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DISTRICT COURT NEWS.

Crockett, Texas, Nov. 7.—District court criminal docket is still grinding and business past week is as follows:

State vs Cele Carsen, murder, not guilty.

State vs Hiram Reece, murder, guilty, and punishment at ten years in penitentiary.

State vs W. T. Craig, assault to murder, not guilty.

State vs Jim Gibson, theft of hogs, guilty and given two years in the penitentiary.

State vs Hugh Conner, murder, continued by State on account of absence of material witnesses.

District Attorney McDonald has been quite sick this week and County Attorney John Spence has been representing the State in criminal cases.

Mesdames B. S. Elliott and Chester Kennedy of Augusta were in the city this week visiting relatives.

Miss Jessie Sheridan is dangerously ill at the home of her father, John R. Sheridan, in West Crockett.

Quite a large delegation of the members of the Masonic lodge in Crockett attended the funeral of Rev. J. E. Kennedy at Lovelady Monday. Mr. Kennedy had many friends in Crockett and was deservedly popular.

Hon. W. V. Clark and daughter, Mrs. R. C. Stokes, left

Tuesday for Mineral Wells where they will make their future home. PHOENIX.

Mr. K. C. Alsep and Miss Mamie Rawls were quietly married last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rawls at Denson Springs. We extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life. H. F. Anthony and sister, Miss Zuma, and Miss Cora Smith of Huntsville (relatives of the bride) attended the wedding.

Dr. H. S. Robertson and W. H. Lively left with their families last Friday for Lytle, Texas, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Lively will engage in the drug business and Dr. Robertson will continue practicing medicine. Dr. Robertson has been prominently identified with Grapeland people for a number of years. Besides doing a large professional business, he was the editor of the Messenger five years and by his fearless and able writings made friends by the hundred. Grapeland people deeply regret the loss of these two good families and the Messenger joins all in bestowing upon them sincere wishes for success and happiness in their new home.

Miss Maude Sory went up to Palestine Monday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Sam Moore.

J. O. Teagarden of Greenville is in the city this week in the interest of establishing a State Bank. This is Mr. Teagarden's second visit to our city in the interest of this institution. Nothing definite has been given out yet, and we can only hope that the proposition will meet with encouragement enough to warrant its establishment.

Jim Saxon has sold his business to N. J. Tims of Waneta, and will locate somewhere in West Texas. Mr. Tims has been in business several years, recently selling out to Mart Howard. Mr. Tims will take charge by the 20th and we hope he will do a profitable business. We regret to lose Mr. Saxon as he is one of our best citizens and has made many friends while here. Best wishes of Messenger go with him and his family.

T. M. Collins of Mart, Texas, sends in his renewal. Mr. Collins writes that he and his family are enjoying good health and doing well.

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Buster Brown, who is to visit Texas this fall, and who has promised Geo. E. Darsey to visit Grapeland, is 43 years old and weighs only 41 pounds, and wears only a number 10 1/2 (small!) shoe. Don't fail to see him.

Rev. W. H. Caldwell and daughters, Misses Myra and Ada, and Dr. F. C. Woodard attended the funeral of Rev. J. E. Kennedy at Lovelady Monday afternoon.

Look out for three Poland China and Berkshire hogs marked over slope and under hack in each ear. Report information to The Messenger.

Mack Martin left Wednesday for Waverly where he has accepted a good position in the express office.

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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, NOV. 9, 1905.

LA TEXO ITEMS.

La Texo, Nov. 7.—The bird season is now open and it's bang, bang, on every side. Some bring in birds and some after shooting away the value of a year's work in boll weevil cotton in shells, don't bring a single bird.

W. L. Smith and Dr. Meriwether took a hunt last Friday. They killed seven out of thirty shots, but the dog caught one. Mr. Smith has a fine blood dog, whose superior does not exist in the United States. He has a fine pedigree. Mr. Smith refused \$300.00 for him before he left Virginia. Now, don't you forget he gets there all the time.

Mrs. Wheeler spent a couple of days in town this week visiting her son, R. F. Wheeler.

Mr. R. F. Wheeler left Saturday for St. Louis where he will engage in business.

Mr. Nat Wetzel, who formerly managed the Louisiana & Texas Orchard Co., has rented the Alta Vista hotel at Corpus Christi, where he will run a winter resort.

All those who are selling out around Grapeland and moving west should come to La Texo. No better place to live and prosper can be found in Texas and lands are plentiful, but advancing in price. Now is the time to buy.

Mr. Marion Willis died last Friday at his residence at Spence's Mill of typhoid fever. His family have the sympathy of the whole community in this sad hour.

Miss Freddie Luker and Mrs. Lambert were visiting in Crockett this week.

Mr. Chas. Bruton is making syrup this week for the neighborhood and it is fine. Mr. Editor, you should have a jug and add to your sweetness.

Mr. Riley Murchison's little girl, Lucy May, came very near being badly burned to-day. She and her little brother were play-

ing in the fire, when her dress caught fire and was all ablaze on one side when her mother (who was at work in the kitchen) ran to her and succeeded in putting out the blaze. She was dangerously burned as it is. Her arm is the only place seriously burned between the elbow and body. All that saved her was her heavy underclothing.

The cabbage crop is doing well. They are now heading and will soon be ready to ship. REX.

GOES TO EAGLE PASS.

Rev. J. E. Morgan, who has faithfully served the Methodist church here as pastor for the past two years, will move with his family in a few days to Eagle Pass, Texas, near the Mexican border. Rev. Morgan made application for a transfer from the Texas to the West Texas conference, same being granted and Eagle Pass station was assigned to him.

Bro. Morgan has served well his congregation during the past two years, making an excellent pastor, and probably no preacher has in such a short time endeared himself more to the people than has Bro. Morgan. His departure will not only be regretted by the members of his church, but by the entire town and community.

Messenger extends Bro. Morgan and family best wishes for success and contentment in their new home and heartily commends them to the good people of Eagle Pass.

Miss Jessie Meriwether of Daly's left Monday night for Beaumont, where she has a position in a school.

If the Plaster Automatic Gate was a fake I would not advertise it. I would want to keep it a secret, but I know they're all right and that's the reason I am telling you about it. Want one? Wyley Caskey.

SAD DEATH OF A YOUNG GIRL.

Died—Sunday, October 15th, after an illness of two weeks, Miss Ella Spearman, aged 15 years, daughter of Mrs. I. P. Spearman.

A fresh mound in the cemetery covered with floral wreaths, a mother's face veiled in sorrow, and the aching hearts of loving sisters marks the closing scene of a sad tragedy recently enacted in which it was charged that a villain sacrificed on the altar of his beastly passion the life of an innocent girl.

It is not necessary to give all the details in the case, but suffice it to say that in an hour when all was sunshine and happiness and hope beckoned on to a long, happy life, and thoughts of the morrow brought happy anticipations to mind, a demon in the guise of a man entered an humble home, where he had visited time and again before, and two weeks later there was a vacant chair. She was a girl just past fifteen, kind, loving and gentle, innocent perhaps of the wiles of men; he was a man of twenty-five, a smooth talker, possessing more brawn than brains and less heart than a beast. It was a pleasant evening and they started for a little drive. The moments passed swiftly in the light of every changing scenery, and the melody of feathered songsters along the way. Honied words dropped from the lips of her ignoble escort as the mile posts flitted by until she began to suspect his evil design, and then her heart rebelled. She said he made his threat; it was silence or death.

A little while later they entered the lobby of a hotel in Mt. Pleasant. He registered as man and wife, and pallid with fear, she went to the room.

The next day a dotting mother listened to the sad, sad story of a man's perfidy as it came from the parched lips of her daughter, who was thrown into a burning fever. Delirious with pain and heartaches the young girl grew worse from day to day, and on Sunday, after two weeks of suffering, her spirit was wafted to its eternal home.

The murder, as he may rightfully be called, left town the day after the despicable deed, was arrested in Marshall, from whence he came, but escaped from the officers, and is still at large.

It is hard to believe that a demon could masquerade so completely in the cloak of a man as to lead a young girl out of the delightful paths of life into the gloom of Death's Valley without

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Grapeland, Texas.

his conscience striking him dead, and if there is any punishment that is a thousand times worse than can be ascribed it is none too severe for a brute of this kind, whether he is within or without the pale of the law.—Pittsburg Gazette.

"SMOKE UP."

Attend the 2nd Annual Meeting, Texas Leaf Tobacco Growers' at Houston, November, 14. Many interesting and important subjects to be considered. Tobacco growing gets a good money crop in East Texas. I. & G. offers low excursion rates. D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A., Palestine, Texas.

Notice.

Grapeland, Texas, Oct. 18.—Owing to the fact that most of the cotton has already been ginned and in order to reduce expenses I have decided to gin only three days in the week—Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Hoping this will not misput any of my patrons and thanking them for past favors, I am, Yours truly, J. J. Brooks.

The Messenger goes to J. C. Hendrix at Blooming Grove, Texas.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

One of our school girls recently received a letter stating that Leta Satterwhite, who was promoted to our sixth grade last commencement is now at Corsicana and will enter the seventh grade in the public schools of that place. This speaks well for our school, doesn't it?

The grammar school department has re-arranged the room until you would hardly know the place.

Step in and hear the first grade read a lesson. They have gone to school only a little more than two months but they will interest you.

Before Annie Robertson left for her new home she came down and bade farewell to her school-

mates. Not a few eyes were damped at this parting of these young people endeared to each other by years of intimate friendship.

The intermediate department is putting up some fine maps as a part of the geography work. Laura Smith seems to be standing first in this respect.

Arrangements are being made to increase the seating capacity of some of the rooms. They are already uncomfortable on account of the crowded condition that prevails.

Little Campbell Lively came down and had a last word with his teachers before departing for the west. Campbell was one of the shining lights of the third grade and will be much missed

by his classmates.

A recent educational journal says: "The butterfly summer-day pupils are dropping out of ranks and the better class are bending more closely to work." If so, we had but few of the "summer-day" kind, as nearly all our pupils are doing better now than they did the first of September.

Not one of our last year's graduating class is idle. Three of them are continuing their studies along different lines, four are working on a salary and the remaining one assists her father who is in business.

REFLECTION.

It seems enough to shock the stones
That folks should play with dead men's bones;
But we are told that such was seen
At the Grapeland "Halloween."

Now, let's return and contemplate
The certain end of human fate,
The ghastly sight we're made to see,
But illustrates what is to be.

The certain end of everyone
Who ransacked the grave to gather fun,
Death! End of age and joyous youth,
How firmly fixed this solemn truth!

How would you like, or with what grace
Would you take poor bony's place
Be forced to grin, but couldn't smile,
Such festive hours thus to beguile?

Perhaps it was somebody's bother;
Once cherished by a loving mother.

Ah! Could one with soul enjoy
To meet the skeleton of her boy?
Now, let's not from the subject ween,
But contemplate the ghastly scene;

For though it speaks beneath its breath,
It loudly speaks of certain death.

While he this solemn truth doth tell,
List! Nor let us fail to weigh it well;
Nor evermore, though long we're blest,
With the awful fact, to lightly jest.

—XYZ.

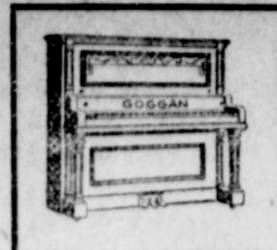
CROP REPORT.

Crockett—Picking very nearly done; no top crop; yield per acre 100 pounds; last year 75; receipts to date 1,500 bales; at same date last year 2,600; estimated total receipts for season 3,000; last season 5,340; estimated total production of the county 5,500.

Grapeland—90 per cent picked; no top crop; yield per acre 66 pounds; last year 100 pounds; receipts to date 797 bales; at same date last year 937; estimated total receipts for the season 1,650; last year 2,475.

Lovelady—Picking through; no top crop; yield per acre about 40 pounds; last year about 75; receipts to date about 750 bales; at same date last year 960; estimated total receipts for the season 1,000 bales; last season 3,323.

Ratcliff—Picking about completed; no top crop; yield per acre about 1-5 bale; last year about 1-4 bale.—Galveston News.



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It is said that the president of the New York Life Insurance company lives in a house worth \$450,000, but a small mortgage of \$200,000 is peacefully resting on same. Mr. McCall only received the paltry sum of \$150,000 a year for his service, which is the cause of his getting in debt. Of course the policy holders will chip in and help him, as he is so deservng of sympathy.—Athens Banner.

If I was a young woman and really wanted to marry, I would choose one of these big, lusty, honest, industrious country-raised boys every time in preference to one of these sweet, dainty little town dudelets, whose chief occupation is polishing pavements, and smirking at the girls. It's all mighty nice to make goo-goo eyes, play slot machines and dance the two-step, but when you want to marry you had better get a husband that can waltz all day behind a plow, earn and eat three big meals each twenty-four hours, and won't have to go to Hot Springs each year to consult a corn doctor.—K. Lamity's Harpoon.

MARY'S LAMB.

Mary had a little lamb; that time has passed away. No lamb could follow up the gait that Mary goes today. For now she rides on airshod wheels in skirts too short by half; no lambkin shares her airy flight, but you can see her calf. But is there one who can complain or cry in woe, "Alas!" so long as Mary's calf's all right the lamb can go to grass. So all the men delight to gaze, their joy is not a sham, for while the other critter's out they have no use for lamb.—Western Publisher.

Rev. J. E. Kennedy died at his home in Lovelady last Sunday night as the result of a paralytic stroke, and was buried Monday afternoon by the Masonic order. Rev. Kennedy was a minister of considerable note, and was at one time pastor of the Baptist church here. His death is deeply regretted by his many friends here. The Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved family in this dark hour of unspeakable grief.

Jim Saxon had business at Crockett Monday afternoon.

OBITUARY.

Wm. Cunningham was born on October 11, 1814. He professed religion at a campmeeting held at Fairview church in Greenville district in South Carolina in the fall of 1834 and joined the New School Presbyterian church. He was married to Elizabeth Ann Blakely on the 30th day of April, 1835, and in November of the same year moved with his wife to Perry county, Ala., he and his wife joining the same church at Marion. In the fall of 1837 they moved to Marshall county, Mississippi. There they attached themselves to the Cumberland Presbyterian church. About four years later the pastor of the church there joined the Methodist church. Their church being too small and weak to secure a pastor, they attached themselves to the Methodist church with the privilege of attaching themselves to their own church when an opportunity was offered. In the fall of 1854 they came to Texas and settled on the San Pedro in Houston county. In 1855 they were again received into the Cumberland Presbyterian church at San Pedro. He was elected a ruling elder in this church, which office he filled with honor and faithfulness until death. On January 13th, 1861, his faithful consort, the wife of youth, Elizabeth Ann Cunningham, passed to her reward in the land of the blessed and faithful. On January 28, 1862, he was married to Amanda C. Brown. October 5, 1875 he was again left to mourn the loss by death of his wife, Amanda. September 27, 1877, he was married to Sarah Sebella Murchison, with whom he lived for 25 years, when she departed this life May 25, 1903. At that time he was left alone, and broken up, he lived about with his children until death released him from his afflictions and decrepitude—the weight and burden of years. These are his words: "I am now living with my children as I am not able to take care of myself on account of my age, which is 89 years and 8 months to date. I am still an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. During all the years of my life I have tried to live a consistent christian and as I am near the grave I am more determined to live nearer to God, who has been a present help in time of need, and I do hope that all my children will imitate my life and meet me in heaven." The above notes have been faithfully drawn from his own written records of his life, which were placed in the hands of the writer of this sketch, while attending upon the funeral service of deceased, September 4th, 1905.

Besides these reminiscences of his life, it is befitting to say that he served his community in divers positions of public trust—as postmaster at San Pedro for a number of years, as justice of the peace for 8 or 10 years and as county commissioner a term or two. Besides honors bestowed upon him by his countrymen, the Lord prospered him in the prime years of life, so that he was once at least well to do. So he has seen prosperity and adversity, but during all the years of his life, as I have abundant evidence for saying, he lived a consistent christian life. In conversation with the writer about three years ago he said he did not understand why his life had been prolonged, as it seemed to him that he was only a burden to others, but that God must have some wise purpose that he should

not question and so he was patiently waiting for the summons to come as it would in God's own good time. In all his afflictions and the weakness consequent upon the accumulation of years, Bro. Cunningham carried out well his determination to live near to God. While confined to his bed he frequently sang that good old song, "Amazing Grace," so expressive of the experience of a truly awakened and regenerated soul. He was conscience of the approach of death when it came and talked with his daughter, Sister Stowe, as calmly as one might speak of other matters. He died old and full of years, being 90 years, 10 months and 22 days old when on the 3rd day of September he laid aside the cross for the crown.

J. G. BRALY,
Pastor C. P. Church,
Percilla, Texas.

OBITUARY.

In memory of Frank Lewis Meriwether (F. L. as we called him) who departed this life on Sunday, October 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Deceased was the only son of Mrs. Frank Meriwether. Altho' a man in age, he was child like in manners, and was loved and respected by all. The writer has known him from the cradle to the grave and has often remarked that he was an exceptional boy. While attending school at Huntsville he contracted a severe case of lagrippe from which he never recovered. We were with him a great deal during his illness and he seemed to be perfectly reconciled to his fate, often smiling. He was not a member of any church, but he prayed only a few moments before he died, and we hear Jesus through his word, "this day shalt thou be with me in Paradise," and God's word warrant us that He never turns away a penitent sinner. Thus ended the life of a young man just entering usefulness. His mother and two sisters were right by him when he passed out of this world, it seeming so hard to give up that which was so dear to them. He cannot come them but they can go to him and may they look up to Him who says, "all things work together for good to those who love God."

"There is no death. An angel form
Walks over the earth in silent tread.
He bears our best loved ones away,
And then we call them dead."
—J. L. CHILES.

Every day the coming generation witness examples of wasted manhood and energy. At any time of the day, in any place you can see hardy youths engaged in the ancient and honorable occupation of engraving their names on prosperous men's goods boxes. This does nothing to advance their own or others interests, but are rather a detriment to humanity. Opportunity has already knocked at their door. Fortune has beconned to them, but they heeded not. It is a safe prognostication that years from today—they will be engaged as today.—Lufkin Tribune.

S. E. Howard left Monday night for Dallas to see the sights at the big fair.

Miss Lillie Johnston left Monday for Houston on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. J. M. Perry.

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Apply to either of the above, purchase a farm right and put up as many gates as you need. They are simple in construction and any man can put up one after reading the instructions.

A COLLISION.

A head on collision occurred in this city last evening between a cotton-tail rabbit and a spring chicken on one of the principal streets of the city. The rabbit was chased out of a garden by a couple of boys and went down the street at the rate of about 20 miles an hour. There was a chicken in the road. Neither saw the other until they were within two feet of each other. Just as the rabbit attempted to jump over the chicken, the chicken flew up and a collision resulted. The track was torn up for five feet and the chicken derailed.—Ind. Ter. South McAlester Capital.

A newspaper man in Iowa relates a little experience that might shed a little light on the mail order business. He was at the depot and saw a farmer friend receive a set of harness from Chicago. He attempted to prove to the latter that he was making a mistake, as one of the local dealers would furnish him the same or better goods, just as cheap, and the profit would be kept at home. "But," the farmer said, "this is the first time I have known that there was a harness shop in this town. I have taken your paper five years and never seen a line of advertising in it about such an institution in all that time. Why don't they advertise and tell us what they have, then we won't send away?"—Exchange.

PURE DRUGS
AND
PATENT MEDICINES.

TOILET ARTICLES
IN
GREAT VARIETY.

FRONT STREET DRUG STORE.

A Fair Price
For
Reliable Goods.

We are not in business for the amusement there is in it. We have our living to make. At the same time our profits are not of the "Get-rich-quick" variety. We are contented with a small profit and a satisfied customer. We believe in the motto "live and let live." We aim, at all times, to give you your money's worth. Some people think that a big bottle should cost a big price and a little bottle a little price. When we fill a prescription we charge according to the value of the drugs we put in it. The value depends upon what's in the bottle. Everything worth having has its price. You can perhaps afford to buy the cheap kind for some purposes, but when it comes to sickness no one wants to take chances for the sake of saving a little money. The best is the only thing that will do. Our rule is to charge you what we pay for the medicines, plus a living profit for ourselves. That's fair, isn't it?

CARLETON & PORTER, DRUGGISTS.

STATIONERY
AND
FANCY GOODS.

A FAIR PRICE
FOR
RELIABLE GOODS.

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G. R. WHITLEY,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

And Dealer In
REAL ESTATE.

Will practice in all the courts
State and Federal. : : :

SEASONABLE TALK

From Darsey's Dress Goods Department.

Realizing that from now till Xmas ever woman will want a new dress, we have added considerably to our stock of dress goods, which was already good, and are in a position to show you a very strong line of bright new dress goods in the latest cloths and colors, and you are invited and urged to come and let us show you this line whether you are ready to buy or not.

Danish Cloth at 25c the Yard.

Is a half wool open weave, soft goods, 36 inches wide and we think the strongest line to be had for the price. Colors, black, brown, tan 25c
gray, blue and white. Price.....

Suiting or Cheviots at 37 1-2c the Yard.

A good heavy suiting or cheviots for coat suits, shirt waist suits, or extra skirts for serviceable or dressy wear, colors green, gray, 37 1-2c
and black mixture. Price.....

DRESS GOODS AT 50c PER YARD.

As 50c per yard is a very popular price Dress Goods and the price at which the body of our Wool Dress Goods business is done, we made this line very strong.

Fancy Brilliantine at 50c the Yard.

A light weight, soft cloth that has that supple drapy effect, so you can give a garment that fullness so stylish this season without its having any bulky appearance. Colors, blue, brown and black with white 50c
mixtures. Price.....

Fancy Suitings and Flannels at 50c the Yard.

We are showing an elegant line of Fancy Suiting and Flannel Dress Goods that has that soft, pliable nature and is for either serviceable or dressy suits or skirts. Colors, blue, brown, black and tan with 50c
white mixtures. Price.....

Black Dress Goods.

Black Brilliantine, 36 inches wide.....50c
Black serge, 36 inches wide.....50c
Black Cecillian; 44 inches wide.....75c
Black broadcloth, 48 inches wide.....\$1.00

Repelant, or Waterproof.

Something for a good serviceable skirt or suit 56 inches wide, colors, black, blue and wine.

Price 50 Cents.

Do Not Fail

To see our line of Dress Patterns in assorted goods, styles and colors at 75c and \$1.00 per yard.

—NEW WAISTING—

Our line of waisting in white and dainty patterns at 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c and 50c a yard are popular sellers. Ask to see them.

Wear Brown's Star-5-Star Shoes

If you want good comfortable shoes that will wear and give you good service and satisfaction. Our line is complete from the smallest to the largest and from the cheapest to the best in the newest styles and lasts, and we can fit you in just what you want at

—OLD PRICES—

You can buy your entire bill complete from us, which means a big saving to you on your fall and winter purchases, including furniture, mattresses, bed springs, comforts, sewing machines, cooking stoves, heaters, crockeryware, sugar, flour, bacon, lard, doors, windows, brick, lime, hog fencing, shingles, wagons, in fact we handle everything used on the farm or in the home and you will miss it if you fail to get our prices before you buy.

RESPECTFULLY,

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

We Buy Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs, Wax, Hides,
Speckle Peas, Cotton and Cotton Seed.

"The Pianola In My Home



Is worth more to me than any piece of furniture in the house. I would actually give up all the carpets and curtains before I would part with my Pianola." This is the sentiment expressed by the wife of a prominent Banker in Texas, who plays all kinds of music with her Pianola.

This is the universal sentiment of Pianola owners.

If you own a piano we can furnish for the Metrostyle Pianola the "ability" for you or any member of the family to play it. We sell

them for easy terms of payment. Write us to-day. Don't delay. Remember that Pianolas and Pianola Pianos can be bought in this territory only from us or our traveling salesmen.

Beautiful and latest music just received are:

Songs—"My Little Mohawk Maid" and "Only."

Instrumental—"Missoura Mag's Chromatic Rags" and "Lights Out."

All 50c. pieces.

If, when ordering, you will mention this paper, we will mail these (postage paid) for 20c. each.

When writing, address fully as follows:

WILL A. WATKIN MUSIC CO.

276 E. Elm Street,

DALLAS, TEXAS.

A Proclamation By the Governor of Texas Says Thursday, November 30, shall be observed as Thanksgiving Day.

Among other things which you should be thankful for is that there is a confectionery store in Grapeland where you can buy all the good stuff you want that is always clean and fresh. In keeping with the custom of observing this red letter day of course you will fix up an extra dinner, and we have all the ingredients necessary to make this dinner one that would delight the gods. We have just received a fresh supply of

SHREDDED COCOANUT GRATED PINE APPLE
SLICED PINE APPLE CITRONS CRANBER-
RIES PICKLES JELLIES CURRENTS AP-
PLES SEEDED RAISINS ORANGES BANANAS
GRAPES ALL KINDS OF NUTS. : : : : :

You are welcome. Come buy your goods, and we will charge you a price consistent with hard times.

Yours for business,

... The Hon Ton ...

Odeh Farris, Prop.

5000 TELEGRAPHERS NEEDED!

Annually, to fill the new positions created by railroad and telegraph companies. We want YOUNG MEN and LADIES of good habits to

LEARN TELEGRAPHY AND RAILROAD ACCOUNTING.

We furnish 75 per cent of the operators and station agents in America. Our six schools are the largest exclusive telegraph schools in the world. Established 20 years and endorsed by all leading railway officials. We execute a \$500 bond to every student to furnish him or her a position paying from \$20 to \$50 a month in states east of the Rocky Mountains, or from \$25 to \$300 a month in states west of the Rockies immediately upon graduation.

Students can enter at any time, no vacation. For full particulars regarding any of our schools, write direct to our executive office at Cincinnati, Ohio. Catalogue free.

Morse School of Telegraphy,

Cincinnati, Ohio. San Francisco, Cal.
Texarkana, Ark. LaCrosse, Wis.
Atlanta, Ga. Buffalo, N. Y.

WYLEY CASKEY,

BARBER.

SHOP AT TOTTY HOTEL.

HONING RAZORS
A SPECIALTY. : : :

Hot and Cold Baths.

Agent for Martin Steam Laundry
Palestine. All work guaranteed
to be the best. : : :

The Messenger has a scholarship for sale in the McKinney Business College valued at \$40 and goes for 25 per cent discount. Who wants it?

LOCAL NEWS.

Salt 45c per sack. W. B. Faris.

Darsey buys peas.

Plenty of Lime at Darsey's.

Corn chops and wheat bran at W. B. Faris'.

Doors and windows cheap at Darsey's.

Galveston News and the Messenger one year \$1.25. Want em?

All standard prints 5c a yard at Shipper's.

Heating stoves, stove pipes and rain proof at Darsey's.

Buy your flannels and outings from W. B. Faris.

Wm. M. Patton of Crockett sends in his renewal this week.

4 pounds Anvil soda 25c. W.B.Faris.

Ask your neighbor about the Plaster Automatic Gate.

Darsey has another car of brick ordered.

Dr. W. B. Taylor was in the city Tuesday.

Good coffee 8 lbs. for \$1 at Darsey's.

John Faris of Lufkin spent Sunday here with friends.

Bargains in cooking stoves and heating stoves at Darsey's.

Have received more new goods this week. W. B. Faris.

Paints and window glass at the Front Street Drug Store.

A large gang of men are here this week putting up new poles along the Western Union Telegraph line.

Use Texas Stock Food. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Sold by Nat Davis.

We represent the best merchant tailors in Chicago.

W. B. Faris.

Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth left Tuesday night for Groveton on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. N. Henry.

White Wave and Electric Light flour in sacks and wood at Darsey's.

The President patent leather shoe for men is the best \$3.50 shoe ever sold in Grapeland.

W. B. Faris.

Plenty sea island domestic 5c a yard at W. B. Faris.

Full cream cheese at Darsey's.

White English China cups and saucers at Howard's at 50c a set.

Guarantee printed on every sack of the best flour at W. B. Faris'.

Write us about that scholarship we have for sale in the McKinney Business College.

We have always a fresh line of groceries and our prices sell them. S. E. Howard.

Wear the Brown Shoe Co's. Star-5-Star shoe for comfort and durability, for sale at Darsey's.

Let me sell you a farm right for the Plaster Automatic Gate. You can then put up as many gates as you want at very small cost. Wyley Caskey.

"CUT IT OUT"

says the doctor to many of his lady patients, because he doesn't know of any medicinal treatment that will positively cure womb or ovarian troubles, except the surgeon's knife.

That such a medicine exists, however, has been proved by the wonderful cures performed on diseased women, in thousands of cases, by

WINE OF CARDUI IT CURES WOMB DISEASE.

It has saved the lives of thousands of weak, sick women, and has rescued thousands of others from a melancholy lifetime of chronic invalidism. It will cure you, if you will only give it a chance. Try it.

Sold at every drug store in \$1.00 bottles.

WRITE US A LETTER

Put aside all timidity and write us freely and frankly, in strictest confidence, telling us all your symptoms and troubles. We will send free advice (in plain, sealed envelope), how to cure them. Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

GAVE UP SUPPORTER.

"I was a supporter for four years, to keep up my womb, which had crowded everything else before it," writes Mrs. E. J. Chapman, of Manassas, Va. "My doctor told me no medicine would help me. I suffered almost misery, and could hardly walk. After using two bottles of Cardui I gave up my supporter. Now I am taking my fifth bottle. I no longer feel as formerly, and can be on my feet half a day at a time. I strongly recommend Cardui to every suffering woman."

Don't fail to see Buster Brown.

Shipper has seed oats for sale.

Rev. J. G. Braly of Percilla was here Monday.

Extra good coffee 8 pounds for \$1.00. W. B. Faris.

Buy Columbia flour from J. J. Guice & Son.

J. B. Lively wants your beef hides and bee's wax.

Good tobacco 28c per pound. W. B. Faris.

J. L. Chiles of Reynard was in town Monday selling cotton.

Mixed car flour, bran, meal and chops just received at Howard's.

We pay you cash for your turkeys. W. B. Faris.

Sugar, coffee, rice and evaporated apples at Guice & Son's.

If you need shoes buy now and save money. W. B. Faris.

Messrs. Harvey and Gusse Warner of Runge were in the city last week visiting relatives.

Cold weather is here—we are the shoe people W B Faris

J. B. Lively will pay you cash for beef hides and bee's wax.

Mrs. R. H. Lacy and children of Crockett visited relatives in the city this week.

Men's fleece lined underwear 75c a suit; boys' sizes, 50c a suit at Shipper's.

New outings, new prints, new shoes, new shirts, new flour, all this week. W. B. Faris.

Get our prices on domestic, calico, canton flannel and outing. Best goods in town for the money at Darsey's.

Write to Wyley Caskey, Grapeland, Texas, for information about the Plaster Automatic Gate.

Bring your feet along when you come to town and get them covered with a pair of Hereford shoes. W. B. Faris.

S. S. Elliott of Percilla was in the city Tuesday selling cotton. Mr. Elliott paid us a pleasant call and renewed his subscription.

Frank Taylor and Oran Rials of Reynard were here Tuesday. Mollie Bailey's show was also here.



SAN ANTONIO THE CITY ATTRACTIVE

At home to visitors Nov. 18 to 29 inst., will gorgeously entertain with their great

INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Greatest exhibit ever sent from Republic of Mexico, headed by the World-Famous President Diaz's Band : : :

I. & G. N. R. R.

WILL ASSIST WITH
EXTREMELY
LOW EXCURSION RATES
SEE AGENTS FOR
PARTICULARS.

Your choice in Ladies' trimmed hats \$1.50 and \$2.00 at Shipper's.

If you have any speckle peas to sell take them to Geo. E. Darsey. He will buy them.

See the Hereford brand shoes. Every pair guaranteed. W. B. Faris.

Howard Anthony and Chas. Cook went up to Dallas Sunday night to attend the big fair.

Plaster's Automatic Gate is practical, durable, inexpensive and convenient. You ought to have one. See Wyley Caskey.

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