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THE HOUSE OF QUALITY
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

AGED NEGRO IS BADLY BEATEN

Saturday night about midnight, three men went to the door of the house where Champ Ellis, an aged negro, was living on J. W. Jones' farm, four miles south of town, and called the colored man outside. His wife heard voices, then a short scuffle followed by a heavy fall. She went to the gallery and there found Ellis lying on the floor unconscious caused by a blow over the head with a club or some other weapon.

Early Sunday morning Esq. Davis was notified and accompanied by Constable Lively and Mr. Jones, went to Ellis' home. They found the wounded man in a very serious condition and Dr Stafford was sent for and a thorough examination made of the wound which the doctor says will likely prove fatal.

Sheriff Phillips was notified and one arrest has been made, and two other suspects are being looked for. It is alleged that all of his assailants were white men, but what the cause of the assault was is not known.

Ellis is about fifty-one years old, and as far as we have been able to learn, is a quiet and peaceable negro.

LATER—Champ Ellis died Tuesday morning as the result of the blow he received Saturday night and James Dunn, now held in the county jail at Crockett has confessed to the killing. The preliminary examination of the white men implicated in the affair will be held before Squire Davis as soon as the county attorney sets the date if a change of venue is not demanded.

HAPPENINGS AT DALY'S

Jan., 21.—Today was preaching day here. Bro. Williams delivered us an interesting sermon.

Mrs. Wm. Brown and daughter, Lorena, and Miss Emerson of Hays Spring attended preaching here today.

Mr. J. L. Chiles of Reynard and also Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kent were at preaching here today.

Miss Addie Hill of Grapeland visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Etta and Fannie Pridgen returned Wednesday from a visit in Elkhart. Their visit was shortened some on account of the Meningitis scare.

Major H. W. Huff and Col. W. W. Pridgen, two of our prominent business men made a flying trip to Grapeland Saturday.

Mrs. M. R. Grayson is on the sick last this week.

The last few days have been so pretty it makes us think that old King Winter is about to loosen his grasp upon us, and the doctors say this warm weather is helping to stamp out that dread disease—Meningitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Laseter, now of Grapeland, spent a few days last week visiting relatives in Daly's.

CHARLOTTA.

Fresh keg pickles at Kent's. They're fresh and fine.

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Solid Car of the celebrated North Pole and Cream Patent Flour, Chops, Bran, Oats and Corn Meal

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We are the People who put Prices Down. Come to see us.

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A LETTER FROM SALMON

Jan., 23.—Rev. N. S. Herod has sold his interest in the Morehead store to Mr. J. S. Salmon. Mr. Morehead has employed for his clerk, Miss Minnie Trigg, with these two enterprising young people we predict for the firm a prosperous business.

The Houston county Farmer's Union was in session Friday evening and night at this place. Some very important business was attended to pertaining to the order.

The people of this community are making preparations to run a phone line connecting with the Anderson county Farmer's Union system. It is being built altogether on the joint stock plan and no one but a member of the Farmer's Union can own a share in it.

Mr. Fletcher Weisinger has moved in our midst. He has purchased the place owned by Mrs. M. C. Walling.

Miss Myrtle Sanders and also her brother, Loyd, were the guests of W. R. Campbell Saturday night and Sunday.

Our Sunday School and singing class are still on the upward move. We also organized a prayer meeting last Sunday night, making a very good start.

The young people were entertained at Prof. W. R. Campbell's Saturday night, enjoying some good singing.

The people are looking forward to next Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night, as it is Bro. White's regular appointment; also baptizing Sunday evening. We take this method of extending a hearty welcome to all who will come.

SCHOOL KID.

MRS. SMITH DIED FRIDAY

At 9:30 a. m. Friday morning, Mrs. Linnie Smith, wife of James Smith of this city died at her home, after a long and very painful illness.

Mrs. Smith was born here, Oct. 4th, 1872 and was in her 40th year. She leaves a husband and children to mourn her death.

Mrs. Linnie Smith, (nee Keene) had a host of friends who will join with the Messenger in sympathy over her untimely death. She was a splendid wife and mother and her death leaves a void in the lives of her little ones that can never be filled.

The funeral was held Saturday at the family home, Rev. C. A. Campbell officiating; the interment being at Parker cemetery.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. A. S. Porter Special Agent.

Dr. C. L. Cromwell is having his property in west Grapeland put under fence. The doctor says he is tired of the city using his property as a public dumping ground.

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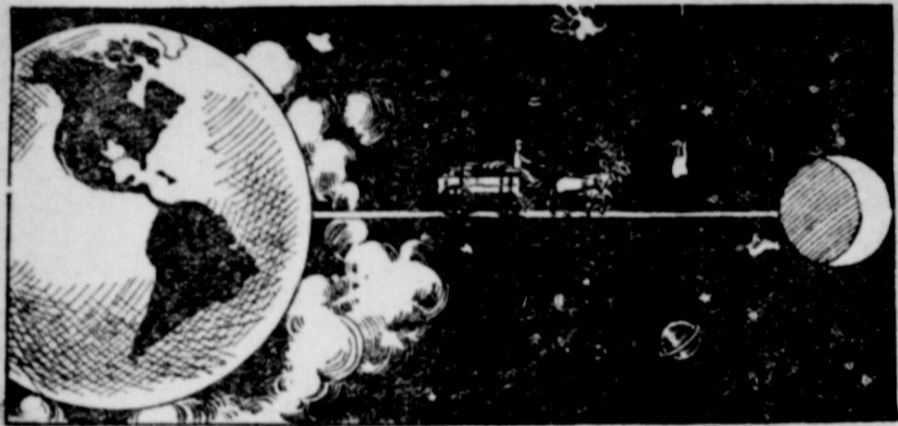
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Men's wool gloves	25c	Children's overshoes	50c
Men's work gloves 25c, 50c and	1.00	Men's over-gators 25c and	50c
Men's driving gloves 50c and	1.00	Ladies over gators	25c
Men's wool sox	25c	Boys Corduroy caps with ear flaps	25c
Ladies wool stockings	25c	Men's corduroy caps with ear flaps 25c &	50c
Boys and girls medium and heavy weight stockings 15c and	25c		

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GOOD ROADS



THE TEXAS FARMERS IN HAULING THEIR ANNUAL PRODUCTS TO MARKET FORM A PROCESSION THAT WILL REACH FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON.

In this age, the greatest thing a human being can do is to build a public highway and the greatest thing a State can do is to improve and increase its transportation facilities. Transportation is to commerce what blood is to the body, sap to the tree and vitality to life.

The Texas farmers ship to the foreign factory \$1,200,000 of raw material per day and haul them an average distance of five miles over dirt roads.

Our annual products going to the markets form a procession that will reach from the earth to the moon. Build good roads and help the farmer.

THE QUARANTINE WAS EFFECTIVE

Last Friday morning about 10 o'clock, Charles Hawkins, a drummer traveling for a Galveston house quietly drove into Grapeland from Crockett. His stay was short and this is how it happened.

It seems that Mr. Hawkins had heard of the drastic measures that had been adopted by the citizens of Grapeland and it is alleged he prudently telephoned one of our business men as to the situation. It is claimed that he was advised to buy a ticket to Crockett and drive over from there.

This he did and was, as he supposed, safely housed in a hotel when one of the quarantine guards located him and then the

powers were invoked.

The guard had a talk with the invader of this peaceful village and Mr. Hawkins assured him that he would do anything the committee demanded.

The committee was hastily summoned and the case discussed, but the rough edges of the scare had not as yet worn off, and the purveyor of the deadly germ—i. e. the drummer, was told to "hike."

Mr. Hawkins seemed very good natured about the matter, in fact was amused at the turn it had taken—but it was a long cold drive back to Crockett.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. A. S. Porter Special Agent.

WE QUARANTINE AGAINST WORLD

Regulations Adopted Saturday Night Make It Optional With Guards If You Get Into the City.

Quarantined? Well I guess yes.

We have acquired the quarantine habit, and, after much discussion that all hinged about the same question—only a difference in the point of view—we voted several times on the same question, always with the same result, and finally we arrived at the conclusion we had all seen was inevitable and we declared a quarantine against the world. (That last sentence ought to be in capital letters, but, because the guards have a wide discretion and may use a better judgment than did the framers of the convention, we let it go.)

After it was all over and done with, Dr. L. Meriwether hoisted himself into six feet of perpendicular humanity and declared the quarantine was on, and as he is the "Poo Bah" on matters quarantine in Houston county, it stands as read.

The meeting was noted for its startling unanimity. It looked as if we all wanted the same thing—only from a different point of view—and after we had gotten it, we were like the boy with the hot potato, it was too hot to hold and he had no place to put it.

Elder Brooks, after Dr. Meriwether had made a very plain statement that was full of good common sense regarding the disease and also regarding quarantine, made a motion to abolish the existing quarantine. It was argued at some length by Mr. Brooks, Chairman Murchison, S. E. Howard, Drs. Taylor and Stafford and others, but it was the same old "scare" still in evidence and all the talk threw no new light on the subject. The motion was lost by a vote of 16 to 32.

Some enthusiast moved to make it unanimous and the chair called for the ayes. The stand pat 32 made a prodigious noise—the chair displayed the first case of "rattles" for the evening—forgot to call for the nays and declared the sentiment unanimous.

Then we discussed the kind of a quarantine we wanted, and again Mr. Brooks was equal to the emergency. He made a motion that we make it "absolute," i. e., against Texas and the world at large.

Again there was a great wave of talk—all talked, singly, in pairs and all at once—then we all voted again, this way, the other way and all ways and we finally passed the absolute quarantine bill. Then the genial health officer showed the citizens "the back way" out of the hole. They could, he said, invest their guards with "discretionary powers—Chairman Murchison called it putting it up to the guards—and that was done. (Of course no one will blame the guards if some of our citizens go to an infected point and come back with a load of bacteria to distribute about the city; that wouldn't be fair.)

Dr. Meriwether said in part that he didn't believe that meningitis was any more infectious than pneumonia. He quoted eminent scientists who had made the disease a study, who said that it was, then he quoted others, equally eminent, who said that it was not. There's an argument both ways, take your choice.

The concrete sentiment was

that nobody was afraid of meningitis but nobody wanted to study it at close quarters.

Dr. Meriwether instructed the guards as to their duties. He said, should a case break out here, he was to be notified instantly and he would put the patient in rigid quarantine. Quarters be secured to be used as a hospital and detention station and all inmates should receive every attention and care. The county pays the bills.

Should a man or woman insist upon getting off a train here, a stranger unknown, with or without credentials, he must be treated gently. He should be escorted to the detention station and a guard put over him, but should he resist the gentle ministrations of the guards, he must be arrested and fined or he might be escorted to the limits of the county and gently pushed over the line. Should he insist upon returning to the sacred soil of Houston county—the same dose must be repeated.

The gist of the matter is this: we have a quarantine that will be about as effective as building a paper house for a grizzly bear. We hope that it will keep the grim destroyer out of Grapeland, but your own efforts in the matters of sanitation and cleanliness will be worth all the quarantines in Texas.

At a previous meeting held Tuesday night, the following advisory board were selected: W. F. Murchison, chairman; Geo. E. Darsey, D. N. Leaverton, W. R. Wherry, J. W. Jones, Dr. Stafford and Chester Kennedy.

The following guards were selected Tuesday night and, under the new conditions, are still on duty: Frank Leaverton, Joe Rawls, Murdock Murchison and K. C. Alsop

TUESDAY MORNING

After the above was in type comes the authenticated report that the embargo has been lifted and Grapeland is open to whoever cares to visit us.

Just how it happened is still a matter of argument, but it is alleged that one of the guards found a great discontent over the rigid enforcement of the measure, and as there was no half-way ground, he submitted the matter to the county health officer, Dr. L. Meriwether, who promptly declared the "lid" off.

GEO. MURCHISON BADLY BURNED

Sunday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, little George Murchison, five years old, while playing in the yard at the home of his father, Murdock Murchison, accidentally set fire to his clothing and before assistance could be rendered his clothes were literally burned off his body.

Dr. Taylor was summoned immediately and gave the little fellow all the relief possible and predicts no serious results, but the little one has a big burn on the left side of his body that will be a long time in healing, and will leave its mark through life.

Everybody is liable to "catch cold" but those who give a cold proper attention never have serious lung diseases. It is neglect that makes them serious. Prudent persons use Fallard's Horehound Syrup as soon as the trouble appears and the cold is cured at once. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.



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DECIDED CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The year 1911 marked a reversal of attitude throughout the Union in regard to railroad legislation. That the decided anti-railroad laws of various states in the past few years has had a deleterious effect on both the railroads and on the states passing such laws is the consensus of opinion of experts here. In the states enacting harmful statutes, railway improvement has been at a standstill. Especially was this noted in Texas, where the enactment of restrictive statutes practically stopped railroad construction. The change in Texas, however, for 1911 was radical and not a single law inimical to railroads was passed by the last legislature. This is seemingly restoring confidence of investors and road building is being rapidly recommenced.

The same change as noted in regard to Texas applies to a large number of states in the Union. More than forty state legislative bodies in 1911 failed to enact antagonistic railway laws.

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The only sure way to avoid the danger of calomel is to take no calomel.

Dodson's Liver-Tone, a vegetable liquid of pleasant taste, more than takes its place. Where calomel shakes you up and shocks your liver, Dodson's Liver-Tone, mild but effective, builds up and strengthens. It "liven up the liver."

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Get a bottle at Porter's Drug Store and if it does all that you think it ought—if it doesn't make billous spells mere trifles—if it doesn't "liven up your liver," your money will be waiting for you.

The Danger of La Grippe

Is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kas., says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of la grippe that threatened pneumonia. A friend advised Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and I got relief after taking the first few doses. I took three bottles and my la grippe was cured." Get the genuine, in the yellow package. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Misses Ima and Esther Davis entertained a small party of intimate friends Friday night, 7.30 to 10 o'clock at their home on South Main street. Light refreshments were served and the usual parlor games and pastimes passed the hours very agreeably.

Do not allow your kidney and bladder trouble to develop beyond the reach of medicine. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They give quick results and stop irregularities with surprising promptness. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

STRICTLY CASH

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J. W. HOWARD.

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A DEATH AT ROCK HILL

(Delayed)

Jan. 15.—Well, January greets us with very cold weather; sure tough on stock. Even cotton haulers claim it is disagreeable, but rain and snow are what we need to make a good crop.

There has been considerable change in our community the past few days R. A. Hughes has moved to Dodge; the Booth brothers taking his place. R. M. Weisinger has also moved to Dodge and Jno. Hudnell moved on his place. Jim Kyle purchased the place vacated by Mr. Hudnell which was owned by Claude Little of Elkhart. We welcome Mr. Kyle and all the new-comers to our settlement. More and better people adds to the welfare of any community.

On January 9th, the death angel visited our community and took one of our brethren, Mr. C. H. Devans from among us. Mr. Devans was taken very sick about a week before his death. All that could be done by physicians and friends could give him no relief. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and a great Sunday school worker. He was 61 years old and leaves a wife and a host of friends to mourn his death. Mr. Devans stated on his dying bed that he was ready and prepared to go, if it was the Lord's will. Wonder how many of us can truly say this? We know not the hour when our souls will be demanded of us, so let us be prepared.

Services were postponed last Sunday on account of the day being too cold for Bro. Andrews to get over, although the attendance was very good.

A crowd of young people took Mr. and Mrs. Booth by surprise Sunday evening and enjoyed themselves fine. Had some nice music and all got acquainted.

Mrs. C. M. Streetman recently visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, who has been very sick for a week.

Artis Streetman and wife were pleasant callers on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Durnell, Sunday.

Well, we are having some good old times now a days regular old hog-killing times. Just come over Mr. Editor and we'll feed you on spare-ribs.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 1912

AS OTHERS SEE US

In a mass meeting of the citizens of Grapeland, clean up committees were organized and the old town is having a general scrubbing, the like of which she never had before. This was brought about on account of the meningitis scare. Hundreds of other towns are doing likewise.—Luffkin Daily News.

You don't have to read between the lines; this is the naked truth. Grapeland has never looked so well from a sanitary point of view as it does now.

All the alleys and the vacant spaces between the buildings that have heretofore been favored spots for dumping trash, have all been cleaned and disinfected and the "chicken residence" that has, from the beginning of time, graced(?) one of our principal streets, has been removed to a less conspicuous site.

Truly, this quarantine was a very good thing for Grapeland, and now, if some public benefactor could throw another scare into us—an "epidemic" that would attack farm implements and some various other lines of merchandise—we might have a still more presentable town and have also, the use for their obvious purpose, of the streets and sidewalks.

Somebody seems to have punctured the Wilson boom.

Don't get scared; it hasn't got as yet.

Cotton is still coming in freely. Both gins were crowded to the limit Saturday.

The Commercial Club must have caught the cerebro-spinal "maginnis".

If the morals of some people could be disinfected it would be a great thing for humanity in general.

They say meningitis attacks the brain. If that is the case there are some people we know who are immune.

If we are not our brother's keeper, we should at least be interested in his prosperity when we realize that our success is largely dependent on his.—Grapeland Messenger.

We are; but most of us are more interested in getting it away from him.—Timpson Times.

CLEAN—STAY CLEAN

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." The citizens of this town turned out enmasse last week and cleaned up this old town from center to circumference, and this all on account of the meningitis scare that has invaded this town. It is well and good that this is the case for cleanliness and sanitary measures are always in order. But if this outbreak of activity on the part of our citizens is only for the time being the results and value of it will be small indeed. If we are to derive any good at all from sanitation we must make it a permanent thing. There is always a cause for every effect, and all are agreed that infectious and contagious diseases originate in filth and unsanitary places. Then the cause should be removed—we should clear our premises of all filth and keep them so.

We would suggest that every business man provide himself with a receptacle in which to deposit waste and keep it burned.

Some people are afraid that Teddy would be a king. Shucks, he's already an ace if not a joker.

So great is the cotton crop of Texas that our farmers alone, if they would come together and stand firm, could control the price of the staple all over the cotton growing world.

Even the terror of the "Black Death" couldn't keep Grapeland curiosity seekers away from the depot. There were about 150 of them on hand Sunday noon, eager to see how the quarantine worked.

The Messenger has the pleasure this week, of presenting to the voters of Houston county, the name of George H. Denny of Crockett for the office of Tax Collector, his candidacy being subject to the action of the democratic primary in July. Mr. Denny is well fitted for the office to which he aspires, having been deputy under Mr. Goolsby until his death, and since that time has practically had charge of the office. We commend him to your careful consideration, and if the voters see fit to honor him with the office, we have no fear but that he will give entire satisfaction.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.

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Write me for prices on seed peas, Black Eye and Cream varieties, the kind that has made Henderson County famous.

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162 acres of well improved land, eight miles west of town, near Daly. Good water and in good state of cultivation.

600 acres northwest of Grapeland on Elkhart creek for sale cheap. JOHN A. DAVIS.

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Yours for business,

W. F. MURCHISON.

NEWSY LETTER
 FROM OLD GRAY

Jones' Mill, Jan. 21.—The weather that we have had so far this winter would do for Greenland's icy mountains. Our last blizzard, which occurred over a week past, was the coldest weather we have had for thirteen years. Ice was much thicker and the earth was frozen deeper thirteen years ago—February 12th—than it was any time this winter, so says our weather recollections. The cold weather has put the soil in fine condition for ploughing, and the general opinion is that a good crop will follow. The great shortage in feed stuff should be a lesson to the farmers—one that should teach them the fact that it don't pay to raise eight and nine cent cotton and buy corn at \$1.00 per bushel. It should be a stimulant to them to rise to greater efforts to raise more corn and general feed stuff for their stock and, in fact, to make more of a living at home and not depend on northern markets so much for what can be raised on the farms of our country. Stir up your "think-pot" farmers; look to your own interests by reducing such an enormous cotton acreage and plant more corn, peas and potatoes, then you will thrive like a green bay tree.

We notice that our old time friend, Ney Sheridan, is a candidate for County Treasurer. We have known Ney since his earliest childhood. He was always a good boy—kind, polite and nice with all of his associates. After reaching his maturity he assumed the responsibilities of life like an old timer and since then has hewed to the line in all of his transactions with his fellowmen. To say the least of it, he is a high-toned, honorable gentleman and bears a record that is as white as the driven snow. As a business man there are few as good and none better. He has been associated with the best business men of the county, hence his well developed training. There is no better piece of material in the county than Ney Sheridan for the office to which he as-

pires and the people of Houston county will make no mistake in giving him their undivided support.

There have been no horses died in this vicinity. We have been informed that several valuable ones have been lost in and around Augusta. If the horses are dying from the use of impure food it is a matter that should be investigated and let those that are responsible be punished under the pure food act. May Jones recently disposed of several fine hogs at fair prices. Plenty of hog and hominy puts a man on the independent list.

OLD GRAY.

Foley Kidney Pills

always give satisfaction because they always do the work. J. T. Thelut, Bremen, Ga., says: "I have used Foley Kidney Pills with great satisfaction and found more relief from their use than from any other kidney medicine, and I've tried almost all kinds. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers for kidney and bladder trouble." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
 FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Saturday
 Is the Last Day!

Going to sell a Solid Carload of

BANANAS

at 50c per bunch

Come to the Car Early

W. H. SMITH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the July democratic primary:

- For County Clerk
 O C GOODWIN (Re-election)
- For County Treasurer
 NEY SHERIDAN
- For Sheriff
 A W PHILLIPS (Re-election)
- For Tax Collector
 GEORGE H DENNY

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and is a medicine of real merit. For sale by all dealers.

Let US PRINT
 YOUR
 SALE BILLS

LOCAL NEWS

Lively sells good shoes.

Call at Howard's when in town.

Lively always has it first.

For onion sets, garden seed, etc., call at Howard's.

FOR SALE—My store house and lot east side rail road.

GEORGE SHAVER.

George Chaffin and family have moved to their farm north of town.

M. H. Salmon has our thanks for sending the Messenger to his brother at Kennard.

FOR SALE—A good, second-hand square piano. Apply at Messenger office for particulars.

FOR SALE—A scholarship in Draughton's Practical Business College at a discount. See or write the Messenger.

Our good friend, W. M. Brown of the Hays Spring community, was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday.

Car of Chops, Bran, Meal and Flour to arrive this week; FOR CASH ONLY at the lowest prices. J. J. BROOKS.

Miss Jewel Taylor has sold her millinery business to Mrs. Sexton, of Crockett who will take charge about February 1st.

FOR SALE—My stock in Myrtle Lake; also 1 16-foot gasoline launch included. Write Odell Paris, Palestine, or see F. A. Paris, Grapeland.

LOST—Gray overcoat branded "Felder Dry Goods Co." Lost on Palestine road between Grapeland and Geo. Chaffin's. Reward if returned to

DR. W. B. TAYLOR.

Mrs. Isie Campbell, who has been a guest at the home of W. H. Lively since the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Totty, returned to her home in Palestine Sunday.

Our personal local column is on the bum this week. It is no fault of ours, however. The quarantine has put the "kibosh" on the coming and going of people.

If you don't sleep well at night, are nervous and low-spirited, you need a system purifier. HERBINE is a powerful liver stimulant and cleansing medicine. It quiets the nerves, promotes energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Lively sells it for less.

For a good knife or guaranteed razor call at Howard's.

A. D. Grounds sends the Messenger to his father, G. A. Grounds, Crockett Route 1.

Miss Ruby Cromwell of Colorado City and Mrs. Quarles of Elkhart are in the city on a visit to their brother, Dr. C. L. Cromwell.

R. L. Miller, a young man of Palestine, has accepted a position with Mr. Caskey in the barber shop. Mr. Miller will take Mr. Moore's place, who, after February 1st, will be associated with Mr. Caskey in the confectionery business.

Rev. J. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of this district, came in Wednesday and went out to Augusta. He will return to Grapeland and Sunday night will preach at the Methodist church. Monday afternoon the first quarterly conference will be held.

Our many friends have our sincere thanks for the way they are coming forward and paying their subscriptions to the Messenger. It makes us feel that the people appreciate our efforts to give them a good local paper.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Nesbitt, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively, was very ill Tuesday night. He was seized with a severe choking spell early in the night, and for a time his condition was really serious, but prompt aid from a physician soon gave the little fellow relief.

Charles Durham, Lovington, Ill., has succeeded in finding a positive cure for bed wetting. "My little boy wet the bed every night clear thru on the floor. I tried several kinds of kidney medicine and I was in the drug store looking for something different to help him when I heard of Foley Kidney Pills. After he had taken them two days we could see a change and when he had taken two thirds of a bottle he was cured. That is about six weeks ago and he has not wet in bed since." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

If You Read This Article Through, You Will, And if You Are Young You Will Think Twice

Did you ever stop to think that you do four things, just four and no more? You think; you remember; you imagine; you act. When you learn to think better, remember better, imagine better or act better, you are increasing your efficiency, and, therefore, your income. You may feel that you are very successful now. Suppose you are, it isn't a question of what you know, but of how beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. You will agree with us that to violate a part of the laws of business means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all the laws means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of success, and therefore, enable you to be near the maximum success. The late Prof. James of Harvard declares that the average man only uses ten per cent of his brain power.

Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean you are only twenty per cent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our course is to produce a maximum of proficiency with a minimum effort. Did you ever stop to think that eighty-five per cent of the men of this country are only earning \$15 a week or less? That ninety-two per cent fail in business between the ages of 40 and 50? That ninety-five per cent have no money at the age of 60? We have been very successful in getting men out of the eighty-five, the ninety-two and ninety-five per cent class. Why not let us help you? We have been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as is conclusively proven by the letters in our catalog from former students. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men to-day; there are thousands of men worth a thousand dollars a year, and only a few worth ten thousand a year. Be the latter kind of a man; you can if you will. We know that a man is worth only \$2 a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a hundred thousand dollars a year from the chin up, selling brains. Be a chin upper and sell the higher type of brains; you can't afford to be a chin downer; there's no room for such a man. Take our thorough, practical course of Bookkeeping-Business Training, Shorthand and Typewriting, or Telegraphy, learn how to think, to remember, to imagine and act. Our large catalogue is free for the asking, if you will only fill in and mail the following blank, giving your name and address.

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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.

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"I CAN'T" IS USUALLY RIGHT

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I will for the next 20 Days, sell them AT COST. PRICES AS FOLLOWS:

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Regular price of suits \$1.00 now..... 80c	Men's suits, regular price 15.00 --- 12.00
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Men's sweaters, regular price \$1.75, now..... \$1.20	Men's suits, regular price 10.00, now 6.85
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You must be particular—exacting, when choosing a remedy for baby's cough. There are so many remedies containing habit-forming drugs that baby's health will be impaired unless you know absolutely just what the remedy contains and the action of each ingredient, so you can be sure it is harmless.

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Grapeland, Texas

Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect and Obituaries are inserted for half price—(2½c per line). Other matter "not news" charged at the regular rate.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 1912

WHAT'S THE USE?

"Patronize home institutions," is the cry all over Texas. Merchants send to the editor a basket full of clipped arguments every day on this subject and when the time comes that they save a quarter in sending out of town for their commercial printing, why, that's business.

This paper could fill its columns with "Mail Order" advertising at exactly the same rate our merchants pay, but there would be a "holler" you could hear to Chicago if we did it and our patronage in the city would probably be nil.

The Messenger has not taken, and will not let into its columns any mail order advertisement that might affect Grapeland's trade, and for this concession, it claims that it should have at least a chance to bid on any commercial printing that is placed by Grapeland people.

Did you read "The Story of a Dollar," in last week's Messenger? It was a true story; it is verified every day in the course of business. Now, just a word to the few gentlemen who have been placing their orders in Tyler, Midland, Palestine and other places. When you send your printing out of your own town, you are putting your dollars beyond your reach forever. Neither the drummer who solicits your trade nor his employers ever spend a cent with you and they don't help your business.

Texas is no longer dependent on outsiders for the necessities of life. Industrially, economically, agriculturally Texas is a hundred per cent better than it was a decade ago, and the movement for good rural highways is but a natural outgrowth of the progress that has been made in every line.

We have the best soil in the state for truck farming, particularly for potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage and cucumbers. A good canning factory could coin money here if our farmers would raise the vegetables to supply it. Does it pay? One farmer in San Patricio county, this season, sold one acre of cabbage, standing in the field, for \$150. How many of you got that much out of your cotton?

Did you pay your poll-tax?

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Temple Commercial Club is preparing to launch a campaign for 500 new members during 1912. Plans were perfected for carrying on the campaign at a recent meeting and eight teams of three members each were chosen for directing the work. Two hours each day is to be devoted by the teams to securing new members, and the campaign was opened on Tuesday, January 9th. Every business firm in Temple will be canvassed and it is believed that the desired number of new members can be easily secured.—Commercial Secretaries.

If this kind of a move is good for Temple it would be equally good for Grapeland. A little well directed energy and the elimination of the "knockers" would be proportionately as good for Grapeland as for any city under the sun.

OUR GREAT FINANCIERS

The world's greatest financier is the American housewife. Her daily buying exceeds in shrewdness the cleverest transactions of Wall street, and no business concern or corporation, however ably officered, has ever been able to approach her in economy. She is the nation's foremost financier and her transactions more nearly reflect the progress and prosperity of the country than the reports of our clearing houses.

All legislation, financial and otherwise, ought to be so plain that the housewife can understand it. Our legislators, state and national, shoot so far over the head of the average citizen that those who are unable to employ an attorney and accept his statements in blind faith, must forever remain in ignorance of our laws. Of course, we have so many laws that no human can expect to read them and survive the ordeal, but any person who feels an irresistible impulse to legislate, should try his proposed law on his neighbor and get it down where the common people can understand it before attempting to put it on the statute book.

Just a word with our "good roads" commissioner—buy all of the necessary tools and machinery for this work from our home merchants. If they haven't got them they'll get them. Keep the money at home.

At Canton, Ohio, there is a great envelope making and printing plant that represents a capitalization of several hundreds of thousands of dollars. This big plant is owned and operated by a party of capitalists who have an almost invincible "pull" in Washington, and that is where your government stamped envelopes are made and your "return card" printed on them. This plant does not work for private parties and no penny of its profits or of its expenditures ever finds its way to Grapeland. They do not air your grievances nor help build up your town. They have the same sympathy with you that you have with a good steak. Lots of money goes out of Grapeland every year to Canton, O., because you save a few cents on a thousand envelopes, and if you traded with your home printer you would get just as good if not better job and would have the pleasure of shaking hands with that dollar again as all the Messenger force spend their money where they make it—at home.

THANKS, BROTHER

The best little weekly paper that comes to our desk is the Grapeland Messenger. It is full of news every week, real news, and the merchants of our bustling little neighbor evidently appreciate Editor Luker's efforts. They all advertise.—Houston County Times.

The Messenger is in the same business as is the Times—the building up of Houston county. It sometimes looks like a thankless job, but little notes of the above kind give us a new grip and unless this toe-hold breaks, we'll "boost" just a little harder.

That great philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie now admits that he started the movement that has made it possible for a little coterie of aristocrats to control one of America's greatest industrial lines. Unfortunately for America, it has several more great philanthropists—along the same lines.

So far as we can learn, Governor Colquitt's "cotton acreage reduction" scheme, while well meant and containing many advantages for the farmer, has not made any headway in Houston county, and, in a late issue of the Palestine Record we see that Hon. Z. Broughton of that city, recently appointed chairman of that county committee says that he will not call a meeting as the Farmer's Union in his district have already threshed out the matter without any definite results.

Foley's Honey And Tar Compound "Cures in Every Case."

Mr. Jas. McCaffery, Mgr. of the Schlitz Hotel, Omaha, Neb., recommends Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, because it cures in every case. "I have used it myself and I have recommended it to many others who have since told me of its great curative power in diseases of the throat and lungs." For all coughs and colds it is speedily effective. For sale by D. N. Leaverton.

A HOME-MADE STOCK REMEDY

One of our subscribers has handed us the formula for a stock condition powder which he has used for years with the greatest success. Here is the receipt.

- 1 oz pulverized copperas
- 1 oz powdered sulphur
- 1 oz salt-petre
- 1 oz cayenne pepper
- 1 oz powdered gentian
- 2 oz asafetida
- 1-2 oz black antimony

Mix the ingredients thoroughly and keep in an air-tight jar, in a dark place.

Dose for a horse or cow, one cooking spoonful daily for three days; miss one day and repeat until nine doses are given. Give in bran mash or pull tongue out of animal's mouth and use a long spoon, putting powder on root of animal's tongue. Disinfect your stalls by the free use of lime and give this condition powder to stop disease. Any druggist will prepare this for you or you can get the ingredients and do it yourself. It will keep your stock well if used according to directions.

Persons trouble with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

REMEMBER THIS

During 1912 you are going to need DRUGS and you will want the BEST and PUREST. We handle only that kind and will appreciate your business. We extend thanks for past patronage.

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Stop a cough before it develops something more serious.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

Is the Remedy That Does the Work.

It relieves coughing immediately, eases soreness in the lungs, loosens phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes. It is a fine family remedy, pleasant to take and good for children and adults.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Buy the \$1.00 size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size, and you get with each bottle a Dr. Herrieh's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest.

James F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.
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FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM, KIDNEY AND BLADDER

Texas Needs Great Men

XVII. QUARRELS

THREE hundred times the Imperial City of Rome witnessed the triumphant procession of her victorious generals celebrating conquests in all parts of the world, and for nearly a thousand years she levied tribute upon three continents; but, weakened by the quarrels of her Senators and the strife of her leaders, she became an easy prey to the barbarians. There is no more pitiful sound than the moan of a nation writhing in the throes of internal dissension.



QUARRELSOME LEADERS

Let those who search for power understand that no nation can endure leadership that plunges in the tidal wave of unrest, like a maddened soul bellowing with rage and belching forth flames of spite and hatred hot from hell, and that no country can prosper while cringing under the leaden heel of partisan and factional strife, which blights it like terrors fresh from the devil and are as bitter as the dregs of sin. Texas needs great men.

IMPROVEMENTS AT PERCILLA

Jan. 23.—Health of our community is not as good as we would like for it to be. "Aunt" Daniel is very sick; little Lottie Hendricks is also sick, and the little baby of Mr. and Mrs. George Brumley is sick. We hope they may all recover soon.

Our school, under the able management of Albert Gainey and Miss Eva Holcomb, is moving along very satisfactorily.

For fear some one from other parts of the country may come to Percilla and be surprised at so much improvement, we will endeavor to enlighten them along this line. Clay Jones is remodeling his residence, and when completed will add much to their comfort and to the eye of the passer-by. J. W. Fitchett has a residence nearly completed which will be occupied by Chas. Dickey. Robert Bobbitt is also building.

Mrs. O. W. Shoemaker of Grapeland is visiting friends and relatives in our community.

Farm work has been retarded on account of so much bad weather. Wood chipping has

been the order of the day for some time past.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Daniels have moved into their new home and celebrated it with a musical entertainment, which was enjoyed by all present.

We are glad to learn that the little fellow of Dr. and Mrs. Hays is recovering.

Miss Mary Foster of Navarro county is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Dotson.

We are glad to know that we are to have a Sunday school, which was organized Sunday afternoon with Clay Jones as Superintendent. Everybody is invited to take part. Great good can be accomplished if all will work to that end. There is not a community that can afford to be without a Sunday school. An old adage says "a good beginning means a good ending," so don't be a knocker.

Say, girls, don't forget this is leap year. JAMES R.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

REMNANT OF THE ACADIANS

Small Group of Magdalen Islands Populated by Descendants of Those Unfortunate People.

Up in the center of the Gulf of St. Lawrence the small group of Magdalen Islands are populated by three or four thousand lineal descendants of the Acadians under Champlain and De Monts, who were driven out of New France, Nova Scotia, by the English.

Since the first settlement in 1763 generations of the same families have raised scanty crops in the valleys and fed sheep and cattle on the high, conical hills which constitute a prominent feature of an insular landscape.

Year after year men have gone out on the waters of the gulf in search of the cod, mackerel and lobsters on which a livelihood depends. They are a simple, primitive people, these natives of the Magdalens, laboring all the while under circumstances that are most discouraging.

The archipelago contains 12 or 13 distinct islands, including several grim rocks which are not inhabited and never will be. But the remarkable feature about the physical formation of the whole group is the way in which one island is in some instances connected with another by a long stretch of sandy beach, enabling a person, if he desires to do so, to go for a score of miles or more along the most barren shore in the world, one that is uninhabited and unrelieved by vegetation of any kind, and the only animal life being the thousands of gulls, terns, gannets and other sea fowl which are extremely numerous in all this region.

As to Adhesive Postage Stamps.

Rowland Hill had nothing to fear from enlightened officers of health foreboding that "stamp licking" would "disseminate consumption, diphtheria, smallpox and scarlet fever." It is remarkable to recall with what enthusiasm the public took to stamp licking in 1840. The adhesive stamp seems to have been only an afterthought of the great postal reformer, whose original proposal covered only the sale of ready-stamped envelopes. Even when he admitted the adhesive stamp as an alternative, he thought it would be "reserved for exceptional cases." But in spite of newspaper jeers at "bits of sticking plaster for dabbing on the letters the public soon showed its mind. The stamp, Mudgey envelope proved a dead failure, while for weeks the supply of "sticking plaster" fell far below its demand.

Finally Took Receipt.

The baron had handed over his wife's jewelry box to be put in the safe.

"I'll give you a receipt, baron," said the hotel clerk.

"Er—I fancy it isn't necessary," replied the baron with some hauteur as he turned away.

He did not get far at once. He seemed to be thinking. He shifted his weight first to one foot and then to the other, spending several minutes in this profitable exercise. Then he decided to go upstairs. At the end of an hour he returned.

"I have been thinking it over carefully," he said to the clerk, "and I have come to the conclusion that perhaps it might be better for me to have a receipt." He got it.

Too Tall to Be a Soldier.

Nothing could illustrate better the changes in the art of war wrought by the evolution of weapons than the melancholy news that "Artilleymar Arcean of the Fourth Regiment at Rochelle has been discharged on account of his height."

In the old days Arcean's prodigious stature would have scared the enemy and poets would have chanted the glories of the age which could produce such redoubtable champions. Now, however, smokeless powder has changed all that. Invisibility is the first consideration in the field of battle nowadays, and an artilleryman of six feet nine might cause the enemy's and massacre of a whole regiment—Paris Figaro.

Just in Time.

There is no doubt that the tying of a piece of string around the finger is a really good aid to a poor memory, but there is a well authenticated case of a man who tied a piece of cotton around his finger in the morning to remind him to get his hair cut.

On the way home to dinner that evening he noticed the piece of cotton.

"Oh, yes, I remember," he said. And, smiling proudly, he entered the accustomed shop and sat down before the tonsorial operator.

"Er—yes, sir?" said the artist, puzzled inquiry in his tones.

"Eh? Oh, yes; cut my hair, please," commanded the absent-minded one, curtly.

"Why certainly, sir. If you wish it," said the artist. "But you won't mind my mentioning the fact that I cut it this morning, sir, will you?"



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SET PLAYER TO THINKING

Probably He Was Right in Considering the Game of Chess a Good Deal Like Life.

When a young man I was fond of playing chess. One day as I was deliberating over a move in the middle of a game I suddenly asked myself whether an expert standing beside me could predict what that move would be. Not, I saw, unless I had a past history as a chess player with which he was familiar. If I were a beginner he could not tell whether I would advance a pawn three squares, or move a castle aiant, or expose my queen to capture.

All these, and a multitude of other possibilities would be open to me and therefore to his prediction. But if I had a knowledge of the game, these possibilities would be closed. And if I were an accomplished player, the expert at my elbow might whisper to his neighbor, "There is only one move he can make. He must attack his opponent's king with his black bishop."

As I then, without hearing the remark, proceed to make that move, should I feel belittled to have the expert announce that it was foreknown? Should I feel that having supposed my act to be one of freedom, I had now been deprived of something precious and myself degraded into a mere thing? On the contrary, I should probably feel much flattered and congratulate myself on being, and being known to be, a player guided by law. Evidently, then, as personality enlarges, conduct becomes more predictable. That was the impressive lesson taught me by this striking case.—G. H. Palmer in "The Problem of Freedom."

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FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

SCHOOL BUILDING IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

INCIENDARY FIRE LEAVES THE CITY WITHOUT HOUSE FOR ITS SCHOOL. BUILDING INSURED. SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY MORNING IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

At about 11:15 Tuesday night, an alarm of fire was sounded and those abroad at the time soon saw that this city was soon to be without a school building.

The blaze started in the ceiling above the second floor of the main building and within ten minutes after the alarm was sounded, the whole building was a mass of flames and the saving of any furniture was impossible.

The writer was on the scene within five minutes of the breaking out of the flames and even then an attempt to enter the building was a menace to life.

W. R. Wherry and one or two other gentlemen who seemed to have heard the earliest alarm had gotten a full start, carried out a few books and one or two desks and that was about all that was saved from the flames.

The building, a frame structure, was built in 1891. It was a veritable tinder box and burned with an astonishing rapidity. The night was still and no wind was blowing and the flames shot high into the air, casting a ruddy glow all over the city and within a half-hour probably more than half of Grapeland's citizens were on the scene. As to appliances for fire-fighting, there were none and while there was fuel the flames held high carnival.

That the fire was of incendiary origin is beyond doubt. At the close of the school day (4 p. m.) there was no trace of fire in the building, and the rapidity with which the flames spread, shows unquestionably that oil or some other inflammable stuff had been scattered about the structure.

The school board carried an insurance of \$1,500 on the building and furniture and this sum will doubtless be available within a short time.

The trustees met Wednesday afternoon and arranged to reopen the school Monday morning. The various religious bodies of the city have tendered the use of their buildings until the end of the present term.

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock Prof. Price wants all the school children to meet him at the Methodist church, when he will check up the losses of books so a fresh supply can be ordered in time for the reopening of the school Monday morning.

The trustees are thoroughly convinced that the fire was of incendiary origin and they are sifting every clue to the end that the guilty parties may be apprehended.

SCHOOL BOARD HELD A MEETING

Tuesday night, Jan. 16th, the trustees of the Grapeland Independent School District met in the office of Dr. McCarty on a special call.

In the call there were two items for discussion; one, the status of the recent issue of bonds for the erection of a new school building, and second, the discussion of effective measures to prevent the invasion of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Mr. Darsey had just returned

from a trip to Austin, where he went to try and hurry the validating of the bonds, and he reported that everything of that character was being held up in the attorney-general's office pending a decision from the Supreme court on a bond case now before it.

This decision will cover only one point, to-wit whether an independent school district must have a separate tax roll from that of the county or not.

The county assessor and the county tax-collector have for the past two years collected the taxes for this independent school district, but if a separate roll is necessary, it will be provided as soon as possible.

The board is in close touch with the office of Attorney-General Lightfoot and as soon as the decision is rendered, the board will at once take such action as will start the building of the new temple of learning.

The question of the thorough cleaning and disinfecting the school buildings was taken up and disposed of very quickly. The buildings needed it and the health of the scholars demanded it and without a dissenting vote the measure was passed.

Pursuant to the order of the board, a big force worked at this all Friday afternoon and Saturday and school opened Monday in rooms as safe as soap and a powerful disinfectant could make them.

A LETTER FROM OLD KENTUCKY

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 17.—As the weather is moderating to some extent and I have thawed out enough to crawl out of my hole, I will give you a few dots from this place.

I noticed in last week's issue of the Messenger that it was "as cold as Greenland" and the thermometer only registered 16 degrees. What about 15 degrees below zero and the snow half-waist deep, the wind right off the Arctic circle and so cold it would freeze the toe-nails off the rats if they came out of the hole? The thermometer here has ranged right at zero for past two weeks, and sometimes drops down to 10 or 15 below. This is what I call cold weather.

The Ohio river is frozen over here, and the boys and girls are having great sport skating on it and walking across to Indiana, on the other shore.

I remember very well, before I left, some of the boys said: "you will freeze to death up there in Louisville this winter." I said: Oh no. It don't get cold up there; but boys, you can mark this down, it gets absolutely cold up here and no fooling about it.

Glad to note that our little town, Grapeland, is still on the gain, and also glad to hear that the road bonds have already been sold. This denotes a better community, better roads and better everything.

Say! Mr. Editor, when I get through reading my Messenger, every week, I hand it to some of my friends, and they read it to, for they have heard so much of

the great Lone Star State they are interested. They all say according to the Messenger, "Old Tex" must be a fine state. I say she is just as represented and especially, old Houston county. She's the spot where the birds make sweet music in the spring time, and everybody can own a home and enjoy life by their own fireside, with plenty of good food for another year's support, plenty of freestone water and everybody jolly as a lark. She's the county where the sweet odor of the roses, lilies and wild flowers are breathed in the bright sunny hours of the summer.

I have been in and through several counties and states in the last few years and to my notion Houston county and Grapeland are the best of all.

I made a trip to Alabama from here last Christmas, and talk about your rough country, it is up in that part of the world. I went over mountains, under mountains and through mountains and every other way imaginable and also went through the Mammoth Cave. Some fine sights are to be seen there. I also saw a good lot of cotton yet to be picked, in southern Tennessee and northern Alabama.

With best wishes to the editor, and to the people in and around Grapeland, I will close.

JOHN L. GUICE.

Lone Star School District No. 33 Stock Law Election

On this 9th day of January, A. D. 1912 the court takes under consideration the petition of the citizens of Lone Star School District No. 33 in and for Houston County Texas. Asking the court to grant an order for an election to be held in the said District to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory to wit:

Beginning at the NE corner of the Grapeland School District; thence N to San Pedro Creek; thence down said creek with its meanders to where same crosses the Rogers and Sallas league line; thence S with the Rogers and Bennett EB line to the SE corner of said Bennett survey; thence W with Bennett's SB line passing its SW corner with P. R. Hefly SB line to the SW corner of same on the EB line of the I. & G. N. R. R. survey; thence N with the Hefly WB line to corner; thence W with their line to another corner; thence N with Hefly Bates and Weisinger line to Weisinger and Bates corner on SB line of the Davis survey and SB line of the Grapeland School District; thence E with said School District; to the SE corner of same; thence N with the EB line of same to place of beginning. And it appearing to the court that the said petition is in all things in compliance with the law the same is hereby granted. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that the said election be held at the Lone Star School House in the said District No. 33 in said above described territory in Houston County, Texas, on the 24th day of February A. D. 1912, which said day being on Saturday of the said month. The said election to be held in accordance with the law governing elections to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the above described territory and due notice of said election shall be given as required by law.

Wilson Whitaker and P. H. Williams are hereby appointed managers of the said election.

E. WINFREY,

County Judge, Houston County.

GIVE THE PEOPLE A SQUARE DEAL

Editor Messenger:

As Grapeland has put on a quarantine and we have put on four men as guards at \$3 00 per day each, I think that it is nothing more than common justice that we go down in our own pockets and pay the bills. We will receive the benefits, if there are any benefits to be derived from our quarantine, and there is no justice, and I consider it dishonest, to make the citizens of Houston county carry our burdens.

I am aware of the fact that through our county health officer we can force the citizens of this county to pay our bills for us, but I can see no more justice in it, Mr. Editor, than for me to make you pay my debts for me. I am a citizen of Grapeland, and as such, I am and always have been ready to put my shoulder to the wheel and push our town to the front. While I don't believe in the quarantine, I am perfectly willing to help pay for it, but I am not willing to force the citizens of other towns and the surrounding country to pay for what I consider our foolishness.

A great deal is being said about meningitis being a contagious or infectious disease. I am no doctor. I was raised in the back woods and have not gotten out of the brush yet, but I don't believe one person can take this disease from another. A great man speaking on the prohibition question once said:

"Theoretically I am an anti, but

practically I am a pro." Now, theoretically one person can take it from another, but practically they cannot. Out of 190 cases in families in the city of Dallas only two instances are recorded where more than one member of the same family had the disease, and both of these had it at the same time and one could not have taken it from the other. I know that it is a fact that one town in this state, two members of one family and the doctor who waited on them had meningitis, and I also know that two or three members of my family have taken a bad cold inside of a week's time, but I don't believe that one caught it from the other. So if two persons in one family out of several hundred families in this state had this disease and the doctor also took the disease, that does not prove that one took it from the other.

Now, Mr. Editor, I think we ought to use a little common sense. There is one man in this city whose business has been ruined by this quarantine. I have no financial or other interest in that institution. He is not a customer of mine but trades with other people of the city. He is our hotel man. Let us give him a square deal. I appeal to the people of Grapeland. Let us apply the Golden Rule to this thing and if you will I know that the quarantine will not last long.

Respectfully,
W. R. WHERRY.

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