trade. Will sell on easy terms. For particulars see Ben Brooks, Grapeland, Texas.

DEATH ANGEL ENTERS HOME OF MR. HAGUE

Miss Bess Hague, age 27 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hague, of the Enon community, died Monday morning, December 9, after an illness of several days duration with pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. F. Tenny of Crockett, and interment followed in the Davis cemetery. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church. She was a favorite with the family and among her many friends, who are grieved at her untimely death. She is survived by her parents, several sisters and one brother. The Messenger joins friends in extending condolence.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 7.—Submission of a constitutional amendment for State-wide prohibition will be up for action at the Texas legislature session. Especial interest attaches to this because of a recent court decision knocking out statutory prohibition adopted at the last legislature. Despite the court ruling all of the chief cities remained dry under a law forbidding traffic in intoxicants within 10 miles of an army camp.

Fiscal and judicial reform is almost sure to be considered. Texas now has no budget system and an investigating committee of the last legislature has reported suggesting a comprehensive system of financing that has been approved by the democratic party in its last State convention.

Calling of a constitutional convention will either be decided upon or a special committee will be named to arrange the details of time and place for a convention. Governor Hobby has made it known that he will follow the lead of the national government in any plan for post war reconstruction.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST THURSDAY

The home of Dr. C. L. Cromwell, in the east part of town, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning about 10 o'clock. The fire originated from a defective flue. Most of the household goods were saved.

Mr. Cromwell estimates his loss at \$1600, partially covered by insurance. He has not fully decided yet as to whether or not he will rebuild.

A RECORD EXPRESS SHIPMENT

Grapeland's biggest single express shipment for this year was received Monday. It consisted of 7 barrels and 5 boxes of merchandise, weighing 1880 pounds. The shipment was made to George E. Darsey and Company and is a part of the goods bought by this popular store to be given away with cash register checks during their Thirtieth Anniversary Sale between now and Christmas and is being followed with a big shipment by freight which is now on the road. A display of these goods may now be seen at the store of George E. Darsey and Company and represent several hundred dollars worth of useful articles given absolutely free with cash register checks given with purchases at Sale prices.

Mr. Darsey says the sale is the biggest in the history of the store and to show their appreciation of the patronage of the people of Houston county, the firm is giving these premiums as a token of good feeling to all who have helped to make this one of the best years in the thirty years of this store's business career in Grapeland.

TRASH YOUR BOLLS

I have a machine that will trash cracked cotton bolls so that it can be ginned and make a good sample. See or write me for information.

C. W. Butler, Sr.
Percilla, Texas.

Since the war is over, General Santa Claus will be allowed a heavy pack and a free hand in America, the Brenham Banner-Press informs us.

RED CROSS CALLED ON TO CONTINUE ITS WORK INDEFINITELY

CHAPTERS AND BRANCHES WILL BE CENTERS IN EACH COMMUNITY FOR GIVING AID TO DISTRESSED HUMANITY.

ACTIVITIES NOT CURTAILED

Membership Campaign Each Christmas Will Be Means of Calling Americans Together to Show Spirit of Love.

Henry P. Davison, Chairman of the War Council of the Red Cross, has issued to the 3,854 chapters and the 22,000,000 members of the American Red Cross the following statement outlining the future policy of the American Red Cross:

"The whole American people will be invited in the week preceding Christmas to enroll as members of the Red Cross. It is confidently believed there will be no further campaigns for Red Cross funds, but instead the annual roll call will constitute the foundation of the Red Cross. The people should therefore know as definitely as possible the plans of this their national humanitarian society.

"Since the armistice was signed I have had an opportunity to confer in Paris with the heads of all American Red Cross commissions in Europe, and later, in Washington, with the President of the United States, the War Council of the Red Cross, the managers of the 14 Red Cross divisions of the United States and with the heads of our departments at national headquarters. I am, therefore, able to speak now with knowledge and assurance in saying that the beneficent work of the American Red Cross is to go forward on a great scale—not alone, as heretofore, for purposes of relief of war, but as an agency of peace and permanent human service.

"Since America's entry into war the purpose of our Red Cross has been primarily to aid our army and navy in the care of our own men under arms, and, secondly, to extend relief to the soldiers, sailors and civilians of those nations which were fighting our battles along with their own. With the funds which have been so generously contributed by the American people this war work of the Red Cross will continue and be complete with all possible sympathy and energy.

"Wherever our soldiers and sailors may be, the Red Cross will stay with them until they are demobilized. Nothing which we may do will be left undone, either. For the men in the war zone, for those returning, for those in the camps and hospitals or for their families at home the Red Cross will continue its ministrations. In this latter effort 50,000 trained Red Cross workers are now engaged at 2,500 different places throughout the land.

"The problems of reconstruction, in-

volving feeding and caring for the distressed civilian population of Europe, are of such magnitude that necessarily they must be met very largely by the governments of our allies, with whom our own government will co-operate.

"The great task of fighting tuberculosis, promoting child welfare and caring for refugees, with which the American Red Cross has concerned itself so effectively in France, Italy and Belgium, will at an early date be assumed by the governments, the Red Cross organizations and the relief societies of those countries, which, now that they are released from the terrific burden of waging war, naturally desire to take care, as far as they can, of their own people.

"The war program of the American Red Cross will thus steadily and rapidly merge itself into a peace program. The wake of war will, however, reveal the prevalence of disease and give rise to epidemics and emergencies which in all parts of the world will call for unlimited voluntary effort, the cutting of red tape and the manifestation of those qualities of human sympathy which government action cannot display.

"Here will be the opportunity for the American Red Cross. But even our Red Cross must not and cannot act most effectively alone; we must labor in co-operation with the National Red Cross and relief societies of other nations, to the end that not alone the heart of America but the heart of all mankind may be mobilized on behalf of suffering humanity.

"While, therefore, the plans of the American Red Cross in this direction cannot be formulated specifically, in advance of the general relief program of the Allied governments, the American Red Cross is nevertheless planning to develop its permanent organization in this country upon a scale never before contemplated in time of peace.

"The commissions which are now conducting the activities of the American Red Cross in foreign countries, as well as the temporary war organization in this country, will as a matter of course ultimately merge their energies with those of the permanent organization of the Red Cross.

"With the war has developed the striking and important fact that many men and women, some of whom have met with great success in devoting their lives entirely to business, came into the Red Cross organization at the outset of the war simply that they

might serve their country, but have realized such a satisfaction to themselves in the opportunity to serve mankind that they now desire to become a part of the permanent peace organization of the American Red Cross.

"There may, therefore, be perfect confidence that the peace activities of the Red Cross will be conducted under able and inspiring leadership. The chapters will maintain their organizations upon a scale adequate to the new demands to be made upon them. Local committees will indeed appreciate more and more the value of having in their midst strong and efficient Red Cross chapters. The divisional organizations, with honorary and permanent staffs, will be maintained, always ready for service, and national headquarters will have a large and efficient personnel to direct the activities of the organization as a whole.

"Study is being given by the national organization not alone to problems of

international relief, but to plans in this country for enlarged home service, the promotion of public health education, development of nursing, the care and prevention of accidents, and other correlated lines which may contribute to the health and happiness of men, women and children. Such plans, when developed, will, it is believed, provide both for world relief and for home community service and thus constitute a channel for the continued and useful expression by Red Cross workers and members of those qualities of sympathy and love which our whole people have poured out so unstintedly during this war.

"For the completion of its war work and for the institution of its peace program, the Red Cross is fortunately in a healthy financial condition. Abundant occasion for the use of large funds of money and great quantities of garments and other supplies will continue to arise, but it is believed that there will be no further need for intensive campaigns for funds. The work of supplementing governmental activities which the Red Cross will be called upon to do in all parts of the world will be upon a great scale, but it will call for human service rather than for large expenditures.

"What the American Red Cross needs now is not so much contributions of money as the continued devotion and loyalty of its members. This is peculiarly true at this moment of transition from war to peace. Annual membership involves the payment of only one dollar. The money thus received not only will defray all the administrative expenses of the organization, but will leave it a substantial balance which, together with all funds subscribed directly for relief, is devoted solely to that purpose.

"The roll call of the nation is thus to be called at Christmas time, that through enrollment in their Red Cross the American people may send a message to our soldiers still overseas and to the people of the world that we are not merely content with seeing our arms united with our allies in victory, but that our abiding purpose is that the love, the sympathy and the intelligence of all America shall be rededicated to the permanent service of mankind."

RED CROSS IN THIS DIVISION ALWAYS HAS SET THE PACE

Simmons, Pointing to Remarkable Record, Says He Hopes People in This Section Will Maintain Place in Front.

George W. Simmons, manager for the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross, in a statement given out today said that he hoped the Southwestern Division would continue to set the pace in Red Cross activities.

"In the past we have compelled the other Red Cross divisions to follow us, and I hope we will be able to say that we have an unbroken record as the leading division of the country when the calling of the roll is completed," said Mr. Simmons.

"The people of Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma have in the past nobly responded to all the calls of the Red Cross, and in this membership campaign to be held during the week of Dec. 16-23 I hope the response will be similar to that in the past.

"Will it not be a great achievement if every resident of the division joins the organization? It will mean that for all time we can point to the five states as being 100 per cent loyal to its promises and pledges in both war and peace.

"The Red Cross must continue to give comfort and cheer to the soldiers and sailors overseas and those in the camps in America.

"While the Red Cross will continue to aid the stricken of Europe, we must not neglect preparation for the care of our own people should an emergency arise.

"The women of the five states have given their time to making surgical dressings, refugee garments and to knitting thousands of articles given soldiers and sailors and the poor of Europe by the organization, and to fail to answer the roll call at this time would reflect on their generous efforts.

"It does not appear necessary for me, as manager of this great institution in this great division, to appeal to the people in this division to join, because I feel convinced they will respond. I merely ask that the loyal supporters of the organization—the men, women and children who have made the work of the Red Cross possible—set forth the facts to their friends, so that when the membership campaign period is over we can call to the attention of the world that every resident of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma is a member of America's greatest institution."

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On Every Day in the Year at Murray & Mangum's

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1 lot of boy's shoes up to \$3.00 in value for.....	\$1.50
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Men's \$16.50 Suits for.....	\$12.50
Men's \$17.50 Suits for.....	\$13.50
Men's \$12.50 Suits for.....	\$10.00
Men's \$20.00 Suits for.....	\$15.00
Men's \$3.00 Overshirts for.....	\$2.48
Men's \$2.25 Overshirts for.....	\$1.98
\$1.85 Taffeta for.....	\$1.48
\$1.75 Taffeta for.....	\$1.40

We have some bargains in ladies' and children's Coats.

Don't fail to see our line.

6 lb Roasted Coffee for.....	\$1.00
20 bars of Laundry Soap for.....	\$1.00
20 boxes of Search Light Matches for.....	\$1.00
5 packages of Light House Washing Powders for.....	25c
5 boxes of Success Soda for.....	25c

For each customer that buys \$10 worth of merchandise from us Saturday, Dec. 14, we will present them with a nice market or waste basket.

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Select vigorous breeders: Healthy, vigorous breeders produce strong chicks.

Hatch the chicks early: Early hatched pullets produce fall and winter eggs.

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Produce infertile eggs: They keep better. Fertile eggs are necessary for hatching only.

Cull the flocks: Eliminate unprofitable producers and reduce the feed bill.

Keep a backyard flock: A small flock in the backyard will supply the family table.

Grow your poultry feed: Homegrown feed insures an available and economical supply.

Eat more poultry and eggs: By eating poultry and eggs more freely you will conserve the meat supply.

In order that raw shoe material released by the revised war program may find ready use the war industries board has decided to abandon the recently adopted price-fixing shoe schedules which limited the retail prices of shoes to from \$3 to \$12. By the removal of these limitations more shoes will be manufactured, it is believed, and competition between the various shoe concerns will serve to keep prices down to the proper level.

I am now ready to deliver berry plants. First come, first served. They are scarce this season account of drouth. Better get in your order quick.

M. L. Williams,
Route 4.

Renew your subscription before your time is out.

LETTERS TO

SANTA CLAUS

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 6.—Dear Santa Claus: I'm just a little girl six years old and I have a baby sister four years old, and we are awful anxious to see you and tell you what we want for Christmas but papa said we would have to write as you always came when we were asleep. Now Santa be sure and bring a little wagon so I can take Bertha May for a ride and bring lots of candy and nuts and apples and oranges. If you have some sparklers and some fire crackers that wont hurt my fingers bring me a whole bunch and dont forget the date December 25th.

Your little friend,
Lillie Ruth Durnell.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 4.—Dear Santa Claus: I'm going to write and tell you what I want you to bring me, I want a big sleepy doll with black curly hair and I have a little sister five month's old and I want you to bring her a rubber doll, a rattle, and we want some candy and nuts, don't want any fireworks Santa as the great war is over I know you don't feel able to bring me so much will not ask for anything else, will be pleased if you bring me that much. I'm going to be a smart girl and help mother. I can wash dishes, bring in wood and tend to little sister. So I'm going to hang up my stocking for you.

As ever Mama's, six year old girlie. Annie Belle Allen.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 5.—Dear Santa: I hope you are well and happy, for I am looking for you Xmas night with lots of presents so Santy you please bring me a doll carriage and a toll trunk and lots of fruits and nuts, be sure and don't forget my little brother, I and him was 7 years old the 4th of this month, you bring him a train and a drum. Now you know what a boy needs

any way and you remember my mama, now I thank you for all these things.

Your little girl,
Naoma Tyer.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 10.—Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me the book of Robison Crusoe, and an air gun, two boxes of shots, and some fireworks, fruits candy, candles and nuts. Your little friend,
W. D. Taylor.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 10.—Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a little doll bed, a little doll that can go to sleep and with hair, a story book, nuts, fruits, and a box of candles and candy. Your little friend,
Ruth Taylor.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 9.—Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a little doll, a little story book and a little tiny doll bed and a little pillow, and a little trunk with some clothes, a little teddy bear, nuts, fruits, and candles. Your little friend,
Jeanette Gilbert.

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 4.—Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eleven years old and in the fifth grade. Santa I want you to bring me some fruits and candy, and some fireworks, a watch,

and an air gun.

Your friend,
Ney Sheridan.

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 4.—Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy twelve years old, and in the fifth grade. I want you to bring me an air gun, some fruits and a boy's scout Suit, and a watch. Your truly,
Tom Moore.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 10.—Dear old Santa: Please bring me a big curly headed doll, and fruit of all kinds. I hope you haven't had the flu yet. I will close with love. Your little girl,
Hazel Kent.

Try a sack of Oriole flour for your Christmas cooking. Every sack guaranteed or your money back. Only \$2.90 a sack at Darsey's. Cash register checks with every sale.

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We are in the market for hogs and will pay highest market prices. Be sure and see us before you sell. 42-4 Dailey Bros.

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The Work of the Red Cross must go on

Distress calls!

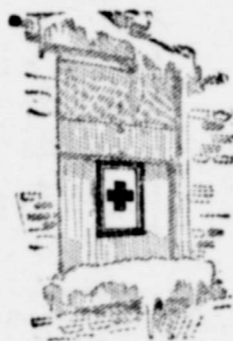
The misery and sickness and destitution throughout the world make relief work necessary, on a scale never before dreamed of.

When distress calls, the Greatest Mother in the World answers "HERE!"

Now, the Red Cross calls!

The annual Christmas Roll Call of members echoes throughout the land this week.

When your name is called, you are going to answer "HERE!"—because you know your duty, and you'll do it.



Put your flag in your window

Join the Red Cross
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Wear your membership button

George E. Darsey & Co.

We have a beautiful RED CROSS CALENDAR that we will give to everyone joining the Red Cross in the Christmas drive. The calendar will be given you upon presentation of your RED CROSS membership receipt.

NO MORE RED CROSS DRIVES

There will not be another drive for Red Cross funds, is the opinion of the head of the American organization. During the week before Christmas there is to be the annual membership roll call when any person may become a member or renew his membership in this great agency of mercy. This is done by the collection of a dollar membership fee.

FOR SALE

One hundred acres of land one mile from town. Good four room house. About twelve acres in timber. Must be sold before January first. See Mr. U. M. Brock, Guaranty State Bank.

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Pepperell Sheetings in all widths at a less price than you can buy. We have no substitute Sheetings to offer. We can save you money on your staple Dry Goods at our Anniversary Sale prices and in addition, give valuable premiums that amount to a bigger discount than others offer. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Xmas goods at Wherry's.

LOCAL NEWS

Alfalfa Hay at Wherry's.

Extra low prices on everything at Wherry's.

Yard wide Bleached Domestic 12 1/2c a yard at Darsey's.

Adjustable Kiddie Kars at Darsey's.

U. M. Brock and family visited in Huntsville Sunday.

Get our prices on FURNITURE before you buy. McLean & Riall.

Miss Mamie Kennedy, who has been teaching near Alto, has returned home.

Good grade of yard wide bleached domestic 12 1/2c at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dural Jones went to Elkhart Saturday to visit relatives.

Big line of suitable gifts for Christmas now on display at McLean & Riall.

Miss Adelaide Hague of Waco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hague.

W. R. Wherry was in Houston the first part of the week on business.

Valuable premiums are given at Darsey's in addition to the extra low prices throughout the store.

Ed Parker has returned home from Camp Stanley, where he has been attending the officers' training school in the Texas Cavalry. He graduated as a sergeant.

Yard wide Diamond Hill Bleached Cambric 20c a yard at Darsey's.

The influenza germ, it is said, is so small it can not be seen with a microscope. Who cares? If they look anything like they feel we never hope to see one.—Macon Telegraph.

Influenza continues to claim many victims. The epidemic seems to be worse this time than when it first started in October. There are many cases here in town and in the surrounding country.

FOR SALE

We have for sale, a five passenger Ford car in good condition.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

CRESCENT Cook Stoves end cooking troubles. Fortunately we bought a car of these Stoves last fall before the big advance and we can SAVE YOU MONEY if you will give us a chance. We are selling them every day.

McLean & Riall.

POSTED

Hunters are hereby notified not to hunt in my fields.

W. C. Laseter.

LOST

Red sow, marked crop and split in right ear, bobbed tail. Been missing two weeks and is no doubt now with pigs. If found notify,

Dock Huff, Grapeland, Route 4.

Walter Howard of Route 1 has the editor's thanks for a lot of nice turnips and greens brought to the office Saturday. They were as fine as any we ever saw.

BIG PRODUCTION PLANNED

Automobile manufacturers are making elaborate plans for resuming the production of passenger cars and motor trucks. Contracts with the government for \$1,000,000,000 worth of munitions will be dropped, it is said, and the program of producing yearly \$1,000,000,000 worth of automobiles taken up in their stead. It is announced that until the nation is well established on a peace basis there will be no decrease in prices of cars.

WHISKY SHIPPED IN COFFIN

Forth Worth, Texas, Dec. 7.—A supposed corpse arrived here early this morning from Monroe, Railroad. The pine box contained La., over the Texas & Pacific Railroad. The pine box contained 160 quarts of whiskey. The camouflaged whiskey was packed in the regulation manner and was accompanied by embalmers undertakers and doctors' certificates. A tip had been received by federal agents who met the "body of the deceased" and then they proceeded to "sit up with the dead" until the "funeral party" showed up. Until 10 o'clock Saturday morning no one claimed the "corpse" and it was then taken to the federal building, local police acting as pallbearers.

The largest and best line of Jewelry at Wherry's.

Iron Beds cheaper than the present wholesale price at McLean & Riall's.

Mrs. L. C. Smith and family have moved from the New Prospect community to Livelyville.

Mrs. Emmet McCall and Mrs. Homer Jones are visiting relatives at Oakwood.

Cash paid for butter, eggs, chickens and all produce during our Thirtieth Anniversary Sale. You can save money at Darsey's.

Darsey's is the store with the Christmas Spirit. In addition to saving money on all purchases during the Anniversary sale, valuable premiums are being given free with cash register checks.

FOR SALE

A good young milch cow, 6 year old mare and a 5-passenger Ford car.

M. E. Bean.

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JANUARY 1, 1919?

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Saturday, December 14th

Is the Last Day of our **Reduced Prices**

If you do not take advantage of these reductions we are offering, you will miss the best opportunity of the season to **SAVE MONEY.**

Ladies' Coats, Dresses and Skirts **25 per cent off**
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 Good Gingham per yd. **17 1/2c**
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Our sales on STAR BRAND SHOES are increasing daily, monthly and yearly. There is a reason. **THEY ARE ALL LEATHER.**

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We have a big line of Christmas Gifts on display both for the little folks and the big folks. Our prices on these goods will sell them.

We pay the **TOP PRICE** for your butter, chickens and eggs.

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Dependable Merchandise Grapeland, Texas

AFTER WAR PROBLEM

Education is one of the biggest after-the-war problems we shall have to confront us. And it is a question simply because our system of education is based mainly on German theories, either direct from Germany or through England. The task of the educator will be to renovate the whole system in order that we may never be infected with the intellectual poison that has destroyed Germany.—Navasota Review.

Dudley Eaves arrived home last week from Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., where he had been in the artillery officers' training school. He left Sunday for Palestine, where he has a position in the high school.

Rev. J. E. Buttrell and wife are now domiciled at the parsonage. Bro. Buttrell is the new pastor of the Methodist church. He preached his first sermon to his new congregation Sunday morning and made a very favorable impression upon his hearers.

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The man who stops his little "ad" is not so very wise, bedad, Because his advertisements tell The public what he has to sell And if his ad is not on deck The people pass him up, by heck And none of them will hesitate To trade with merchants up-to-date. To stop your "ad" we would remark, Is just like winking in the dark; You may not know what it means, but gee, Nobody else can ever see So do not for a moment think That when you cut your printer's ink You're saving money on the side, 'Tis merely business suicide.

A RUSSIAN COMPOSER

Governor Tschaiakowsky of Northern Russia is of the family of the famous composer, Peter Iljitch Tschaiakowsky. — Dallas Musicale.

Well, if this descendent of a well-known line of composers can compose the differences of the Russian people today he will go into history as greater than Peter Iljitch. It was one thing to write intricately harmonious scores for pianoforte players and quite another thing to inculcate political harmonies in a people whose idea of politics seems to be that it is a sort of holy-roller exercise. The Russians are great musicians, great dancers, great writers—at least a few of them are. But what they knowall the work he wants.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

about governing themselves politically isn't as much as a giraffe knows about a doodlebug. —State Press.

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