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## NEWS FROM OAK GROVE

Still the bad weather holds its own, and hard times continue to stay with us, but as Old Gray says there is a silver lining under every cloud and we are still hoping for a better day to come.

There is no sickness in this community that I know of, and trust that it will remain so for a long time.

Our school is doing fine, and hope it may continue to improve as time goes on. Our teacher is preparing to have a Christmas Tree, and we want to make it a success. Would be glad if some of the other schools would come in and let's have a nice time.

Mr. Rate Jones has moved into the house with Mr. J. W. Ellis for a short while, until Mr. Geo. E. Darsey can build a new house where Mr. Jones has been living for the past year.

When I read Mr. Tyer's article in last week's Messenger when I read the song, "O Where is my boy tonight," it brought back my mind to a few weeks ago when I received a letter from my boy, 450 miles from home, stating that he was out of money and out of a job, and wanted to come home. I could only lie on my bed and ask myself where is my boy tonight, but thank God he is at home now, and I think he is satisfied with his crop of wild oats.

The weather was so bad Sunday that I could not attend the meeting, but hope they had a good turnout, and affected an organization.

S. T. Parker visited relatives near Elkhart last Saturday and Sunday, and he says there were no roads, just mud holes.

I will close by wishing all hands a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Old Timer.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

## LOCAL NEWS FROM ANTRIM

G. L. Waddell had business in Grapeland last Friday.

Rev. Wm. Durnell, G. L. Waddell and W. F. Nix were participants in the Rock Hill singing last Sunday, and each report a very pleasant time.

The farmers of this country have been trying to get the remaining bits of cotton still in the fields, but the unpleasant condition of the weather make it a very disagreeable task.

On last Saturday night the people of Antrim met with the Literary Society and a very enjoyable program was rendered. Besides the pretty recitations and dialogues of the little people, a reading by Mrs. Edens was enjoyed by all. Those who lost in the debate went away feeling that if they had "just another whack at it," they might bear away two scalps instead of none. We all look forward to a very pleasant time two weeks from last meeting.

We believe that the Antrim people have at least solved the great and divine problem of making school do well its work of directing the tender minds "in the way they should go." And this they have done by simply co-operating collectively and individually with the teacher, and he with them. We expect great things in the way of school work here.

Some of our people have planned to debate with the Rock Hill people. The question being: Resolved, That the Constitutional Amendment Allowing Woman Equal Suffrage with Man Should be Adopted by the State of Texas. We look forward to a pleasant time there next Saturday evening. An Observer.

The Messenger is requested to announce that Rev. Pack will preach at Livelyville the first Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services.

## NEWS FROM ROCK HILL

I have sent, I have seen, I have read, and to make my words true, I will endeavor to send the news briefly. I hope that the readers of this paper have become conscious of the fact that we are on the boom as to educational interests. It might be—to speak in one sense of the matter—the renaissance of our enthusiasm. This ardent spirit has overtaken the people by means of an unknown reformer, rather than that of the progressive day. Yes, we have truly cultivated a taste to mingle with tangible countries, to study and learn of their well compacted theories, hoping thereby to borrow the good things that they have to lend, and replace that which we get from them with material that might render of service.

I fear, lest there be some misconstruction as to the date of the debate between the people of Rock Hill and Antrim. To guard against the misunderstanding, I will again state that it is to be on the night of Dec. 19.

Messrs. John Monk Warren and George Kyle departed from the community a short time ago, and it seems as if they might have toured a greater portion of Texas, but the people are glad to say that they have arrived now, and hope that they may be contented to abide with them for awhile longer.

Mr. Langham and family have moved to Mr. R. M. Brooks' place, where they intend to live another year.

The Sunday appeared very gloomy, but at last the day passed by with everyone having enjoyed themselves very much. The pleasant time was due mostly to a singing at Rock Hill. From Daly's and Antrim came many people to attend our singing. While here we organized a singing society to meet monthly.

I regret very much having to miss the stunt held at Antrim Saturday night, but hope to attend in the future.

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news briefly, as I promised in the beginning, I will say farewell to all. Khufee.

### LITERARY PROGRAM

For Friday night, December 18, school auditorium.

Song—Glee Club.

Reading—Miss Addie Eaves.

Piano Solo—Miss Loraine Hanson.

Oration—Jessie Willis.

Song—Junior Glee Club.

Jokes—Campbell Lively.

Debate—Resolved, That the cause of Germany and Austria in the present war is just and should triumph.

Affirmative for Grapeland, A. E. Owens and W. A. Riall.

Negative for San Pedro, Geo. Louis Payne and Thomas Whitaker.

Report of critic.

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### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a train, an erector set, a shooting gallery, an automobile, a story book and a game, fire works and fruit. Your little friend, Willie Gray Darsey.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll with some dresses and a doll go-cart, a tea set, a Bible with my name on it, a rook game, a story book, a book of memory gems and fruit and candy and fireworks. Dorothy Darsey.

Dear Santa Claus: When you come to see me on Christmas eve, please bring me a pump air gun, a foot ball, fire crackers, some Billy possums, and canon crackers, coconuts, raisins, oranges, apples, bananas, nuts of all kinds. I live in a little brown house around the corner. Your little friend, Starling Boykin.

Inspect my line of dry goods and get my prices before you buy. I am here to save you money and give you good quality. W. R. Wherry.

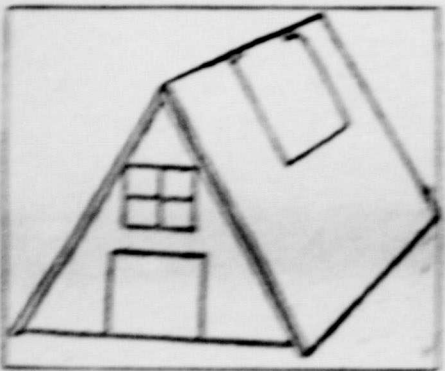
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# FARM STOCK

## SUPERIOR HOUSE FOR SOWS

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We desire to make a plan for the individual house. We like them for the sow and her brood especially. It has the advantage of keeping each sow from being disturbed by the others. Sows will not get out and wander into other pens where they may rub other pigs or stand a good chance of being injured by the sow. There will not be so much danger from infectious diseases. When the surroundings become foul the cot can be removed to another place. Of course it may mean more work for the owner to attend the sows separated in different houses scattered about the place, but it will be better for the farmer to do the extra work as he will save enough in the health and growth of his young pigs to more than pay him for his efforts. The building of the individual cot should be considered. There should be a window for light and sunlight, also a side door that can be lifted on warm days for ventilation. For this reason we like the A-shaped house best of all. A small window can be put in one end just over the door and a hinged door placed on the side with little trouble. The frame for this cot can be made of 2x4 material and the sides can be stretched, papered and covered with flooring. This makes a warm cot for winter use. We prefer the dirt floor with wooden wire stretched on top to keep the sow from rooting. If the floor is well bedded with straw it will be soft and easy on the sow and her brood. Some farmers put concrete



Individual Hog House.

floors to these houses, but they are hard on the feet and bodies of the hogs. They are also cold and gather dampness. This may mean the death of the entire brood of pigs, and sows are liable to take cold by lying on them. If concrete is used it should be covered with plank, leaving a space between the plank and concrete of an inch or two. But board floors are expensive and short lived. It is wise to whitewash the inside of the hog house, as it conducts the heat and aids materially to the light. The sunlight will reflect from the white walls to the floor and do lots of good.

## MANAGE SHEEP ON PASTURES

Where Grazing is Pleasant Animals Can Feed on What is Most Palatable to Them.

The ideal way to manage sheep on pastures is to have them graze one pasture down reasonably and then put them on another pasture until the first springs up again. In this way, says a writer in *Homestead*, the pasture is kept fresh and sweet. But in practice it may be frequently impossible to do this. However, where the rearing of sheep is an important part of the farmer's business it can be done to some extent.

When pastures get far ahead of sheep they should be grazed down if possible with cattle. In such a condition the sheep will not graze down the grass that has become rank and woody. By preference they will feed upon those parts where the grass is short. In such places it is shorter and sweeter than elsewhere. Where it is not practicable to graze it down with cattle it ought to be mowed if possible. Whether it should be left to mow the ground or drawn off should be determined by the quantity of the grass and its value for hay. When thus cut off fresh and nutritious grass springs up in its place.

Some object to grazing sheep with other stock. Much depends upon the way in which this is done. If the pasture is large and not in any way overstocked, there is probably no objection to the plan, but should the pasture be overstocked or should the sheep be relatively too numerous, then the cattle will be worried in the grazing. Sheep

eat more closely than cattle and can do well on shorter pasture. Where the grazing is plentiful sheep can feed upon what is most palatable to them and the cattle eat what they reject most. Sheep will eat of many weeds that cattle avoid and in this way they help to clean the pastures.

For winter grazing long pastures are the best. They are best for the reason that they present the grass underneath, so that when the sheep are grazing they get some grass with more or less succulence in it, along with what is dead.

## ONLY LEFT PAIR OF SLIPPERS

Reason for Curious Monument in Amsterdam Over Burial Place of Eccentric Individual.

There stands in a church in Amsterdam an ancient and curious monument of white marble which always attracts the attention of visitors, and their curiosity is usually heightened by its inscription. On the monument are engraved two slippers of a singular shape, with the inscription, "Efter Nyr," which, in English, would be "even nothing," or, more colloquially put, "nothing else." The story that is told of this strange device is as follows:

A certain rich man, who was very extravagant in his tastes, because possessed of the idea that he had just so many years to live and so more, and he calculated that if he spent a stated portion of his principal every year his life and his property would expire together.

He was luckily generous to others, as well as indulgent to his own whims, and it so happened that he died the very year he had prophesied would be his last. He had, furthermore, bought his fortune to such a low ebb that, after his few debts were paid, nothing remained of all his possessions, aside from the clothes in which he was to be buried, but a pair of curious old slippers.

Some of his relatives, to whom he had been kind in his life, erected this strangely fashioned monument to mark his burial place.

## WHITE GARMENT IN DEMAND

Pressing Need for "Coat" That Cricket Empire Was Wearing to Comply With Regulations.

John J. McFraw was talking at Camp Martin about his recent baseball trip abroad.

"King George liked the game," he said. "All the English liked the game, in fact. It's a superior game to their cricket, you know."

"I heard a lot of cricket stories in London. A cricket empire wears a long white coat. Well, I heard a good story about that."

"The Hollans Bumpstead team was to play a match, and orders went out that the empire must wear the white coat—but that was an innovation in that backwoods village."

"The umpire, anyhow, appeared in white at the game all right."

"The teams were smothering—got lunch and have tea and sleep in a cricket game—when a little girl came and said she wanted the man in the white coat."

"The man in the white coat?" said a player. "Well, you can't have him. He's busy carrying a turkey."

"Oh, is he busy carrying?" said the little girl. "Well, please tell him, then, that mother's busy carrying a ft. and we want the night he's wearing it, 'cause she's got to go to bed."

## CURIOS CONDENSATIONS

A magicians' club of 100 persons has been recently formed in London.

The oldest account of a chimney place is in *Vesivo* in 1347.

An ostrich feather which cost \$50 a few years ago is now worth \$75.

The value of imports into Chile by parcel post during 1912 amounted to \$1,992,234.

Oleomargarine imports into Germany during the first five months this year totaled 22,809,000 pounds.

Japanese soldiers are nearly all gymnasts, and every barracks has a gymnasium. So well trained are they that in less than half a minute they can scale a wall 14 feet high by simply leaping on each other's shoulders, one man sustaining two or three others.

The educational buildings in the United States are valued at \$225,000,000.

Cigarettes imported into China at Tientsin increased 82 per cent in 1912.

A \$2,000,000 telephone cable is to be laid between England and Holland.

It has been estimated that British Columbia has an area of about 231,000,000 acres, of which about 1,400,000 is composed of lakes in the interior. There are 100,000,000 acres of timber land of no value for farming other than for stock purposes, and while it is estimated that 2,000,000 acres is either under cultivation or partly so, statistics show that the actual yielding average, other than for grazing purposes, is not more than 250,000 acres.

# FARM POULTRY

## PROTECT THE LATE HATCHES

Chicks Are Special Prey of Feral Weasels and Hares Unless Proper Precautions Are Taken.

Late-hatched chicks often become the special prey of rats, weasels and hares unless proper precautions are taken to avoid losses from this source. These enemies seem worse in late summer than early in the season. In the case of rats, this is accounted for by the fact that as soon as hot weather arrives many of them desert their hot quarters around the barns and sheds and take to the old board and rail place, as well as to the patches of thick weeds and grass. Here they lurk, ready to pounce upon unsuspecting chicks.

As a preventive measure, first, all barns near the chicks runs should be hauled and the rodents destroyed before they have had time to do any harm. Next, this is done the best preventive measure is the free use of wire netting about the coops, such as screening ventilation holes, providing screen doors. You must be forgotten that rodents can burrow, hence when these enemies are present flocks in the coops are necessary if losses would be avoided.

It is when chicks run in an open field that hares and crows do the most mischief. When there are trees or shrubbery in the yards, with a few convenient shelves of boards or boxes under which the chicks can speedily seek protection when a bird of prey swoops down, the losses will not be great. When a hawk or crow gets the habit of visiting the poultry yard regularly, however, as some of these birds often do, the only remedy is to take the necessary time to exterminate it by the gun route.

## REGARDING DUCKS AND GEESE

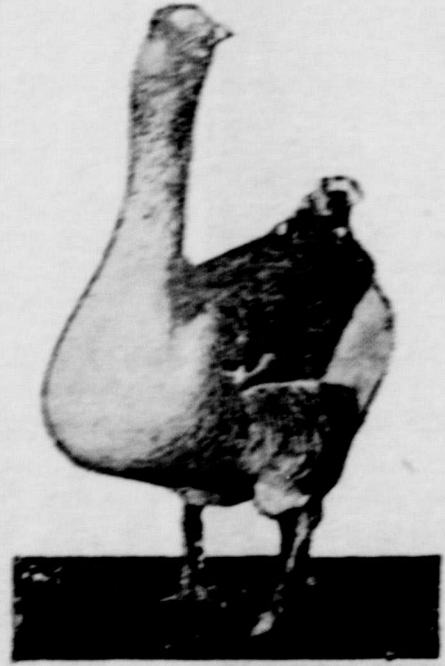
Letter Will Practically Take Care of Themselves if Given Free Range of the Farm.

Never feed ducks without first providing plenty of clean, sweet water, as the birds always take a sip of water after each mouthful of food.

Ducks will often choke themselves on dry food unless water is right at hand.

A chicken will pick up the grit it needs, but a duck will not, therefore it must be provided for them in their food.

Young geese are ready for market when the tips of their wings reach the tail, or in about ten or twelve weeks.



Fine for Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

If allowed free range of the farm geese will practically take care of themselves and only require a handful of grain once a day.

A swamp where other animals seldom go furnishes excellent pasturage for geese in the late summer and early fall as they find in such places tender grass and roots and many fat, juicy bugs and worms.

## THREE BREEDS OF CHICKENS

Heavy Layers Are Not Confined to Any One Class Is Shown by Australian Competitions.

(By PROF. DRYDEN, Oregon Agricultural College.)

That the heavy layers are not confined to any one breed has been shown by laying competitions in Australia, which have extended over a period of six years.

In three of the six years, the white leghorns laid the most; in two other years the silver wyandottes won, and in one year the black langshans stood first.

These breeds represent the three different classes of fowls, namely egg

birds, general purpose breeds and meat breeds. In 1906-1907 contest, the per cent black langshans laid an average of 247 eggs per fowl, the white leghorns 228, and the silver wyandottes 239 eggs per fowl.

Big Dams Are Profitable. Don't forget that although smaller dams will sometimes lay more eggs with less care, the larger ones bring the most money when marketed, and at least half of each year's chicks must be marketed because they will be run down.



The reason so few people get what they want is because they don't want it hard enough to see and effort is brought their way.—Max.

## DISHES OLD AND NEW.

Tripe is a food which is easily digested, but one which is not as often on our tables as it should be.

Tripe Fricassee.—Scrape a pound of tripe thoroughly, cut it in small pieces and cover with cold water. Let it boil for fifteen minutes, throw away the water and wash again in fresh water. Then cover with cold water and simmer for five hours very gently; add one small onion, chopped; after cooking for fifteen minutes drain off the water and add two cupsful of milk. Now stir in a tablespoonful of cornstarch, mixed with a little cold milk, a grating of nutmeg, salt and pepper; stir until it boils. Remove from the heat, add the yolk of an egg; mix well and serve hot.

Tongue Canape.—Canapes are usually eaten with the fingers and served at the beginning of the dinner. Some elaborate kinds must be eaten with a fork.

Toast triangles of graham bread, spread with butter. Cut slices of cooked tongue in small pieces, mix with creamed butter, add two tablespoonfuls of capers to each half-cup of tongue. Spread on the bread. Sprinkle with salt and cayenne and garnish with chopped watercress.

Sardine Canapes.—Cut brown bread in circles, spread with butter and heat in the oven. Pound sardines to a paste, add an equal amount of finely chopped hard-cooked eggs, season with lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce. Spread on the circles. Garnish each with the center circle of hard-cooked egg, filled with a teaspoonful of the yolk put through a sieve or ricer.

Crab Canapes.—Cut bread in slices a quarter of an inch in thickness, three inches long and an inch and a half wide. Spread with butter and brown in the oven. Mix a cup of crab meat with a teaspoonful of lemon juice, two drops of tabasco sauce, half a teaspoonful of salt, a few drops of onion juice and two tablespoonfuls of olive oil. Mark the bread diagonally in four sections and spread alternately with cheese and the crab mixture. Separate the sections with finely chopped pimentoes.

Nellie Maxwell.

## Says Moon Is Oval Shaped.

Astronomers will await with interest details of the "experiment" carried out by Professor Stattler at Bologna by which he claims to have demonstrated that the moon is oval shaped.

The moon is more easily measured than any other heavenly body, but though it has been measured thousands of times no difference has been detected between its polar and equatorial diameters. A clergyman recently put forward the theory that the side of the moon always turned away from the earth is of the same size and shape as the great pyramid which, according to Revelations, forms the "New Jerusalem." Eventually, so asserts the author of the theory, the moon will fall on the earth, and the hemisphere turned earthward will bury itself in our planet, while the pyramidal New Jerusalem will project above the rack and ruin of the elements as the Celestial City, where the faithful are to spend eternity.

This remarkable lunar theory has been published with a preface by the bishop of Exeter.

## Scared to Go Home.

"Do I look like a milkman?" asked a tango dancer of a patron, as he was leaving his temple of tango about four o'clock this morning. "Why, no; what an idea," was the response. "Well, I'm glad of it," said the tangoist. "My wife took a shot at a milkman the other morning, and I'm kind of skittish about going home at this hour. Best little woman in the world you know, but nasty, and I'd regret any mistake in my case."

# HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

## DEMAND FOR BETTER ROADS

No Reason Why Portion of Tax Should Not Be Used in Putting Highways in Better Condition.

There is a growing demand for more and better road making during the autumn months. In many localities the roads become filled with deep ruts and the wheel tracks so depressed during the summer that they collect rains which soon wash them into gutters which soon ruin the roads for heavy loads and comfortable travel. There is no reason why a portion of



A Durable Stone Culvert.

the road tax should not be used for putting the highways in good condition for travel, says Northwestern Agriculturalist. The split log drag and other road-making implements should be put to work before the ground freezes. The outside of the roads should be brought into the center of the track which will establish a crust that will shed the water, rather than retain rains, which are sure to occur during the late fall and early spring months. Roads having a full-high center are quite sure to remain in good condition during the rainy season of fall and spring. Steep hills, where water is apt to collect in wheel tracks, should be provided with open gutters on each side into which rains may be diverted with an occasional crest over which water cannot pass. Approaches to bridges and culverts should be so filled with earth that vehicles of all kinds may pass over them without serious jolts and jars. Roads are much improved when covered with gravel. This is a season of the year when such work can be accomplished at a minimum expense. Every township should own gravel pits from which road-making material can be cheaply obtained. Concrete roads will soon become popular. The same material only should be used in making small bridges and culverts. A good quality of sand and gravel is necessary to make serviceable concrete. Every farmer should have a special interest in all roads adjoining his premises and leading to market.

## INCREASE THE LAND VALUES

Strong Argument in Favor of Good Roads is That They Enhance Value of Bordering Farms.

It takes all kinds of arguments to interest the numerous types of men found in every community in public improvements. One man will sanction and work for good roads when he is convinced that they will shorten and expedite the haul of some special crop that he produces. Another will assist because he owns a motorcar. One of the most effective arguments is that good roads will enhance the value of farms bordering upon them, says Breeder's Gazette.

Several real estate dealers in Iowa have begun to advertise land as located "on the Lincoln Highway." Experience has shown that this is a strong "talking point." Of course the great national road is not finished, but it is already famous, and since it will steadily increase in historic interest many properties abutting it will probably acquire an augmented selling value. Unfortunately only a small percentage of farms are located on the Lincoln Highway, but that thoroughfare marks the inauguration in this country of the old-world attitude toward convenient and pleasant highways and byways as a means of socializing and upbuilding a large-hearted, broad-minded citizenship.

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**A SUGGESTION TO TEACHERS AND TRUSTEES**

It has been said that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This, in a sense, is perfectly true, but when applied to justify extended vacations in our public schools for the Xmas holiday season, or for any other purpose, it loses its significance, for Jack, whether teacher or pupil, will have some little trouble in adjusting himself to school life if his vacation has been very lengthy, and when I say lengthy, I mean anything more than a week of school.

The above statement is especially true when applied to our rural schools. A week taught now will be of more benefit to more pupils than three weeks next spring when a large part of our school is at work on their father's farm.

I call upon both teachers and trustees to consider the above suggestion before agreeing as to length of Xmas vacation. A short time for our festivities now will give to many boys and some girls a period in school, which, if otherwise, would be lost to them forever.

J. N. Snell,  
County Superintendent.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy...The Mother's Favorite**

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial. For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

**THE WEEK IN HISTORY**

- Monday, 14—South pole discovered, 1911. Washington died 1799.
- Tuesday, 15—First law lecture in America, 1790.
- Wednesday, 16—Boston Tea Party, 1773.
- Thursday, 17—Wright's first air ship flight, 1903.
- Friday, 18—Gold loses premium, 1878.
- Saturday, 19—English settlers start for America, 1606.
- Sunday, 20—Washington, D.C., founded, 1790.

**METHOD IN MADNESS**

- Buy a bale o' cotton, Bill,
- Buy a heavy ham,
- Buy a barrel o' apple sass,
- Buy a jar o' jam.
- Buy a box o' oranges,
- Buy a car o' oats,
- Buy yourself a suit o' clothes,
- Buy some overcoats.
- Buy yourself a ton of hay,
- Buy a load of bricks,
- Buy a pair of rubber boots,
- Buy a flock of chicks.
- Buy yourself some chewin' gum
- Buy it by the box,
- Buy yourself an auto,
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**THE SCHOOL NEWS**

Interesting Items of Grapeland's School

Mr. Jackson conducted devotional exercises Monday morning.

Some little time was spent by the ninth and tenth grades Tuesday morning in reciting memory gems.

The boys are showing a decided improvement in basket ball. We hope to get some match games soon.

We have not heard any complaints lately about time passing away. Christmas is drawing near!

The tenth grade has memorized Longfellow's "Psalm of Life" this week in connection with the study of literature. The sixth grade has memorized the same poem. We regard this as a mark of progress in the school. The big idea is that if a fellow

learns a thing in the lower grades he don't have to waste time later in learning it.

The ninth and tenth grades had charge of chappel Wednesday and Friday mornings. Wednesday morning everyone recited a memory gem. Friday morning we sang a song, the boys, with a few exceptions, whistled, and the girls sang. After this, Miss Beatrice Parker gave us a fine recitation.

Miss Georgia Belle Richards has been absent several days on account of sickness. We are glad to see her here again today.

The girls' basket ball team has been putting in a great deal of time practicing for the game Saturday, but on account of the inclemency of the weather the game was called off indefinitely.

**ASH LOCAL INSTITUTE**

The Fourth Teachers' Local Institute will be held at Ash, Friday, Jan. 8, and will close Saturday night, Jan. 9. The program is as follows:

- Friday, 8 p. m.—Welcome Address—J. F. Henderson.
- Response—C. W. Butler.
- Education, the Hope of the Nation—J. H. Rosser.
- Dramatic Reading—Miss Dollie Moore.
- How May Geography be Taught Successfully in the Elementary Grades—Miss Johnnie Duren.
- Saturday, 9 a. m.—Can the Honor System be used Exclusively in the Public Schools—W. A. Reese.
- What causes the great difference between the salaries of men and women—Stokes Pelham.
- Is it possible to establish the Boy Scout System in the rural districts?—R. L. Eaves.
- Discuss the teaching of public speaking with reading—J. L. Jackson.
- 1 p. m.—Should the apportionment of the public school funds for the colored youth be made in proportion to the taxes paid.—J. N. Snell.

Is prompting the student in the intermediate grades to take the examination the proper in-

centive to inculcate in their minds?—B. F. Freeman.

What can the teachers do to improve the surrounding conditions of their schools?—Mrs. G. R. Taylor.

What opportunities has the farmer boy, or girl of today?—W. B. Adams.

What training should a primary teacher have before attempting to teach the elementary grades?—Miss Lillian Punch.

To what extent should moral instruction be given in the public schools?—R. H. Howell.

Saturday, 8 p. m.—Does the absence of a social center in a community retard the progress of the school?—S. E. Tanner.

Importance of the rural high school.—C. W. Butler.

The need of vocational training in the public schools.—S. W. Duitch.

Question Box for teachers and patrons.

All teachers are requested to attend this institute, and more especially those who have been assigned topics.

Respectfully,  
John F. Gilbert,  
Miss Amanda Stell,  
Program Committee.

Miss Lura Mae Owens visited friends in Crockett Sunday.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1914

**LIBRARY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Owing to a general request of the people of the town, a plan to give the public the advantage of the High School Library was approved last Tuesday night by the school board. The plan has been worked out in detail. It is in brief as follows: Any citizen of Grape Land may become an active member of the library which entitles the holder to all the privileges of the same by paying an initiation fee of \$1.00, and 10c per month thereafter. Books may be taken from the library Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and may be kept for two weeks.

**ALL FEES TO BE USED IN BUYING BOOKS**

Arrangements have been made to get books at wholesale prices, and all membership dues will be used for the purchase of books. Care will be taken to keep out undesirable books, but there will be something interesting for every reader. New books, late fiction, standard works of literature, poetry, (American and English) and many others will be accessible.

**WHAT THE LIBRARY OFFERS**

It offers good, wholesome, reading, and protects the reader against the trashy, "yellow-back" type. It guarantees better variety, greater quantity and a higher quality than can be obtained any other way. Moreover, the reading room will be open to members during school hours, where are to be found the daily papers, journals and magazines, some of which are the

Houston Chronicle, Daily Texan, Grape Land Messenger, Saturday Evening Post, two school magazines, The Path Finder, The University Magazine, The Outlook and the Review of Reviews. Besides, the principal has access to the Package Library, Austin, and the Congressional Library at Washington, from which information can be obtained free of charge upon any important question.

**HOW BOOKS ARE OBTAINED**

The list of books given below are all new. They were obtained through the activity of the teachers, the patronage of the people of Grape Land, the school board, by private gifts, (every gift book has the name of the donor on the first page unless it is left off by request). Hon. Morris Sheppard heads the list with thirty-five reference books, while Judd Mortimer Lewis has made valuable contributions.

**BOOKS NOW IN LIBRARY**

**FICTION**

- (Name of author before title)
- Allison The Value of Cotton Seed Products.
  - Alcott Little Women.
  - Algier Shifting for Himself.
  - Benton Saturday Mornings.
  - Barbour The Crimson Sweater.
  - Baldwin Hero Tales.
  - Bates Fairy Tales of a Fox, a Dog and a Cat.
  - Carter Bear Stories.
  - Chapman Fred Fenton in the Line.
  - Cranfle's Heart Talks.
  - Cook Surrey of Eagle's Nest.
  - Cooper Two Admirals.
  - Cramp Pinocchio.
  - Daffin Texas Hero Stories.
  - Dickens Tale of Two Cities.
  - Nicholas Nickleby.
  - Dodge Hans Brinker.
  - Ellis The Lost Trail.
  - Ellis In the Apache Country.
  - Garland The Captain of the Gray Horse Troops.
  - Harris Eugene Field Reader.
  - Hawthorne Grandfather's Chair.
  - Henty In the Reign of Terror. With Lee in Virginia.
  - Higgins Little Gardens for Boys and Girls.
  - Hughes Tom Brown's School Days.
  - Lanier The Lanier Book.
  - Lamb Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare.
  - Lang The Blue Fairy Book.
  - Lewis Sing the South. Lifts of Love.
  - Longfellow Longfellow's Poems.
  - Long Wood Folk at School.
  - Lee Black Beauty.
  - Linscott Bright Ideas for

- Entertaining.
- London Call of the Wild.
- May Little Prudy's Dottie Dimple. Little Prudy's Sister Sue. Little Prudy's Cousin Grace.
- Meade Daddy's Girl. Light of the Morning.
- Mother Goose Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes Set to Music.
- Mulock The Little Lame Prince.
- Munroe With Crockett and Bowie
- Otis Toby Tyler.
- Porter The Girl of Limberlost.
- Pyle Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood.
- Pyrrnelle Diddle, Dumps and Tot.
- Seton Two Little Savages.
- Scott Rob Roy.
- Sidney Five Little Peppers and How They Grew.
- Stoddard Two Arrows.
- St. Nicholas Revolutionary Stories.
- Tappan England's Story.
- Victor The Boy Scouts' Canoe Trip.
- Webster When Patty Went to College.
- Williamson Life of Robert E. Lee.
- Wight Stories Told in the Twilight, Vols. I and II.
- Winfield The Rover Boys on the Farm.
- Wister The Virginian.
- Wyss The Swiss Family Robinson.
- Van Zile Perkins, The Faker.

**GENERAL WORKS**

- Message and Documents of 1912, Vols. I and II.
- Message and Documents of 1913, Vols. I and II.
- Commissioner of Education, report of 1913, Vols. I and II.
- Treaties, Conventions, International Acts, Protocols and Agreements between the United States and other Powers, 1776-1900, Vols. I, II and III.
- Report of the Attorney General, 1913.
- Annual Report of the Commissioner of Navigation, 1913.
- Navy Year Book of 1913.
- American Historical Association of 1912.
- Interstate Commerce Commission of 1913.
- Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska of 1913.
- Commercial Relations of the United States.
- Memorial Address on the Life and Character of George Washington, Gordon.
- Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of William W. Wedemeyer, John Geiser McHenry, Timothy D. Sullivan, Richard E. Connell and George K. Malley.
- A Memorial in Art, Oratory and Literature.
- Mineral Resources of the United States of 1913, Vols. I and II
- Department of Agriculture, 1912.
- Report of Experiment Stations of 1912.
- Department of Labor 1913.
- Report of Secretary of Navy for 1913.
- Year Book for 1913.
- Statistical Abstract of the United States for 1913.
- Workmen's Compensation.
- The Judicial Code of the United States.
- Diplomatic History of the Panama Canal.
- Statutes of the U. S. A. of 1912-13.
- Statutes of the U. S. A. 1913.
- Year Book of the Department of Agriculture.
- Constitution of the United States, 1913.
- Report of the Comptroller of Currency, 1913.

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Come in and look over our holiday goods and get your selections while our stock is complete, there being only a few days left before Xmas--the best things will go first.

**Traylor Bros.**

- Annual Report of the Treasury—Finance, 1913.
- Annual Report of the Treasury—Mint, 1913.
- Annual Report of the Treasury—Finance, 1910.
- Biography of Sherman.
- The Torch, 1913 and 1914.
- The Russo-Japanese War.

**Sick Headache**

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes, "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me, until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

M. E. Darsey was a Crockett visitor Sunday.

**Holiday Excursion Rates Via I & G N**

Tickets on sale at 1-1-3 fare to all points in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and to Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1; return limit January 4; and to St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, Kansas City, and all points in the southeast, and to certain points in Colorado, on Dec. 20, 21 and 22; return limit Jan. 18. For particulars, see ticket agent, I & G N Ry. adv.

**PEANUT MEETING SATURDAY**

The peanut meeting was rained out last Saturday, and the call has been issued for another meeting next Saturday at 1 o'clock, which will be held in the Cozy Theatre. O. C. Goodwin, president of the Crockett Association, has been requested to come to give us the benefit of any information he has concerning peanuts and to assist in the organization. Let's all be on hand and start out with a good organization.

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Realizing the hard and depressed condition the country is in and the hard times that are ahead of the people and the scarcity of money and the great needs and wants of the people, I have decided to help them all I can and help myself to raise money to meet my obligations, I shall beginning Dec. 11, sell my entire stock at actual cost, which consists of

### Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Groceries, Hardware

In fact, everything that goes to make up a general line of merchandise. This sale will continue until December 24th. COME EARLY and make your selections before the stock is broken. NOTE THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

MEN'S HATS	SUIT CASES	DRY GOODS	CURTAIN GOODS
All men's 3.00 hats going at..... <b>\$2.05</b>	4.50 suit cases this sale..... <b>\$3.50</b>	50c wool dress novelties at..... <b>40c</b>	20c curtain swiss at..... <b>16c</b>
All men's 2.00 hats going at..... <b>1.55</b>	2.50 suit cases this sale..... <b>1.75</b>	60c serge at..... <b>48c</b>	20c curtain veil at..... <b>14c</b>
All men's 1.50 hats going at..... <b>1.05</b>	1.75 suit cases this sale..... <b>1.05</b>	50c Panama at..... <b>40c</b>	10c curtain goods at..... <b>8c</b>
All men's 1.25 hats going at..... <b>.90</b>	1.25 suit cases this sale..... <b>1.00</b>	50c suiting at..... <b>40c</b>	10c creton at..... <b>8c</b>
All men's 1.00 hats going at..... <b>.80</b>	1.00 suit cases this sale..... <b>.80</b>	40c suiting at..... <b>30c</b>	9c creton at..... <b>7 1 2c</b>
<b>SHOES</b>	<b>MEN'S SUITS</b>	30c silk stripe whip cord at..... <b>24c</b>	<b>DOMESTIC</b>
Men's 4.50 dress shoes at..... <b>\$3.55</b>	Men's 15.00 suits at..... <b>\$10.15</b>	25c dubery crepe at..... <b>20c</b>	10c hope domestic at..... <b>8 1 2c</b>
Men's 4.00 dress shoes at..... <b>3.00</b>	Men's 12.50 suits at..... <b>8.75</b>	15c madras shirting at..... <b>11c</b>	7c bleached domestic at..... <b>6c</b>
Men's 3.50 dress shoes at..... <b>2.65</b>	Men's 10.00 suits at..... <b>7.75</b>	10c madras shirting at..... <b>8c</b>	10c cambric at..... <b>8c</b>
Men's 2.50 dress shoes at..... <b>1.90</b>	Men's 9.00 suits at..... <b>6.25</b>	All 10c gingham at..... <b>8c</b>	10c cambric at..... <b>8c</b>
Men's 3.25 work shoes at..... <b>2.70</b>	All boys' suits and boys' extr pants	All calicoes at..... <b>4c</b>	10c drilling at..... <b>8c</b>
Men's 2.50 work shoes at..... <b>1.90</b>	AT COST	All 10c outing at..... <b>8c</b>	16 2-3 pillow tubing at..... <b>15c</b>
Ladies 3.50 dress shoes at..... <b>2.55</b>	Men's 1.00 overalls at..... <b>80c</b>	All 12 1-2c kimona outing at..... <b>10c</b>	30c bleached pepperell sheeting at <b>24c</b>
Ladies 3.00 dress shoes at..... <b>2.05</b>	A few men's all wool overshirts, 2.25	30c white flannel at..... <b>24c</b>	27 1-2c unbleached pepperell sheeting
All misses and children's shoes AT	values, at..... <b>\$1.75</b>	25c red, also blue, flannel at..... <b>20c</b>	at..... <b>22c</b>
COST.	All men's 1.50 white linen dress	<b>TABLE DAMASK</b>	<b>LADIES' SKIRTS</b>
<b>TRUNKS</b>	shirts at..... <b>\$1.05</b>	50c damask at..... <b>40c</b>	Ladies 75c outing skirts at..... <b>45c</b>
7.00 values at..... <b>\$5.75</b>	All men's 1.00 dress shirts at... <b>80c</b>	30c damask at..... <b>25c</b>	Ladies 1.00 knit wool skirts at... <b>80c</b>
6.50 values at..... <b>5.50</b>	Boys' 50c shirts at..... <b>40c</b>	35c red damask at..... <b>26c</b>	Ladies 50c cotton skirts at..... <b>40c</b>
6.00 values at..... <b>5.10</b>	<b>GLOVES</b>	25c red damask at..... <b>20c</b>	<b>LADIES' RAIN COATS</b>
5.00 values at..... <b>4.25</b>	1.00 work gloves at..... <b>80c</b>	75c set of napkins at..... <b>68c</b>	5.50 values at..... <b>\$4.15</b>
4.75 values at..... <b>3.75</b>	75c work gloves at..... <b>58c</b>	50c set of napkins at..... <b>40c</b>	All 1.00 umbrellas at..... <b>80c</b>
4.50 values at..... <b>3.25</b>	50c work glove at..... <b>40c</b>	<b>BLANKETS</b>	Everything in this stock not mentioned
4.00 values at..... <b>3.00</b>		1 pair all wool 5.50 blankets at... <b>\$4.20</b>	here is included in this COST SALE!
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#### RECITAL AT ELKHART

Miss Grace Constance Campbell, the music and expression teacher, gave a recital at the Douthitt Hall in Elkhart Friday evening, Dec. 11. There were quite a number present despite the inclemency of the weather. From the expressions on the faces of all and the enthusiasm shown, it was evident that it was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Campbell is a very able and talented young woman and has made much progress with her class here. Four of her most advanced pupils assisted her. They rendered their pieces

in a very creditable manner. Those participating in the program were Lurlene Paxton, Ethel Neel, Lois Parker and Cora Sue Weatherford.

Miss Campbell also teaches in Grapeland and will give a recital there the 19th of December, assisted by her pupils and also Lurlene Paxton and Ethel Neel.

#### DINNER SATURDAY

The Junior League will serve dinner Saturday in the Cozy Theatre. A good dinner, hot chocolate, coffee and cake will be served for only 25c. They want you to eat with them. Adv.

#### ALL THE NEWS FROM PERCILLA

Percilla, Dec. 13.—Well, Antrimite, I am not quite bogged down yet. I have been thinking of doing as they tell me people did years ago in the black land belt of Texas. The land cracks very bad during a drouth. When the women let their children go to play they would tie a bundle of fodder across their back so if they fell in one of those cracks the cows would lick them out. As to the roads, I guess they will soon be alright, as their drainage is fine with a ditch on each side and two in the middle.

We are in the grasp of a blue norther. We see now where we missed it by not joining the geese as they went south. We gave a flop or two but soon give it up as a bad job, as peas don't sail very well. We use to think we never would like peas, but after eating the first thirty bushels we like them fine.

There is some scattering cotton to pick yet. The early frost and rain ruined most of the top crop. Of course the farmers will be all o. k. in the future if advice will count anything. It's amusing to read after some of these paper farmers. Some of them tell you to hold your cotton for a fair price—eight cents. Now, the very idea of eight cents being a fair price for cotton! There was a time when a farmer could countenance eight cents for cotton; it was when everything the farmer had to buy was down in proportion. According to our judgement the farmer has got to work out his own salvation by diversifying and reduc-

ing the cotton acreage. It's not help so much the farmer needs as it is a square deal. There's no business that can hold up very long without a profit on the the investment and it's right they should have a profit. We believe the small banks of our country are doing all they can to help the farmers bridge over this crisis, and the merchants are doing all they can. The trouble is we are all in the ditch together.

There has been some changing around since our last letter. Wade Adams has moved on Frank Newman's farm. Powell Bros. have bought part of S. H. Lively's farm and are moving on it. Mr. Denson and Glenn Sullivan have moved to Jim Sullivan's farm. Lon Jones and Mr. Stringer have moved on Mrs. Maude Sewell's farm.

Alton McKenzie has been appointed postmaster, Miss Mary Sewell having resigned.

Our school is moving along nicely with a good attendance.

Messrs. Daniel and Newman sold a nice bunch of cattle yesterday.

Misses Ruby Cook and Modell Jones are spending today with homefolks.

Misses Lula Jones and Lola Dennis spent last Saturday and Sunday with home folks. All of them say they are getting along well with their schools.

We will close, wishing the Messenger staff and all readers a merry Xmas. James R.

Mrs. Ethridge Payne and children of Kosse are here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves.

Rev. W. N. Warlick of Holly was here a few days this week meeting old friends and looking after business matters.

Wherry's stock of groceries is always kept up to a high standard with clean, fresh goods. Just received a new lot, including the famous Libby line of canned goods. Better buy your Christmas groceries here and be assured of the best. Prices right—you know my motto. adv.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. adv

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**W. C. VICKERS**  
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

## PREPARING FOR SANTA



## Community Co-Operation

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The mouth of the Mississippi river is gradually being extended out into the Gulf of Mexico.

This is caused by an accumulation of mud, sand, sticks, stones, etc., picked up in its course and deposited at its mouth.

In time it will be possible to build lighthouses or other structures on the land reclaimed from the gulf—built up by minute particles that stuck together for a common purpose.

There is much building—and reclaiming—to be done in this community and the accomplishment of desired ends will require a united effort on the part of our citizenship.

Our interests are in common. If the farmers in this territory are prosperous, those of us in the city will necessarily share in their prosperity. The same applies to our conditions in town—the farmers will come in for their share of our prosperity.

Let's all pull together during the coming year in an effort to make this community as good as the best. Each of us must bear in mind at all times that the interests of this community are "our interests" personally and individually, as the community belongs to us and will be only as good as we make it.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on resolutions, resolve that the institute held at Creek, Dec. 4 and 5, has been in a great measure, a success. Although there were few teachers present due to the inclemency of the weather. Those present seemed to be filled with the school spirit and desirous of accomplishing better things for the schools and school children of Houston County and the state of Texas.

While a number of the teachers who were assigned topics on the regular program, being absent, the chairman of the institute assigned different topics to the various teachers to discuss the program in full.

We, the committee, desire to thank the people of Creek in the warmest terms for the kind welcome extended to us and many courtesies shown us while in their community and their homes.

We commend the people on the excellent school spirit they have shown in this institute, also in securing the able faculty. Be it resolved that we also thank Bro. Z. C. Taylor for his interesting talks on Brazil, and the splendid encouragement he has given us in our school work. We also thank Mrs. Taylor and the school choir for the patriotic songs rendered for our hearing. We con-

gratulate the people on having so modern a school building, so exceedingly well furnished, and admonish them to continue in their excellent school progress.

Respectfully submitted,  
John F. Gilbert,  
Miss Lena Satterwhite,  
Miss Lillian Punch.

Gore, Ga.—P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." D. N. Leaverton. adv

Selling crops after they are converted into pork, beef, mutton, milk, butter, poultry, eggs, etc., is the most profitable disposition of farm crops.

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DON'T MISS THIS! Cut out this slip, enclose five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a free trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. For sale in your town by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

## ...MULES...



The mule, he is a funny sight,  
He's made of ears and dynamite,  
His heels is full of bricks and springs,  
Tornadoes, battering rams and things.

He's fat as any poisoned pup,  
It's just his meanness swells him up,  
He's always scheming 'round to do

The things you most don't want him to.

The mule, he lives on anything,  
He's got a lovely voice to sing,  
And when he lets it loose at noon

It sounds like buzz saws out of tune.

He stands around with sleepy eye

And looks as if he'd like to die,  
But when there's any dying done,

It ain't the mule, I'll bet a bun.  
Some folks don't treat mules with respect,

They say they ain't got intellect,  
That may be so, but if you've got

To go to heaven on the spot,  
And want a way that doesn't fail,

Just pull the tassel on his tail,  
The mule, he tends to his own biz,

He don't look loaded but he is.  
—Exchange.

### Mrs. McLean's Experience With Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a positive cure for croup." writes Mrs. W. R. McLain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

### OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

When ironing have a number of coat hangers upon which to put waists, children's dresses, &c.

If curtain rods or poles are rubbed with hard soap before being put up, the curtains will slip on them easily.

Combs will soon warp and break if washed with water. They should be cleansed with a good, stiff, dry tooth brush or nail brush.

To stop hiccough give the patient a teaspoon full of granulated sugar and vinegar. If this does not afford instant relief, repeat the dose.

Gold embroidery may be cleaned when it tarnishes with a brush dipped in burned and pulverized rock alum.

To clean fly specks from varnished wood wipe with a soft cloth dipped in equal parts of skimmed milk and water.

Needles and pins will never rust in a cushion filled with coffee grounds. Rinse the grounds in cold water, spread on a sheet of paper to dry thoroughly and then stuff the cushion.

For coughs and colds use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

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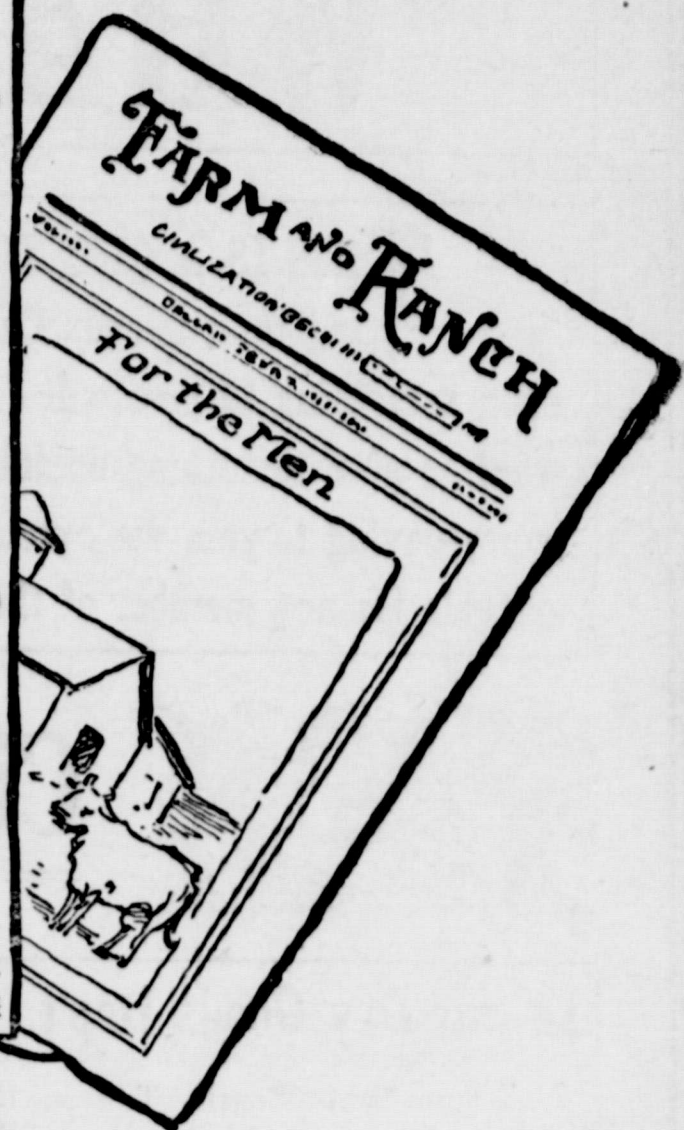
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# The Grapeland Messenger

Grapeland, Texas

# "WHAT CAN I GIVE?"

**T**HIS IS A QUESTION that is puzzling many hundreds of people who are desirous of remembering their friends Christmas. With Christmas only a week off, those who haven't already decided upon something to give will do well to take advantage of the remaining time and choose at once. If you want to give something useful that will be highly appreciated and at the same time mean a money, time and worry saving to you, we extend you a cordial invitation to come and inspect our stock; we have many things suitable for any member of the family, from the smallest to the eldest. Come and let us offer you some



## Christmas Suggestions



### In Our Dry Goods Dep't.

We have Table Scarfs, Towels, Handkerchiefs, Blankets, Linen Goods, Dress Goods, Shoes, Hosiery, Neckwear, Shirts, Ties, Clothing, Hats, Coin Purses, Dollar Watches and many other things that would make useful gifts.

Our general price reduction on all Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats and Ladies' and Misses' Coats, Suits and Skirts will continue until after Christmas. We have placed some mighty close prices on our Furniture and Stoves that it will pay you to investigate. Buy your Christmas goods now when you have plenty of time and our special prices saves you money

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We have Fugniture, Stoves, all kinds of tools, Tables, Dinner Dishes, Enamelware, Aluminumware, Table Cutlery, Pocket Knives, Baby Rockers, Nuts, Candy, Fireworks, and many other useful gifts for any member of the family or the home.

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### LOCAL NEWS

Plenty of salt at Darsey's. adv

Toys for the kiddies at Wherry's. Adv.

Ladies' work a specialty. adv Clewis, the Tailor.

B. T. Masters of Lovelady was here several days this week looking after business matters.

**FOR SALE**

2-foot and stove wood for sale. See Jim Bean. Adv.

Mrs. S. N. Boykin and children visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Have Clewis to press your trousers. One leg pressed 15c, two legs 25c, top free. adv

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Calhoun, Saturday, December 12th, a boy baby.

Now is a good time to do your fencing. You will find plenty of barb wire, hog wire, nails and staples at Darsey's. Adv.

Mrs. George E. Darsey and children were the guests of relative in Crockett the latter part of last week.

Eat dinner with the Junior League Saturday at the Cozy—only 25c—and be on hand for the peanut meeting at 1 o'clock, same place. Adv.

Old Santa Claus has made his toy headquarters in Grapeland at Wherry's store. The old gentleman has left a great variety of toys at this store that will delight the youngsters. Adv.

Mrs. Hood Pitts and baby have returned home to Austin, after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

### NOTICE

According to contract must have cash for meal and hulls when delivered. No exceptions. adv J. W. Howard.

Darsey buys turkeys, chickens, eggs, hides and beeswax. Get his prices and you will sell him your produce. "There's a reason." Adv.

### NOTICE

All my houses that are vacant January 1st, will be rented for \$5.00 per month for 1915. Adv. W. D. McCarty.

Eggs, chickens and turkeys are greatly in demand this week. Those who have any on hand will act wisely in taking them to Darsey's and get the top price for them. adv.

A Christmas line of jewelry from which you can select a gift for anyone can be found at Wherry's. Jewelry makes the most appropriate and acceptable gift that you can bestow upon your friends or loved ones. See the line and make your selections. (Advertisement)

Next Sunday, the Methodist Sunday School will have its regular Christmas lesson. In addition to the lesson, several appropriate special songs have been selected and will be rendered. All the members of the school are urged to be present on this day, and a cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

### PEA NUT MEETING FOR SATURDAY

Editor Messenger:

Will you please announce in the Messenger that the farmers of the Grapeland and surrounding communities are invited to meet in Grapeland Saturday, Dec. 19, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a pea nut association, and to discuss the merit of the pea nut as a marketable crop and also as a money crop. We earnestly believe that this is the right step to take for farmers of our community, as we surely all can see that we cannot afford to raise cotton at present prices and buy meat at fifteen and twenty cents per pound and corn at one dollar per bushel. No man can succeed as a farmer and hold his head above the waves and buy his meat and bread and feed stuff. So Bro. Farmers, be sure and come Saturday and let's get together and see what we can do, and I feel sure if we will band together as we ought to that we can make this a business proposition that we all will feel proud of in days to come, for I am sure that if there ever was a time in the history of our country that we ought to organize and work together it is now.

We cordially invite all the business men of Grapeland to cooperate with us in our efforts to better the condition of our country.

While I can't be present Saturday, as I will have to be at Lovelady on my ministerial duties, I want to say just here that I am ready to work or do anything in my power for the good of my fellow man and country, and I am sure that I can prove to any thinking man that we

ought to change to some extent our system of business.

I have had several years experience in the pea nut business and I find that it is one of the best paying crops that we can grow on our sandy land.

Mr. Editor, I would give my net profit on ten acres this year, but I fear it would be too lengthy. If the people who read the Messenger would like to have my actual experience on the raising of peanuts as a money crop and the value as hog food and the difference of the value in peanuts and peas, I will gladly give what I know as a farmer by actual experience.

So hoping for a large crowd and a permanent organization, I am,

Yours truly,  
James F. Lively.

(By all means let us have an article on your success with peanuts. It will be interesting and instructive to many people.—Ed.)

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### NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be at Grapeland Saturday, Dec. 19, for the purpose of collecting 1914 tax.

Geo. H. Denny,  
Tax Collector.

Joe Salmon, who has been with the Cotton Belt Railway at Tyler for some time, came in last week and spent several days with his mother at Salmon. Joe was recently married to a young lady at Lavon, although his bride was not with him on this trip. We extend our best wishes to them for a happy life.

F. A. Lively and family of the Livelyville community left this week for Lovelady where they will reside in the future. Mr. Lively has purchased a large farm near there. We regret very much to lose these good people from our community, but wish them well in their new location.