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PRICE \$1.50 PER YEAR

Christmas Is only a few days off



We will be headquarters for
all kinds of

Xmas Goods

Big shipments of Xmas
goods arriving every day.

Our big display will soon
be ready.

KEELAND BROS.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

Down Come Prices

on everything in our stock in our
DECEMBER SALE

which begins next week

We are going to offer you merchandise at a
price that you have not yet had the opportunity
of getting.

This REDUCTION PRE-INVENTORY
SALE takes place in the face of rising whole-
sale prices and therefore, it offers an oppor-
tunity to buy now at savings that we believe
will not be possible again.

UNDERSTAND THIS WILL NOT BE A
SALE OF BROKEN LOTS.

YOU WILL HAVE A COMPLETE
STOCK OF GOODS TO SELECT FROM.

We need the money and we are going to sell
the goods.

REMEMBER WE WILL BE HEADQUAR-
TERS FOR SANTA CLAUS.

Bring us your Chickens and Eggs.

We Pay the Top Price

W. H. Long & Co.

The Value Giving Store

NEWS FROM REYNARD

Reynard, Dec. 1.—Thanksgiving was observed in our midst, and while the year has not been to our liking in many respects, yet we have many things to be very thankful for. A few families met at the school house and had dinner together and spent the day in a social way. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Edens and Mrs. Dora White and grandchildren spent the day with us. C. H. Beazley and family of Crockett spent the day on the farm. G. B. Kent and family helped and did their part; in fact, they feel and take an interest in our affairs. Tom Kent and family spent the day at his sister's, Mrs. T. F. Dailey's, where where they had a nice dinner and a kind of family reunion.

Maude Fulgham spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

J. L. Chiles had as his guests yesterday two of the "old boys," H. W. Huff and W. W. Pridgen, and all who are well acquainted with these distinguished gentlemen know what he had to contend with. While they do not agree on many things, yet there is a great deal of congeniality between them and the day was spent pleasantly.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Fulgham received a Thanksgiving baby at their home—a girl.

The river is back in its banks for the first time.

The usual routine of work for this time of year is going on.

It is getting close enough until occasionally you hear some one speak of Christmas. Well, it's coming if the December trouble does not knock it out.

It seems like we are bound to have a scrap with Mexico.

Will say this on tithing: We do not object to anyone tithing, but do not believe it is a crime not to tithe, but that we would be more prosperous if we did and have scripture for our belief. In fact, no one has a right to believe anything that cannot be proven by the Bible. Of course we have the privilege to believe anything we want to. How about Lazrus? He must not have tithed. Zack.

Senior Class Entertained

Miss Lydia Ullrich entertained the senior class of the Grapeland High School Wednesday night of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eaves.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of various games and a few contests. Miss Bess Howard was the winner in the "doll contest," Miss Thelma Lee Clewis took honors in the "smelling contest," while Miss Gertrude Nation was given the consolation.

The hostess served hot chocolate and cake as refreshments.

At a late hour the guests departed for their homes, expressing thanks to Miss Ullrich for the evening's splendid entertainment and declaring her to be a superb hostess.

Those present were: Misses Bess Boykin, Bess Howard, Lucindy Darsey, Evagene Murchison, Edith Brown, Lillien Brown, Leta Lively and Gertrude Nation; Messrs. Jot Davis Hollingsworth, Lewis Nance Murchison and Hadie Gilbert.

Henry Haltom, a former citizen of this community for many years, now of Oklahoma, spent last week here on business and meeting his many friends. Mr. Haltom reported fine conditions in Oklahoma. They raised fine crops of every kind, and the good prices they are receiving has put the farmers in fine shape financially. He is well pleased with his experience in his new location.

HEADQUARTERS for Christmas

We are going to be headquarters for
Christmas shoppers.

With Christmas only one month
away, we will in a few days be ready
to have you inspect our Christmas display.

We will have a gift
for everyone

Don't forget your Coupons for
Aluminumware

This ware makes useful Christmas
gifts, and this is free with coupons.



McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

Grapeland, Texas

UNION DOTS

Union, Dec. 1.—After having several days of enjoyment and much "turkey meat," the pupils feel like they can do much better work in school.

Misses Norma Pate, Emma Wallace, Virgie Lundy, Mr. Curtis Walling and Mr. Prewitt DuBose attended the teachers' association at Houston last week.

Misses Mada and Willie DuBose visited their sister, who is attending school in Huntsville.

Several of young people and two of our teachers were frightened last Sunday morning, when the train on which they were riding left the track. Fortunately nobody was hurt.

A number of our boys and girls went kodaking last Sunday afternoon and report a very nice time.

Miss Madge Bean, who has been visiting home folks since last Wednesday, has returned to Huntsville, where she is attending the Sam Houston Normal.

Milton Bean recently underwent a very serious operation in a Galveston sanitarium. He is still very ill, but we are hoping and expecting him to soon enjoy good health.

Misses Myriam and Birdie Weisinger have just returned

from a visit to their sister, Mrs. Roy Harvey, at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Weisinger spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Phillips.

J. M. Pelham and family were guests of Ray Wells Sunday. Shylock.

Notice Tax Payers

Mr. Paul Kennedy has again been employed by the school board to collect taxes and he will be in town every Thursday and Friday for this purpose. You are urged to pay your taxes as early as possible, as we need the money badly to carry on our school.

W. D. Granberry
President of Board

Fords for Sale

1 1918 model Ford roadster with new top, for \$300.00; 1 Ford racer at almost your own price.

C. C. Hill.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips entertained Saturday night in honor of her guest, Miss Georgie Cooper, of Tyler. Those present enjoying the hospitality of the evening were Misses Lucretia Riall, Cecil Walters and Rena Ross Richards; Messrs. Dick Murchison, Chester Owens and Dan McLean.

file copy - Mrs. J. R. Phillips

**Public Health Association
is Fighting Tuberculosis**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 1.—Red Cross Christmas Seals built the Childrens' Hospital at Galveston in 1912. The sale of the seals in 1917 enabled the Texas Public Health Association to donate later \$1,000 for upkeep and additions for the hospital, which was deeded to the state, and is now connected with the John Sealy Hospital.

"The 1919 Red Cross Christmas Seal sale is going over strong," declared O. M. Lowry, campaign director, "and I predict that the sale held December 1 to 10, will provide funds for much more health work over the state. When all reports are collected at headquarters, I believe we will find that over 20,000,000 of the little seals of good health have been sold. The 90 per cent of the \$200,000 raised will remain in the Lone Star State for the benefit of Texans."

The Childrens' Hospital cares for crippled and deformed children, especially those with glandular and bone tuberculosis. Many cases are cured every year, and the little tots are brought back to a healthy, happy life, and are made as strong and well as ever.

Such work is only one phase of the health activities of the Texas Public Health Association in its fight against tuberculosis. Field workers, public health nurses, and other staff workers are sent among every race and class of people in Texas. Open air schools, free clinics, preventoria, dispensaries, tuberculosis hospitals and other anti-tuberculosis institutions are being worked for, and with a successful seal sale an extensive health program is planned for 1920.

The Right to Exist

Some time ago when the French railway employees went on strike, and soldiers took charge of the trains at the direction of the government, a delegation of strikers waited upon Premier Clemenceau and demanded "by what right conscripted soldiers were employed to run the trains?" And then and there Clemenceau uttered a sentiment which it is well for all in this country to keep in mind. He said: "By the right of the community to exist."

With strikes pending and threatened, remember that the community has a right to exist. A contention between steel workers and their employers, and disagreement between coal miners and the operators, does not remove this right.—Columbus Dispatch.

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

**Grapeland School Granted
More Units of Affiliation**

On Nov. 13, Mr. Peyton Irving Jr., of the state department of education, Austin, made an inspection of the Grapeland school, and below we print the report made to the department, which shows that recommendations were made for further affiliation with the State University:

"Grapeland high school has complied with all requirements to be classed as a high school of the first class. It is now asking for extension of credit in Latin, History, Physics and Agriculture. The laboratory for Physics is adequate and the library will be adequate for all histories taught as soon as books arrive which the superintendent bought after a conference with the supervisor.

"The school occupies the second floor of a two story brick building some seven years old. The structure itself is fairly modern, and fairly kept, in view of the sandy nature of the soil on which it stands. Toilets are of the outside kind. The auditorium on the second floor is seated with some 500 opera chairs. Ventilating heating stoves are in each room.

"Vocational agriculture is being given in the school this year to some 16 or 18 boys. This course, equipment and plans for teaching them, have been approved by the state director of teaching vocational agriculture. One and one-half units are to be asked for credit done in this subject.

"After a day's visit a conference was held with the teachers. The superintendent was told that application might be made at once for affiliation of 1 unit in English History; early European history 1 unit; Modern European history 1 unit; agriculture 1 1-2 units; Latin 2 units, and Physics 1 unit. The faculty was also advised that material might be submitted in connection with this application, the material to be collected in January or February, 1920, following the mid-year examinations."

Miss Clewis Entertains

Miss Thelma Lee Clewis was hostess to several couples of young people Thanksgiving night. Those fortunate to have an invitation and enjoy the entertainment of the evening were: Misses Agnes Murray, Evagene Murchison, Edith and Lillien Brown, Bess Howard, Melba Brock; Messrs. Leroy Davis, Otto Walling, Pete Jones, Melvin Darsey, Herman Murchison, Jot Davis Hollingsworth, Louis Nance Murchison and Nesbitt Lively.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people of Grapeland and adjoining communities for their kindness during, and since the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Mrs. Emma Oliver and Children.

**No. 768
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the
THE GUARANTY
STATE BANK**

At Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 17th day of November, 1919, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 4th day of December, 1919.

Resources:

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 61,346.32
Loans, real estate	5,205.39
County Warrants	3,345.82
Bonds and stocks	38,350.00
Real estate (banking house)	3,428.90
U. S. Certs. of Indebtedness	22,201.64
Furniture and fixtures	2,651.70
Due from approved reserve agents net	50,069.30
War Saving Stamps and Certfs.	1,698.76
Cash items	1,093.14
Currency	18,107.00
Specie	3,190.85
Interest and assessment in Depositors Guaranty fund	1,488.40
Acceptances and bills of Exchange	13,992.45
Other resources: Collections and Victory bond acct.	1,051.66
Total	\$227,221.33

Liabilities:

Capital stock paid in	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus fund	8,149.50
Undivided profits, net	3,635.65
Individual deposits, subject to check	147,327.68
Time certificates of deposit	21,641.95
Cashier's checks	2,016.55
Bonds deposited	24,450.00
Total	\$227,221.33

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

C. W. Kennedy,
President.
U. M. Brock,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, A. D., 1919.
(SEAL) John A. Davis,
Justice Peace, Prec. No. 5,
Houston County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
E. G. Walling,
J. C. Kennedy,
M. P. Herold,
Directors.

Old Times and the New

Imagine a family living in 1880. There is a father, a mother, two sons and a daughter. The parents each work twelve hours a day, and the children each ten. In a week the family has accomplished what would be 324 hours of work for a single person. The recreation consists in going to church on Sunday, in occasional walks or buggy rides on a moonlight night, or in a little skating, coasting, and sleighing in the winter, with a limited amount of sweetheating for the young people on Saturday and Sunday nights only. All this costs practically nothing.

Here is a typical picture of today. In a similar family the father and the older son work 44 hours a week and the younger son and daughter not at all. Their weekly output amounts to 130 hours of work for a single person, or a little more than a third than that of the 1880 family. Their usual diversions are movie shows and automobile trips, costing them weekly the pay for about 35 hours of work. This leaves some 93 hours of work to support them, or about one-fourth as much as in the case of the other family. In the main they are happy, but they are very much worried about the cost of living.—Collier's Weekly.

WRIGLEY'S

5c a package before the war

5c a package during the war

5c a package NOW

THE FLAVOR LASTS SO DOES THE PRICE!

UNITED STATES COUPONS

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT GUM

WRIGLEY'S DOUBLEMINT CHEWING GUM

WRIGLEY'S PEPPERMINT CHEWING GUM

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LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 1.—People in this community took advantage of the cold weather and killed several hogs. We hope the clear weather will continue so we can have fresh meat for several days.

Children and parents were disappointed here as school was in session on Thanksgiving day, and the dinner had to be postponed until supper in order to have the time honored family gathering around the table on this day of all days.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkins, when their daughter, Ethel, was given in marriage to Mr. John E. (Bunk) Smith. The bride was attired in blue georgette crepe gown, and carried a shower bouquet of brides' roses. Rev. J. F. Lively officiated. The happy couple will reside near Grapeland. We join their many friends in best wishes for a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, Paul MacDonald, Raymond Garner and Arthur Guice took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mills Sunday.

Several of our young men are buying flocks of chickens. Don't ask questions. That's all we know.

Mrs. E. Howard spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. C. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have a very sick baby. We hope it will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom and family and Miss Lila Dennis attended services at Salmon yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones entertained the young folks of this community with an old fashion candy breaking last Friday night. They all report a good time.

Hillyard, Joe, Willie and Hor-

ace Redmond, Arthur Guice and Alma and Lenard Howard spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Garner.

NEWS FROM SLOCUM

Slocum, Dec. 1.—Earl Gilmore and Miss Eva Rains were married Thursday night at the court house in Palestine, which was a surprise to their many friends. We wish them great success through life.

N. R. Strong left for Port Arthur Monday.

Mrs. A. P. Tims motored to Grapeland Tuesday.

Mrs. Nuta Johnson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ausbrook, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Corra Day visited their parents here Sunday.

Miss Cammie Thompson is at home this week.

Little Miss Sammie Lee McDaniel and Mae Etta Blair spent the night with Mrs. Tims.

C. C. Tims and family left for Donkey county last Wednesday.

Troy McDaniel happened to a serious accident while on his way to school Monday. His horse began to stumble while crossing a bridge and fell off, killing the horse and breaking one of Troy's arms and otherwise bruised him.

Our Honor Roll

The following have our thanks for their subscription:
Route 3—Mrs. Rhodie Finch.
Route 4—Douglass Beazley.
Palestine—Miss Lois Powell.
Woodworth, La.—Mrs. Chas. Kent.
Hemphill—Mrs. John Mason.
Elkhart—J. L. Kennedy.
Corpus Christi—Mrs. L. P. Brooks.
Giles—Lee Nanny. (By C. C. Willingham.)
Westbrook—N. H. Montgomery Jr.
Slocum—Frank Ward.
Corsicana—G. L. Payne.

**The
Metropolitan
Singers**

**A High Class Musical Attraction
3 Ladies 2 Men**

Tuesday Night Dec. 16

High School Auditorium

Don't Miss this Good Number

It Looks Like a Cold Winter How About Your Overcoat?



Judging from the biting, cold wind that arrived here this week, it looks as tho' the winter is going to be rather cold.

We don't pretend to be weather prophets—notice how guardedly we say "it looks as though." But whether this winter is going to be a severe one or not, men always desire overcoats that can give the right kind of cold protection and proper appearance on all days. We have just received an overcoat that does this in our line of—

Styleplus Clothes

\$30-\$35-\$40-\$45
And some at \$25

On a chilly day you wear the collar down in the snug fitting fashion shown here—on real cold days you need only to turn up the convertible collar and button up the convertible collar and button up for warmth and comfort.

This particular overcoat model is one of the choice plums of the season. It is designed along smart, attractive lines. Every operation, and there are over 50 in the making of this overcoat, has been carefully done by master workmen. When you visit this store, we will be

glad to show you the care and pains that are taken in its building. Effectively quarter-lined with first quality material.

The best weaves of America's looms included in this selection at—

\$15.00 to \$35.00

We are Exclusive Agents in Grapeland for,

Mallory Hats
Perfecto Shirts
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THE BEST PLACE IN
GRAPELAND TO BUY

Stetson Hats
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and other necessary dress
accessories for men.

You can save money by buying your wearing apparel at our special prices. We guarantee you a perfect fit, correct styles and lasting service at a big saving in price.

CASH REGISTER CHECKS GIVEN WITH EVERY PURCHASE

George E. Darsey & Co.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE



Every Day

more men step into comfortable perfect-fitting Florsheims.

Any man who has worn Florsheims—will tell you they are good shoes—they cost more than ordinary shoes at the start but they are worth more in the end.



"The Next to go" Now Slogan in Tuberculosis Campaign.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 1.—"The Next to go" is the nationwide slogan in the fight against tuberculosis. The great white plague that kills thousands of Texans every year will be the next disease stamped out, declares the Public Health Association, which for eight years has been waging war on tuberculosis.

The official poster in the Red Cross Christmas Seal sale, which will finance the war on tuberculosis, will be seen all over the state on billboards and in windows during the sale, December 1 to 10. It pictures a father closing the door to the gaunt figure of the disease, which vainly tries to force its way in to attack father, mother and child.

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, particularly beneficial for elderly men. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Death of Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Ed Smith died last Friday, November 28, 1919, at her home two miles southeast of Grapeland, and her remains were buried Friday afternoon in the Denson cemetery.

Mrs. Smith had been in ill health for several months, and recently went to Marlin in the hope of being restored to good health. She was a member of the local order of the Woodmen Circle.

She is survived by her husband and five children.

Safe Farming Campaign

College Station, Texas, Nov. 29.—At the recent meeting of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, held in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12, 13, 14, plans were worked out for an extensive safe farming campaign to be conducted during the winter months, according to T. O. Walton, Director of Extension Service, A. & M. College of Texas, who has just returned from this meeting.

Realizing the possibility of the farmers of the south being attracted by the high price and thus induced to plant an excessive acreage to cotton, the Directors of Extension Services worked out plans for bringing to their attention the importance of a well balanced farm program. It was recognized that the present prosperity enjoyed by the farmers is not due to prevailing prices of cotton alone, but rather to the fact that farmers have been producing their home supplies to a greater degree in the past four years than during any previous period, and if they are to continue prosperous they must first provide for a living at home.

Largely through the efforts of the Extension Divisions of the land grant colleges the southern farmers have been induced to grow their home supplies regardless of the price for which cotton may sell and it will prove disastrous to the farmers as a whole to discontinue this practice.

The present price of cotton is largely due to two factors: First—low yield, caused by extreme wet weather and the ravages of insect pests. Second—the weather conditions have been such that they were forced to harvest their cotton slowly and therefore market it slowly, thus preventing the glutting of the market and further to a considerable reduction of the crop by reason of failure to harvest before destruction by wind and weather.

Under normal conditions it is estimated that the 1919 cotton acreage would have produced from 15,000,000 to 16,000,000 bales, whereas, the October estimate is only about 10,000,000 bales, or more than one-third

less than the normal possibilities, and it is likely that this estimate may lack much of being realized. However, a similar acreage in 1920 would probably produce a crop which could not be marketed at profitable prices, therefore, the 1920 program will advocate that a sufficient acreage be set aside to produce an abundance of food and feed crops and that the surplus lands be planted to cotton.

Living at home, keeping a few pure bred livestock for marketing the surplus, and adequate storage facilities, so that banner crops may be saved until needed, instead of wasted or sacrificed, will be the leading factors.

Mention of increasing live stock on the farm causes most people to think of the ranchman or dairyman, whereas the object of this movement is to get the small farmer to keep a few pure bred live stock in order that he may market surplus feed through them. The service has never advocated a one-crop system of any kind for any farmer. On the other hand, living at home, keeping a few pure bred live stock and the erection of adequate storage facilities has always been their slogan and this will be emphasized in the 1920 campaign.

Death of Dewey Willis

Dewey Willis, about 20 years of age, son of Mrs. Lucy Willis of the Rock Hill community, died in the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston Saturday, November 29, 1919.

He had been in ill health since last winter, when he had a severe attack of influenza, from which he never fully recovered. Wednesday of last week he was carried to Galveston for examination, in the hope that physicians there might be able to correctly diagnose the case, and if possible, effect a cure. His death was a great shock to his family and many friends, as his condition was not thought to be so serious.

His remains were brought in Sunday night and carried to his home, and burial took place Monday afternoon, Rev. J. E. Buttrill of this city conducting the services.

Deceased is survived by his mother and several sisters and brothers.

Death of Baby

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 1.—The 21 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Whitley died last Thursday at the family home. The funeral and burial took place at the Elkhart cemetery Friday.

Rev. Frank E. Luker and his wife will leave the last of the week for Athens, where the former has been assigned as pastor of the Methodist church for the ensuing conference year. They have made many warm friends during their residence of four years in Wills Point and will have the best wishes of all in their new location.—Wills Point Chronicle.

"I Believe I Could Not Have Lived

If I Had Not Taken Rich-Tone."
—Says N. P. Stevens.

"This truly wonderful tonic has done me more good than all the doctors' treatments and I have been under the care of several eminent physicians. I am truly grateful for the benefit I have received from taking Rich-Tone and recommend it to all people who are physically weak and run down."

Take RICH-TONE and gain new energy

Not one penny will Rich-Tone cost you. If it doesn't prove of genuine worth in treating your case. You are to be the judge—try this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy, a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up, then Rich-Tone will be free to you—it will not cost you anything—not one penny.

You owe it to yourself to try this marvelous remedy. You owe it to your family and friends to be strong, well, happy, bright of eye, brisk of step, ruddy of cheek, able to go about your work with a smile on your lips! Try Rich-Tone entirely at our risk. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold and guaranteed locally by

For the CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

Make this Christmas a season of useful giving. There are many gift suggestions at this store, and everyone of which will be doubly appreciated for its attractiveness and usefulness. On this page we call your attention to a few of the many things that you will find here and a trip to this store will reveal to you many things suitable for men, women, boys, girls, tiny tots and the home.



HANDKERCHIEFS

We are showing many new ideas in handkerchiefs especially adapted for the holidays. These handkerchiefs are shown in sheer lawns and organdies, linen and silk materials. They are here in sizes suitable for men, ladies and children, beautifully embroidered, sold singly and in attractive boxes.



GLOVES

Nothing is more appreciated than a pair of GLOVES. We have ladies' kid gloves in black, grey, tan and white. Our showing of men's gloves includes cape gloves in dark gray and tan and kid gloves in gray. Our showing also includes knit gloves, gauntlets and automobile gloves for men, women and boys.



HIS GIFT

It will be easy to select the gift for "him" from our showing of men's furnishings. We are now showing beautiful patterns in silk shirts, silk hosiery and men's jewelry, as well as a complete line of wearing apparel. Whether it is a neck tie, pair of shoes or an overcoat, he'll like it if it comes from this store.



TRAVELING BAGS

Our showing of travelers' goods embraces an extensive line of hand bags in convenient sizes and suit cases of serviceable materials and trunks in attractive designs. Nothing will make a more acceptable gift for a man or woman who travels. We have received many new things in this line recently. Let us show you.

TISSUE PAPER—in rolls of 12 sheets size 15 x20 inches, per roll 5c

HOLLY PAPER—in sheets size 30x20 inches price each 1c

GEORGE E. DARSEY & COMPANY

Artesian Well to be Drilled for Farm West of Crockett

Crockett, Texas, Dec. 1.—Dr. P. S. Griffith of Houston of the oil firm of Burt & Griffith, three years ago bought a 1,000-acre stock farm two miles west of Crockett for the purpose of prospecting for oil. The doctor recently sent an artesian water well drilling outfit here for the purpose of drilling for water with which to supply his stock and hopes to get enough to irrigate a section for truck growing.

The outfit will drill to a depth of 1,200 feet and to that extent will demonstrate the shallow oil prospects of this locality. Much activity has been in evidence on the part of oil developers for the past six months in this section, thousands of acres having been leased.

Will Bring Bodies Back

The war department has announced its intention of bringing back to the United States the bodies of the soldiers who died in France during the war, should their next of kin request it. Arrangements have been completed for the return of the bodies from other countries as well as France.

Will Buy Your Hogs

I am in the market for all kinds of hogs from 60 pounds up, and will pay you the best market price for them. Be sure to see me before you sell.

J. W. Howard.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. C. L. Moore, the dentist, is now in Grapeland, at the Grapeland Hotel, and is ready to do all kinds of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.

Mr. Andrew J. Spence, for many years a prominent citizen of Houston county residing in the Wesley Chapel community, died at his home in Post City last Saturday of pneumonia. Mr. Spence and his wife were here in the summer and spent several weeks visiting their many relatives and friends. Deceased is a brother of Messrs. M. S., A. B. and S. C. Spence of this city, and J. W. Spence of Latexo.

The Federal Bureau of Crop Estimates places the condition of the Texas cotton crop at only 46 per cent or normal in its report of October. The lowest is 16 per cent for the southeast and the highest is 96 per cent in the northwest.

Turkeys Gobble Worms that Gobble Cotton; Fatten Purses

Temple, Texas, Dec. 1.—It is estimated that the turkey crop of Bell county will add at least \$80,000 to the wealth of the county this year, which is the best record attained in many years. More turkeys have been raised than ever before, which is accounted for by the unusually excellent conditions that have prevailed.

An average of 23 cents per pound has been received and the birds are larger and heavier by reason of the fact that there has been more feed than usual on the ranges. In sections where the leaf worms stripped cotton foliage, the result was an indirect benefit to the birds, and a mixed benefit to the farmer, for while the worms devoured his cotton, his turkeys gobbled the worms.

Luther Lively of Grapeland has bought the Mrs. Sue Smith place in south Crockett, and he and his family are moving into their new home this week. Mr. Lively bought the Dr. Stokes farm sometime ago and will engage in farming. Crockett welcomes this splendid family to their new home. — Houston County Times.

Specials

For Friday and Saturday

- \$7.00 ladies' shirt waist for \$5.98
- \$6.00 Blankets for \$5.50
- \$6.50 Blankets \$6.00
- \$5.00 Blankets for \$4.50
- \$3.00 Comforts for \$2.25
- Best grade Outings, per yard 25c
- Ginghams, per yard 25c

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LADIES—Don't fail to see the beautiful line of bag frames received at Darsey's this week.

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W. R. Campbell of Elkhart was here on business last Friday.

Olney McLean and Curtis Scarborough of Augusta left Tuesday night for Breckenridge.

Miss Ethel Lundy of Lovelady visited Mrs. J. M. Murray this week.

Beautiful premiums given for Cash Register Checks during Darsey's big cut price sale.

Miss Minnie Lee Hague left Saturday for Merkle, where she has a position in the public schools of that city.

New Price on Hulls
Until further notice we will sell hulls at \$16.00 per ton. If you need any see me.
O. W. Davis.

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Chas. Wall, Dan McLean and Chester Owens attended an entertainment at Elkhart Thanksgiving night. They report a real nice time in spite of the bad weather.

Town Lots

Still have a few choice lots unsold in Selkirk Addition. Better see me at once and select the ones you want.
J. M. Selkirk.

Miss Georgia Cooper, former teacher in the Grapeland school, now teaching in the city schools at Tyler, spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with her many friends.

Farm Hand Wanted
Want to hire a farm hand; will furnish good house, wood and water. C. A. Campbell, Salmon, Texas.

For Sale
Macatawa berry plants; better get yours before they are gone. See, write or phone me your wants. M. L. Williams, Route 4.

E. B. Dourough and family arrived last week from Mt. Vernon and will make their home here, Mr. Dourough having purchased the farm of E. L. Frisby in the Hays Spring community, but for the present they will live in town, having rented Mrs. Taylor's residence.

Tucker Campbell of Salmon was carried to Houston last Wednesday and underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Baptist Sanitarium. He was accompanied by his father, C. A. Campbell, who returned Saturday morning, stating that he stood the operation well and was doing nicely.

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J. E. Hollingsworth.

Peanuts Wanted this Week

If you have peanuts to sell, better get them in this week, as the season is about over and the last car will soon be shipped. Can pay you a better price this week than in the future.
O. W. Davis.

Mule Taken Up

Dark sorrel, mare mule, with small knot in forehead, branded L on left shoulder, about 14 1-2 hands high and about 12 or 14 years old; professional jumper. Owner please call for same at once and pay for this notice.
Ed Edge,
2t Grapeland, Route 2.

Notice Woodmen

Next Saturday night is the time to elect officers and if you have the interest of the Camp welfare that you should have as a member, you should be present and take part in the selection of men to hold the different offices in the lodge.
M. E. Ben, C. C.

For Sale

My half interest in the Den-sonson & Walton Barber Shop; also my one-half interest in the E. W. Davis farm of 100 acres 1 1-2 miles east of town on the Augusta road. See me for particulars.
Connor Denson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jones of Percilla left Sunday for Houston to spend a few days. Mr. Jones has rented his farm and will engage in something else for awhile, and thought perhaps he would locate in Houston if he found something that suited him.

Lee Finch and family and Arthur Brooks and family of the New Prospect community left Tuesday for Alto, where they will reside in the future. We regret to see good people like these splendid families leaving our community, but join their numerous friends in best wishes for their success in their new location.

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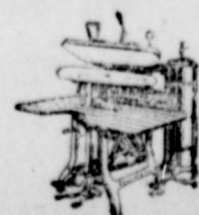
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The Tithing Question Again

In the following paper I am presenting what shall be final with me at this time on the subject of tithing. Not that I am going to exhaust the subject by any means, for there is really so much which could be said in favor of tithing that what I have said and what I shall say in this article cover only a small part of the ground. But I feel that a long drawn-out discussion would be neither interesting to nor desired by the readers of the Messenger, so this shall be my concluding paper on the subject.

The Epistle to the Hebrews was written to counteract the influence of the Judaizers who troubled the Hebrew Christians, as they did also the Gentile churches of Galatia, teaching that Christians must keep the ceremonial law of Moses in order to be saved. The writer of the Hebrew letter shows that Christ is a high priest forever, not after the order of Aaron, but after the order of Melchizedek, (Heb. 6, 20), the "heathen Jebusite," if you please, who was greater than Abraham and to whom Abraham paid tithes. (Heb. 7, 1-17). "For the priesthood being changed there is made of necessity a change also of the law," (Heb. 7, 12), meaning clearly enough to my mind a change in the ceremonial law and not in the moral law. Before the law was given to Moses it was wrong to murder, it was wrong during the Mosaic dispensation, and it is wrong today. So with lying, stealing, and with robbing either man or God. In Lev. 27, 30, it is said "the tithe is the Lord's." Not SHALL BE, as a new feature in a new REGIME; but "IS"—the statement of a truth that is true in all ages. When the Hebrews did not pay the tithes they were rightly accused of robbing God. (Mal. 3, 8). What should be said of professing Christians today who enjoy the benefits of Christianity, blessings and benefits far superior to those enjoyed by the Jews before Christ, and who retain for their own personal use not only the nine-tenths which they could rightfully keep after paying God his rent (the tithe) but most of God's tenth as well?

It is true that we live in a great and glorious country where church and state are separate and must ever remain so. Yet the wise men who laid the foundations of our country had too much business sense to try to maintain the government by voluntary offerings from its citizens—each citizen to give as he might prosper and according to his love of country or according to his own individual judgment in the matter. Such a plan would soon have ended disastrously for the country. But provision was made for all citizens to be taxed fairly and justly according to a definite basis, and not in any old haphazard way that each citizen might determine for himself. God surely has as much business sense as

men have. If so, would he have been exercising that business sense if He had left the financing of His Kingdom, which was to include all countries, to the caprice of men without any other system whatever than for each to determine for himself just how little he could give and "get by" with it?

If Corinthians were to give as they might prosper and still not tithe, and if we are to give as we may prosper and not tithe, what was and what is to determine the proportion of one's gift to one's income? Shall love so determine? If so, the man who loves much will give much and the more he gives the more he will want to give, while the man who loves little will give little and the less he gives the less he will desire to give. Thus there will be the two extremes with neither fairness nor proportion in the system. Shall individual judgment be the determining factor? If so, the results will be just as unfair, just as unsystematic, and just as disproportionate as ever.

Such is the plan that been tried in days gone by. It has been unfair, unjust and unbusiness-like. It has crippled the church and prevented her from performing her great task in the world. It has brought disgrace and dishonor upon Christ's cause. It has hindered Christian education, thereby limiting the number of missionaries, ministers and church leaders in general. It has kept the church from obeying in any adequate way the command of Christ "go make disciples of all nations." It has forced the church to neglect her work of benevolence and leave that task which ought to be done by and in the name of the church for the state or for secret orders to do. It has handicapped preachers in their work, caused them to be looked upon as having no business sense, forced them into the position of having to accept the "10 per cent off", some times even from irreligious business men, has materially aided in causing them to be dubbed the "third gender," and is largely responsible for so many red-blooded young men considering with indifference if not contempt the ministry as a life work. It has caused the good women of the church to rack their brains and work themselves sick trying to raise funds for the Lord's cause by fairs, bazaars, suppers of various kinds, etc., given in the name of religion and for the purpose of prizing a few dollars out of the pockets of non-church members and church members alike. It has led to out-and-out beggary in the name of the church. No wonder some wag was caused to remark that the church must be divine or it could not live, being conducted on such unbusiness-like lines.

Nearly all of the larger religious bodies are in or have just passed through big financial campaigns. They are trying to make up, in part at least, at one

time for years of neglect and failure. If all professed Christians had tithed during the past twenty-five years there would be no need of these great campaigns now on. And there would be far more money for the Lord's work than there will be, too, after the campaigns are all concluded. Members of one communion, the Disciples of Christ, give annually one-fortieth or two and one-half per cent of their income to God, thus, as it were, stealing seven and one-half per cent or between thirty-five and forty millions of dollars from God each year. And let that religious body that is without sin in this respect cast the first stone at the Disciples of Christ!

Personally, after seeing some of the evil results of the haphazard method of giving to the Lord's work, and after reading what the various Dicks, Toms and Harrys were saying on the subject of tithing, both pro and con, and studying the teachings of the Bible on the same subject, I became convinced that tithing is God's plan of financing His Kingdom. Not the giving of the tithe in the wrong way, but as an act of worship. Being thus convinced, I did not vow to tithe, neither did I weep over the tithing question, but I began in a practical way to test the matter for myself by actually tithing. Jesus said on one occasion, "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself." (Jno. 7, 17.) And I think the same words might well be applied to the question of tithing. Or, to put the matter in words just a bit different but with practically the same meaning, if you are still in doubt about tithing and want that doubt removed use the practical test and be convinced.

Since this article is perhaps too long already, I shall not attempt to answer here the questions Dr. Black asked last week. Those questions are fully answered in each of the following pamphlets, to any one or to all of which I refer both Dr. Black and anyone else who may want to see the questions answered: "The Lord's Exchequer," by Geo. F. Hall, (The Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, O.); "How to Inaugurate the Tithing System in the Local Church," by Bert Wilson, (Men and Millions Movement, Cincinnati, O.); and "How to Tithe and Why," (Joint Centenary Movement, M. E. Church, South, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.).

G. H. Farmer.

Census Enumerators' Final Examination

On November 21 and 22, 1919, there were 170 applicants for census work who took the examination in this district, and as we will be unable to secure sufficient enumerators out of this number, there will be another examination held at the courthouse in Crockett, Texas, on Saturday, December 6th, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m., and 1 o'clock p. m., which will be a final test. Those desiring said position who have not made application for same will be permitted to take said test by applying to the examiner for application blanks who will furnish same, and upon filling out said application and filing same with said examiner.

J. H. Painter,
Supervisor, 7th District.

Corn Wanted

I want to buy 1000 to 1500 bushels of good ear corn. Will pay \$1.00 per bushel. Bring what you have to sell.
J. W. Howard

Cotton Report

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E. B. Hale, Agent.

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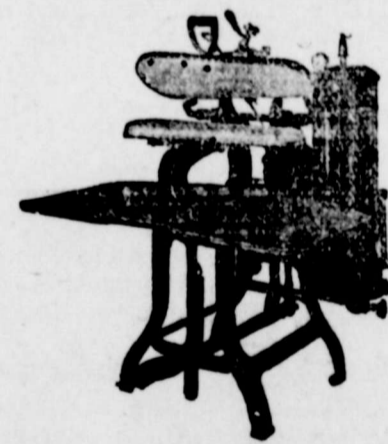
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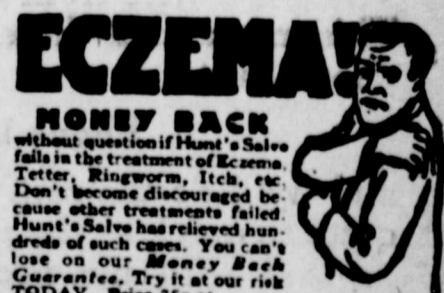


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