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DOTS FROM THE BARGAIN STORE

A dollar cash next summer will buy you as much as \$1.50 on credit. Better not spend it all now. Every body will be offering you special bargains next spring, and if you spend all of your money now, you will not be able to take advantage of the low prices right at a time when you need it worst.

Extra High Patent Flour per sack	\$1.40
Fancy Patent Flour per sack	\$1.50

We will save you from 15 to 25 per cent on

Shoes, Dry Goods, and Notions

Don't forget that nothing is cheap unless you need it.

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

Announce the
Arrival of Their
Line of
Holiday

Goods

The Children will be
especially pleased
with our great
assortment of

Toys

Something to Please
Each One

Holiday Fruits

" Candy

" Nuts

" Groceries

Ingredients for your
Christmas **FRUIT
CAKE.**

We invite you to make our
store your Christmas shop-
ping headquarters, where
old Santa Claus has left a
generous portion of his hol-
iday goods for distribution
among the people of this
community.

Keeland Brothers



SOLD OUT

I have sold my stock of groceries to H. Long of Augusta. Change to take place January 1st, 1916. He requires of me to reduce my stock as low as possible. Figure with me on your next bill of

Groceries

I am sure I can save you
some money

THE CASH GROCERY COMPANY

FREE DELIVERY

Phone us Your Orders

OUR THANKSGIVING

MESSAGE

Deliverance from war and the desolation of war--

Forges alight, factories, mills and railroads alive with a new activity. Everywhere the hum of industry resounding--

Crop yields good--prices better than we dared hope--growing bank balances--well filled barns--

Families gathering about the Thanksgiving board with the sun light of prosperity beaming in--

Have we not abundant cause for gratitude and thanksgiving--Everyone of us in this happy thriving community of ours?

WE SAY "YES"

McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE

FREE DELIVERY

BOTH PHONES

SPEAKING TODAY

We are requested to announce that Hon. Stanley J. Clark, prominent speaker representing the socialist cause, will address the people of Grapeland and community today (Thursday) at 2 o'clock. Mr. Clark visited our city on a former occasion, and made a speech, which was enjoyed very much by a large crowd. He is a learned man, an entertaining talker, and thoroughly understands the subject in hand. A cordial invitation is extended the public to hear him.

NOTICE

I will be in Grapeland Saturday, December 4th, 1915, collecting 1915 tax. You are prohibited from paying your poll tax by mail and if you pay through an agent you are required to place a 25 cent revenue stamp on the order, so get your poll receipt while I am in your vicinity.

Geo. H. Denny.

Hansen Gloves--for work, sport, driving, or automobiling. All sizes and prices from 25c up Darsey's.

ALL THE NEWS FROM ANTRIM

Nov. 21.—We are in receipt of the first real cool weather of the season and same was gratefully received by most all of us.

People are through with their crops and not much doing right now.

When we sum it all up we find most people have made plenty of feed, plenty of sweet potatoes, and some have made their own syrup. More syrup will be raised another year than this. We feel sure that people throughout Houston county and other parts of the state will continue to live more at home. There is not much excuse for the man who has a few acres of poor land buying much meat when a few acres of peanuts will fatten more meat than an ordinary family will need. Some people will complain that they can't afford to keep shoats in a pen until the peanuts are ready to turn in on, but you can better afford to do so than you can to buy the bacon. Southern farmers are beginning to realize this more each year and the doctrine of diversification in connection with home economics is destined to be the salvation of the Texas farmer.

The Literary and Debating Society met on Friday night before the 2nd Sunday. A very good program was rendered. The Grapeland debaters failed to show up and rather than disappoint the crowd Messrs. Joe Miller and W. R. Durnell agreed to meet the home team. The question was Woman Suffrage; the affirmative being represented by J. M. Warren and G. L. Waddell. The decision was given in favor of the negative. Several visitors were present, among whom were Mr. Jno. R. Edens of Dalys, Webb Finch of New Prospect, Prof. Morgan of Rock Hill, and others whose names we

failed to get. By vote of the society it was agreed to meet semi-monthly, the next date being Saturday before the 4th Sunday. Our understanding is this will be a Children's program.

Eld. J. S. McDaniel filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday. The Baptists will hold their meeting hereafter on Saturday at 11 a. m. and Sunday 11 a. m.

Our old time neighbor, J. L. Nichols, was out among the people at Antrim Sunday. He will make his home in the Rock Hill community this year.

Mrs. Savannah Martin is visiting at her son, John's, this week.

Messrs. John and Jim Warren, Gratton and Richard Streetman, and Misses Ola and Grace Keiser of Rock Hill were attendants at church Sunday.

Health is very good.

Antrimite.

EPHESUS LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Nov. 22.—Despite the cool, unpleasant weather, Rev. A. E. Leediker, a well known Christian minister, who resides at Crockett, has been holding religious services at Ephesus school house, the meeting beginning Monday night, Nov. 15, and continuing until Sunday, the last sermon being delivered by Rev. William Worthington, who is also a Christian minister of Crockett.

Little Janette, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner, was on the sick list last week but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Graham were visiting friends at New San Pedro Sunday.

Mr. Joe Ham, formerly of New San Pedro, who resided this year in Trinity county, moved into our community last week.

Mrs. Lee Graham was visiting her mother, Mrs. Johnnie Tyer, of New San Pedro, Sunday. She was accompanied by her husband. Correspondent.

so much of a trick Anse is a-playing at over at Lewisburg. Sure thar's five hundred Yanks thar; an' if thar wuf five thousand it wouldn't make no great difference the way the guard is sot. The whol' blame caboodle is camped in the courthouse yard, an' the only pcket is at the main ford o' the Green Briar. Yer never saw nobody, did yer, gittin' out yere?"

"No," I admitted, realizing his intimate knowledge. "The camp is poorly protected."

"I reckon it is, and Anse knows that just as well as you do. An' he knows the gal yere had a room at ther hotel. Thar is where he went, almin' fer ter raid the shebang just before daylight." He laughed again mirthlessly. "By God, but Anse will be some mad when he finds out whut has happened. I reckon he'll 'bout cut yer heart out."

"He will have to get me first."
"Oh, don't yer ever worry none 'bout thet, young fellar. Anse will sure git yer; he knows every bridle path 'cross these mountings, an' I wouldn't give a continental damn fer no chance you've got fer ter git away. He's a tiger cat on a trail, Anse is—an' besides the blame fool wants the gal. He ain't no Cowan if he lets you beat him outer her."

He glanced quickly across my shoulder toward the door. Perhaps she moved; perhaps it was all imagination, but I thought I heard a noise, and wheeled partly around, my eyes for an instant deserting old Cowan's face. It was his one chance, and he took it. I sensed the spring, even as Noreen's cry of warning broke the silence, but not in time to escape the grip of the old man's iron fingers. His body crashed against me with such force that I staggered and fell; one hand closed like a vise on my throat, the other gripped the stock of my revolver, crushing my fingers lifeless. I struck the edge of the table, struggling vainly to keep my feet. It went over with a crash, bearing us both along, old Ned atop, clutching fiercely to keep his hold, his eyes blazing madly down into mine. As we struck I wrenched my hand free and pulled the trigger. The shot seemed to blaze across my own breast, burning like fire, and the next instant, the man's knee crushed my wrist to the floor, and the revolver fell from my benumbed fingers.

I seem to recall little of what followed; only a confused recollection of desperate struggling amid the legs of the overturned table; of oaths, blows, of eyes glaring revengefully into mine. I seemed to lose all knowledge, all consciousness, under the merciless throttling of those hard fingers. Then suddenly they relaxed—I caught a quick, reviving breath, another. Every nerve in me throbbled; I could see again, hear, feel. That was Noreen's face I looked into—ay, and the girl was actually dragging the fellow off me! I took another breath, a long one, moving so that the inert body rolled over on its side; then I rose up, supporting myself on one arm, and stared about, sobbing in the first effort to gain control.

"Noreen!" the name choked in my throat.

"Yes; it's all right now—Cowan is dead."
"Dead! You—you killed him?"
"No; it must have been your shot. I had no chance; you—you two fought like madmen—then—then he just let go of you, and fell back. I was afraid to come—I thought at first he had killed you."

"My shot! why the revolver just went off," I muttered, scarcely comprehending. "See! the bullet burned me across the chest, and there is blood there. And you say it struck him? Lord! I never knew. Help me to sit up, Noreen."

With the aid of her arms I found support against the table. The blue coat I wore showed clearly the mark of the bullet, and blood discolored the burned cloth. I ran my hand within, touching the flesh.

"A mere scratch," I said lightly, "requiring a little water. Don't cry, Noreen; there is no harm done; I'll be all right in a minute. Are you sure Cowan is dead?"

"Yes; he—hasn't moved since; but—I didn't kill him."

"Of course no, and I'm glad I did. This is part of my trade, and I'll not lose any sleep over it. Ah! I can get up alone, and the first thing I am going to do is to bar that door."

(To be Continued)

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. adv



Begin Now!

To Do Your Christmas Shopping

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

Christmas is just a little while off and anyone desiring to make

Do Your Holiday Buying Here

their gifts useful and attractive should make their selections now and avoid having to wait and take the "left-overs" after the main Holiday rush begins.

This Store Makes It Easy

for you to find something to give. If you want something already for use, you can find it in our ready to wear and furnishing departments, also in our hardware and furniture lines. If you intend making something for a friend, you will find no better assortment of popular priced merchandise anywhere than right here in Grapeland at our store.

New Goods Arrived this Week

Our new arrivals include many pretty things, a few of which we list below—

- Silk Drop Skirts, all colors
- Silk waists, all colors, 2.50 to ----- \$5.00
- Towels for gifts, a big line of linen and turkish towels in plain and fancy trimmings, a pair 50c to ----- \$1.50
- Children's dresses, big lot of assorted patterns.

BILLIKENS—now being shown in a patent lace with cloth top, sizes up to 6

We Keep Our Stock Fresh at all Times with New Goods

If there is anything at all you need, you can save time and money by coming here for it. We sell everything men, women and children wear and point with pride to our many satisfied customers. See us when in need of Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Millinery, Ladies Ready to Wear, Underwear, Dress Goods, Outings, Calicoes, Gingham, Cotton Checks, Sweaters, Trunks, Suit Cases, Rugs and Newest Neckwear. We sell standard brand merchandise for what you pay for off brands.

GEORGE E. DARSEY

LOCAL NEWS FROM UNION

Nov. 22.—This cool weather is being accepted by us as a good thing in causing some of the sickness to cease, although there are still a few sick ones, among them being Mr. Hiram Smith and Mrs. Jim Gaines. Mrs. Gaines has been sick for two months and is not much better.

Mr. Tom Cook has moved from here to Slocum.

Mr. John Tyer and family are up from Dodge. Mr. Tyer and Mr. Elmo Keen are moving to Percilla.

Mr. Wiley Mosely and Miss Lillie Collins were married last Sunday.

Mr. Chris Chaffin and Richard Cherry left Sunday for a travel through Texas. Mr. Chaffin and

Mr. S. Wells have just returned from one trip.

There was church at Midway the 21st, and the same evangelist is to be here again.

Miss Beatrice Whitescarver is spending this week with friends and relatives. Blue Jay.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT AT LATEXO

On Friday night, Nov. 19, the advertised Literary and Debating society of Latexo came to hand. The house was so thronged with guests, standing room was at a premium. However, we believe the ladies were all seated.

The subject under discussion was, "Resolved, That the Federal Congress Should Pass a Law Providing for the Prohibiting of the Manufacture and Sale of Alcoholic Liquor for Beverage

Purposes in the United States."

The affirmative was ably represented by our distinguished county superintendent, Hon. John N. Snell, and A. M. Anderson of Ephesus. The negative was equally as well represented by Messrs. Mark Winfree and Daniel Russels, two Crockett high school boys. The judges' decision was favorable to the affirmative.

Music was furnished by Mr. Barker Tunstall, and with the proficiency of musical skill.

It would be folly to attempt to give here the names of the many guests whose good fortune it was to attend this meeting, there being many people present from every community in the county.

It was, perhaps, the most delightful occasion of its kind in the history of the communities interested. A Guest.

IMPROVEMENT NOTES

The Christian church is being re-covered.

George Shaver is building a six-room residence on his property in Sycamore Addition. When completed he will move to town from his saw mill.

John Frisby is recovering his house and making other improvements.

Paul Kennedy is remodeling his residence.

T. H. Leaverton is erecting two cottages for negro tenants near the negro church, out on the Crockett road.

J. J. Thompson has purchased a place out on the Crockett road and is making an addition to the house before moving in.

Albert Gainey, who is teaching at Creath, was mingling with Grapeland friends Saturday.

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.

Groceries

In our Grocery Department you will find more real, genuine bargains than in any house in the county. Don't fail to see us. We will save you money.

Specials for this Week:

Best Compound Lard, 1 can to a customer	-	\$4.40
Best hog lard, 1 can to a customer	-	\$5.40
Jersey Cream high patent flour, per sack	-	\$1.45
Good grade of second patent flour, per sack	-	\$1.25
Brown Mule Tobacco, 4 plugs for	-	.30
Garrett's snuff	-	.20
Good roasted coffee, per gallon	-	.40
Dry salt meat	-	12 1-2c
Pure home made ribbon molasses	-	65c

We buy Chickens, Turkeys, Eggs, Hides, Bees Wax and Furs

I Thank You

George E. Darsey.

Extra Free Votes!

IN OUR

Dry Goods Department

We will give until Saturday, December 4th:

With each man or ladies overcoat or rain coat	500 votes
" " boy or girls' " " " " "	300 " "
" " man or ladies sweater.....	300 " "
" " boys' or girls' "	200 " "

Our line of Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes is the biggest and best to be found anywhere.

If you want a bargain in a good Trunk or Suit Case see us. New stock just received.

Hardware and Furniture

In our Hardware and Furniture Departments we will give extra free votes as follows:

With every double barrel shot gun sold	1000 free votes
" " single " " " " "	500 " "
" each set of Legget & Platt bed spgs.	500 " "
" " bed spring of any other make	300 " "
" " mattress.....	500 " "
" " Iron bed stead.....	500 " "
" " Dresser.....	1000 " "
" " Cooking Stove.....	1000 " "

Note these Prices

\$10.00 Dressers for.....	\$7.50
12.50 Dressers for.....	\$10.50
5.00 shot guns for.....	\$3.90

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.....

This Fits You

Most people are good to their stomachs when they are able to get Groceries that "make good."

Most people would like to be better to their stomachs if it were possible to improve the quality of their Groceries without paying exorbitant prices.

Most people often wonder if there is a store that could please them more than the one at which they are trading.

Most people at times think that if they could find such a store they would give it a trial.

But many never find that store simply because they never get to the point of actually looking for it.

THIS IS THE STORE

such people are looking for. Some found it years ago and are still trading here. Others are finding it day by day and are themselves becoming steady customers of this store.

It Is Your Turn Next

if you want to tone up that troublesome stomach by feeding it groceries that agree with it. Just walk right through our door and you will be in the store you are looking for. They not only agree with your stomach, but the following prices will also agree with your pocketbook.

GROCERY SPECIALS

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

Sugar still 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.....	1.45
High patent flour per sack.....	1.25
9 bars of laundry soap for.....	25c
Cooking oil pure white per gallon.....	55c
50 pound can lard for.....	4.85
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, only a few left for.....	3.50
Best bed springs in town for.....	2.50
Cane bottom chairs each.....	60c

We carry the best line of canned goods in town

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

RECITAL TONIGHT

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church have secured Miss Roberta Scott to give an entertainment at the church tonight, (Thursday) which will consist of the rendition of the "Littlest Rebel," a thrilling story picturing the poverty of the south at the close of the war. Miss Scott is a reader and impersonator of rare talent. She gave a recital here some months ago, and greatly pleased her audience. Music for the entertainment will be furnished by Miss Eula Riall Hollingsworth. The entertainment will begin at 7:30. Admission, children under 10 years, 15c; adults 25c.

Shoes that will stand winter wear at Darsey's.

Xmas is coming—prepare for it at McLean and Riall's.

Rev. E. Payne and family of Kosse are visiting relatives here.

A big lot of colored silk drop skirts at Darsey's.

Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth of Colorado City is here visiting relatives.

A big line of umbrellas and parasols from 50c to \$2.00 at Darsey's.

New shoes arrived last week and this week. McLean and Riall.

Miss Luella Bridges died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her mother at Percilla, after an illness of several days duration.

We are in the market for sound dry black eyed peas, also small whites. Waller Grocer Co., Trinity, Texas.

Don't put off buying your overcoat until too late. Darsey has them at all prices.

FOR SALE

A few nice Barred Rock Hens in lots of 6 for \$5.00. C. L. Haltom.

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.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock, and young son, has been here several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Davis, returned to her home in Livingston Tuesday morning.

SUBSCRIPTION AGENCY

I am agent for Galveston Semi-Weekly Farm News on Route 1 and will appreciate your subscription. See or write me, Route 1, box 101. Mrs. Jennie Dotson.

MAIZE HEADS

I have a car load of maize heads to arrive this week. They are the best and cheapest feed stuff you can buy. Good for all kinds of stock and is excellent chicken feed. See me at once if you want any. J. W. Howard.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

1 farm of 278 acres
5 head of cattle
1 good work mule.
This sale is to take place December 15, 1915, on the place known as the old "Reuben Lively Place" on silver creek, 11-2 miles north of Augusta. This place will be sold for cash, or one-half cash, balance notes. J. B. Lively.

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.

It is Cheaper to Prevent Than to Cure

Because with our extensive line of drugs

"The Peoples'

Drug Store

Is able to sell you most any of the simple remedies that keeps sickness away. Ladies, improve your personal appearance by using some of our, Country Club Face Powders and Cream

"THE PEOPLES' DRUG STORE"

WADE L. SMITH

Thanks-

giving

Reminds us that we have many things to be thankful for, and we are very thankful for the many good blessings given us. We want to thank each and every person who has traded with us since we have cast our lot with you, and hope to be remembered in the future by each and every one of you, and assure you that we are very grateful to you for your remembrance, and hope for you a pleasant

Thanksgiving

Kennedy

Brothers

"The Store for Everybody"

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, - - - Editor and Owner

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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.

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6 MONTHS---	.50
3 MONTHS---	.25

THURSDAY, NOV. 25, 1915

Preparedness for war does not prevent it. Europe proved that. But neither does unpreparedness.

Isn't it a great pity that United States government does not get behind the good roads movement instead of squandering millions trying to make "spring branches" navigable?

What has become of the old fashioned woman who boiled a whole ham and sliced off of it for a whole week?—Macon, Ga., News.

She is still among us, but the ham has played out.

Dallas announces that the \$100,000 pledged to the democratic executive committee for the 1916 convention, has been raised, and a large delegation of Texas citizens will go to Washington in December to meet with the committee to urge the claims of Texas.

We say it without hesitation, and we believe the facts will back us up in the statement, that if the farmers of this community will for the next five years practice diversification like they have this year, they will be free from debt and in a prosperous condition. They will be in a position to finance their own enterprises without enlisting the aid of a merchant to supply them on credit to make a

crop. And that is a condition worth striving for and we hope the farmers will make a resolution to do it.

Published reports indicate that congress will be with the president in his contention for a greater national defense. But of course the politicians of all parties, with few exceptions, will do absolutely nothing until the great mass of people arise and demand protection instead of pork barrels.

We are under obligations to Mr. R. H. Jetton, editor of the Oakwood Oracle, for a copy of his little book, "Sue Ella." It is a beautiful little love story of the civil war times; and relates some hitherto unpublished history of that great conflict between the north and south, regarding the great campaign in Texas and New Mexico. The most remarkable feature about the book, however, is that it was written, printed and bound by the author in his own printing office at Oakwood, who, in a letter to the editor says: "It is an impromptu product of a disordered mind, as it fell from the pen of the writer, without criticism or proofreading; written and printed in the hurly-burly of newspaper work by a man who never printed anything but a newspaper and never saw a book bound, and more still, was never in a printing office larger than his own." We congratulate Mr. Jetton upon his remarkable achievement, and hope his little book will meet with approval from the public.

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. Cure 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

LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. J. N. TYER.

Editor Messenger:

We want to tell your many readers of the the trip we took north and some of the scenery we saw. Now, there may be some who will criticise this letter, but we will write of nothing but what we saw on the trip.

We boarded the train at Grapeland on the night of September 25. At Palestine we took a sleeper and could not see much until we got to Texarkana. Then we began to look at the beautiful country and towns all the way to St. Louis. Then night came again, though those bright electric lights made everything look as bright as day. We left St. Louis that night for Chicago, arriving at Gardner, Ill., at 4:40 next morning. There we met our son, H. A. Tyer, awaiting our arrival. We stayed several days at this beautiful little town, and there are some as fine people there as I ever met and willing to show a southerner all the courtesies that are due anyone. We visited their corn shellings, and saw the crushing, cutting and filling their silos. Let me tell you, I saw better corn stalks ears, fodder and all, going into their silos than I ever saw grow in Texas. We traveled in buggy, automobile and passenger coach over the best grain belt said to be in the world, and I believe it. They tell me it is about 75 miles wide and 400 miles long. My son and I would get in a buggy and travel for miles and miles, and I have gotten out of the buggy and walked away out in the field of corn and I never saw a sorry spot in it. They told me they would get about 75 bushels per acre. This corn was just ripe enough for fodder pulling, but there was no fodder pulled. The largest white-head cabbage I ever saw was there, and tomatoes and all the fine red apples in the world it seemed. I ate apples until my better half told me if I didn't quit eating apples I would turn to a big red apple, and I quit—while in her presence. The reason I call her my better half is because we are of the same weight and of the same knowledge, but she is better looking than me and that makes her my better half. See? After spending several days at Gardner, we boarded the train for Chicago, and then came the time of our lives. It was about 85 miles to Chicago and we arrived there at 6 o'clock in the evening. There we met our cousin, Henry Grounds, and one of the finest and best men of the land. He was there to meet us in his big auto—the finest one we ever saw, costing \$4,000. We boarded it for his home about 8 miles distant. It only took us a few minutes to get there, and his kindly and lovely lady was at the steps of that beautiful home, and let me tell you it was beautiful and well furnished, and just such people deserve such, for I never in my life met with more hospitable people, and everyone that has had a family to raise could tell that they enjoyed just such happiness all the time. Henry has a family to be proud of and I do think he has the exception in boys. He has two as fine boys as the world ever produced and one of the sweetest little girl babies of the land. They call just plain "Jane." We were there only a few minutes until me and my better half and his family and our son's wife and two children boarded this magnificent car and of all the sights

we ever saw in life we were now seeing. One cannot conceive of such things as we saw, some of which it looked like men could not put into effect. Those elevated car lines and those car lines that were under the great river of Chicago, traveling under the river the same as on those beautiful streets and boulevards. We traveled about 138 miles right in the city and then only got a bird's eye view of it. We went out on Lake Michigan and I reckon we must have seen something like two or three hundred steam and sail boats. We saw those large vessels taking dirt and gravel out of that big lake and making land to build more of those fine buildings upon, and they were making land fast. I will tell you more about this great city in my next letter.

We boarded the train for the south and tried to arrange so we could come through in day time, and when we reached St. Louis we made a short stop there, but we saw plenty to tell if we could talk instead of writing. The big depot is something that is immense. We saw in what is called the rest room something like 500 people. This building, I was told, covered ten acres of ground. Elevators and stair-steps to every apartment in the building. We saw the big clock with four large dials that gives the exact time once every twenty-four hours all over the U. S. We traveled the bank of the Mississippi river I think about 20 miles before reaching St. Louis, then we crossed it on a large iron bridge. We returned through Missouri and Arkansas and saw some beautiful towns and country. And when one tells you that Arkansas is so hilly that the farmers have to plow around the hills to reach the top and hold their sheep and goats out along the sides of the mountains by their tails for them to graze, you tell them to go look again for I never saw such as that, but I saw some as good country and improvements as I ever saw in Texas, and I came here in 1854. We visited the macaroni factory, but will not attempt to tell you how it was turning out its product, but it was a plenty and a sight to look at. I will leave off the balance to tell this time.

We received a letter from our esteemed friend, Henry Grounds and we will give you one paragraph of his letter. He starts off this way: "I beg leave to state that there are innumerable parks and play grounds of various shapes and sizes within the corporate limits of the city of Chicago. There are 7 or 8 very large parks, among them being

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RENEW PROMPTLY!

Lincoln, Washington, Jackson, Douglass, Humboldt, Sherman, McKinley and many others of smaller dimensions. Jackson park covers more ground than any others at this time, something like 1,000 acres, situated upon the lake front, commonly known as South Side. Connected with Jackson on the west side is what is known as Midway, which itself is a very wide stretch or thoroughfare with a park in its center that connects with Washington Park, another very large tract that covers probably 1,000 acres or close to it. All of the parks are connected by boulevards. Autos drive through these parks and the distance covered is about 40 miles."

J. N. Tyer.

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Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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JAMES BROWN SCOTT



James Brown Scott, former solicitor for the state department, secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, editor of the American Journal of International Law, is the head of the neutrality board which passes on questions involving the neutrality of the United States. The other members are Capt. James H. Oliver and Capt. H. S. Knapp, both of the navy general board.

WANT TARIFF BOARD

League Is Formed to Make Nation-Wide Campaign.

"Take Tariff Out of Politics" Is Slogan Under Which Leading Men of the United States Have United.

Chicago.—"Take the tariff out of politics and put it on a business basis" is the slogan of a nation-wide campaign to be undertaken by an organization formed in Chicago to urge the establishment of a permanent non-partisan tariff commission. Many leading men in the United States have gone on record as approving the plan and are directly interested in the movement.

The Tariff Commission league, just formed in Chicago, and now in process of detailed organization, will be the medium through which the fight will be made to arouse the American public—the business world, the agricultural world, the labor world—to bring such pressure to bear upon congress that the proposed tariff commission will be created.

James J. Hill has agreed to take the chairmanship of the advisory committee of thirty members, which will pass upon all general matters of policy and action, and which is now being formed. On Mr. Hill's advisory committee it is intended to have prominent representatives of agriculture, labor, manufacturing, trade and commerce, higher education, as well as experts on economics and public officials.

Warren S. Stone of Cleveland, grand chief of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has accepted an invitation to serve on the advisory committee, as one of the representatives of labor. Another member of the advisory committee is Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath of Tiffin, Ohio, first vice-president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and a recent addition is Miss Jane Addams of Chicago. Representing agriculture on that committee are: F. D. Coburn of Kansas, the "Father of Alfalfa," who for twenty years has been secretary of the Kansas department of agriculture; ex-Governor W. D. Hoard of Wisconsin, who has been called the father of the dairy industry of the West, and A. P. Grout of Illinois, one of the chief farmers of that part of the country and president of the National Alfalfa Growers' association. The composition of the remainder of the committee will be determined shortly. John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, is treasurer of the league. G. S. Wood, a well-known newspaper man of Chicago, is assistant to the president.

The president of the Tariff Commission league, and the man who will be in direct and active charge of the campaign for the arousing of public sentiment, is Howard H. Gross of Chicago.

CRYOLITE FROM GREENLAND

An Important Ore of Aluminum That Comes From an Eskimo Hamlet.

Washington.—Cryolite is not produced in the United States, the entire supply used being imported from Ivigtut, an Eskimo hamlet on the southern coast of Greenland. Our imports in 1914 were 4,612 tons, average value \$20.47.

Cryolite is a sodium and aluminum fluoride that crystallizes in the monoclinic system. It is an important ore of aluminum and is used in the manufacture of alum, sodium hydrate (for making soap), sodium carbonate and other salts. It is also employed in making opaque white glass, sometimes called hot cast porcelain, which is said to be prepared by fusing 100 parts of silica, 35 parts of cryolite and 15 parts of zinc oxide.

HOPEFUL VIEW.

Hemmandhaw—Beanbrough is an optimist.

Shimmerpate—What makes you think that?

"He said he would soon be done with walking, as he's bought two chances for an automobile raffle."—Youngstown Telegram.

NO WONDER.

Manager—The play went like a breeze.

Backer—It ought to, after all the drafts you got from me for it.

AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

"I saw Jones' double on the street yesterday."

"You couldn't have seen anything of the kind. Jones is a single man."

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Pains in the Back or disturbances in the Urinary Organs, there is no remedy more powerful and effective than

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LOCAL NEWS

FROM CROCKETT

Crockett, Tex., Nov. 22.

The past week was a busy one in District court, and the officials have been busy, Judge Prince rushing business since court opened last Monday morning. With the exception of three criminal cases set for this, the last week of court, the criminal docket has been finished for the term. Fifteen contested cases have been tried since the criminal docket was taken up, some of them taking two days to dispose of.

The following cases have been disposed of since Monday morning, November 15th:

Dave Cannon, assault to murder, not guilty.

Jim Herod, bootlegging, one year.

Moody Herod, bootlegging, one year.

Elmer Wallace, placing obstructions on railway track, two years.

Harry Wright, forgery, two cases; five years in one case, sentence suspended; one case dismissed.

W. H. Woods, fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property, indictment quashed.

Costromer Wells, burglary, dismissed by district attorney, defendant being only twelve years of age.

Adam Lane, bootlegging, dismissed, evidence being insufficient to convict.

George Page, assault to murder, set for 3rd Monday of Spring term of court, 1916.

Tom Plat, burglary, two years sentence suspended.

Willis Hawkins, felony, dismissed, the prosecuting witness having left the country.

Zeke Williams and William Kirksey, murder, continued.

J. S. Kelley, perjury, dismissed. The defendant was at one time posing as a minister, and is now serving a term for bigamy.

George W. Bishop, assault to rape, dismissed by district attorney at request of prosecuting witness.

DIVORCE DOCKET

Cases were tried and disposed of as follows:

Eliza Debose vs E. D. Debose.

Jesse Elam vs Pearlina Elam.

Mariah Bell vs John Bell.

J. M. Jeffcoat vs S. W. Jeffcoat.

John Jones vs Beatrice Jones.

Gobey Colter vs Georgia Colter.

Sheriff Spence on last Friday evening, arrested and placed in jail, Levy Griffin, a white man, wanted at Chipley, Florida, on a charge of fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property. The Florida sheriff wired Mr. Spence Saturday morning that he would come after the prisoner immediately.

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

GRAPELAND LOSES

Ratcliff defeated GrapeLand in a game of basket ball last Saturday afternoon on the local ground by a score of 41 to 12. We could go into details and tell how it was done, but our boys made special request to let them down easy. Then, too, it would take too much space to render 41 excuses. We will say, however, that we were glad to have the visitors with us, and enjoyed entertaining them, even if they can beat us playing ball. We'll practice up our team and beat them next time.



THE FIRST LESSON TO LEARN

Every family should know that TRADING AT HOME means CIVIC PROSPERITY.

READ THE HOME PAPER!
NOTE THE HOME BARGAINS!
SPEND YOUR DOLLAR AT HOME!

Bank No. 768
Official Statement
OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION
OF THE
Guaranty State Bank

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 10th day of Nov., 1915, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 25th day of Nov., 1915.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$23,782.00
Loans, real estate	2,358.39
Overdrafts	16.08
Bonds and Stocks—State and county warrants	1,706.63
Real estate, (banking house)	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures	2,189.40
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$23,441.13
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	\$1,692.52
Cash Items	287.27
Currency	4,066.00
Specie	3,057.00
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	476.63
Other resources as follows: Assessment for Guaranty Fund	33.34
Total	66,535.29

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net	409.19
Individual deposits, subject to check	43,911.69
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,796.84
Cashier's Checks	855.98
Bills payable and discounts	2,500.00
Total	66,535.29

Total State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }
We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. KENNEDY, President.
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of Nov., A. D., nineteen hundred and fifteen.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
JNO. A. DAVIS, Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
W. H. Holcomb }
E. G. Walling } Directors
M. P. Herod }

Bank No. 183
OFFICIAL STATEMENT
Of the Financial Condition of the
Farmers & Merchants State Bank
At Grapeland, State of Texas.

at the close of business, on the 10th day of Nov., 1915, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 25th day of Nov., 1915:

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$85,670 15
Loans, real estate	8,300 00
Overdrafts	236 41
Real estate (banking house)	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures	2,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	\$14,653 52
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check	859 98 15,513 50
Cash Items	245 45
Currency	3,732 00
Specie	1,007 25 4,984 70
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	989 42
Other resources as follows: Collection in Transit	369 16
Total	\$71,046 87

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	10,500 00
Undivided Profits net	1,933 78
Individual Deposits, subject to check	37,459 77
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,796 84
Cashier's Checks	855 98
Bills payable and discounts	2,500 00
Total	\$ 71,046 87

Total State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }
We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GEO. E. DARSEY, President.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of November, A. D., nineteen hundred and fifteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.
J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
W. G. DARSEY }
M. E. DARSEY } Directors
T. S. KENT }

GETS STATE AID

Prof. C. T. Sims, superintendent of the Grapeland school, has just received a letter from the State Superintendent containing the information that the Grapeland school has been granted state aid to the amount of \$750 for the purpose of establishing an agricultural department. The board is now making arrangements for the necessary equipment. This means also that our school has been raised from the third to the second class, and ultimately we will get affiliation with the State University.

NOTICE--FOR SALE

1 brick building, 27x100, and entire stock of merchandise and five business lots in the town of Grapeland. Must sell. If interested see J. J. Brooks.

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.

MY BOOKS

Are now in my hands and I will appreciate the favor if all who owe me accounts will call at the Goodson Hotel and settle.

A. S. Porter.

IMPORTANT MEETING

The W. O. W. meeting Saturday night will have deferred business to transact that is of vital interest to the order, and every member is expected to be present.

Plenty of sweaters at

Darsey's.

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.

Every Royal Tailored suit is guaranteed to fit you perfectly and to be all pure wool. A big line of samples now on display at Darsey's.

H. S. Harrison, who recently disposed of all his property at a public sale, left last Friday to hunt a location. He went from here to San Angelo.

Columbus Woodard spent several days here last week meeting his many old friends. Columbus left Grapeland when quite a lad, but is now a grown man. He is teaching school at Bardwell.

Prof. R. J. Dominy was a Grapeland visitor here Saturday, coming over in his car. He was accompanied by several friends, whose names we failed to learn.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Matney and son left Sunday for their new work at Rosenberg. They stopped off at Crockett to see relatives a few days.

Prof. R. L. Eaves and George McCullar of Ratcliff were visitors to Grapeland Saturday, coming over with the Ratcliff basket ball team.

District Judge Prince, District Attorney Bishop and County Treasurer Sheridan were up from Crockett awhile Saturday afternoon.

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

Visit Our Store

Visit our store this week and take a look at what old

SANTA CLAUS

has left. Do your Christmas buying early and get the pick. Get our prices on anything you need in

Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing and Groceries

We are prepared to save you money. We are thankful for the liberal patronage of our many friends and customers this year, and hope you all a prosperous year.

Traylor Brothers

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

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.

W. R. Durnell of the Antrim community, who claims to be the champion sweet potato grower in Houston county, brought in three potatoes Saturday to substantiate his claim, and while the editor has been the recipient of many nice potatoes this fall, these beat any that have been brought in. Mr. Darnell harvested 70 bushels from a very small plot of ground without fertilizer.

W. W. Aiken, editor of the Crockett Courier, and Frank Weimar, editor of the Herald at Ratcliff, were Grapeland visitors Saturday afternoon.

John Tyer and family have moved back here from Dodge, and will live a few miles east of town. We are glad to have them with us again.

Marshall Brimberry and Miss Ethel Coleman, two prominent young people living east of town, were married Sunday afternoon in Grapeland at the residence of Eld. J. J. Brooks, who performed the ceremony. The Messenger congratulates the young couple.

Men's Suits. Every one guaranteed all pure wool and not to fade. Best line of serges in Grapeland at Darsey's. Priced at \$10, 12.50, 15, and 17.

B. T. Masters and family, who have been residing near Lovelady the past year, have moved to their farm near town. The Messenger is glad to welcome them back.

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Plenty of shoes for the whole family--the kind that will stand the test. See our line. We can save you money on your Shoe bill.

See our boys' suits. Bring your boys here and let us fit them up.

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