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We buy the following goods in car load lots: Barb wire nails, hog fencing, flour, sugar and salt and offer for your consideration a full line of each of the above at very close prices.



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extra heavy, 4.00

We guarantee our 3.50 and 4.00 springs to give satisfaction; use them 60 days and if not entirely satisfactory return them and we pay your money back.

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We have a large assortment of sewing machines and offer the Velox Ball Bearing Machine as follows:

3 drawer drop head at...	\$22.20
5 " " " " " " " "	55.00
5 " box " " " " " "	21.50
3 " drop " " " " " "	20.00
5 " " " " " " " "	Helping Hand at 13.50

Complete with attachments, and sold under a strict guarantee for 5 years. Our Velox machine is as good and made of as fine material as any machine manufactured, and the Helping Hand is the best machine sold for the money.

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A nice saddle would be appreciated by any person needing one, and we have a big lot to select from at \$27.50 down to 12.50. Also buggy and wagon harness and bridles and strap goods.

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See us for prices on double and single barrel 12 and 16 gauge shot guns. A big lot to close out at low prices. Now is the time to buy a gun if you want one cheap.

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You will find us with the best groceries that money can buy, and we offer you a big fresh stock to select from. We have just received shredded cocoa nut, seeded raisins, chocolate, citron, evaporated apples and peaches, Van Camps Beans, blue ridge corn, nutmeg, extracts, spices, pep-

per, sage, sugar, coffee, ribbon cane molasses, flour and meal.

Get our prices!

### Fruits.

We have in stock and to arrive apples, oranges, bananas, cocoanuts candies. See us and get our prices before you buy.

### Fire Works at Cut Prices.

We have just received a big shipment of fire works, and it will pay you to get our prices on fire crackers and Roman candles, at about one third what you have paid before. We are overstocked and must sell them

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See us for white and decorated chinaware, dinner sets, chamber sets, cups and saucers, plates, glassware, lamps, knives and forks, and a complete line of dining room and kitchen fixtures.

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Good stout ones that are not so easily broken or torn up, from \$1.90 to 90c.

### Cooking and Heating Stoves.

I may be that you need a stove. If so, we have the Buck's cooking stoves in several different sizes and would be glad to show you what we have and if you would appreciate a good stove at a reasonable price we can suit you. We also have a big line of box and air light heaters, stove pipes, rain proofs, chow and boxing pans

Cooking stoves from \$7.50 to \$25.00; heating stoves \$1.50 to \$8.00

### Country Produce.

Bring us your cotton and produce. We buy peas, turkeys, chickens, eggs, bees wax and cotton, and always pay the highest market price.

Don't Hold your Turkeys and eggs too long. You will get a good better price now, as we have to ship them and get them on the market before Xmas, to get the best prices.

It will pay you to come early while the weather is good, and the stocks are fresh and complete. Besides you miss the holiday rush, which is usual the week before Christmas. Thanking you for past favors and wishing you a merry Xmas, yours truly,

## Darsey's Grocery, Hardware and Furniture Store,

SEE OUR DRY GOODS AD ON ANOTHER PAGE

## Holiday Goods.

You Needn't Go Elsewhere

Ours are Now on Display

Everything for Everybody

Inspect Ours First,

## CARLETON & PORTER.

### Brick and Lime for Sale.

I have a few thousand brick and several barrels of lime left over. Any one needing either see me.

Dave Walling.

Don't fail to visit Darsey's Furniture and Stove department when looking for presents.

John Freshy was up from Houston a few days last week on business.

Bro Harris did not fill the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday on account of having to be in a meeting at Groveton. Rev Mainer of Lovelady filled his appointment.



GLAD TO SEE YOU and you will be glad to see this splendid display of JEWELRY. Buy if it suits, otherwise don't—but do inspect, compare and get posted. The roof of this store covers lots of good things, including good cheer.

S. E. HOWARD  
GRAPELAND, TEX.

Worthy Versus Worthless Citizens.

A professor in the Andover Theological seminary once met a man going to the town meeting. Said the professor: "What are they going to bring up at the meeting to-day, Brown?" Brown replied, with a snarl: "I dunno what they're goin' to bring up, but whatever it is, I'm goin' to oppose it." The zeal of this particular citizen was of questionable advantage to his town. Some so-called reformers have a spirit unfortunately similar, says a writer in Appleton's Magazine. An Irish teamster in a certain New England town hires a man to drive for him whenever the license question is put to vote. He takes the whole day off. He votes no license himself. He gets as many others as he can to vote the same way. A gentleman asked him one day why he took so much trouble. He answered: "Me boy died of rum an' I do what I can to keep other folks' boys from dying the same way." This ignorant teamster is a citizen of the highest type. A gentleman of high standing in the same community boasted that he never voted at local elections. He said: "Why should I go through the farce of casting my ballot? This town is run by a lot of low and corrupt politicians. My vote doesn't count. I've no time for sentimental shams." This scholarly gentleman is a citizen of the lowest type. He is stupidly selfish. Were he intelligently selfish, he would protect his interests as a citizen just as he protects his professional interests.

According to an English newspaper Aldershot has been much excited over the death of a cat, and there will probably be much conversation between the Scots Guards and the North Staffshires. The colonel commanding the latter was riding down the lines of the Scots Guards with two fox terriers. There was a bit of a tiff between the dogs and the cat with three kittens, and the colonel threatened to kill the cat. The cat was caught, but escaped from the hands of three drummers of the Scots Guards, who were looking after their pets. The colonel dismounted, caught the cat in the fork of a tree and killed it with his riding whip. The case against the colonel was preferred by the S. P. C. A. The Aldershot magistrates who refused to convict the colonel said in effect: "Guilty, but don't do it again!" Now the question which agitates the royal long-named society is, what would have happened if a drummer had killed the colonel's fox terrier. Which was the aggressor?

One of the steam shovels engaged in work on the Panama canal, in the operation of which more than 300 employees were engaged, recently lifted out a quantity of dynamite which is described in an official report as being "more than a bushel." What would have happened if the shovel had struck the dynamite. Instead of the earth around it is easy to imagine. The explosive was in sticks three-quarters of an inch in diameter and five inches long, and the cartridges bore the trade-mark of a French manufacturer of dynamite and a date which appeared to be November 29, 1887. Unquestionably the dynamite was put in by the French and either failed to explode or was abandoned when the work ceased on that part of the French waterway. The dynamite appeared to be in perfect condition.

A Philadelphia doctor sent in a bill of \$21,000 to a Pittsburg captain of industry for services rendered, and the former patient rebels at the amount. The doctor, who is a specialist of some sort, says he considers \$500 a visit a reasonable charge. The case is now in court and the horror of the defendant's lawyers, who will each ask a thousand dollars an hour for their services without batting an eye, may be imagined.

Whatever the International Congress on Tuberculosis may do for the world, the extent of its problem was set forth on the opening day. Secretary Cortelyou, in an address of welcome, reminded the delegates that tuberculosis took more lives in this country during the past four years than the number of men killed in the civil

DON'T KISS THE BABIES

Osculation Dangerous to the Very Young and the Very Old, Says Famous French Physician.

The recent campaign had many hazards for candidates, but too little consideration has been given to the matter of baby-kissing and contagion. At least this is the declaration of the famous French physician, Dr. Martinez, who writes of promiscuous baby-kissing in his "Archives de Medecine des Enfants."

To kiss a woman may be to show evidence of soul or soulfulness, suggests the doctor, but to indulge in promiscuous kissing in babydom is to provide the evil gods who reign in Tartarus with an easy method of inflicting baleful ills upon the sons of men. For, says the heartless medico, the little round-eyed mite is nothing less than a sink of contagion. And whenever you kiss one you are liable to fall a victim to one or all in the following interesting catalogue of ills to which our ignoble flesh is heir: Scarlet fever, measles, whooping-cough, tuberculosis, smallpox, nursemaids' lip, scrofula, nasal catarrh, galloping chorea, quinsy, maxillary tetanus, bacterial nose, mumps, nettle rash, colic, panada poison, papillary tongue and tonsillitis.

As everybody knows, the doctor says, disease causes most havoc among the very young and the very old. It is not well, therefore, he suggests, that the extremely aged should be allowed to fondle or kiss babies, and as much for their own sake as for that of the little ones, for each may communicate to the other the germs that put the human animal beyond further interest in mundane affairs. The theory is carried even further in regard to the choice of one's associates. It is well-known that people in extreme old age derive an increase of vitality and considerable rejuvenation from association with those who are in the bud of youth. The law of compensation nevertheless exerts its inevitable influence, and what the aged

gain the youthful lose. Statisticians point out that length of life is greatest among schoolmasters, or those whose life-work is carried on among young people. The same soulless statisticians hold that the reason why that fair creature of rare bloom and extra domiciliary heart-burnings, known as "the old man's darling," is a common enough phenomenon in human society, must be attributed, not so much to profound love on the part of the admirer, as to the keen interest he may feel of prolonging his own life-span.

As if to back up the learned Dr. Martinez, Lady Violet Greville gives to the world a woman's ideas on kissing, writing as follows in the London Graphic:

"There is an idea abroad that kissing is injurious. Mothers are urged not to kiss their babies, lovers not to kiss each other, and parents to refrain from embracing their children. A great deal of kissing might be very properly dispensed with. The formal peck at the parental cheek morning and evening, the effusive embrace of female friends ready to destroy each other's character with jealousy and spite, the foreign habit of bearded men clasped in each other's arms, the false kisses of the wheedling wife, or the specious smack on the cheek of the husband who is arranging a solitary holiday, all these might be suppressed; kissing, too, is an art and not all its votaries have studied the rules.

"Some kisses are horrible. There is the slobbery kiss, the indifferent kiss, which wounds one's armour proper to the quick, the salacious kiss, the hurried kiss, usually administered between couples at a railway station, the brutal kiss, the clumsy kiss. But for lovers, for mothers, what can replace the kiss? The reverent, inspired, passionate, tender kiss, the expression of all that is noble and best in human nature? The kiss of forgiveness, the kiss of pity, the kiss of charity, which elevates and restores self-respect, who would part with these? The kiss is, perhaps, the most perfect expression of love, but it should be kept for the intimate, the ecstatic, the supreme moments of life, and never, never, given in public."

We May Burn Water and Solve the Fuel Problem, Says Tesla.

CAPT. EDWARD C. WARREN, master mariner, engineer and scientist, has invented a new hydrogen motor with which he expects to revolutionize the science of power production.

Capt. Warren bears some resemblance to the wizard of electricity, Nikola Tesla, who speaks to me in the highest terms of Warren's achievements in the engineering world. Capt. Warren has recently returned from a two-years' vacation cruise on a sailing vessel and has brought with him the crystallized results of many months of study and research. While he has been sailing the deep or leading alternately the strenuous and the simple life ashore he has steadily pursued his experiments, building boats and apparatus for the purpose, and now he is preparing to give the results to the world.

This invention is nothing less revolutionary than manufacturing fuel out of water—as Mr. Tesla remarks the process represents in the broadest sense the burning of water.

We now secure power from water by utilizing its weight on an old-fashioned water wheel or a modern turbine. We also utilize the power of water by turning it into steam. Capt. Warren's invention separates the chemical constituents of water and takes advantage of the explosive capacity of these elements in recombining to produce power. The product of recombination is water, which, of course, may be used over and over as many times as extraneous forces are applied to decompose or separate it into its elements.

"Burning" Water.  
"Burn water?" said Capt. Warren when interrogated. "Only in the sense in which we burn carbonic acid. Both are products of combustion. The constituent elements of each are com-

bustible when isolated. The only problem is to separate or isolate them after they have once been combined. This nature is constantly doing, and we have only to accelerate or "short circuit" her processes in order to restore immediately these combustible substances to their elemental state and have them ready to reunite at our bidding in the phenomenon of combustion. Burning, or combustion, is simply the manifestation of the action of chemical affinity. We burn the elemental substances, hydrogen and oxygen, by bringing them together under conditions favorable to the operation of the affinity which causes them to unite in a new chemical compound which when condensed is water. We separate these elements by subjecting their compound, water, to conditions which overcome or neutralize this affinity.

"When we can burn hydrogen for power, when the industrial world awakes to the fact that prodigious expenditures for coal and liquid fuel are entirely unnecessary and that there is right within our grasp an unlimited supply of fuel substance available practically without cost—for it is self-producing—there will be a revolution in the industrial world. When the century-old theories of the indestructibility of matter and the conservation of energy and matter have once become really understood by men, we will witness the utter collapse and extinction of one of the oldest and most gigantic of human industries, the mining of coal.

Means Increased Speed.  
"And further," he continued, "speed would receive a new impulse. We could have a 50-mile boat and a three-day Lusitania. To-day the fastest ship of the seas carries 5,000 tons of coal in her bunkers and 15,000 tons of machinery necessary to drive her. By the installation of my propulsion de-

VICES and new motive power the Lusitania would be so lightened that she could, by changing her construction somewhat, make the trip of 2,720 miles to Liverpool in three days or less. She would have more cargo room and be free from the terrific vibration that now characterizes all high-speed ships, for the new system does not involve extensive machinery. It consists of a process partly chemical and partly mechanical. The entire propelling mechanism now used would be eliminated, as the pressure of expanding aqueous vapor would be

in order that we might again avail ourselves of the energy liberated by their union? But the natural cycle of carbon carries it through the complex evolution of plant life before it is finally returned to a concentrated condition. In carbonic acid it retains its gaseous form at all ordinary temperatures and pressures and so is difficult to deal with.

"Not so with hydrogen. When burned with oxygen it takes the form of highly rarefied aqueous vapor which is immediately condensible into water at ordinary temperatures, and



SYMBOLICAL OF THE NEW POWER.

applied directly to projecting water astern."

As applied to warships the inventor believes that his new propulsive power will be of far-reaching importance and give the American battle-ships adopting the fuel and apparatus he has devised immense advantage over the warships of other navies, as the mechanism of the Warren scheme is so simple and comparatively small that it will not be easy for a torpedo or shell from the enemy to reach it.

"That hydrogen may be manufactured from water by more or less complex and expensive processes is, of course, well known," said Capt. Warren, "but my process is the first by which it may be produced economically and utilized in an engine or a motor.

Economy in Its Use.  
"In the process of burning coal and generating steam power in an engine an efficiency of from five to ten per cent. is the best that is realized with the most highly developed modern equipment, and this is not taking into account the manufacturing cost of the coal—mining, cleaning and transporting—or even the prodigious cost of merely shoveling it into the furnace, this latter item in the case of the Lusitania amounting to nearly as much as the cost of the coal delivered aboard ship. All this is eliminated when we manufacture our fuel as we

we can immediately recover it in form adapted to our needs.

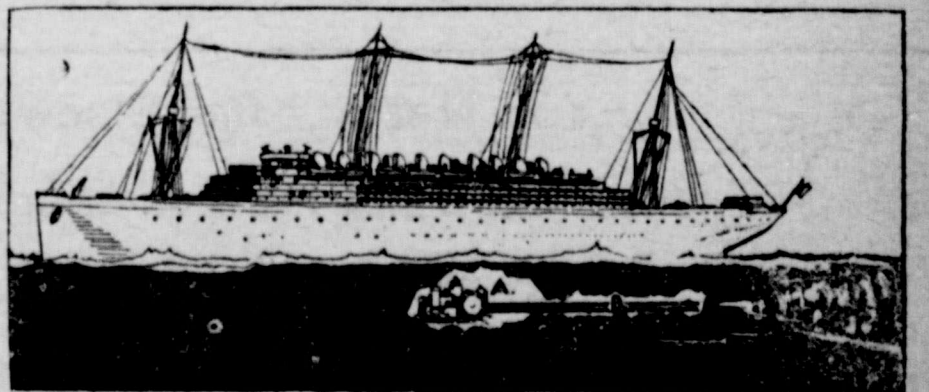
In Heating Value.  
"The heating value of hydrogen in combination with oxygen is 60,000 heat units per pound. The heating value of the best coal is about 14,000 heat units per pound. Heat units mean power units, and it is heat units we want when we buy fuel. A process for the manufacture of hydrogen on a basis that will yield us more heat units for a dollar than a dollar will buy in the form of coal must obviously put an end to the use of coal for fuel, for hydrogen is a perfect fuel. It leaves no ash, makes no smoke or poisonous gas and, being derived from water and being made as required, it requires no transportation or handling."

"But what is the secret of the production of this new motive power?" Capt. Warren was asked.

"The secret of the production of hydrogen for fuel lies in the successful manipulation of that mysterious force in nature called chemical affinity of elements—in other words, the isolation of the hydrogen under certain conditions and its recombination through combustion with the oxygen with which it was originally associated in the form of water."

While Mr. Warren would not discuss in detail his methods by which nature is thus to be tapped and her

Capt. Warren's Diagram Showing the Application of His Invention to Ocean Steam ships.



A—Generating mechanism, for oxygen and hydrogen.  
B—Tunnel where propulsion is effected.  
C—Gates for admission of water to the tunnel.

go along, drawing our own supply of raw material without cost from the boundless ocean of water and air in which nature has stored ready to hand limitless supplies of fuel energy in the form of hydrogen and oxygen, to be had for the taking and costing nothing but the harnessing to yield us in measureless abundance that mechanical power so essential to human advancement.

"Suppose carbonic acid, the product of carbon and oxygen in combustion, were readily condensible into liquid form at atmospheric pressure and temperature, would we not then be found endeavoring to effect its immediate decomposition into its elements

exhaustless sources of fuel made adaptable to the airship, the automobile and other power plants, it is known that the process is chemical and economical and by its adoption fuel will be provided in condensed and portable form within the reach of all.

Thus the world will have made the greatest stride in power since Watt discovered the steam engine.—Edwin Wildman, in the New York Sunday World.

It Leaked.  
"Mamma," said Bessie, from the depths of the bathtub, "I think you had better get me a new sponge. This one leaks awful."

# Musings of the Metropolis

News of New York Town  
Outlined in Brief Form.

## Dizzy Drop of a Frenzied Financier



**NEW YORK.**—The conviction of Charles Wyman Morse and his sentence to 15 years at hard labor in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., removes from the financial belt of New York a man who has been characterized as the most dangerous menace to its banking system that this country has ever known.

Even if by any chance Morse should succeed in having his conviction upset—and the chances of his so doing are considered most remote—he could hardly be a factor of prime importance in the financial district again. To carry on the kind of operations Morse has put through requires more millions than any ordinary multi-millionaire has of his own. A bank or a chain of banks with their millions upon millions of deposits are necessary. It is safe to say that Morse will never again have a string of

banks at his back. He is on the blacklist of both the national banking department and the state banking department.

The man who has been doomed to spend the next 15 years of his life in prison—with three years and nine months off for good behavior—is in some respects one of the strangest characters who ever broke into the downtown district of millions.

Personally he is an attractive man, with kindly, manly qualities, that have won him firm friends. His business methods have been called those of the guerrilla, the bandit, the buccaneer—tigerish and cold-blooded. The courts have just stamped them dishonorable and criminal.

Morse has been a natural money maker all of his life. He comes of hard-headed New England stock, which for generations have piled up money. He was born in Bath, Me., 52 years ago. In the summer of 1907, just before the autumn panic began to convert millionaires into paupers, he was worth \$22,000,000. To-day he is probably worth between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000, and were he free to cut loose in the stock market he would probably add millions to his store in short order.

## Mrs. Gould Needs \$75,000 a Year to Live



**HOWARD GOULD** has filed his amended answer to the complaint of his wife, Katharine Clemmons Gould, who is asking for final separation and alimony. In response Mrs. Gould made answer through her counsel, Clarence J. Shearn. This answer is so detailed as to overshadow every former feature of the case, setting forth in exact items the expenses considered absolutely necessary by a New York society woman.

Mrs. Gould estimates bare living expenses, outside of traveling or necessary contributions to charities, at more than \$70,000 a year. She declares that, although she has been having in charge the disbursement of about \$75,000 a year for the last ten years, she is now in debt, her wardrobe held for a hotel bill, and her jewels held to secure money for their repairs.

Among the striking statements in her answer appear the following:

"It costs as much to furnish the table for one person as it does for two, and it costs more in proportion for one person to live than it does for two."

"I have been accustomed to horses and do not know why I should give them up simply because my husband has unjustly left me."

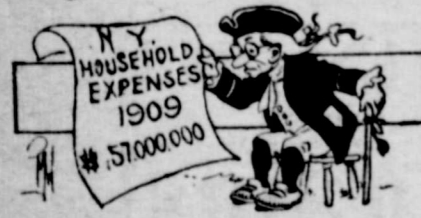
"It scarcely pays to keep an automobile longer than one year."

"No dress that any woman of means would be apt to purchase costs under \$250."

"This jewelry bill (\$57,000) cannot be called extravagant, either, for the wife of a man of my husband's wealth. It certainly will stand comparison with the jewelry purchased by the wife of the defendant's brother, George Gould, which I am credibly informed and believe to be valued at \$1,200,000."

Mrs. Gould takes up in detail the allegations of her husband regarding her actions at various hotels and cafes. She denies them in toto and insists that most of the charges are made by discharged employes or others under her husband's influence.

## City's Household Expense Bill Huge



**THIS** city's household expense for 1900 will be about \$157,000,000, the tentative budget practically having been agreed upon at a recent meeting of the board of estimate. The figure for the current year was \$143,000,000.

Out of the total for next year the borough president of Manhattan will receive \$2,699,402, of Brooklyn, \$2,329,935; of the Bronx, \$1,288,538; of Queens, \$1,286,357, and of Richmond, \$772,059.

Bird S. Color, president of the borough of Brooklyn, was the luckiest of

the executives who asked for money. He received an increase of \$309,073 over his budget of this year, which was \$2,019,952. Mr. Cromwell of Richmond gets an increase of \$35,000, but in spite of bitter protests Mr. Ahearn of Manhattan gets \$46,000 less, and Mr. Haffen of the Bronx \$22,437 less than they had at their disposal for this year.

Henry Bruere, head of the bureau of municipal research, showed much activity against Mr. Ahearn and Mr. Haffen, and in making up the tentative budget he was consulted by Mayor McClellan, Comptroller Metz and experts of the finance department.

The increase in the budget is due to the fact that the four per cent. increase allowed in the sewer and highway maintenance departments brought the amount in the former up from \$1,284,068 to \$1,335,431, and in the latter from \$3,404,374 to \$3,540,549.

## Costliest Hostelry in World Planned



**A** \$10,000,000 hotel, which, besides being the most splendid and costly in the world, is to have the Parisian adjuncts of open-air cafes and tea gardens, is to be built on Fifth avenue.

It is proposed to convert at least a block of this gay thoroughfare into a veritable French boulevard, with canopied refreshment places, alluring little tables and comfortable chairs out upon the sidewalk—at least without anything concealing them or separating them from the sidewalk.

Carl Berger, proprietor of the Casino at Newport, and until recently manager of the Hotel Gotham, announced that he was a member of a French-English syndicate that had the project in hand, and he said that nearly every-

thing was settled except the exact location of "the bit of Paris."

Mr. Berger admitted that a representative of the syndicate had been at work for months secretly inspecting the avenue for a suitable location.

"The one thing that is certain is that the hotel and cafes will be within a few blocks of the park," he said.

It was reported, though without verification, that the mansion of the late Collis P. Huntington on the corner of Fifty-seventh street would probably be the site.

The syndicate, it is said, has noted the fondness of Americans for the Parisian open-air cafes and tearooms. Travelers from this country find them the most attractive spots in the French capital.

"Why not let Americans enjoy themselves likewise—and spend their money likewise—at home," is the syndicate's theory.

As for the hotel, that will be modeled after the famous Ritz in London. It will be an elaborate structure in simple French renaissance style.



## PREPARES TO INVADE AFRICA

Pa has had the hardest time of his life in Paris, and if I ever pitied a man it was Pa.

You see, that last fly in the airship pretty near caused him to cash in his chips, and go over the long road to the hereafter, 'cause he got blood poison from the thorns that run into him where he landed in the top limbs of the thornapple tree, and he sprained his arm and one hind leg while being taken down with a derrick, and then before we left the country town for Paris he drank some goat's milk, which gave him ptomaine poison in his inside works, and a peasant woman who sewed up his pants where they were torn on the tree pricked him with a needle, and he swelled up so he was unable to sit in a car seat, and his face was scratched by the thorns of the tree and there were blotches all over him, so when we got to Paris the health officers thought he had smallpox and sent him to a pest house, and they wouldn't let him in, but vaccinated me and turned me loose, and I went to the hotel and told about where Pa was, and all about it, and they put our baggage in a sort of oven filled with sulphur and disinfected it, and stole some of it, and they made me sleep in a dog kennel, and for weeks I had to keep out of sight, until Pa was discharged, from the hospital, and the friends of Pa out at the airship club in the country got Pa's airship that he bought for a government out of the tree and took it to the club and presented a bill for \$200, and I only had \$7, so they held it for ransom.

Gee, but I worried about Pa!

Well, one day Pa showed up at the hotel looking like he had been in a railroad wreck, and he was so thin his clothes had to be pinned up with safety pins, and he had spent all his money, and was bursted.

The man who hired Pa in Washing-

government agent, and all his papers authorized him to do was to travel at his own expense, and to buy all the airships he wanted to with his own money, and Pa had a fit. All the money he had spent was a dead loss, and all he had to show for it was a punctured airship, which he was afraid to ride in.

Pa swore at the government, at the consul, and at the man who buncoed him, and they released him from arrest, when he promised that he would not pose any more as a government agent, and we went back to the hotel.

"Well, this is a fine scrape you have got me in," says Pa, as we went to our room.

"What in thunder did I have to do about it?" says I; just like that. "I wasn't with you when you framed up this job and let a man in Washington skin you out of your money by giving you a soft snap snap which has exploded in your hands. Gee, Pa, what you need is a maid or a valet, or something that will hold on to your wad." Pa said he didn't need anybody to act as a guardian to him, 'cause he had all the money he needed in his letter of credit to the American Express Company in Paris, and he knew how to spend his money freely, but he did hate to be buncoed and made the laughing stock of two continents.

So Pa and I went down to the Express office, and Pa gave the man in charge a paper and the grand hailing sign of distress, and he handed out bags of gold and bales of bills, and Pa hid a lot in his leather belt and put some in his pockets, and said: "Come on, Henry, and we will see this town, and buy it if we like it."

Well, we went out after dark and took in the concert halls and things, and Pa drank wine and I drank nothing but ginger ale, and women who waited on us patted his old bald head, and tried to feel his pockets, but Pa



After Pa Had Been Ducked in the Fountain They Charged for Two Ducks He Killed by Falling on Them.

ton to go abroad and buy airships for the government told Pa to use his own money for a month or two and then draw on the secretary of the treasury for all he needed, so before Pa went to the hospital he drew on his government for \$10,000, and when he came back there was a letter for him from the American consul in Paris telling him to call at the office, so Pa went there and they arrested him on the charge of skull digging. They said he had no right to draw for any money on the government at Washington. Pa showed his papers with the big seal on, and the consul laughed in Pa's face, and Pa was hot under the collar and wanted to fight, but they showed him that the papers he had were no good, and that he had been buncoed by some fakir in Washington who got \$500 from Pa for securing him a job as

held on to their wrists and told them to keep away, and I thought Pa was real saucy.

A head waiter whispered to me and wanted to know what ailed the old sport, and I told him Pa was bitten by a wolf in our circus last year, and we feared he was going to have hydrophobia, and always when these spells come on the only thing to do was to throw him into a tank of water, and I should be obliged to them if they would take Pa and duck him in the fountain in the center of the cafe, and save his life.

Pa was making up with the girl he had paddled with the silver tray, buying champagne for her and drinking some of it himself out of her slipper, when the head waiter called half a dozen Frenchmen who were doing police duty, and told them to duck Pa in the fountain, and they grabbed him

by the collar and the pants and made him walk turkey towards the fountain, and he held on to the girl, and the Frenchmen threw Pa and the girl into the brink with a flock of ducks, and they went under water, and Pa came up first yelling murder, and then the girl came up hanging to Pa's neck, and she gave a French yell of agony.

"Our friends knocked the Frenchmen galley west, and pulled Pa out of the water and let him drain off, and they said: "Hello, old man, how did you happen to let them drown you?" and Pa saw who the boys were and he hugged them, and invited them to all take something and then go to his hotel.

When Pa paid the check for the drinks they charged in two ducks they said Pa killed in the tank by falling on them. But Pa paid it and was so tickled to meet the old circus boys that he gave the girl he went in swimming with a 20-franc note, and after staying until along towards morning we all got into and on top of a hack and went to the hotel and sat up till daylight talking things over.

We found the circus boys were on the way to Germany to go with the Hagenbach outfit to South Africa to capture wild animals for circuses, and when Pa told the boss, who was one of the Hagenbach's managers, about his airship and what a dandy thing it would be to sail around where the lions and tigers live in the jungle, and lasso them, from up in the air, out of danger, he engaged Pa and me to go along, and I guess we will know all about Africa pretty soon.

The next day we went out to the club where Pa keeps his airship, with the boss of the Hagenbach's outfit and a cowboy that used to be with Pa's circus, to practice lassoing things. They got out the machine and Pa steered it, and the boss and I were passengers, and the cowboy was on the railing in front with his lariat rope, and we sailed along about 50 feet high over the farms, until we saw a big goat. The cowboy motioned for Pa to steer towards the goat, and when we got near enough the cowboy threw the rope over the goat's horns and tightened it up, and Mr. Goat came right along with us, bleating and fighting. We led the goat about half a mile over some fences, and finally came down to the ground to examine our catch, and we landed all right, and Hagenbach's boss said it was the greatest scheme that ever was for catching wild animals, and he doubled Pa's salary, and said we would pack up the next day and go to the Hagenbach farm in Germany and take a steamer for South Africa in a week.

They were talking it over, and the cowboy had released the goat, when that animal made a charge with his head on our party. He struck Pa below the belt, butted the boss in the trousers until he laid down and begged for mercy, stabbed the cowboy with his horns, and then made a hop, skip and jump for the gas bag, burst a hole in it, and when the gas began to escape the goat's horns got caught in the gas bag and the goat died from the effects of the gas, and we were all glad until about 50 peasant women came across the fields with agricultural implements, and were going to kill us all.

Pa said: "Well, what do you know about that?" but the women were fierce and wanted blood. The boss could talk French and he offered to give them the goat to settle it, but they said it was their goat anyway, and they wanted blood or damages.

Pa said it was easier to give damages than blood, and just as they were going to cut up the gas bag the boss settled with them for about \$20, and hired them to haul the airship to the nearest station, and we shipped it to Berlin, and got ready to follow the next day.

Pa says we will have a high old time in Africa. He says he wants to ride up to a lion's den in his airship and dare the fiercest lion to come out and fight, and that he wouldn't like any better fun than to ride over a royal Bengal tiger in the jungle, and reach down and grab his tail and make him snarl like a tom cat on a fence in the alley.

He talks about riding down a herd of elephants, and picking out the biggest ones and roping them; and the way Pa is going to scare rhinoceroses and hippopotamuses and make them bleat like calves is a wonder.

I think Pa is the bravest man I ever saw, when he tells it, but I noticed when he had that goat by the horns and he was caught in a barbed wire fence, so the airship had to slow down until he came loose, Pa turned as pale as a sheet, and when the goat bucked him in the stomach Pa's lips moved as though he was praying. Well, anyway, this trip to Africa to catch wild animals is going to show what kind of sand there is in all of us.

SUBSCRIPTION—IN ADVANCE:  
 ONE YEAR \$1 00  
 SIX MONTHS 50 CENTS  
 THREE MONTHS 25 CENTS

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as second class Mail Matter.

Advertising Rates Reasonable, and made known on application

An exchange truthfully remarks: "There are too many people in almost every town who will not cast their bread upon the waters unless assured beforehand that it will come back again in a few days a full grown sandwich, all trimmed with ham, butter and mustard, rolled up in a warranty deed for one half the earth and a mortgage on the other half."

In Chicago the other day a prominent real estate man was indicted, tried and convicted for forgery in the short space of one afternoon. That was in striking and acceptable contrast to the usual order, especially in the case of rich offenders. It shows that the law can be swift and effective enough when absurd technicalities are not allowed to block the course of justice.

The public school deserves more attention than is usually given them. Parents as a rule regard their entire duty in this connection discharged in paying their tax and properly clothing and sending their children to school. There is reason to fear that many look upon the school room as a nursery to relieve them of their troublesome children. The public schools cannot accomplish the full measure of their possibilities unless the parents join with teachers in attention to pupils.

Where is the state of matrimony? It is in the United States. It is bounded on one side by hugging and kissing, on the other by babies and cradles. Its products are population, broomsticks and staying out at nights. It was discovered by Adam and Eve while trying to find a northwest passage out of paradise. The climate is rather sultry until you pass to tropics of housekeeping, when squally weather sets in with sufficient power to keep all hands cool as cucumbers. For the principal roads leading to this interesting state, consult the first pair of blue eyes you run up against.—Exchange

The men who do a town more harm than good may be classed as follows:

- 1 Those who oppose improvement.
- 2 Those who run it down to strangers.
- 3 Those who never advertise their business.
- 4 Those who distrust public-spirited men.
- 5 Those who show no hospitality to any one.
- 6 Those who hate to see others make money.
- 7 Those who oppose every movement that doesn't originate with themselves.
- 8 Those who put on long faces when a stranger speaks of locating in their town.
- 9 Those who oppose every enterprise which does not appear of personal benefit to themselves.

Criminals and their unwise friends are experts in coining terms by which they seek to condone or cover up their misdeeds. We are familiar with "emotional insanity," "brain storms" and other such phrases, and now a somewhat notorious criminal in Illinois, who embezzled for years and in other ways guilty of trust, seeks to excuse himself by saying that his acts were "benevolent forgeries." We shall hear next of "benevolent murders." It is about time that such cant and mawkish sentimentalism were stopped. Crime is crime and sin is sin, however much the wrong doer may try to gloss it over with invented and specious phrases.

No town, country or community will ever prosper where there is a division, or strife of any nature. In helping others you invariably help yourself. "Opposition is the life of trade," and merit wins. No town will prosper and grow where a lack of enterprise and push on the part of its citizens is felt. The true motto of each and every citizen of a town is and should be to assist and help your neighbors, encourage business of all kinds, unite in the matter of improvement in making the town attractive and giving it a home like appearance. When this is done people from a distance will form a good opinion of the place and it will be an inducement for them to locate with us and become permanent and substantial citizens.

Special prices on sugar in barrels lots at Geo. E. Darsey's.

**Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure.**

This country is filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cure of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Happy Day flour is the best high patent. Get it at Wherry's.

J. J. Guice & Son report the sale of 80 suits of underwear last Saturday, besides having a good days business on other things. This was the direct result of advertising done by circulars, and in the paper. Some of you merchants should set up and take notice.

**Mrs. McRaney's Experience.**  
 Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Darsey has some ladies' scarfs that will make nice Xmas presents.

# Great Reduction Sale!

## FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS

We are going to double our cash sales over any previous month. Our stock of goods is complete in every respect; our house is filled to overflowing with goods, and we want the money out of them, and for thirty days we will make you some very attractive prices.

Have just received a beautiful line of dress gingham, dress goods; percales, border prints, border sateen, brillianteen, suitings, etc., big lot of shoes, boots, shoes, hats, caps, gloves.

Just unloaded 428 sacks very fine flour, plenty sugar, coffee, salt, tobacco, everything in Groceries. Space is too small to quote prices, but just come to our store and see our goods and price them. It will be our pleasure to show you and make you prices.

Remember we are going to sell lots of goods for the next 30 days. We want you to take advantage of the chance to buy from us. Come and buy. Respectfully.

## F. A. FARIS

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

## FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE

Will cure any case of Kidney or Bladder Disease not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more.

For Sale by CARLETON & PORTER, Druggists

Cures Backache  
 Corrects Irregularities  
 Do not risk having Bright's Disease or Diabetes

### I Can Give You a Position.

The position is ready, but you are not. The ads are coming in, and I can not fill them. The demand is growing. Time and time again I am compelled to say, I have not the man you want. Often it is the young women called for. These calls are for men and women who are prepared. What will you do about it? You can not fill these positions. I can ask if it would pay you to get ready; I know it would. The places are waiting for you—eager to find you out. Soon you could be ready. It is not a question of time or money; that you can fix. A few weeks and a few dollars and it is all done. It is a question whether you will. If you will come to Hill's Business College we will prepare you for a position, and we will do it in the right way and in quick time. It is the one school that stands for thorough and complete preparation. Come now. The rates are easy. A \$50 scholarship in bookkeeping, banking, penmanship, etc., \$42.50; in shorthand and typewriting, \$42.50; telegraphy and station work, \$35; the \$100 combined course—bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting all together, only \$75; mail course in bookkeeping or shorthand, \$20. Address R. H. Hill, Waco, Texas, or Memphis, Tenn.

**Might Have Been.**

When Shakespeare said: "Aye, there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of it. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years' worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human cuticle. It's guaranteed.

## Bargains! Bargains!

### Everything in the dry goods line is going at cost.

Be sure and get your winter supplies while you can get them at wholesale prices. Don't miss this opportunity, come while the Big Sale is on. Come and get our prices to-day for the goods won't be here next week. Save money by buying from us. We invite all.

Respectfully,  
**J. J. Guice & Son.**

Tailors without pride in their work shouldn't be tailors. At any rate they shouldn't be tailors to men who have a decent pride about dress. Do not delay another minute, but take your old clothes to Odell Faris and let him clean and press them. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. Orino regulates the bowels so they will act naturally and you do not have to take purgatives continuously. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

**Stop That Cough.**

If you have a cough, cold, sore throat or chest, don't delay a moment—cure it. Simmon's Cough Syrup is a sure remedy. It makes you well.

Mr. F. A. Lively of near this place and Miss Minnie Ann Knox of Volga were married last Sunday at the home of the bride. The Messenger extends congratulations.

**THE GREATEST CURE  
FOR  
COUGHS AND COLDS  
DR. KING'S  
NEW DISCOVERY  
GUARANTEED CURE FOR  
Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, La Grippe,  
Quinsy, Hoarseness, Hemorrhage of the Lungs,  
Weakness of the Lungs, Asthma and  
all diseases of  
THROAT, LUNGS AND CHEST  
PREVENTS PNEUMONIA**

Eleven years ago Dr. King's New Discovery permanently cured me of a severe and dangerous throat and lung trouble, and I've been a well man ever since.—G. O. Floyd, Merchant, Kershaw, S. C.

PRICE 50c AND \$1.00

**SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY**

**Carleton & Porter, Druggists.**

**SCRIBE FOR THE MESSENGER TO-DAY!**

**Health is More Than Wealth**




Use **BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT** AND

KING OF THEM ALL

You will always have good health. What is more to a man than good health? All the money in the world can't make happiness where health is unknown. Ballard's Snow Liniment cures Rheumatism, Cuts, Burns, Sprains, Neuralgia, Sores, Stiff Joints, Contracted Muscles, Lameness and all the ills that flesh is heir to.

**One Who Knows.**

J. G. Scott, Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "I cannot too highly praise your Ballard's Snow Liniment for the relief of acute rheumatism, caused by sudden change and exposure to the weather. I also recommend your Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and colds. These used together defy all pain."

**GET THE GENUINE. Three Sizes 25c, 50c, \$1.00**

**Ballard Snow Liniment Co.**  
500-502 North Second Street,  
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.**

Sold and Recommended by  
**CARLETON AND PORTER, DRUGGISTS**

**The Messenger  
AND  
The News**

ONE YEAR  
**\$1.75**

**Certainly Fair.**  
The troubles humanity is none perhaps causes so much distress and more efforts for relief than any of itching skin. We will tell you a medicine that rarely ever fails—one that is guaranteed to cure any itching trouble—no matter what the name. If it is a medicine, it is cheerfully

**Choked to Death**  
is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Darsey is showing an elegant line of ladies petticoats from 50c to \$2.50.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Our wire was shipped Dec. 5th. If you want to get in on the car don't be too late as our special prices applies to orders taken before the arrival of car. Geo. E. Darsey.

**A Personal Appeal.**

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds, and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Ladies' hand bags and purses make good Xmas presents. Darsey has some exceptional values from 25c to \$1.25.

**For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.**

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Geo. E. Darsey will unload this week a car of winter ground flour was ground this month and is allright for Christmas cooking. In wood barrels or sacks just as you want it

**For a Lambe Back.**

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it over the seat of pain, and you may be suprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Go to Darsey's for your shredded coconat seededsraisens, evaporated apples, chocolate, citron and extracts and get fresh goods.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes the inflamed members, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Geo. E. Darsey has just received one of the biggest shipments of Roman candles ever brought to Grapeland. See him for cut prices

**For that Dull Feeling After Eating.**

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets that I ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are superior to pills but cost no more. Get a free sample at B. R. Guice & Son's drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is.

**XMAS GIFT.  
FOR YOUR SON OR  
DAUGHTER.**

If you want to give something that will last a life time, grow in value every year, and will make him or her practically independent for life, let it be a life scholarship in Bookkeeping, Shorthand and Typewriting or Telegraphy in Draughon's Practical Business College. Positions secured under reasonable conditions, or tuition money refunded. Write for special Xmas gift prices. Address, Manager, **Draughon's Practical Business College,**

Dallas, Texas; Ft. Worth, Texas; Waco, Texas; Austin, Texas; Tyler, Texas; Houston, Texas; Galveston, Texas; San Antonio, Texas; Denison, Texas; or El Paso, Texas.

**Don't Be Hopeless**

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

**Letters to Santa Claus.**

**Dear Santa Claus:**—Please bring me a little wagon, some oranges, apples, candy and nuts, a nice buggy and horse. Please bring little Annie Alma a little doll that can open and shut its eyes, oranges, apples, candy and nuts and a doll buggy. Your little boy, **Lester Eugene White.**

**Dear Old Santa:**—Please bring me a toy gun and a nice horse and bnggy, some oranges, apples, candy, and nuts of all kinds. Don't forget to bring little sister something nice ang pretty for she's the cutest baby you ever saw, and awfully sweet. Your loving boy, **Guy Curtis White.**

**It Never Disappoints.**

"Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunt's Lightning Oil is an exception. Confidence in it is never misplaced—disappointment never follows its use. It is surely the grandest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, burns, sprains, aches and pains, I know no equal." **George E. Paddock, Doniphan, Mo.**

Rocking chairs, center tables, dining tables, bed steads, chevils, dressses, bureaus, book cases, matting, bed springs and mattresses at Darsey's.

**Gulity of Counterfeiting.**

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

A big shipment of white and decorated China ware to arrive at Darsey's this week sold in either dinner sets tea sets, or just as you want it.

Mr. Chester Kennedy of Augusta was in town Tuesday on business, and while here had a lot of circulars printed advertising the closing out sale of Kennedy Bros., who are going to move to Grapeland January 1st.

**How One Doctor Successfully Treats  
Pneumonia.**

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs, and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

**W. Caskey,  
The Easy Barber.**

Shaves  
Shampoos  
Hair Cuts  
Tonics and  
Massages.

Your Business Wanted.  
Shop on front street  
Martin Laundry Agent

**ATTENTION!**

To all Lovers of Good Barber Work When in Crockett do not fail to patronize **FRIEND'S BARBER SHOP** HOT AND COLD BATHS AT ALL TIMES Best Equipped Shop in Houston County **CROCKETT, TEXAS**

**FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE**  
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

**MEAL AND HULLS.**


I have Just received a fresh car meal and hulls. See me and get my prices before buying. Can save you money.

**Ed. Harmon.**

**FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR**  
Cures Colds; Prevents Pneumonia

**WHITE'S  
Cream Vermifuge**

THE GUARANTEED  
**WORM  
REMEDY**



THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.

Beware of Imitations. The Genuine Prepared Only by **Ballard-Snow Liniment Co.** ST. LOUIS, MO. —FOR SALE BY—**CARLETON & PORTER.**

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**FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR**  
stave the cough and heals the lungs

Bleached and  
Brown  
Domestic  
20 yds. \$1.

# Christmas Shopping.

All  
Standard  
Calicoes  
20 yds. \$1.

Selecting presents is usually a perplexing problem. We offer you in our dry goods department useful and appropriate gifts for every member of the family. Everybody, even children, like for their presents to be useful. As an advantage in making your purchases early, it is our desire and intention to give each customer individual attention, but a few days before Christmas this is almost impossible, besides you have a much better selection by being early. Do your shopping now.

## Shoes Make Good Christmas Presents



This illustration shows our No. A74 Ladies White House shoe, Patent Leather, blucher, calf fancy foxed quarter, Cuban heel, medium soles, Lasalle last, price per pair, \$3.00

White House Shoes for men and women, and Buster Brown Shoes for boys and girls, and other Brown's Star-5-Star shoes are designed by the foremost shoe makers of the world, insuring good fitting qualities and pleasing shapes. The leathers are of the best tannage of kid, box calf and gun metal calf, and the potent leathers are the best obtainable. The workmanship is high class, all through the shoe giving uniformity in construction and finish. The styles are new—a big variety for men, women and children.

White House Shoes for men \$3.50 to \$4.50. For ladies \$3.00. Other Star-5-Star shoes from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Buster Brown Shoes \$1.50, \$2.50



This Mark is Stamped in the shank of Each Shoe.



This illustration shows our No. B73 Men's White, full dress shoe, dull finished top, foxed quarter, military heel, single sole welt, culver last, price \$4.50

### Ladies Furs Make Good Xmas Presents.

We are showing showing some very pretty Fur Scarfs at \$4.00, 3.00 and 1.50.



### Rugs Make Good Xmas Presents.

Our showing of Rugs include the most popular weaves and they are the most handsome patterns you have ever seen. It is worth your time to look over our line, and nothing is better for a Xmas gift than a Rug. If you are at a loss what to give, decide on a rug and it will please.

Prices from \$4.50 down to \$1.00

### Over Coats Make Good Xmas Gifts.

Every man needs an over coat and would like to have one as a Xmas gift. We have some special values in black over coats, at \$5.00, \$8.50 and \$10.00, and Cravanette rain coats at \$10.00 and \$12.50

### Men's and Boys' Suits Make Good Xmas Gifts.

Our line of men's and boys' suits is still complete and a new suit will make any man or boy feel good Xmas morning. Knee suits \$4.50 down to \$1.00. Men's and boys' suits \$15.00 down to \$5.00

Ladies Kid Gloves for Xmas at \$1.00.

Men's Ties for Xmas 25c and 50c.

### Hats Make Good Xmas Gifts.

Our hats are made to satisfy the wearer, and the styles include all the novelty and snappy shapes for young men and the staple shapes for older men, and they are attractively priced—\$5.00 down to \$1.00

### Ladies' Coats Make good Xmas Gifts.

We have an exceptionally handsome line of popular priced ladies' coats and any lady or girl will appreciate a coat for Xmas. Ladies' coats \$7.50 down to \$2.50. Misses' and children's coats \$3.50 down to \$1.25

Ladies knit shawls and scarfs make good Xmas gifts. 25c to 2.00.

Suspenders make good Xmas presents. 25c and 50c per pair.

Handkerchiefs for men and ladies from 35c down to 5c.

# Darsey's Dry Goods Store.

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Good  
Feather Bed  
Tick 12½c  
Per yd

See Our Grocery, Hardware and Furniture ad on another page

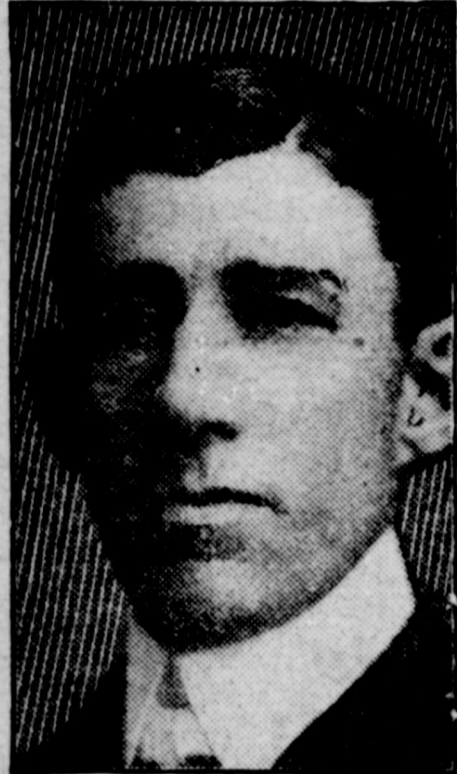
All  
10c Outing  
8 cents  
Per yard.



**It's a Hustler.**  
Hunt's Lightning Oil is up and doing all the time. It cures your aches, pains, cuts, burns and bruises while you sleep. Rub a little on your misery and feel it disappear.

Money isn't everything in the world, but it's difficult to realize this fully unless you have money.

**PE-RU-NA AS A LAST RESORT**



MR. WM. F. VAHLBERG.

Mr. William F. Vahlberg, Oklahoma City, Okla., writes:  
"One bottle of Peruna which I have taken did more toward relieving me of an aggravated case of *catarrh of the stomach*, than years of treatment with the best physicians.  
"I had given up hopes of relief, and only tried Peruna as a last resort.  
"I shall continue using it, as I feel satisfied it will effect an *entire and permanent cure*.  
"I most cheerfully recommend Peruna to all who may read this."  
Peruna is usually taken as a last resort. Doctors have been tried and failed. Other remedies have been used. Sanitariums have been visited. Travel has been resorted to.  
At last Peruna is tried. Relief is found.

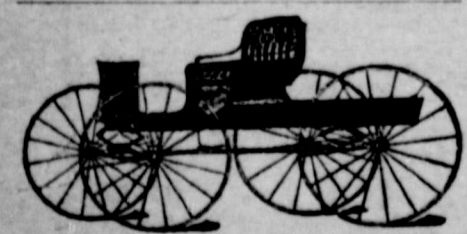
This history is repeated over and over again, every day in the year. It is such results as this that gives Peruna its unassailable hold upon the people. We could say nothing that would add force to such testimonials as the above. That people who have had catarrh and have tried every other remedy available, find relief in Peruna, constitutes the best argument that could be made.

**SICK HEADACHE**

**CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.**  
Positively cured by these Little Pills.  
They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER.  
They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.  
SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

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Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature  
*Brewster's*  
REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

**TOWER'S FISH BRAND WATERPROOF OILED GARMENTS**  
are cut on large patterns, designed to give the wearer the utmost comfort  
LIGHT-DURABLE-CLEAN  
GUARANTEED WATERPROOF  
SUITS \$3.00  
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BE SURE THE GARMENT YOU HAVE BEARS THE TOWER'S SIGN OF THE FISH.  
A. J. TOWER CO. BOSTON, U.S.A.  
TOWER CANADIAN CO. LIMITED, TORONTO, CAN.



**Handy Buggy, \$4125**

Two feet of room back of the seat and no heavier than a full size buggy. Seat is nicely upholstered and extra child seat can also be furnished. Other buggies as low as \$10.00. Illustrated and described in our handsome new catalog of vehicles, harness and saddles. It's free. Write for it.  
MOSEHART & KELLER CO.  
DEPARTMENT W. Houston, Texas.

**PARKER'S HAIR BALM**  
Grows and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Falls to Branches. Gray Hair to the Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 25c and 50c per Jar.

**PENSIONS** New Law Sent Free  
Texas Volunteers, 1891-62 entitled. Write Washington, D. C.

**HONORED BY HIS COUNTRYMEN.**

Dutch Consul General at Gotham Commemorates Years of Service.

New York.—In celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his appointment as consul general of the Netherlands in New York, a reception was tendered the other night to Mr. John R. Planten. Jonkheer Loudon, the Dutch minister in Washington, other members of the Netherlands legation, and the most prominent Dutch residents of the city were present, together with representatives of various organizations of which Mr. Planten is a member.  
Both in age and in point of service Mr. Planten is the second consular



JOHN R. PLANTEN

representative in New York, being superseded only by D. N. Botassil, consul general of Greece, who has been in the service since 1861.

Mr. Planten was born in Amsterdam, Holland, on November 20, 1835. He came to New York with his parents when he was ten years old, and received his education here.

Upon the completion of his schooling he entered the consular service of the Netherlands, and in 1874 was appointed vice-consul in New York. Ten years later he was made consul general. He is at present also in charge of the consular interests of the grand dukedom of Luxemburg, in this city. He has acted as charge d'affaires of the Netherlands legation in Washington at different times.

Mr. Planten has had many honors conferred upon him during his years of service to his country, among these being commander of the Order of Orange-Nassau of the Netherlands, Commander of the Order of Bolivar of Venezuela and officer of the Order of the Oaken Crown of Luxemburg. He is a member of the produce exchange, Netherlands club and New York Geographical, Genealogical, Biographical and Historical societies.

**MONUMENT TO BALLOONISTS.**

Memorial Recalling Fateful Siege of Paris When Aeronauts Were Heroes.

Paris.—In memory of the daring aeronauts who were the only means of communication between the city and the outside world when the Prussians were besieging Paris in 1871, a mon-



Monument to Daring Aeronauts.

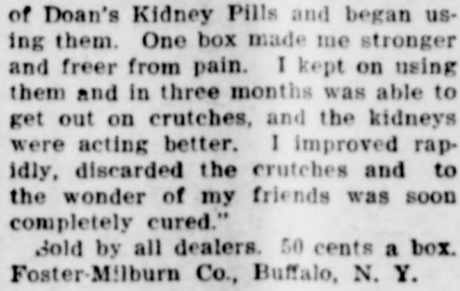
ument has been unveiled in this city. The monument takes the form of a balloon, with a group of symbolic figures about its base and a few birds flying around it, while the four pedestals that flank it are surmounted by groups of flying birds. Those aeronauts of the days of the siege were true heroes, for ballooning was then in its infancy and the men who ascended from the beleaguered and starving city took their lives in their hands, not only from the bullets of the Germans, but from the perils of the air. It was through them that the world learned of the awful straits to which the inhabitants had been reduced, and thereby took measures to relieve them.

Cuba's output of molasses this year will not fall short of 40,000,000 gallons.

**ONE KIDNEY GONE**

But Cured After Doctors Said There Was No Hope.

Sylvanus O. Verrill, Milford, Me., says: "Five years ago a bad injury paralyzed me and affected my kidneys. My back hurt me terribly, and the urine was badly disordered. Doctors said my right kidney was practically dead. They said I could never walk again. I read of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. One box made me stronger and freer from pain. I kept on using them and in three months was able to get out on crutches, and the kidneys were acting better. I improved rapidly, discarded the crutches and to the wonder of my friends was soon completely cured."  
Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



PAMPERED.



Mrs. Newrich—Will your hounds follow a fox?  
Newrich—Why—er—I think they would if the fox was dressed and cooked.

**NO SKIN LEFT ON BODY.**

For Six Months Baby Was Expected to Die with Eczema—Now Well—Doctor Said to Use Cuticura.

"Six months after birth my little girl broke out with eczema and I had two doctors in attendance. There was not a particle of skin left on her body, the blood oozed out just anywhere, and we had to wrap her in silk and carry her on a pillow for ten weeks. She was the most terrible sight I ever saw, and for six months I looked for her to die. I used every known remedy to alleviate her suffering, for it was terrible to witness. Dr. C— gave her up. Dr. B— recommended the Cuticura Remedies. She will soon be three years old and has never had a sign of the dread trouble since. We used about eight cakes of Cuticura Soap and three boxes of Cuticura Ointment. James J. Smith, Durmid, Va., Oct. 14 and 22, 1906."

**Realism.**  
Stage Manager—I wish we could work in a few more realistic touches in this woodland scene. Now, how would it be to have some one growl like a bear?  
Author—The very thing! We'll call in the critics!—Harper's Weekly.

**"The Armless Man"**  
said, "It wasn't money he wanted, but somebody to scratch his back." There are many with strong arms and willing hands that have that same yearning. Hunt's Cure will make back scratching, or any other old scratching, totally unnecessary. It knocks out any itching sensation that ever happened, and it does it right now. One application relieves.

**How Rows Begin.**  
"Hubby, I dreamed last night that that you didn't love me."  
"How foolish you are."  
"Foolish, am I? As if I could help what I dream about!"  
And the fight was on.

**Test Its Value.**  
Simmons Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for Constipation and Disordered Liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.  
W. M. TOMLINSON,  
Price 25c. Oswego, Kansas.

**Good Stunt.**  
"How do you preserve your teeth so beautifully?"  
"I never buy any tooth powder from a dentist."—Cleveland Leader.

**For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.**  
The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

A man who is continually breaking his promises soon goes to pieces.

**This is So.**  
We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as words can express it, that Hunt's Cure will positively, quickly and permanently cure any form of Itching Skin disease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. One application affords relief.

One trouble with a tightwad is that he doesn't care who knows it.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.**  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Criticism is the friend of success.

**CANDY**

For famous and delicious candies and chocolates, write to the maker for catalog, wholesale or retail. Gunther's Confectionery, 212 State Street, Chicago, Ill.

**OPIUM**

and Whiskey Habits treated at home without pain. Book of particulars sent FREE. H. M. Woolley, M. D., Atlanta, Ga., 160 N. Pryor St.

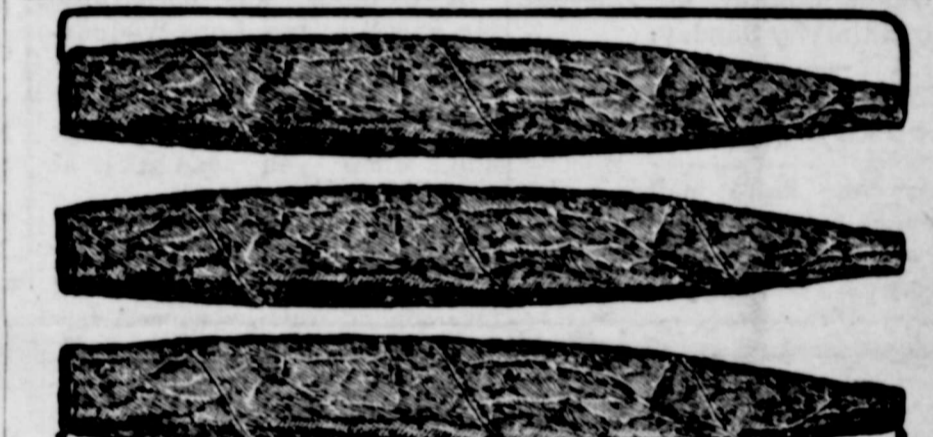
AGENTS make big money. our holiday line sells to everybody. Sample 25 cents, returnable. K. MAXIM CO., BIRMGHAM, PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
If afflicted with sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water  
W. N. U., HOUSTON, NO. 48, 1908.

**Weak Women**  
frequently suffer great pain and misery during the change of life. It is at this time that the beneficial effect of taking Cardui is most appreciated, by those who find that it relieves their distress.

**TAKE CARDUI**  
It Will Help You

Mrs. Lucinda C. Hill, of Freeland, O., writes: "Before I began to take Cardui, I suffered so badly I was afraid to lie down at night. After I began to take it I felt better in a week. Now my pains have gone. I can sleep like a girl of 16 and the change of life has nearly left me." Try Cardui.

**AT ALL DRUG STORES**



The little useless "head" that takes more time to make than the cigar itself—that's what makes three cigars cost you 15 cents—5 cents for what you smoke, and 10 cents for the heads you throw away.

**OLD VIRGINIA CHEROOTS**  
Are 5 cent Cigars Without the Head  
Therefore 3 for 5 cents

By smoking Old Virginia Cheroots you make your money go three times as far, because you get a cigar that's all cigar—no useless head to pay for, then clip off and throw away.

**Sold Everywhere**

**PISO'S**  
CHRONIC CHEST COMPLAINTS  
of the most serious character have been permanently cured with Piso's Cure. Coughs, colds, hoarseness, bronchitis and asthma quickly respond to its healing influence. If you have a cough or cold, if you are hoarse or have difficulty with your breathing, get a bottle of Piso's Cure. Immediate benefit follows the first dose. Continued use generally brings complete relief. For nearly half a century Piso's Cure has been demonstrating that the most advanced forms of coughs, colds and chronic chest complaints CAN BE CURED

**CURE**

**Nursing Mothers and Malaria**  
The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless, and the most effectual form. For adults and children. 50c.

**PUTNAM FADELESS DYES**  
Color more people brighter and faster color than any other dye. One tin makes color of three. They do it with water better than any other dye. You can do any garment without rinsing out. Write for free booklet—how to dye, bleach and fix colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Cambridge, Massachusetts.



**LOCAL NEWS.**

Cranberries at the Bon Ton.

If you want some real nice apples see Howard Anthony.

Beautiful bordered pericals at F. A. Faris'.

Wylie Ca-key went up to Palestine Monday.

Fruit cake ingredients at the Bon Ton.

Bring your turkeys, chickens and eggs to Geo. E. Darsey's.

Take your butter to Howard Anthony and get the cash.

Gloves! Gloves! Even the nice Ladies' Kid at Howard's.

Leave your orders with Howard Anthony for Xmas oysters.

Dry goods and notion at W. R. Wherry's.

Buy your apples and oranges from Darsey.

Alton Murchison spent Sunday with homfolk at Percilla.

Cut prices on Roman candles and fire crackers at Darsey's.

11 lbs. good green coffee for \$1.00 at Wherry's.

Take your chickens, turkeys and eggs to Geo. E. Darsey.

Walter Conway of Palestine was in the city Sunday.

Xmas umbrellas at Darsey's Dry Good store \$2.00 and \$2.90

A pretty knife makes a nice present. Howard has them.

Buy your Stetson hats at Darsey's Dry Goods store.

Rev. J. C. Cameron and wife left Saturday for their new home at Tyler.

W. H. Lively and Roy Bruton went to Crockett Monday on business.

Geo. Richards and wife of Crockett visited relatives here this week.

For table covers dresser scarfs and other art and work linen for Xmas go to Darsey's D. G. store.

Mrs. McCann Guice has sold her property here to Mrs. Dora White, and we understand will live in Crockett. Mrs. White will take possession at once.

We have a few ladies' white shirt waists worth \$1.25 we are selling them at 75c, slightly soiled. Darsey's D.G. store.

The station to which Bro. Luker was sent is up near Mineola and Bro. Luker is a faithful, earnest worker in the ranks and deserves the promotion that has been given him.—Center News.

I want to buy all the hides, furs and skins in the country and will pay spot cash. Now is the time to bring them in. M. L. Clewis.

A nice line of pipes at the Bon Ton.

New line of dress goods—they are beauties too. F. A. Faris.

Just received a car load of sugar at Geo. E. Darsey's

See those beautiful new gingham at Faris'

For your Xmas flour buy Ruth at Howard's.

Buy you a John B. Stetson hat from F. A. Faris'

Dave Waring was up at Palestine Saturday on business.

Buy your flour and save money at F. A. Faris'

Fruits nuts and candies at Howard's.

Buy Jno. B. Stetson hats at F. A. Faris'.

3 1/2 lbs Arm & Hammer soda for 25c at Wherry's.

Guns and amunition at Howard's.

We buy speckle peas and pay cash or trade just as you want it Geo. E. Darsey.

Be sure you get the freshest ingredients for the fruit cake Sold only at the Bon Ton.

The Messenger is a day late this week on account of a rush in the advertising department.

A daughter was born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Luce Wednesday night.

Don't pay \$1.50 for a sausage mill when you can get it at Wherry's for \$1.25.

Miss Cammie Thompson of Ioni visited relatives here a few days last week.

Bananas! Bananas! As long as they last 20c per dozen; well ripe, at the Bon Ton.

Howard Tommye, who is teaching school at Percilla, spent Sunday at his home in Lovelady.

Call for what you want, if it is not in stock I will order it for you. W. R. Wherry.

A nice iron wagon for the little boy. We have them in several different sizes. See us for prices. Geo. E. Darsey.

Mr. Geo. B. Cuttler, who has been living in west Texas and the Panhandle for the past two years, came in last week, and will move back to his farm near Augusta. The Messenger welcomes Mr. Cuttler and his family back to old Houston county.

In a runaway which happened late Tuesday evening Oscar Edge was thrown from his wagon getting several painful bruises in the fall. Oscar had started to Palestine with a load of farm produce. Some chickens which he had on the wagon broke from their coop, frightening the team and causing the runaway.

**Uncle Polk**

IS STILL IN THE MARKET FOR

**COTTON SEED**

I Have Plenty of **HULLS and MEAL** FOR SALE.

**GIVE ME YOUR ORDER**

**Howard Anthony's New - Restaurant**

Is the Place to

**Eat, drink and get your Fruits, Nuts, Cakes, Candies and Fancy Groceries at the lowest prices known. SANTA CLAUS is here. Get my prices before you buy.**

**Squirrel Hunter Shot.**

Rate-off, Texas, Dec. 5.—Yesterday evening while out squirrel hunting, E. J. Conn, agent of the Eastern Texas Railroad at Kennard, accidentally shot Jack Kennedy, a farmer. The two were after a squirrel in a tree, and as it ran Mr. Conn shot at it and several of the shot entered the thigh and hand of Mr. Kennedy, who was on the opposite side. Fortunately they were only slight flesh wounds.

Alexandria, La. Dec. 4.—Chas. Kimberly, the aged white man who was tried in the District court this week for the murder of Knox Miller, a youngman, at Boyce, La., on Sept. 19, was convicted. The jury brought in the verdict this morning of guilty as charged without capital punishment. Kimberly is seventy-two years old.

Darsey has some very snappy ladies' ready made skirts from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Miss Lou Keepfert of St. Louis, Mo., is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. V. E. Bond, and will remain for the holidays.

Be sure to see Darsey's Ladies', Misses' and children's coats before you buy. They are the best values and lowest prices.

**BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE LOTS FOR SALE.**

Any one wishing to purchase business and residence lots across the railroad should apply to J. J. Brooks. They are now on the market. J. J. BROOKS.

Darsey has the best values in ladies' trimmed hats at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 you ever saw.

**MONEY TO LOAN**

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

**WARFIELD BROS.**

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

**January Opening A Record Breaker.**

From present indications, more than 300 new students will enroll in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, during the month of January. Almost this number have written us positively that they were coming. We have secured additional teaching force and arranged to handle this immense crowd of new students with perfect ease. We will not permit any teacher to be overcrowded with work. Our school is said to be the most perfectly systematized institution of the kind in the world; it comes nearer getting at the individual demands of the student than any other school in this country; it is a model of system and progress from beginning to end. Prominent business men of the larger eastern cities who have visited this school, pronounce it a most wonderful institution, and after they have been shown thru its two large buildings, practically all remark, "since seeing your wonderful systems and methods of teaching, your most perfect discipline and management, it is no wonder that you have here in Tyler the largest attendance of all American business colleges, and that your graduates so successfully hold such high positions as official court reporters, U. S. Civil Service positions, railway positions, bank positions, ect."

If you have not read the catalog of the Tyler Commercial College you will find it to your interest to do so, as it will prove interesting as well as convincing. It contains detailed facts about America's greatest commercial school, and shows you conclusively why its students are able to hold the best paying positions and receive more rapid advancement than those of other schools. If you desire promotion and greater success than you are now enjoying, write us, for what we are doing for thousands of others every year, we can do for you. Leave off the word can't, use the word "I will." Don't postpone. "Procrastination is the thief of time." Do it now.

**Official Statement**

Of the Financial Condition of the **Farmers & Merchants State Bank** At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business on the 27th day of Nov. 1908, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 10th day of Dec 1908.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$ 19432.30
Loans, real estate	5738.20
Oyerdrafts (secured)	1500.28
Bonds and Stocks	000.
Real estate (banking house)	2983.03
Other Real Estate	000.
Furniture and fixtures	1684.40
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	
	\$ 25241.25
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	\$5665.29
Cash Items	000.
Currency	5362.00
Specie	3395.14
Other resources as follows:	000.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 71001.89</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	1500.00
Undivided Profits, net	1070.89
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	000.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	53431.20
Time Certificates of Deposit	000.
Demand Certificates of Deposit	000.
Cashier's Checks	000.
Bills Payable and Rediscouunts	000.
Other Liabilities as follows:	000.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 71001.89</b>

Total \$ 71001.89 State of Texas, County of Houston, } We, Geo. E. Darsey as president, and S. E. Miller 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.

Geo. E. Darsey, President, S. E. Miller, Cashier, Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2nd day of Dec., A. D., nineteen hundred and eight. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. J. R. Richards, Notary Public, Correct—Attest: W F. Murchison, } Directors W. G. Darsey, }

**Xmas Greeting:**

**Santa Claus**

Has Again left With Me His **Fireworks, Candy, Nuts, Fruits, Etc.**

To be distributed among the good boys and girls here. Now on display at

**The Bon Ton,**

Call and See Them **MARK ANTHONY, Proprietor**

**Choice Business and Residence Lots For Sale**

In North and East Additions to Grapeland

**Attractive Locations! Attractive Prices!**

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