

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## Bargain Store Dots

We have just received a car of the BEST FLOUR that has been unloaded in Grapeland since we unloaded the last one.

We are crowded for room and in order to make room for other goods, we will sell the next few days

Good patent flour for - - \$1.30  
Best high patent flour for - \$1.40  
Extra high patent flour for - \$1.50  
Every Sack Guaranteed

We will save you 15 to 25 per cent on Shoes, Dry Goods and Notions. Don't buy unless you need it. SAVE YOUR MONEY. One dollar cash will get you nearly as much as two dollars on credit next spring.

Come to Grapeland where the High Cost of Living has been reduced

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

**W. R. WHERRY**

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND

FREE DELIVERY UNION PHONE NO. 45. CALL US UP

## Keeland Brothers Big Sale

Is still running in full blast and will continue through----

**Saturday  
Nov. 20!**

Hundreds of people have taken advantage of this golden opportunity to lay in their supplies and have been satisfied with their purchases! We can yet supply you with what you want! This great sale includes everything in stock--

## Groceries Hardware Furniture

Exceptional bargains are offered in our 5, 10, 15 and 25c counters. Articles that you need and use every day that will cost twice as much at other places. Pay us a visit and inspect the goods. You are not under obligations to buy, unless the bargains appeal to you.

## Keeland Brothers

## Don't Overlook Me! If You Do We Will Both Be Losers!

Golden Rod flour per sack.....	1.35	Brown mule tobacco per lb.....	30c
Silver Lake high patent flour per sack...	1.45	Best grade cooking oil per gallon.....	60c
Verabest brand extra high patent flour per sack.....	1.55	10 lb green coffee for.....	1.00
A good broom for.....	20c	7 lbs roasted coffee for.....	1.00
5 lb bucket compound lard for.....	50c	20 lbs broken rice for.....	1.00
10 lb bucket compound lard for.....	1.00	15 lbs full head rice for.....	1.00
		Pure hog lard per lb.....	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c

We can supply you from our cold storage with fresh pork sausage, bologna sausage, brick chii, boiled boneless ham, sliced breakfast bacon, fresh cheese, Swifts and Armours sugar cured hams and breakfast bacon.

QUALITY CONSIDERED

## THE CASH GROCERY COMPANY

FREE DELIVERY

Phone us Your Orders

## FOUND DEAD IN HOUSTON HOTEL

Dr. R. A. Turner, member of a prominent family of physicians at Lovelady, was found dead in bed in his room at the Cadillac hotel Sunday morning. A glass which had contained chloroform and into which was stuffed a soaked rag was gripped tightly in his hand.

On the table, written on a piece of wrapping paper which had served to cover a bottle of chloroform, were the words: "To my little babies and my wife." There was nothing else.

He came to Houston last Monday, bringing with him a patient to a local hospital for an operation. Thursday he registered at the Cadillac hotel. Saturday evening he retired early and seemed in good spirits. Sunday morning two friends knocked at his door, and upon receiving no answer borrowed a pass key. They found his dead body.

Relatives say he was happily married, had no financial worries and could assign no reason for the deed. He formerly lived in Groveton, but had been a resident of Lovelady for about 10 years.

Dr. Turner leaves a father, Dr. W. B. Turner, a druggist; a widow and two little children, Richard and Carrie Lucile, all of Lovelady. He leaves a brother, Dr. J. B. Turner of Carmonia.

The body will be shipped to Lovelady at 4 p. m. Monday for interment.—Houston Post.

### NOTICE

I wish to thank my many friends who helped me win the first prize of \$10.00 in gold in Darsey's Cash Register Check Contest. I also wish to thank them to continue to save their checks for me to help me win the gold watch in December. Gratefully,  
Miss Katie Caskey.

## WILL CLOSE THANKSGIVING

We, the undersigned, agree to close our places of business next Thursday, November 25th, 1915, same being Thanksgiving Day, and we respectfully ask our customers to make preparations for this date earlier in the week.

T. S. Kent, F. & M. Bank, Geo. E. Darsey, S. E. Howard, Jas. Owens, McLean & Riall, T. H. Leaverton, Post Office, W. R. Wherry, City Barber Shop (10 o'clock), D. N. Leaverton (10 o'clock), Cash Grocery, Keeland Bros., Kennedy Bros., Guaranty State Bank, Traylor Bros., J. J. Brooks, F. Allen, J. W. Howard, A. B. Guice, W. L. Smith (10 o'clock), M. L. Clewis.

### BOX SUPPER

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist church will give a box supper next Friday night in the building now occupied by the picture show, on the east side. The boxes will contain a delightful supper for two, and you are invited to eat supper with them. In addition, there will be some good motion pictures and the Whitaker string band will furnish music during the evening. You can get a good supper, see some good pictures and hear some good music and enjoy the evening.

### NOTICE

On Saturday, November 20th, I will have in Grapeland, in addition to my regular orders, 800 extra fine peach trees. Varieties: June, July, August, September and October. Don't fail to see them and get what you want.  
J. E. Hollingsworth.

My, but this overcoat I bought at Darsey's is the very thing to keep off wind and rain. You can get one too.

## Why Not?

Why not buy merchandise that has a standard of quality behind every item?

Why not buy something that you know is good in preference to taking chances on questionable goods? We want to sell you everything you buy and you may be assured that you will receive 100 cents on every dollar purchased.

Boys' Suits from - - - \$1.75 to \$8.50  
Men's all Wool Suits from \$10.00 to \$20.00  
Shoes that are GOOD from - \$1.75 to \$5.00

LET US FIGURE ON YOUR NEXT BILL

## McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE  
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

### DOUBLE HEADER GAME

There will be a double-header game of basket ball on the high school campus Saturday afternoon between the Grapeland and Ratcliff teams, both boys and girls playing.

The first game will be called promptly at 2:30, and a small admission fee of 10c will be charged to defray the expenses incident to game.

Both the home teams are anxious to win the victory and

want the support of a large crowd of home folks to back them up. So make your arrangements to attend the games and help the home teams win.

### CORN WANTED

Since losing my barn and contents by fire, I am in the market for 1000 bushels of sound corn; will pay 50c per bushel. I have made arrangements with Olan Davis to weigh and pay for same, so bring it to his scales.

Geo. Calhoun.

# The RED MIST

A TALE OF CIVIL STRIFE

By RANDALL PARRISH

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**SYNOPSIS.**

**CHAPTER I**—Confederate Sergeant Wyatt of the Staunton artillery is sent as a spy to his native county on the Green Briar by General Jackson.

**CHAPTER II**—Wyatt meets a mountaineer named Jem Taylor, with whom he rides to a house beyond Hot Springs.

**CHAPTER III**—In the house Wyatt and Taylor meet Major Harwood, father of Noreen and an old neighbor of Wyatt, who is sent to bed while the two other men talk. Wyatt becomes suspicious, and finds that Taylor has murdered Harwood and escaped.

**CHAPTER IV**—Wyatt changes to the U. S. cavalry uniform he has with him, and rides away in the night, running into a detachment of Federal cavalry, to whom he identifies himself as Lieutenant Raymond, Third U. S. cavalry, by means of papers with which he has been provided. Captain Fox finds Harwood's body and follows Taylor's trail.

**CHAPTER V**—Fox and Wyatt believe Taylor to be old Ned Cowan. The detachment is ambushed. Wyatt escapes to the Green Briar country and goes to Harwood's apparently deserted home.

**CHAPTER VI**—Wyatt finds Noreen Harwood alone in her home. She does not recognize him, and he introduces himself as Lieutenant Raymond.

**CHAPTER VII**—Parson Nichols comes to the house and tells Noreen of her father's death.

**CHAPTER VIII**—Wyatt forces Parson Nichols to confess that he has been sent in advance of Anse Cowan, who proposes to marry Noreen at once, and so quiet title to the land in dispute between the Cowans and Noreen's dead father.

**CHAPTER IX**—Anse Cowan and his gang arrive and find the preacher bound in a closet. Wyatt and Noreen have concealed themselves in the attic.

**CHAPTER X**—The Cowan gang ransacks the house but fails to find the hidden couple. Wyatt tells Noreen who he is.

**CHAPTER XI**—Wyatt and Noreen return to the second floor and await the next move of the gang, forcing the preacher to silence.

**CHAPTER XII**—Unable to escape while the gang is on the first floor and around the house, Wyatt proposes to marry Noreen to protect her from Cowan. She accepts and Wyatt forces the preacher to marry them.

**CHAPTER XIII**—Cowan's gang is driven off by Federal troops, one of whose officers is the real Lieutenant Raymond. Wyatt is trapped, though Noreen attempts to defend him.

**CHAPTER XIV**—Wyatt is taken to Lewisburg for trial as a spy.

**CHAPTER XV**—The camp commandant and Captain Fox visit Wyatt in his cell in the courthouse basement. He refuses clemency in return for information, and uses his boyhood's knowledge of the building to prepare a way of escape.

**CHAPTER XVI**—Captain Fox again visits Wyatt, and tells him that Noreen has interceded for him unsuccessfully, and that Raymond, jealous, is pushing the case against him.

**CHAPTER XVII**—Wyatt escapes to the attic and thence to the sheriff's office by means of a disused, old-fashioned chimney, washes off the soot and changes clothes in the deserted washroom, and renounces.

**CHAPTER XVIII.**

**I Make Two Prisoners.**

I saw him stare, open-mouthed, as though at a ghost. There was a startled look in his face, but no recognition. The same swift glimpse had revealed to me a discarded belt on the end of the desk, in which glittered the



For a Long Time I Lay There.

pearl handle of a revolver. With one step forward I had the weapon in my possession, and sprang between both men and the door.

"Not a single move, gentlemen!" I commanded crisply, yet not venturing to speak aloud, for fear of a guard outside. "Lieutenant, place your gun on the desk!"

He had it half drawn, but my weap-

on was aimed straight at his head.

"What the hell!" he spluttered. "Never mind! Do as I say first, and then ask questions—take it by the barrel; now slide it across to me."

My eyes glanced aside at the face of the other, who was looking up, scarcely comprehending even yet what had occurred, and recognized Colonel Pickney. So I had blindly strayed into headquarters! Raymond gasped like a fish out of water, and the florid features of the colonel expressed a chagrin too deep for words. I thought he would explode, he spluttered so before he could give vocal utterance to his discovery.

"By G—, it's that d—n spy!" "What!" and the lieutenant took a step forward, only to shrink back as my revolver came to a level.

"Any noise either of you make will be the last sound you'll utter in this world. Lieutenant Raymond, I will trouble you to step around back of the desk—no, the other way; I advise you not to be tricky. Colonel Pickney, sit up in your chair, and put your hands behind you in through the openings in the chair back. Oh, yes you will! Don't be a fool, man! What is this—a hair trigger?"

I never saw anyone more thoroughly angry; he would have killed me with the utmost pleasure, and, indeed, for an instant, I expected him to actually make the attempt. But my eyes glared into his, and the man was not insane. Slowly, reluctantly, as though actually forced into the action, his arms were thrust backward into a posture of helplessness. His lips spluttered, but he could not even swear.

"Now, Raymond, take that belt and bind him," I commanded sternly. "Go to it, and be quick. Remember I have a gun in each hand. That's it—now catch the buckle."

Pickney choked with rage to which he dare not give vent, and the hands of the lieutenant shook as though from chill. His face was so white I began to think the fellow had a streak of cowardice in him, but his very fear might give him recklessness. I shoved the muzzle of a revolver against his coat.

"Now this other around his legs; strap him tight to the chair. Very good, indeed; you are learning your trade."

I tested the taut leather with one hand.

"That will hold you, colonel, all but your mouth, and I hope you have enough sense left to guard that yourself. Raymond," and my glance swept the walls of the room hastily, "I regret troubling you so much; it is like adding insult to injury—but would you reach me those overalls hanging on the hook behind you? Thank you; now turn that chair, so the back will be this way, and—sit down."

He knew what I meant, and there was an ugly look in his eyes, but I gave him no time for action. I gripped him by the collar, twisting my knuckles into his throat, and thrust him down into the chair seat with a violence which caused the fellow to gasp for breath.

"You move when I speak!" I said threateningly. "This is no boy's play. Now put your hands back—oh, farther than that; cross them over each other. Come, do you feel the steel! I do not like you any too well, Raymond; I know your treachery."

"I did nothing against you," he protested, wriggling about to gain glimpse of my face. "I had no authority here—"

"No, but you had influence, and used it against me. I got the story straight enough, and can guess the reason. Sit back straighter; there, I reckon that will hold."

I stood off and looked at the two of them, surprised at the ease with which I had accomplished the result, but entirely at sea as to my next movement. No plan, no hopeful possibility, occurred to me; I could but stare vacantly at my two prisoners, and about at the walls of the room. Raymond was jammed back into one corner farthest from the door, his face white, every bit of nerve gone, and a red welt showing where my grip had contracted the flesh. The fellow actually looked pitiful he was so completely cowed. But Pickney was of a different kidney. He sat glaring angrily at me across the table, with face red as the rising sun, straining at the tough leather, his lips muttering incoherent threats of vengeance.

"I'll get you yet, you d—d rascal," I heard him growl, "and stretch your neck without any trial."

"And I'll gag that mouth of yours,"

I answered "and keep it still for awhile. Oh, yes, you'll open up, my man! I know a trick that will make you bite the tighter I pull the cord. How about you, lieutenant? Would you like a dose of the same medicine?"

I stepped across to him, a strip of cloth in my hand, but just at that instant the latch of the door rattled as though a hand without gripped it. I had barely time in which to leap back against the wall, hidden from view, when the door opened inward. All I saw was the glimpse of a man's hand and sleeve. The fellow must have perceived nothing to alarm him, for he merely held the door ajar.

"A lady to see the colonel," he announced briefly. "Just step in, miss."

I saw her advance two steps, and then stop motionless, with half-suppressed cry of surprise. The sentry could not have heard the slight exclamation, for he closed the door, the latch clicking sharply. Her eyes opened wide, staring first at the colonel, then at Raymond, so startled at the discovery of their predicament as to be dazed. I took a step forward, and the swift light of recognition leaped into her eyes, as she leaned forward to scan me more closely in the dim light of the single lamp. I could not tell, I could not be sure, yet I thought the expression on her face was one of relief, of rejoicing.

"You!" she exclaimed, as though not yet half convinced of the truth. "You here—and free! What—what have you done to these men?"

I laughed lightly, so relieved by her reception as to feel a new man.

"Merely turned the tables; this time luck was on my side, and neither gen-



"You!" She Exclaimed. "You Here, and Free!"

tleman seemed eager to prove a hero. As you perceive, they are like lambs."

They hardly looked it, for if ever murder glared un concealed in the eyes of men, it did then; but they were helpless to move or express themselves—at least the colonel was, although he struggled fiercely. The younger officer made no attempt, his thin lips drawn back in a cruel snarl. I was certain there was a swift gleam of amusement in the girl's eyes, but it passed quickly as her glance again met mine.

"But you! Tell me; I must understand in order to know what to do. How did you come here?"

"From the big chimney. I had no suspicion this room was occupied, until I came face to face with these men. But they were more surprised even than I. I got the guns first, and that ended it; but I cannot hold you up that way."

"There is no necessity."

"No!" I could not keep the joyous note out of my voice. "You mean—"

"Merely that I came here seeking your release, or rather to urge that you be given a trial at Charleston. It is scarcely likely under all conditions that I will prevent your escape, or attempt to do so. You saved me from a fate worse than death, and were captured while endeavoring to serve me. Surely you did not suppose I had forgotten? You received my message?"

"Yes, and was most thankful for it. I confess I had doubted before."

"I read your thoughts in your face; that was one reason why I wished to reassure you. I could not be ungrateful." She glanced across the room, and began again as though anxious to get upon another topic. "I—I requested Lieutenant Raymond to intercede in your behalf, and he pledged me his word to do so. Less than an hour ago I learned he was exerting his influence with Colonel Pickney against my wishes. I determined to come here in person and learn the truth. Have you any explanation, Lieutenant Raymond?"

"The fellow is a self-confessed spy," he asserted hoarsely. "There was nothing I could say to save him."

"Lieutenant, I made no request that

you would interpose to save this man from his just fate under military law. My father was a soldier, and I know a soldier's duty. All I asked was that he be sent to Charleston, to the headquarters of this department, where he could have an impartial trial. If you had so advised Colonel Pickney, that would have been done. He would have gladly shifted the responsibility elsewhere. Now the full burden of decision falls on me. I must choose between two duties—my loyalty to the Union or to my husband."

Raymond certainly was no more startled than I at this avowal, perhaps less so, for although the words choked in his throat, he managed to give them utterance.

"Your husband! Good God! Do you mean to say you are married to this fellow?"

"I not only mean it," she said calmly, "but I have the proof with me. I tell you the fact merely to justify my action, for I intend to save him if I can. I wish Colonel Pickney to know why I do this—what conditions justify me in so rebellious a course. This man does not deserve death; he was captured while defending me from insult, and he is my husband. I should be unworthy the name of woman if I did not aid his escape."

She turned to me, her eyes eager.

"Tom, you must do just as I say."

**CHAPTER XIX.**

**The Lady Chooses.**

She came across toward me, her back to the others, and spoke swiftly, yet in a low voice which did not carry to their ears.

"There is only one way possible for you to pass out of this building and through the camp safely. There are guards everywhere, and the orders are very strict; but I think we can go together. I know the countersign—Captain Fox is officer of the day, and trusted me with it. If—if you only had a uniform! Where is the one you wore?"

"My trip through the chimney left that in rags," I answered, impressed by her earnestness, and getting my wits together.

She glanced about the walls of the room, a frown between her eyes.

"Then we must forage from the enemy," with a little nervous laugh. "You would never pass the sentry in the corridor wearing that suit. You will have to take the lieutenant's coat and cap. Be quick about it—and—and you need not be particularly gentle on my account."

"Nor on my own, either—Fox informed me of what he told you."

I was not long about the job, nor did Raymond make any resistance to the exchange forced upon him. I took no chances, binding him with greater care than before, and fitting a gag into his mouth to silence any possible cry for help. Noreen stood close to the door, apparently listening for some noise without, yet occasionally directing her glance toward us anxiously.

"Are you ready?" she asked in a low whisper.

"Yes; but tell me your plan. I need to know what character I am to enact—Raymond?"

"Not at first; not in the hall. That would be useless; as there is a light burning. Listen," and she grasped my sleeve in both hands in her eagerness to explain. "There is a sentry stationed outside this door—the colonel's orderly, I presume, but fully armed, and two others at the front entrance. These are twenty or thirty feet away, and out of sight from this door. I am not particularly afraid of passing them."

"It's the fellow stationed here?"

"Yes; he will be suspicious of a stranger coming out with me, for he has seen everyone who came in."

"There is only one course to pursue, then. We must trust to force, and a quick assault which will give the fellow no time to raise an alarm. You go out alone, leaving the door slightly ajar, and engage him in conversation. Did he appear to be genial when you met him before?"

"Yes, rather eager to talk—a young man."

"Good; then you can gain his attention for a moment. Stand so that his back will be to the door."

"You are not going to kill him?"

"There will be no necessity; once I get my grip the affair will be over—you understand?"

Her lips were firmly set, her eyes gravely earnest. The light fell full on her face. I could not refrain from touching her hand.

"You will let me thank you!"

"Please do not speak of that—every moment now means so much. Yes, I understand perfectly; shall I go now?"

I nodded. Drawing slightly back behind the door, I thrust both revolvers into the belt I had retained; this was to be an affair of bare hands—swift, merciless, noiseless.

She grasped the latch, lifted her eyes to mine for a bare instant, then stepped out into the hall, her lips smiling, as she paused a moment to glance backward into the room.

"Very well, colonel; I shall certainly

take her your message," she said gayly, "and I thank you so much."

Her fingers released the latch, leaving the door standing ajar.

"Oh, sentry," she said pleasantly, but with guarded voice, "I know it is perfectly ridiculous, but a strand of hair has become entangled in this clasp. Would you kindly see if you can free it?"

"Certainly, miss."

I heard him set down his musket against the wall, and step forward.

"On the other side," she suggested.

"If you turn this way you will get the



She Stepped Back as I Gripped Him.

benefit of the light; it is caught in those crossed sabers, I think."

She stepped back as I gripped him, steadying the musket to keep it from being jarred to the floor. A gasp, and one convulsive effort to break loose; but with the first jerk backward I had him off his feet, helpless, my arm circling his throat, holding him in a vise. I dragged him forward through the door, and flung him to the floor face downward.

"Not a cry, son," I commanded sternly. "I'll not shoot unless I have to. Hand me the rope cord in that upper desk drawer, Noreen; yes, that's it. Now, Jack, put your hands behind you! Rather a surprise party, wasn't it?"

The fellow stared up at me, and grinned.

"You sure did put it over me that time," he admitted, a touch of genuine admiration in his voice. "Who are yer, may I ask?"

"The spy you fellows planned to hang in the morning," I answered, amused by his unexpected good humor. "Sorry, Jack, but I'll have to gag you."

"The pleasure is mine; don't mention it," and he winked facetiously, with a nod of his head toward the heavily breathing colonel. I bound a bit of rag over his mouth, more to give him an excuse for silence than because I had any fear he would raise an alarm. Noreen had silently opened the door, and slipped cut into the corridor. With a swift glance over the three helpless men left behind, I joined her, and tightly closed the door. The light of the distant lamp revealed her face, but her eyes were serious.

"Better leave the musket leaning against the wall," I whispered, noting she still grasped the weapon. "It will only arouse suspicion. There are two guards at the front entrance?"

"Yes," she answered swiftly, "and you had better give the word. If they stop you and ask any questions, give them any name you please—only you came with dispatches from General Ramsay two hours ago, and have been with Colonel Pickney ever since. It is less than an hour since the guard was relieved, for Captain Fox left me in order to make the rounds, and these men will not know. You understand?"

"Perfectly. And the countersign?"

"Kanawha."

I hesitated, and her eyes flashed into mine.

"I will go also," she said simply, "for I can guide you through the camp. Draw the cap visor lower down over your eyes—we may meet with someone who saw you brought in as a prisoner. That is better; now we will chat as we go—about—about West Point. Do you remember, Lieutenant, that last cadet dance? Captain Fox tells me—"

We turned the corner into the wide entrance hall, strolling slowly side by side, her face turned upward to mine. Apparently my eyes were upon her, and I made some inane response to her words, yet I saw the sentries at the door come stiffly to attention, and then cross their musket barrels to bar our exit. I halted as though in surprise.

"Are there any new orders?" I asked in tone of authority. "You remember passing us in, do you not?"

"We passed the lady, sir," the

older man answered respectfully, "but no officer."

"Ah, yes, I see; you are not the same men who were on guard when I arrived. I am Lieutenant Mann, of General Ramsay's staff, and have been with Colonel Pickney. The lady will vouch for me."

"Yes, sir," yet with lingering doubt in his voice. "No doubt it is all right, sir; but the orders are very strict tonight. If you have not the word I shall have to call the sergeant."

"Quite right, my man; but that is not necessary," and I took a step nearer and bent my head. "Kana-wha."

The two men shouldered their muskets, and the older one brought his hand up in salute.

"Pass, sir," he said soberly, and stood aside. We went down the broad steps, dimly lighted by a distant fire, my hand touching her arm. The infantry camp lay between us and the road. The campfire in front yielded just enough light to enable me to study out our surroundings. The band still played noisily in the courtroom above. The camp was quiet, the soldiers apparently sleeping on the ground. I could perceive only a few tents, showing white in the firelight, but the figures of sentries appeared here and there, slowly pacing their beats. Had I been alone I should have crept forward and endeavored to slip by unseen, but I was conscious of the hand which grasped my sleeve, and my eyes fell to her face.

"You are my guide tonight," I whispered softly. "Have you some plan already devised? There must be instant action."

"Hardly that; this has all occurred so quickly, so unexpectedly, I have had no time in which to think. Isn't it best to go straight ahead, and run the chance?"

"Past the guard yonder?"

"Yes; I am not greatly afraid of him! We have the word, and Captain Fox and I were together when I passed here before. He will remember me, and have no suspicion. Only there may be officers sitting on the veranda of the hotel."

"It looks dark and deserted from here, and the hour is late."

"True; I suppose all who are not on duty are at the dance. Besides, there is no other way in which you can attain the stables. I—I am ready to try it—are you?"

I answered with the pressure of my hand on the fingers clasping my sleeve. There was no response; neither were they withdrawn. She drew a long breath, and stepped bravely forward. The way was clear, easily followed even in the darkness, and I walked close beside her. Within a few yards of the fellow she gave vent to a little ripple of laughter, barely enough to attract attention, and again slipped her hand into the support of my arm. The soldier stood at attention, but made no effort whatever to bar our progress.

We strolled on slowly, passing directly beneath the glare of the lamp. We attempted to talk, but I retain no memory of a single word that was uttered. My heart was beating like an engine, and my throat was dry, the fingers of one hand gripping the butt of a revolver in my belt. I was dimly aware of the tremor in her voice, the pressing closer to me of her slender figure. We passed out beyond the glow of the revealing light, to where our eyes were able to sweep the darkened porch. There were a dozen chairs standing back of the rail, but none were occupied. She gave a little sob of relief, both hands nervously grasping my sleeve.

"Thank God!" she said fervently, "now if we only have five minutes more!"

(To be Continued)

**STUCK TO HIS PROPHECY.**

Two workmen met in the street and stopped to chat about their friends.

"Casey seems to be doing well where he is," remarked one presently.

"He'll not stop long at that job," replied the other with a gloomy shake of the head.

"Why not? He seems to be quite comfortably placed."

"But he'll not stay there a month. I say it, and I've said it ever since he got that job eighteen months ago."

**Scared by a Pig.**

Evansville, Ind.—A pig that broke away from a drove that was unloaded from a Green river boat here, ran into the front door of Klyman Brothers, wholesale liquor dealers, and created a scare that lasted several seconds. Several colored workmen, who were in the rear of the store, filling bottles, rushed from the building and did not return until the pig had disappeared.

# THANKSGIVING

## Thanksgiving is New Clothes Time for Countless Men and Women

It's a logical time to buy--winter and holiday season just ahead. You can get style and wear both--and pay a medium price. We have the exclusive sale here for many high-grade, nationally advertised lines, and the experience of our buyers and size of our stock, gives you the assurance of clean, new merchandise. Below we offer a few thanksgiving suggestions in wearing apparel:

### Styleplus Clothes \$17

Men's all wool, guaranteed serge and fancy pattern suits at \$10.00, 12.50 and----- **\$15**

### Boys' Clothing

Our big stock of Boys' Clothing is re- splendent with exceptional values. Get our prices and see our suits before you buy.

### Hansen Gloves

for every purpose of dress and wear. Especially designed to fit your hand, and worn everywhere for motoring, driving, and all kinds of work. Boys' and men's sizes, 25c to----- **\$1.50**

### Stetson Hats

We are featuring at this particular season, a line of Stetson novelty designs in all the new designs at the price of----- **\$4.00**

Shapes now being shown—"Event," "Pivot," "Stetson Fall 1915." We also have a complete line of staple hats in "Columbias," "High Five," "Congress" and "Alike," at **\$4.00** and----- **\$5.00**

We have a complete line of boys' and men's hats and caps that are sure to please you both in style and price.

### Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Our line of ladies ready-to-wear is recognized as one of the strongest in the country. We are making some attractive prices on ladies tailored suits and skirts and ladies and misses coats.

We have received two big shipments of silk waists and will be glad to show them to you.

### Sweaters

We are especially strong in this line this season and are showing all the new styles in sweaters, 25c, **\$1.00** and 50c----- **\$1.00** up

### Underwear

Chalmers 2-piece suits and union suits for men. Setsnug union suits and 2-piece for ladies. A big line for boys and girls.

### Shoes! Shoes!

Big shoes, little shoes, and middle-sized shoes. Shoes for work, dress, school or play for all sizes and all ages. Prices that please.

We are thankful to the people of Grapeland and Houston county for their liberal patronage during the year. We wish to continue our pleasant relations with you, and in order for us to do this, we sell you goods we can get behind. Our stock of staple dry goods is complete and when you buy of us we sell you standard brands that you know: "American Calicoes," "Utility Gingham," "Duchess Percales," "Mississippi Cheviots," "Rescue Plaids," "Heaviest Ardmore Outings," "A C A Feather Tick," "Genuine Pepperell Sheeting," "Sea Island and Wearwell Domestic," "Knight's Cambric," "Florence Mattress Tick," etc. The brands we carry insure quality.

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

## GEORGE E. DARSEY

### WHO NEEDS IT WORSE?

Who needs a thorough course of Farm Bookkeeping and Business training worse than the farmer? No one. That is just why the Tyler Commercial College gives, in connection with its course of Bookkeeping and Business Training, without extra charge, a series of lectures and systematic Farming and a set of books especially adapted to farm accounting. The farmer who at the close of each day's work makes a complete record of everything done during the day, its cost, etc., is learning to study the details of the business, to watch and observe the little things, and he is compiling valuable information for reference, and at the end of the year, he knows just what each crop has cost him; where his gain and losses come from, and by his close study and application, he will the next year lessen the losses and increase the gain. The farm needs the trained mind as badly as the store or the railroad office. The farmer needs to be able to write a good hand, to spell correctly, to figure rapidly and accurately, to know how to write deeds, or to know when they are properly written, to write mortgages, notes, con-

tracts, bills of sale, etc. We would advise our young who are farming or who expect to farm to give this matter careful consideration. We also give a thorough course in the Classing and Marking of Cotton, a subject of vital importance to our young men. The Tyler Commercial College has had many a young man to take the business course with the sole aim of going back to the farm and making the best farmer in the community, and a leader in all the progressive movements.

Write for catalogue, to the only commercial school in this country that is devoting any attention whatever to this subject, mentioning you are interested in Farm Accounting or Cotton Classing.—The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas.

The kidneys are small but important organs. They need help occasionally, Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful kidney tonic and system regulator. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. adv

Chester Owens, Aubrey Lively, Dick Murchison and M. L. Clewis were visitors to the Houston carnival the first part of the week.

### EXAMINE YOUR FLUES

Don't wait until your well runs dry to figure on your water needs. Don't wait until your house catches fire to practice fire prevention. A stitch in time is said to save nine. A minute's work today may save a year's worry tomorrow.

Have a care with your trash. Use sense in setting up your stoves. Good stovepipe would be cheap at \$10.00 a joint if you can prevent a fire by using good pipe. You could better afford to pay 10.00 a square foot for a good zinc under your stove than do without one.

It is such little things as these that play the big part in fire prevention. If all the people would look after these little things, there would be a different fire waste record in this country.

Are you doing your part? Are you co-operating with your neighbor? You cannot live alone socially, nor can you segregate your holdings to yourself when it comes to fire prevention.

Be on your guard to prevent fires. Work today to put out the fire in your house that may blaze up tomorrow and the chances are there will be no fire tomorrow.—S. W. English, Fire Marshall.

### A TORPID LIVER KILLS ENERGY

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

### PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

Prickly Ash Bitters Co. Proprietors St. Louis, Mo.

D. N. LEAVERTON

### HOW MUCH IT CAN STAND?

A crop of cow-peas plowed under in the late summer or early fall is a good beginning for a sweet potato crop the next season.

People who depend alone upon commercial fertilizer to grow sweet potatoes or anything else, season after season, on the same land, will get less every year, and finally get out of business.

The more vegetable matter that can be worked into the soil to rot, the more commercial fertilizer can be used to advantage. This is what the experienced user of commercial fertilizer means when he asks: "How much fertilizer can it stand?" The land can stand fertilizer in about the ratio that it is full of humus, the moisture holding—the thing that makes the commercial fertilizer "take hold," as the farmers say.

R. R. Claridge.

### MRS. DUVAL WEST



Mrs. Duval West, wife of President Wilson's personal adviser in Mexican matters, has been visiting Postmaster General and Mrs. Burleson in Washington, but has now returned to her home in San Antonio, Tex.

# Second Call for Votes

Our second call for votes in our Cash Register Check Contest is made for all votes issued by us up to the the close of business Saturday, Nov. 27. Votes must be turned in to us for count not later than Monday night's mail, Nov. 29. All votes received later than by Monday night's mail, Nov. 29 will be held for our third contest count which will be announced later.

## SPECIAL PREMIUMS IN GOLD

We will give to the contestant in each district turning in the largest amount of votes at this call \$5.00 in gold, and to the contestant in each district turning in the second largest amount of votes at this call will receive each \$2.50 in gold. This means that we will give \$7.50 in each district for votes turned in at our second call. Votes turned in at our first call have been credited to the contestants and will count in our last call for the gold watches, and the gold in this call will be given for votes turned in at this call. The contestants receiving the gold at our first call will not participate in the gold to be given away in our second call, but will participate in the contest for the gold watches at our last call.

### NEW CONTESTANTS WELCOME

All new contestants entering our contest now will have chances at our second call for our gold cash prizes and at the last call for gold watches. Fill in the blank below and hand to us or mail it to us.

#### District Number 1

Miss B. Cunningham R. T. Clewis  
Miss Annie Lee Mills Talmadge Hodge  
Miss Ruth McDonald Ed Mosley  
Willie Taylor  
Eldridge Weisinger

#### District Number 2

Miss Lizzie Ingram Geo. E. McCorkle Jr.  
Miss Helen Owens Howard Whitaker

#### District Number 3

Miss Beatrice Bean L. D. Ellis  
Miss Mary Martin Grady Finch  
Miss Ola Willis Quincy McDonald  
Miss Myrtis Waddell Woodie Spence

#### District Number 4

Miss Pearl Cook Willis Shaver  
Miss Florence Pennington  
Miss Ruth Ellen Stevens

#### District Number 5

Miss Katie Caskey Peter Gray Jr.  
Mrs. J. A. Frisby Pete Jones  
Miss Polly Pridgen F. M. M. Smith  
Miss Pearlina Spence

#### District Number 6

Miss Ellen Bridges J. R. Britton  
Miss Glennie Bush W. J. Moore  
Miss Lila Dennis Jno. W. Neely  
Miss Emma Wallace Pat Taylor  
Mrs. W. A. Peterson Joe Miller Young  
Miss Norma Montgomery

#### District Number 7

Victoria Dailey Marshall Henry  
Elizabeth Leonard E. Henry  
Eddie Marshall  
H. W. L. Sheppard  
Wm. Walker  
Carlton Campbell

The above is a correct list of all the contestants as we have them. If you are a contestant and your name does not appear herein, kindly fill in the blank below and mail same to us so that we may get your name properly recorded.

I Thank You

**George E. Darsey.**

## Come to Grapeland

We invite you to come to Grapeland--the biggest and best town of its size in Texas.

Come to Grapeland and bring your Cotton, Cotton Seed, Chickens, Turkeys, Eggs, Dry Hides, Green Hides, Bees' Wax, Coon Skins, Possum Skins, Mink Skins and House Cat Skins and we will pay you the highest market price for same.

## Come to Grapeland

We invite you to come to Grapeland for here we have the largest stand, best stock of general merchandise to be found in the county, all clean, new goods, bought cheap for the cash and we will sell you your fall bill for less money than any house in the county will.

## Come to Grapeland

Come to our store where we have plenty of clerks, who at all times are glad to welcome you and to show you our goods and compare our prices. It doesn't make any difference whether you buy or not, we are always glad to welcome you, so when you come to Grapeland come to our store, sell your produce, and let us make you prices on what you want to buy and we will save you money on you purchase.

### Contestant's Application

Geo. E. Darsey,  
Grapeland, Texas.  
Please enter Mr., Mrs. or Miss (state which)

.....  
as a contestant in district No. ....

Post office....., R. F. D. ....

Do you take the Messenger.....

A Thing that Costs Little--  
But Pleases Much--

## An Unbreakable Doll!

We keep these in stock and can supply your wants in any size.

No home with a baby is complete without an unbreakable doll.

### Genuine Hawkes Spectacles

### 50 Per Cent Reduction

Best to get yours now while they are being offered at below dealers' cost.

## "THE PEOPLES' DRUG STORE"

WADE L. SMITH

### THE BOLL WEEVIL

There are more boll weevils in the cotton fields of Texas than at any time in the history of the state. The menace to next year's crop is very great. All cotton stalks should have been plowed under or burned before this time, but if this has not been done no time should be lost in attending to this important mat-

ter. If the weevils are not destroyed before they go into winter quarters it will be hazardous to plant cotton on the land next year.—A. & M. Bulletin.

Mrs. S. N. Boykin and daughter, Miss Mabel, returned home Sunday night from Galveston, where Miss Mabel has been under the care of an eye specialist.

## GROCERY SPECIALS

Our Grocery stock is the most complete in Grapeland and we have them bought right, therefore we can SELL THEM RIGHT.

Pure cane sugar 18 lbs for.....	1.00
100 lb sack granulated sugar for.....	5.50
Best flour in town per sack.....	1.60
Our best high patent flour per sack.....	1.50
High patent flour per sack.....	1.25
9 bars of laundry soap for.....	25c
Cooking oil pure white per gallon.....	55c
Bulk lard per lb.....	9c
3 plugs Brown mule tobacco for.....	25c
Garrett snuff per bottle.....	20c
Peach snuff per bottle.....	15c

### A FEW BARGAINS

40 lb cotton mattress for.....	3.75
Best bed springs in town for.....	2.50
Cane bottom chairs each.....	60c

## STOVES!

We have on hand one car of stoves we are going to sell. Come and let us quote the prices on them and you will buy yourself a stove. All sizes and all prices.

## LEATHER GOODS

We have the best price in town on leather goods. Come and try us.

## Kennedy Bros.

### LOCAL NEWS

Suit cases, trunks and hand bags at Darsey's.

Don't forget the box supper Friday night at the picture show building, east side.

"Mackinaws" and "Sport" coats for men and women. Darsey's.

Dr. P. H. Stafford was a visitor to the Houston carnival the early part of the week.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked, made to look new. New bands put on inside and outside. adv. M. L. Clewis.

If that suit case you got smashed up hadn't been borrowed—but what's the use, get yourself one today at Darsey's.

### FOR SALE

Thoroughbred Jersey male, two years old in January. For price see the undersigned.

M. L. Williams.

### SYRUP FOR SALE

Pure home made ribbon cane syrup for sale. 60c if you furnish vessel, 65c vessel furnished at the mill. R. F. Hodge, Route 1.

Do you need any shingles? If so, see us and get our prices. We have just received two cars of cypress shingles—the best made.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

A. B. Spence has let the contract to have his residence remodeled and work has already begun. When completed, it will be modern in every respect.

Prickly Ash Bitters can be depended on to cure the kidneys, correct the urine, strengthen the stomach and relieve backache. For sale by D. N. Leaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wherry and Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McCarty were visitors to the Houston carnival the latter part of last week.

### DRESSED PORK FOR SALE

I can furnish you with dressed pork at a very reasonable price, but will not sell less than a whole hog at a time.

Herod Parker, Route 3.

### CYPRESS SHINGLES

We have just received two cars of cypress shingles, and can make you attractive prices. If you need any see us.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

The Messenger is requested to announce that J. S. Daugherty will preach at Midway next Saturday night and Sunday. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to hear him.

### Do You Have Sour Stomach?

If you are troubled with sour stomach you should eat slowly and masticate your food thoroughly, then take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Obtainable everywhere.

The remains of Mrs. Walter Brumley, who died at her home near Athens, were shipped here Sunday morning and carried to the Evergreen cemetery, near Percilla, for interment Sunday afternoon.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

# Follow The Crowd to Kennedy Bros.

We are making prices on most every item in our store. It will enable yo to save money on your entire line.

## Ladies' Coats

It will pay you to see the specials that we are offering in Ladies' Coats. Everything in Ladies' Coats at a sacrifice.

## Men's Clothing

The best for the least money is our hobby. Seeing is believing. So see them before you buy your next suit. Prices from \$6.00 up.

## Our Shoes

They fit your feet better, they look nicer, they wear longer, and they cost you less, and we ask that you see them and have your feet fitted in a shoe that is better. Prices from \$2.00 to \$4.00.

We Sell Nunn & Bush Shoes for Men and Boys.

Our stock is complete in most every department, and we are always glad to show you our goods. Any day suits us. Use your pleasure.

## Kennedy Brothers

Grapeland, - - - Texas.

### LOCAL NEWS FROM EPHEBUS

Nov. 15.—On the night of Nov. 13, the Ephesus debating society had its regular meeting. The subject under discussion was, "Resolved, that women should be given equal suffrage with men." The affirmative was represented by Messrs. Salas, Porter, and Bray, of Antioch. The negative by the Ephesus boys. Both sides acquitted themselves creditably. The judges' decision was favorable to the affirmative. This discussion was the beginning of a series of debates between this society and Antioch. On the night of Dec. 4th, the Ephesus boys will meet the Antioch society. The people of Antioch asked us to invite everybody to attend this meeting and we hereby do so. Owing to the fact that the people of Latexo have extended to us the invitation to hold our next meetings at Latexo, we shall accept their kind offer, and there will be no more debates at Ephesus. This change was made because Latexo is a more convenient location and because Ephesus school house is most too small to accomo-

date the large crowds who usually attend.

Mr. Henry Graham, who has been traveling in the west since late last summer, has found a place there which suits him better than this section. He has taken the west as his permanent abode.

Since our last letter, Miss Jewel Turner has also departed from our community. Miss Turner is at Ballinger, where she is teaching school.

Mr. Leonard Luce has returned from the west.

Messrs. Johnnie and Lee Graham have also returned home. They report a fine time and say the farmers in the west have made good crops this year.

Mr. George Manning, who is teaching our school, was visiting his family, who reside at Belott, Sunday. Correspondent.

A pretty line of gift goods at Darsey's. Begin now to select your Christmas presents.

Eat supper with the Baptist ladies Friday night, in the picture show building, east side. Motion pictures and good music.

**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER**

A. E. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of respect are printed for half price—2-10c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of GrapeLand and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

**SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE**

1 YEAR-----	\$1.00
6 MONTHS---	.50
3 MONTHS---	.25

THURSDAY, NOV. 18, 1915

Young ladies, one way to keep your hands soft and clean is to let mother do all the work.

The first real norther of the season swooped down upon us Sunday morning, accompanied by rain. Even at that, the change was more than welcome.

Successful farmers are those who know their business and put their knowledge to a practical use, says a farm expert. The same thing applies to business men off the farm.

We are a great country and a great people, but we are unable to protect either our greatness or our country. And such men as Bryan advocate practically a defenseless nation.

Speaking of neutrality, brings up the subject of our Thanksgiving diener. Both turkey and grease seemed to have formed their own opinions about it, but the cranberry, up to the present writing, remains neutral.

Along about January 1st the political pot in Houston county will begin to simmer. Already a few candidates have begun to inquire about the health of the family, how the children are progressing in their studies, and wants to know what you have named the baby.

For the first time since the war between the states, Texas has produced enough feed stuff for home consumption, and did it on 60 per cent less credit than is usually extended, says a bulletin of the Texas Industrial Congress. The slogan last spring—"Texas Must Feed Herself," bore fruit. Let's repeat the dose next year and the next.

Bell county landed squarely in the dry column last Saturday by a majority of 443. This is the home county of Governor Ferguson, who made several speeches for the antis, alleging that the pros had conspired to embarrass his administration and planning to defeat him next year. We think the governor was mistaken about the conspiracy. The victory in Bell county is due to the great wave of prohibition sentiment that is sweeping over the land, which in the course of a very short time is going to be nation wide.

Let's buy it at home this Christmas, and keep prosperity in this community. What better slogan could we have for a progressive community spirit? Everybody wants to see this community prosper and all want to share in the fruits of that prosperity. Even the fellow who habitually sends out of town for his supplies wants his full quota of the riches that are accumulated through the thrift and husbandry of his fellowmen. Producing and selling the surplus abroad and then keeping our money at home by patronizing home dealers will add many hundreds of dollars to the money in circulation in this community. It is the sure way of meeting prosperity with open arms and gathering in our share and a little more for good luck. Let other communities support themselves. Our interests and our duty are at home. Let's keep prosperity in this community, and make it a home Christmas by spending our money with homefolks.

**THE SHIFTLESS FARMER AND THE NON-ADVERTISER.**

The farmer who plants his seed in the ground and then lets it grow as it will without further cultivation is like the business man who buys a stock of goods, opens his doors and is satisfied with what trade naturally drifts in. But the advertising firm is like the progressive farmer who works in his field day after day and is rewarded with a big crop. True, the shiftless farmer gets as much per bushel for his gain as the farmer who spends all summer in the field—but he does not have as many bushels to sell. And so it is with the business house. The progressive house advertises all the time and as a result makes so many sales at a small profit that its total gains are far more than the non-advertiser who is satisfied with a few big profits on a few scattering sales. The wise man or woman knows it pays to trade with firms that advertise.

**LOCAL NEWS FROM CROCKETT**

Crockett, Tex., Nov. 15.

Criminal business occupied the attention of the district court for the past week, the following cases being disposed of:

G. T. Simpson, felony theft; not guilty. The defendant in this case fainted when the verdict of the jury was read, and has been under the constant care of physicians at Harris hotel ever since; for a time he was partially paralyzed.

Wilson Doddles, theft of hogs; dismissed by the state.

Hattie Mae Ellis, murder; not guilty.

Tom Rambo, bootlegging; in this case all 12 of the jury agreed that he was guilty, but disagreed as to whether or not sentence should be suspended, 11 of the jury being against the suspension of sentence and one in favor of it. The jury was discharged.

Lee Jones, murder; guilty of manslaughter, five years, sentence suspended. In this case the jury did not agree upon a verdict until Sunday morning.

District court only lasts two weeks longer, the last week being devoted to motions and civil cases.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT.**

Court met Monday afternoon and were in session until Saturday morning, Judge E. Winfree presiding and a full court being present. Claims amounting to \$3,468.95 were examined and allowed and warrants ordered issued. Among them were:

L. W. Elliott, salary as court stenography \$125; Deupree & Waller, merchandise \$58.50; A. S. Moore, keeping finance ledger and indexing deed records \$87.50; Lang Smith, lumber \$91.19; C. R. Kellum, bridge work \$192.26; R. J. Spence, board bill for prisoners for October \$220.00; R. J. Spence, guard for jail \$45.00; R. J. Spence, ex-officio salary \$75; E. F. Smith, lumber and bridge work \$65.85; J. A. Harrelson, freight allowance \$30.00; E. Winfree, ex-officio \$250; A. S. Moore, ex-officio \$100; J. D. Morgan, ex-officio \$75; Exline-Reimers Co., Ft. Worth, stationery for county officers \$377.10; Bennett Printing Company, stationery for county officers 33.00; S. W. Satterwhite, lumber 49.15.

The claim of the Bennett Printing Company for 2.50 for a pencil sharpener purchased by tax collector was rejected.

The claim of Geo. D. Barnard and Co. for 6.11 for a pair of hand cuffs purchased by sheriff was also rejected, the court considering this a personal item, strictly.

An order was passed that hereafter all county officers wanting stationery would have to make out a bill for same and present to the court for approval before the court would allow any amount or consider itself bound for the payment.

**OFFICERS REPORTS.**

The reports of the following county and precinct officers were examined and approved: T. R. Hester, J. P. precinct 6; R. T. Payne, J. P. precinct 4; Ney Sheridan, treasurer; A. S. Moore, county clerk; J. T. Roberts, J. P. precinct 8; B. F. Dent, county attorney; Clyde story, J. P. precinct 2; E. M. Callier, J. P. precinct 1; E. Winfree, county judge; J. A. Davis, J. P. precinct 5; Geo. H. Denny, Tax collector.

A report from First National Bank, Crockett, county depository, was read, showing that

county treasury had cash amounting to 2,430.02 to his credit.

Order was passed requiring sheriff to make out bill of clothing for insane persons that were to be conveyed to asylum, and have same approved before he would be authorized to purchase it.

A petition to place Sarah and Bill Ratcliff on pauper list was rejected.

**Now Lookout.**

When a cold hangs on as often happens, or when you have hardly gotten over one cold before you contract another, lookout for you are liable to contract some very serious disease. This succession of colds weakens the system and lowers the vitality so that you are much more liable to contract chronic, catarrh, pneumonia or consumption. Care your cold while you can. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation. It is relied upon by thousands of people and never disappoints them. Try it. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere. adv

Tenderness or aching in the small of the back is a serious symptom. The kidneys are suffering. Take Prickly Ash Bitters at once. It is a reliable kidney remedy and system regulator and will cure the trouble before it develops its dangerous stage. For sale by D. N. Leaverton. adv

About everything on earth has advanced in price except the subscription to this paper.

"Competition Consists of More Than Quotation Marks."

**MASURY**

PURE MIXED HOUSE PAINTS

Have been made continuously for 75 years. (Est. 1853)—Has millions of users—the best known—Most Widely distributed—The BEST paint made.

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

**WATCH THE DATE!**

Our subscribers are requested to watch the date printed on the paper opposite the name and renew their subscriptions promptly. For an example, your name appears like this—

John Doe     \$ 1 15

Means that the subscription expired Nov. 1st, 1915.

**RENEW PROMPTLY!**

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

**Early Acquired Habits**



THE customs and habits formed in youth follow us through life. It is therefore essential to teach the child such lessons as will be most useful in manhood.

**A Lesson of Practical Economy**

Teach the child MONEY-VALUE—not to be miserly, but thrifty, and to save a portion of all he has for future needs.

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

**NOTICE**

**HULLS AND MEAL ARE POSITIVELY CASH**

Bill be sent with each Load

**J. W. HOWARD**

# STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good.

I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today. Only a quarter.



## Everybody Get In Line For Prosperity. Home Patronage Will Do It

If you spend your money with your neighbor he'll spend his with you.

The ads. in your home paper will tell you how to spend it judiciously.

**BOOST FOR HOME TRADE AND PROSPERITY**

## WORK OF RED CROSS

Organized to Give Relief in Time of War.

International Treaty, a Very Explicit Law, a Presidential Proclamation and Army and Navy Orders Regulate Aid to Wounded.

By Brigadier General C. A. Devol, U. S. A., Acting Chairman.

Washington.—The American Red Cross is in receipt of inquiries indicating that there is a lack of understanding in regard to relief work in time of war. There is an international treaty, a very explicit law, a presidential proclamation, and duly promulgated orders of the war and navy departments relating to the furnishing of volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war. It apparently is not fully realized that war relief work must be accomplished, under definite regulations; that a precise plan of action was long ago adopted, and that a nation-wide, officially recognized and chartered relief organization, with departments designed to meet every phase of war relief work, exists. The conduct of war is regulated by certain well-established and recognized rules that are usually designated as "the laws of war" which comprise the rules, both written and unwritten, for carrying on of war, both on land and at sea. Should there ever come a time when the United States would be involved in war it would be imperative to enforce with the utmost stringency the law, and the executive and departmental orders governing the use of the Red Cross emblem and the functions of the government's chartered, supervised and systematized volunteer relief association.

All volunteer aid must come under the direction of the American Red Cross in such a contingency to carry out the obligation of the United States under the treaty of Geneva, to fulfill all requirements imposed by congress, to secure efficiency under centralized authority and trained organization in close affiliation with the army and navy medical service, and finally to safeguard the American public against fraud and abuse.

It should be understood that the surgeon generals of the United States army and navy are appointed by the president of the United States to represent these departments in relief work. They are members of the American Red Cross executive committee, and chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the war relief board.

All accounts of the American Red Cross are required by law to be audited by the war department and an annual report, also required by law, detailing the activities of the organization, is made to congress by the chairman of the central committee. It may be seen from this that the American Red Cross machinery would be set in motion at once and that its activities would be definitely co-ordinated with the legislative and executive work of the government in time of war. Merely as an example of its preparedness in one branch of its organization, there are 6,000 enrolled American Red Cross graduate nurses who have been accepted by the war department as the army nursing reserve corps.

The war department and the navy department long ago formulated regulations governing completely the duties and functions of the American National Red Cross with reference to rendering aid to the land and naval forces in time of actual or threatened war. The sign of the Red Cross is protected by law and the fraudulent use thereof is punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

President Taft in 1911, by proclamation to the army, stated briefly the relations that must exist between the

military departments of the government and volunteer relief in the event of war. General Orders, No. 170, war department, 1911, publishes the proclamation, stating in effect that the American National Red Cross is the only volunteer society authorized by this government to render aid to its land and naval forces in time of war; and that any other society desiring to render similar assistance can do so only through the American National Red Cross; that to comply with the requirements of Article 19 of the International Red Cross Convention of 1906 (revision of the Treaty of Geneva) that part of the American National Red Cross rendering aid to the naval forces will continue a part of the sanitary service thereof.

The law, approved January 5, 1905, as amended, which chartered the American National Red Cross, stipulates as follows:

Sec. 3. That the purpose of this corporation are and shall be:

First. To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war, in accordance with the spirit and conditions of the conference of Geneva of October, 1863, and also of the treaty of the Red Cross or the treaty of Geneva of August 22, 1864, to which the United States of America gave its adhesion on March 1, 1882.

Fourth. To act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their army and navy, and to act in such matters between similar national societies of other governments through the Comité International de Secours, and the government and the people and the army and navy of the United States of America.

### Her Son Subject to Croup.

"My son Edwin is subject to croup," writes Mrs. E. O. Irwin, New Kensington, Pa. "I put in many sleepless hours at night before I learned of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mothers need not fear this disease if they keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house and use it as directed. It always gives my boy relief." Obtainable everywhere. a.i.v

### CREAM AND SKIMMED MILK

The reader who keeps his eye on the advertisements in this paper gets the cream of the bargains. Others get the skimmed milk.

Merchants who advertise get the cream of the business, while the fellow who doesn't believe in printer's ink gets the clabber.

Guard your kidneys, the health of the body depends on those small but important organs. They extract uric acid from the blood which if allowed to remain in the system would cause dropsy and Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful kidney tonic; it heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion, cleanses the bowels. It will prevent or cure Bright's Disease. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. adv

Quite a number of Grapeland citizens went to Crockett Monday morning, being drawn on the jury in a murder case.

**Which?**

"Everything baked with Calumet is so tempting—wholesome—delicious—I want 'em all. For things hard to bake right it can't be equalled. Calumet is the world's best Baking Powder—it's moderate in price—pure in the can and pure in the baking—wonderful in leavening and raising power—the most economical to buy and to use."

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**CALUMET BAKING POWDER**  
NOT MADE BY THE TRUST  
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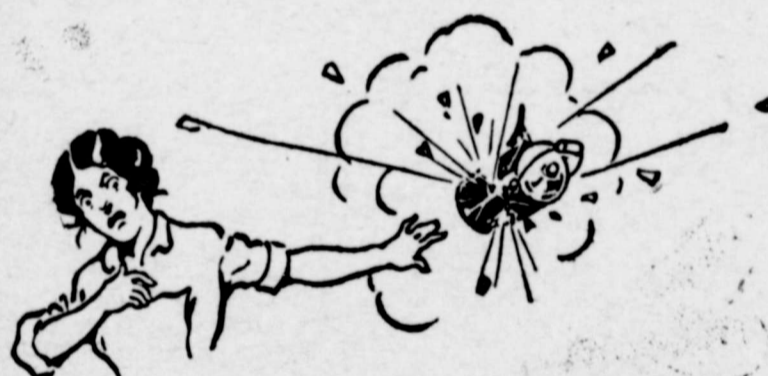
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FIFTY CENTS by YOUR DRUGGIST

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**LOCAL NEWS FROM ELKHART**

Nov. 15.—We are having some cold weather now and reminds us we can soon have spare ribs and back bone.

Mr. W. J. Bridges left today for Teague, Texas, and he will go on to Telferner, where his family resides, from that place.

We regret to chronicle the sad misfortune of Mr. Columbus Brown, he having lost his wife last Saturday evening. Mr. Brown lived 18 miles below Lovelady and brought his wife here last Thursday night at the home of his brother, Mr. Tom Brown, so she might be near a physician and she quietly passed away on Saturday following and was laid to rest in the Elkhart cemetery Monday morning. She left one little girl 3 years old, a husband and many friends to mourn her loss.

Mr. Hunter Quarles left Saturday night for Alice, Texas, to help Mr. Fagan Parker on his ranch. His wife and baby will join him in a few days, to our sorrow, as Mrs. Quarles is one of our faithful M. E. workers. We need more good, true workers in our church in place of losing any.

Elkhart is coming to the front with such good prospects of oil and two more new stores.

The Langham boys have put in a nice, up-to-date stock of gents furnishings and groceries. I am sure they will do a good business.

Mr. Chester Hassel of Palestine and Mr. Logan of this place will have a full store of hardware and furniture in a few days. We will be glad to have Mr. Hassel and family with us.

Miss Prudie Woodard and Mrs. Jim Bridges visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Oscar Hardy, of Palestine last Friday evening.

Misses Eula Quarles and Cammie Thompson spent Saturday night and Sunday in Elkhart.

Our M. E. pastor spent last week at conference. We haven't heard from him since he returned. Polly.

**PARAGRAPHS**

**P**ertaining to Community Prosperity—Clipped from **FARM AND RANCH**

Stretching the truth won't make it go farther nor last longer.

The business-like farmer keeps books, and keeps more of the stuff that goes into pocketbooks.

Don't tell your neighbors how holy you are—show them. They'll be more apt to believe you then.

There is genuine humility all about you. Do you know it when you see it, and do your neighbors know it when they see you?

Follow your inclinations if they lead upward—on an incline, so to speak. If your inclinations lead downward they would be declinations.

The man who expects to wake up and find himself famous may wake up some day after he is famous and find that he is not as happy as he was before.

Patience is a great virtue. The lack of patience in small matters has injured many a young man's chances for promotion, prevented many from being happy, and caused many to become discouraged. Patience endures hardship, drives off rebuke and scorns a controversy. Those who cultivate patience and acquire a pleasing personality have great opportunities for influence in life and will reap the reward which contentment and happiness bring.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Matney and son returned home Monday night from Longview, where they had been attending the annual conference of the M. E. Church. Bro. Matney was transferred to Rosenberg, after having served this charge faithfully for two years. He has made a host of warm friends, who will regret very much to give him up. Rev. B. C. Ansley will succeed Bro. Matney.

**EAT AIR AND RAIN**

Interesting Statement Made by a Prominent Scientist.

Three-Fourths of All Food We Eat Is Derived Originally From Rain; 80 Per Cent of Remainder Comes From Air.

Three-fourths of all the food we eat is derived originally from rain. Of the remainder, 80 per cent comes from the air, the balance—one-twentieth part of the whole—is obtained from the soil.

This interesting statement is made by Dr. A. T. Stuart of the Canadian department of agriculture, who describes the farmer as the great manufacturer. He makes the things which other people merely put together in different ways.

The farmer takes 75 pounds of water, 20 pounds of air and 5 pounds of soil. These are his raw materials, and from them, in the quantities and proportions above mentioned, he turns out 100 pounds of products.

The mixture of gases which we call air is a fluid by no means so thin and imponderable as we are accustomed to imagine. An ordinary packing box three feet cube will contain about two and one-half pounds of it. The twenty pounds of air that contribute so important a percentage of our food supply would occupy, at normal sea-level pressure, a cubical space 15 feet on an edge.

The 75 pounds of water would make about nine and one-half gallons. Five pounds of soil will represent the contents of a clay flower pot of moderate size; and thus one forms an idea easily grasped of the quantities of the three original raw materials required by the farmer for the manufacture of 100 pounds of products.

These products are food and clothing. Of all the clothes people wear, 9 per cent is made of animal or vegetable materials that are the yield of agriculture. Even the leather of which our shoes are made is, of course, a farm product. Silk is spun by caterpillars, but in reality is nothing but mulberry leaves, converted by their agency into a fiber that can be woven.

We know what air is, and water is familiar enough. That soil is merely powdered rock, containing a small percentage of decayed vegetable matter, has long been understood. But many facts in regard to this last indispensable raw material of the farmer have only recently been learned. Consider, for one thing, the size of the rock particles. In some soils they are so tiny, according to Doctor Stuart, that one hundred millions of millions of them may be held on the point of a penknife.

That seems remarkable, does it not? But take a single pound of this kind of soil, and measure the total surface area represented by its component particles. It is a not very difficult problem in mathematics. The total surface area of the particles that go to make up one pound is about three acres.

This is in itself a matter of much importance, from the viewpoint of the farmer-manufacturer, for each particle of soil is enveloped by a thin film of water. And it is from this water that the plants he grows derive their sustenance.

The fluid in question, however, is not merely water. It is a kind of soup, in which plant food, both organic—from the decayed vegetable matter—and mineral, is dissolved. What we call the "fruitful land" is merely a bed for the plants to stand up in while they feed upon this soup.

Under the microscope all plants are found to be made up of little cells or pouches filled with fluid. In an orange or lemon they are so big as to be easily seen when the fruit is cut. Each of these cells—which multiply at a wonderful rate to make what we call growth—is a little chemical factory, and it is they which, under the general management of the manufacturing farmer, produce "protein," fat, starch, sugar, fiber, etc., with incidental colors and flavors, to supply in a multitude of forms the demands of the market.

**Not in the Safety Zone.**  
"I'm afraid this is a tough neighborhood," said the prospective tenant.

"Well, it isn't," replied the real estate agent. "What put that fool idea into your head?"

"There isn't a policeman in sight," answered the other.

**Contrary to Ethics.**  
"Where's the waiter I had yesterday?"

"He was dismissed for carelessness," answered the head waiter. "He was overheard to say 'Thank you' for a twenty-five-cent tip."

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**Saving You Money**

We are not going to list any prices this week, but have lots of specials to offer you.

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We will have old "Santa Claus" to deliver his presents next week. Be prepared to buy your Christmas goods early and avoid getting just what is left just before the holidays

**Traylor Brothers**

**ARE WITHOUT WATER**

Curious Colony of Zoological Total Abstainers.

Island That Has No Water on It, Not Even a Swamp—Unless Dew Can Slake Thirst Must Do Without Drink.

Recent investigations on the little-known and rarely visited Henderson or Elizabeth island have led to the discovery of a complete and curious little colony of zoological total abstainers. The island, which is uninhabited, is situated about 120 miles northeast of Pitcairn island—itsself sufficiently out of the way, but famous as the home of the descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty.

There is no water on it, not even a swamp, and it is only six miles long, yet it harbors quite a menagerie—a kind of rat, a lizard, described as very abundant, and no fewer than four kinds of birds, all peculiar to the island. These are a fruit pigeon, a lorikeet or honey-eating parrakeet, a little rail or crane and a reed warbler. The strange thing about the inmates of this curious little natural aviary of coral rock, surrounded by waves instead of wires, is that two of its inmates are birds, one especially associated with water—the rail and the warbler.

Yet it is evident that these, like the rest, must do without drinking, unless the dew can slake their thirst, or they have acquired toleration for sea water as a beverage. A similar case is that of the peculiar and very handsome wild goose of the Sandwich Islands, which frequents the barren lava flows, where there is no permanent water supply, but thistle and berries. Here we get an even more aquatic type of bird marooned on dry land, but the Sandwich island goose takes to water readily enough when kept in Europe.

As to the existence of animals without drinking, it is well known that many have the power of sustaining themselves in this way, and the phenomenon occurs irrespective of their diet being vegetable or animal, at any rate in some cases," says the Standard in commenting upon Henderson island life. "Rabbits as is well known can live without water if given plenty of salad, and so can parrots if supplied with sop; yet both will drink on occasions. So will hawks and owls, but these birds can subsist for long periods without drinking in captivity; in fact, under the old management at the

zoo the owls never had any water given them. Neither did the curious hornbills, which are by nature chiefly fruit eaters, receive any. They have the opportunity of drinking now, but do it so awkwardly trying to peck up the water with their great bills that the habit hardly seems natural.

"It has been recorded that a great bustard lived for months in captivity without drinking, although the species does drink occasionally; and it may be suggested that the bustards are a family of birds accustomed to frequent dry places and hence have acquired a power of abstinence.

"But, setting aside the fact that the great bustard is often found near water, this explanation would not serve in the case of parrots and hornbills, which are as a rule forest birds; moreover, the family of birds most especially associated with desert conditions—the sand grouse—does not show any tendency to dispense with drinking. Indeed they are very dependent on water, flying to their drinking place twice daily, and watering their chicks by soaking their own underplumage in the fluid, which is afterward sucked off by the young.

"The camel itself, proverbial for its adaptation to the desert and endurance of thirst, is equally in need of drinking, although on account of the water storage arrangements in its stomach it can do without a fresh supply for days. Yet its endurance of thirst can be maintained only about twice as long as that of the horse kept under similar conditions; and as an abstainer it cannot compare with the giraffe, the eland and some of the other antelopes, which can subsist without drinking for months at a time, and probably indefinitely.

"Ability to exist without drinking is evidently a physiological peculiarity of certain species of families of animals, and it is obvious from what has been said above that this power is capriciously disturbed and has no necessary connection with the creature's environment, though under the pressure of circumstances it may become invaluable."

**THE OBVIOUS REMEDY.**

"There is only one thing which will effectually break up a deadlock."

"What is that?"

"A key to the situation."

**HARD TO DO.**

"Why don't his relatives put a good face on Jack's marriage?"

"A good face on that affair. Have you seen the girl's?"

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