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### 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 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. 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 year in Trinity county, moved visitors were present, among whom were Mr. Jno. R. Edens of Dalys, Webb Finch of New Prospect, Prof. Morgan of Rock was accompanied by her hus-Hill, and others whose names we band.

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 made his home in the Rock Hill community this year.

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

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.

### PHESUS 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 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 into our community last week.

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



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### SPEAKING TODAY

munity today (Thursday) at 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 All sizes and prices from 25c up extended the public to hear him.

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### NOTICE

I will be in Grapeland Satur-We are requested to announce day, December 4th, 1915, collectthat Hon. Stanley J. Clark, prom- ing 1915 tax. You are prohibited inent speaker representing the from paying your poll tax by socialist cause, will address the mail and if you pay through an people of Grapeland and com- agent you are required to place a 25 cent revenue stamp on the o'clock. Mr. Clark visited our order, so get your poll receipt while I am in your vicinity.

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# A TALE OF CIVIL STRIFE RANDALL PARRISH USTRATIONS 64-C.D. PHODES

You are a wonderfully brave girl."

have no doubt any more-unless-

openly in my defense, unless it be

Captain Fox, and he could not help

me. Is it under such conditions you

"But do you realize what going with

"Yes, I realize-not only the peril

and hardship, but every issue involved.

I made my choice back in the court-

She paused as though unable to find

expression, breathing heavily, and her

face sank until I could no longer see

"When-when I told Colonel Pick-

ney that-that you were my husband,"

she faltered, driven to it by my con-

tinued silence, "I spoke hastily, it is

true; for my only thought just then

was the necessity for saving your life.

I felt that-that I could do no less,

and-and I desired to justify my ac-

tion. They-they had to know why I

did it; do you not understand? I-I

am a Union woman; they have trust-

ed me always, these men; even to-

night they told me the countersign be-

cause of confidence in my loyalty. I-

I was the daughter of an officer on

General Ramsay's staff. I could not

let those men think me a traitor. I-I

had to tell them why it had become

my duty to aid you. There was no

other possible way; no other reason

which would justify me in such an

act: but-but that confession left me

"In my power, Noreen! Surely you

"No! but will you live up to the ob-

ligation? Oh, you do not see the situ-

ation at all! When I said you were

my husband I threw myself on your

protection. I-I burned the boats. I

am all alone now, unless-unless you

stand by me. My father is dead;

there is not one person anywhere to

whom I can go. If I remain here I

shall be placed under arrest before

daylight-charged with aiding your

escape; perhaps charged with aiding

you in your work-and I have no

friends, no defense. Tom, I must go

I could not ignore her plea, nor

would I misconstrue it. It was fear

which thus drove her to me; she had

more confidence in my kindness than

in their justice-that was the whole

story. The poor girl was so fright-

ned she had chosen blindly-she

ing, except the necessity for immedi-

ate escape. My own resolve was in-

"I trust you; is not that enough?

Her fingers clasped my coat, her

"Promise me that, Tom," she begged

"Surely; we will go together," and

I gripped her hands tightly in mine.

We crept forward along the shadow

of the orchard fence, until we mingled

with the horses fastened at the hitch-

ing rail. I selected among them, as

best I could in the darkness, two that

seemed well adapted to our purpose.

I helped her silently into the saddle,

thrusting one of my revolvers into the

empty holster, and then mounted my-

asked, my face close, our horses

"Which way had we better go?" I

"Whatever happens I will do my best.

All I ask now is, do not leave me here

eyes suddenly lifted to my face.

brokenly. "It will be all I ask."

"Yes, and-and thank you."

But we must go at once."

do not think that I will ever take

advantage; that I will ever miscon-

utterly in your power."

strue your real purpose?"

on with you!"

stant.

alone."

self.

touching.

trust me fully?"

house. It is too late to withdraw."

unless you refuse to let me."

perfectly safe here."

desire I remain here?"

her eyes.

me will inevitably mean?"

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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 Norcen and an old neighber of Wyatt, who is sent to bed while the two other men talk. Wyatt becomes suspicious, and finds that Taylor has murdered Harwood

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 de-tachment is ambushed. Wyatt escapes to the Green Briar country and goes to Har-wood's apparently deserted home.

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

CHAPTER VII—Parson Nichols comes to the house and tells Noreen of her fa-ther'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 ran-sacks the house but fails to find the hid-den 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

CHAPTER XIII—Cowan's gang is driv-en off by Federal troops, one of whose officers is the real Lieutenant Raymond. Wyatt is trapped, though Noreen attempts

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-fashfoned chimney, washes off the soot and changes clothes in the deserted washroom, and re-

CHAPTER XVIII—Wyatt surprises Raymond and his camp commandant, holds them up, and with the aid of Norsen, gets out of headquarters room in the courthouse.

CHAPTER XIX-Wyatt and Noreen decides to accompany him in his flight.

CHAPTER XX.

A Step Nearer. "The stables?" I asked.

horses are there?"

"Officers' mounts; but there were several others tied at the hitch rail an hour ago. They appeared to be good stock; better even than the government horses."

I could perceive them dimly, from where we skulked in the shadow of the building. I took a step or two forward, circling the house, so as to better approach the animals along the shadow of an orchard fence. I knew she followed close at my heels and, turning, got a glimpse of her frightened face.

"There is no reason why you should worry," I said softly, taking her hands in mine. Now listen to me; your nerves are all unstrung; this night's work has been too much for youtoo much for any girl. And God knows you have done enough for me already. Where are you stopping? Here at the hotel?"

"Y-yes." "Then slip inside while there is no one hanging around; and get safely to your own room. There is nothing mere you can do. I will take one of those horses yonder and be off, and I know the country well enough to find my way. Once in the mountains I shall be safe. You will do as I say?".

To my surprise, she looked straight into my face, standing motionless. She seemed to catch her breath, as though it was difficult to speak.

"You mean that-that I am to go to my room?" she asked slowly.

"Certainly; that will be the safest and best thing for you to do. I can-

"Along the south road at first; there is a cut-off just back of the old school."

"And the pickets-do you know where they are posted?" "At the ford of the Green Briar-

the main ford." "There are none at Benton?"



"I Trust You; Is Not That Enough?" shield himself from blame. There is not an officer here who will stand

"No; I do not think they even know the river is fordable there; it is not on the maps."

We rode forward slowly, my hand on her bridle rein, keeping in the deeper shadows along the side of the road, until we passed beyond the last house of the village. If the camp was not alarmed for another half hour, our pursuers would be given a hard task. Strange that the Federal scouts had never located the Benton ford. To be sure it was narrow, and of no value in high water, yet an ideal place for raiding parties to cross, and all those hills beyond were full of guerrilla bands eager to strike quick and get safely away. That they dared to attack small bodies of troops, and especially poorly guarded wagon, trains, had been demonstrated more than once, and this secret ford gave them easy opportunity. The Cowans certainly knew of its feasibility, and the wonder was they had never utilized it before,

The longer I thought the more I began to dread the unknown dangers ahead-the gauntlet we must run before attaining the Confederate lines. We could baffle pursuit, but if once we came into contact with those irregulars of the mountains-merciless, irresponsible-no one could predict the result. I could skulk along through the night, discard my horse, travel afoot, and thus avoid encountering any of those villains. I was myself a mountaineer, and knew the secret trails. But with her beside me, the two of us mounted, such a feat was almost impossible. I must find her food and shelter, and we could not travel on horseback without leaving a trail unconcealed. To be sure, I knew her of old; that she was strong. resourceful, fearless-yet she was a woman to be protected from insult, to be guarded against exposure; more,

she was the woman I loved. But would she be in any less danger if I compelled her to return to Lewisburg? She would be exposed to indignities, to almost certain persecution from Raymond.

"Noreen," I said, turning my face toward her. "Do you really think it best to try this ride with me?"

"You do not wish me to go?" she asked, as instantly reining up. "You want me to return?"

"No, not that. I have no thought but for your own good. Only do you could perceive nothing, realize nothunderstand the perils through which we must pass in those mountains?"

"Yes, I do understand," she answered soberly, "and I comprehend, as "Do not say any more, Noreen," I you cannot, the danger of my returnsaid soberly, but making no attempt ing to Lewisburg. I will never go to touch her. "I understand now. You back there; but, if you think it best mean you wish to ride with me? You for us to part, I will endeavor to reach Charleston alone."

> "You would rather go on with me?" "I made that choice, but if you consider me a burden-"

> "No, it is not that, Noreen," I interrupted, touched by the regretful tone of her voice. "It was of you I was thinking, not myself. Then we go on together?"

> She was silent, her eyes on the darkness ahead. "It must be your decision," I in-

sisted. "I made my choice an hour ago," she

answered frankly. I waited an instant, thinking she might say more, but she sat motionless in the saddle. Just what her deciston signified I could not judge. It seemed to me that between two dangers she had simply chosen the one she deemed to be the lesser. It was not affection for me, but fear of others, which urged her forward. Grasp-

the dark without another word. The decision had been made; now we must both of us abide the consequences.

CHAPTER XXI.

The Fight in the Cabin.

Benton's cabin had been burned six months ago, Noreen told me, and the old man was believed to be dead. Few others ever used this cut-off, or had occasion to pass this way, and the weeds had quickly taken possession. I was obliged to feel for the worn trail, as it wound here and there along the slope of the hill, and then finally down a shallow depression toward the river bank. The horses stepped cautiously, pressed closely together in the narrow rut, and the only noise was the occasional stumble of a hoof. Thus we came down to the shore. My memory of the spot was hazy and uncertain.

"Have you ever crossed here?" I asked doubtfully. "I scarcely remember where the ford lies."

"Yes," she replied, leaning forward, "with my father a year ago."

"We'll ride together, but keep your feet free in the stirrups." "I am not in the least frightened.

Den't worry about me," and she held out her hand. "You'll not find me a bad soldier."

"I am certain of that-not if you are still the same girl I played with." Her hand was in mine, and was not withdrawn.

"I-hardly think I am," she answered soberly, a little catch in her voice. "I am not a girl at all any more, but I keep something of the it is in your eyes." same spirit, I hope."

I have never understood what spell there was about her to keep me silent. I had never before lacked audacity, yet I dare not speak the words that were on my lips. The thought had taken firm possession of my mind that she was the victim of circumstances; that she accompanied me merely to escape from threatened danger. I knew I loved her; the touch of her hand sent a wild thrill through me, and my heart throbbed to the memory that she was actually my wife. But I dare not permit her to even guess the truth, for I felt that she regretted the

weakness of that moment and would

bank. The sullen sweep of the water, cause of alarm. The ragged quilt was out of the darkness above, into the on the floor, and a man leaped across darkness below, and the brooding the room and grasped the rifle in the silence, lay hold on my nerves. We drew in under the shadows of the to the top of the rise, came suddenly to an open space, where a dozen acres and whirled savagely about, facing us. had been cleared, and rode out boldly For the instant the gloom disfigured across the open field to the Hot Springs pike, clearly visible beneath a big fellow, with ragged, untrimmed the soft gleam of the stars.

I know not how, long we rode, or how far, for my mind had drifted into a review of the night's adventures, and a plan for the morrow. We met with no one, heard no noise except the steady pounding of our horse's hoofs. A little later the sky to the east began to lighten in the promise of dawn. We climbed a long hill, our horses slowing to the ascent, and by the time we attained the summit the gray light revealed our faces. I looked across at her, and her eyes, uplifted suddenly to mine, smiled.

"You are worn out," I said. "I-I am tired," she confessed. "I-I have been two days and nights without sleep. If I could only rest for an hour-"

"You shall-all day long. We will find a place in which to hide down there in the valley."

The road led winding down between rocky banks into a narrow valley. hemmed in by great hills, and watered by a small stream. As we paused to let the thirsty animals drink, the in-



Big Fellow With Ragged, Untrimmed Hair and Scraggly Beard.

creasing daylight gave me glimpse of ing her bridle rein, I rode on through a bridle rath skirting the edge of the

stream along the west bank. The path turned sharply to the right, and as we mounted to the slightly higher ground we could see the cabin perched on a little knoll, against the black hill behind.

Surely nothing about the shanty, or its immediate surroundings, indicated present occupancy. Yet when I finally advanced it was with caution, and a strange sense of expectation. Noreen followed closely behind, treading almost in my footsteps, as noiseless as a fawn, her skirts held close about her limbs. At the edge of the woods she stood motionless as I went crouching forward. The cabin was not deserted, in spite of its desolate outward appearance. Opposite me was an open fireplace, an iron kettle sitting in the ashes, while a short-barreled rifle stood upright in a corner. On one of the stools lay a broad-brimmed hat, and a pair of ragged corduroy trousers hung on a wooden peg beside the unbarred door. I motioned to her to join me. In spite of the lines of weariness in her face the light of the dawn revealed a beauty that caused my heart to throb. Her eyes stlently questioned me, and I explained quickly what discovery I had made.

"But the man may return," she said doubtfully.

"Of course, although I imagine he has disappeared for the day. If he is hiding out he may not dare to remain here in daylight. Anyway you can rest safely, for I am not in need of any sleep. I napped in my cell yesterday, and just a short doze will serve me. But you are terribly tired-

"Yes," she confessed, "I must sleep somewhere."

"Then come; we'll find a bite to eat and a place for you to lie down."

I opened the door noiselessly, although I took no special precaution, and held it wide, while she stepped across the threshold, and stood looking curiously about. Then I closed it behind us, and we were in a sort of twilight, amid which objects appeared rather indistinct.

"Ah," I said, "the fellow's cupboard must be over yonder. I hope he keeps it well stocked."

I stepped across in front of her, with no other thought than that of explorresent the slightest reference to it. ing the larder, when she gave vent to I released her hand, venturing upon a startled cry, and I stopped suddenly, no reply, and we rode down the steep sweeping my eyes about to learn the corner. I saw the swift movement, realized the purpose, yet had scarcely wooded bank, pushed cur way through | time to draw a revolver from the belt, before he had hand on the weapon, his face-all I knew was that he was

hair and a scraggly beard. I stepped forward and flung up my arm.

"Drop it!" I said shortly. "Lift that gun and you're dead!"

At first I thought him crazy enough to take the chance of my fire; then the big fingers relaxed, and the rifle fell clattering to the floor. To my surprise, the fellow laughed.

"Well, I'll be damned!" he chortled, "you here?"

He threw back his head, and I recognized him-Jem Taylor, old Ned Cowan. I drew a quick breath, my teeth clenched, my arm steady. This encounter was going to prove no boy's play.

"Put down yer popgun, boy, an' take it easy-the blame thing mout go off. I reckon as how we all hav'n't got nuthin' ter fight fer, hav' we? How ther Sam Hill did yer ever git yere?"

"Now wait," I broke in coldly. "You, stand just where you are. I am not sure whether you know me or not; but I know you, Ned Cowan-I know what you did at Hot Springs, and how you took me along so as to make others believe I was guilty-" "Shucks, lad; 'twas no more than

a fair fight."

"It was cold-blooded murder, Cowan!" I exclaimed indignantly, "the culmination of a feud."

"Huh who told yer that?"

I stepped aside, but still held him under the muzzle of my revolver. The change in posture brought the man face to face with Noreen; I saw him lean forward and gaze at her; then recoil, as though he viewed a ghost. She never moved, never spoke. "Good Lord!" he muttered. "Is that

Harwood's girl? Why, Anse's out huntin' after her now-'

He stopped, cursing fiercely to himself. His eyes shifted their gaze from the face of the girl to mine. They were narrow cat eyes, cruel and cunning.

"I reckon I ain't seen ol' Harwood's gal afore in maybe five year," he said slowly, "but she has sure growed up fine. Anse took after marrying' her furst jist ter spite Harwood, but since he seed her a while back he's sorter took a notion he wants her hisself. I reckon I don't blame him. Thet's why he wouldn't wait, but set out ternight. No, I don't reckon, young feller, it's no particular risk. Yer a sojer an' don't jest understand how we fight out yere in the mountings. We jest strike quick, an' then git away. 'Tain't

so much of a trick Anse is a-playing at over at Lewisburg. Sure thar's five hundred Yanks thar; an' if thar wus 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 picket 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, aimin' 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 ! 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 bebenumbed 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 throbbed; 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

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

him? Lord! I never knew. Help me

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

"Of course no, and I'm glad I did. 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 Cherry left Sunday for a travel the Manufacture and Sale of the history of the communities everywhere.





Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

Your Christmas

## Shopping

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

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their gifts useful and attractive should make their selections now and avoid having to wait and take the "leftovers" 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

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

Children's dresses, big lot of assorted

## 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. self 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, Ginghams, 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 spending this week with friends sickness to cease, although there This is part of my trade, and I'll not 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

adv through Texas. Mr. Chaffin and Alcoholic Liquor for Beverage interested.

from one trip.

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

Miss Beatrice Whitescarver is 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 at a premium. However, we believe the ladies were all seated.

was, "Resolved, That the Feder- every community in the county. al Congress Should Pass a Law Mr. Chris Chaffin and Richard Providing for the Prohibiting of lightful occasion of its kind in

Mr. S. Wells have just returned 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 with guests, standing room was give here the names of the many guests whose good fortune it was to attend this meeting, there The subject under discussion being many people present from

> It was, perhaps, the most de-A Guest.

### IMPROVEMENT NOTES

The Christian church is being e-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 Extra Free

## **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.

# Votes

IN OUR

## Dry Goods

## Department

### We will give until Saturday, December 4th:

With	eac	h man or ladies	overcoa	at or	rain	coat	500	votes
	"	boy or girls'	"	"	"	"	300	**
"	"	man or ladies	weater				.300	"
***	**	boys' or girls'	44				.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	ever	y double barrel shot gun sold single " " " "	1000 500	free	votes
"	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.
ı	

Do you take the Messenger-----

## This Fits You

Most peaple 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 exhorbitant 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	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	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

We carry the best line of canned goods in town

Best bed springs in town

Cane bottom chairs

### 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 illnes 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

### 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

2.50

60c

5 head of cattle

1 good work mule.

This sale is to take place Becember 15, 1915, on the place known as the old "Reuben Lively Place" on silver creek, 1 1-2 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.

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pelling 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.

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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

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"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 blesssngs 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 remembereed in the future by each and every one of you, and assure you that we are very grateful to you for your renembrance, and hope for you a pleasant

# Thanksgiving

# Kennedy

# Brothers

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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 but a newspaper and never saw whole ham and sliced off of it for a whole week?-Macon, Ga.,

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 cession of colds weakens the back us up in the statement, system and lowers the vitality so that if the farmers of this com- that you are much more liable to in the world it seemed. I ate depot is something that is immunity will for the next five contract chronic, catarrh, pneu- apples until my better half told mense. We saw in what is called years practice diversification monia or consumption. Cure me if I didn't quit eating apples the rest room something like like they have this year, they your cold while you can. Cham. I would turn to a big red apple, 500 people. This building, I was will be free from debt and in a berlain's Cough Remedy has a and I quit-while in her prestold, covered ten acres of ground. prosperous condition. They will great reputation. It is relied be in a position to finance their upon by thousands of people and own enterprises without enlist never disappoints them. Try it. ing the aid of a merchant to It only costs a quarter. Obtainsupply them on credit to make a able everywhere.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER 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 remark able 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 hurlyburly of newspaper work by a man who never printed anything 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.

happens, or when you have hard. ly gotten over one cold before you are liable to contract some very serious disease. This suc-

#### 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 Grape-

At Palestine we took a

land on the night of September

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 elec-

tric 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 not put into effect. Those eleto show a southener all the vated car lines and those car courtesies that are due anyone. lines that were under the great and saw the crushing, cutting the river the same as on those and filling their silos. Let me tell you, I saw better corn stalks | We traveled about 138 miles ears, fodder and all, going into right in the city and then only their silos than I ever saw grow in Texas. We traveled in buggy, went out on Lake Michigan and automobile and passenger coach I reckon we must have seen over the best grain belt said to something like two or three be in the world, and I believe it. hundred steam and sail boats. They tell me it is about 75 miles We saw those large vessels takwide and 400 miles long. My ing dirt and gravel out of that son and I would get in a buggy big lake and making land to and travel for miles and miles, build more of those fine buildand I have gotten out of the bug- ings upon, and they were makgy and walked away out in the ing land fast. I will tell you field of corn and I never saw a more about this great city in my When a cold hangs on as often sorry spot in it. They told me next letter. they would get about 75 bushels per acre. This corn was just you contract another, lookout for ripe enough for fodder pulling, could come through in day time. but there was no fodder pulled. and when we reached St. Louis The largest white-head cabbage we made a short stop there, but I ever saw was there, and toma- we saw plenty to tell if we could toes and all the fine red apples talk instead of writing. The big ence. The reason I call her my Elevators and stair-steps to evbetter half is because we are of ery apartment in the building. the same weight and of the same We saw the big clock with four knowledge, but she is better large dials that gives the looking than me and that makes exact time once every twentyher my better half. See? After four hours all over the U. S. We spending several days at Gard-traveled the bank of the Missisner, we boarded the train for sippi river I think about 20 miles Chicago, and then came the time before reaching St. Louis, then of our lives. It was about 85 we crossed it on a large iron miles to Chicago and we arrived bridge. We returned through there at 6 o'clock in the evening. Missouri and Arkansas and saw There we met our cousin, Henry some beautiful towns and coun-Grounds, and one of the finest try. And when one tells you and best men of the land. He that Arkansas is so hilly that the was there to meet us in his big farmers have to plow around the auto-the finest one we ever saw, hills to reach the top and hold costing \$4,000. We boarded it their sheep and goats out along for his home about 8 miles disthe sides of the mountains by tant. It only took us a few min- their tails for them to graize, utes to get there, and his kindly you tell them to go look again and lovely lady was at the steps for I never saw such as that, of that beautiful home, and let but I saw some as good country me tell you it was beautiful and and improvements as I ever saw well furnished, and just such in Texas, and I came here in people deserve such, for I never 1854. We visited the macaroni in my life met with more hospit- factory, but will not attempt to able people, and everyone that tell you how it was turning out has had a family to raise could its product, but it was a plenty tell that they enjoyed just such and a sight to look at. I will happiness all the time. Henry leave off the balance to tell this has a family to be proud of and I time. do think he has the exception in boys. He has two as fine boys esteemed friend, Henry Grounds

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 We visited their corn shellings, river of Chicago, traveling under beautiful streets and boulevards. got a bird's eye view of it. We

> We boarded the train for the south and tried to arrange so we

nificent car and of all the sights large parks, among them being everywhere.

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> John Doe 1 15

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

### 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.

### We received a letter from our Sufferer From Indigestion Relieved.

"Before taking Chamberlain's as the world ever produced and and we will give you one para- Tablets my husband suffered for one of the sweetest little girl graph of his letter. He starts several years from indigestion, babies of the land. They call off this way: "I beg leave to causing him to have pains in the just plain "Jane." We were state that there are innumerable stomach and distress after eatthere only a few minutes until parks and play grounds of variling. Chamberlain's Tablets reme and my better half and his ous shapes and sizes within the lieved him of these spells right family and our son's wife and corporate limits of the city of away," writes Mrs. Thomas two children boarded this mag- Chicago. There are 7 or 8 very Casey, Geneva, N. Y. Obtainable

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There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take-Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful

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# The Woman's Tonic

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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### ADAMS & YOUNG

CROCKETT, TEXAS

### JAMES BROWN SCOTT



James Brown Scott, former solicitor or 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 neurality of the United States. The other members are Capt. James H. Oliver and Capt. H. S. Knapp, both of the navy general 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 nonpartisan 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 action, and which is now being formed.

On Mr. Hill's advisory committee it s 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 representa- of. tives of labor. Another member of the advisory committee is Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath of Tiffin, Ohio, first vicepresident 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, year. 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 dismissed. 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 camment, 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 my. silica, 35 parts of cryolite and 15 parts of zinc oxide.

### HOPEFUL VIEW.

Hemmandhaw-Beanbrough is an

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

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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Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

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

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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 upon all general matters of policy and 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

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

Dave Cannon, assault to murder, not guilty.

Jim Herod, bootlegging, one

Moody Herod, bootlegging, one

Elmer Wallace, placing obstructions on railway track, two Harry Wright, forgery, two

cases; five years in one case, sentence suspended; one case W. H. Woods, fraudulent dis-

position of mortgaged property, indictment quashed.

Costromer Wells, burglary, dismissed by district attorney, years of age.

Adam Lane, bootlegging, dis missed, 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 biga-

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 Johr. Bell.

J. M. Jeffcoat vs S. W. Jeff-

John Jones vs Beatrice Jones. Gobey Colter vs Georgia Col-

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. Leaver-

### GRAPELAND LOSES

Ratcliff defeated Grapeland in a game of basket ball last Saturdry 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

Guaranty State Bank

in the Grapeland Messenger, a-newspaper printed and publish-ed at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 25th day of Nov., 1915.

RESOURCES:

358

706.

,428

189

,133

,410.

476

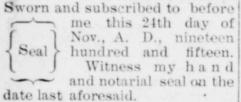
Loans and Discounts,	
personal or collateral-	\$23,
Loans, real estate	2,
Overdrafts	
Bonds and Stocks-	
State and county	
warrants	1,
Real estate, (banking	,
house)	3,
Furniture and Fixt-	0,
	2,
Due from approved	-
reserve agents, net	
\$23,441.13	
Due from other banks	
and bankers, subject to	
check, net \$1,692.52	25,
Cash Items 287.27	
Currency 4,066.00	
Specie 3,057.00	7,
Interest in Depositors	
Guaranty Fund	
Other resources as fol-	
lows: Assessment for	
Guaranty Fund	
Guaranty Fund	
Total	88

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	
Deposits	3,216.41
Cashier's Checks	498.00
Total	66,535.29

State of Texas, County of Houston.

We, C. W. Kennedy as presi-We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashion of hild bank as cas ier of said bank, each of us, do selemnly swear that the above us, do solemnly swear that the statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. KENNEDY, President. U. M. BROCK, Cashier.



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 Grapeland, State of Texas, at at the close of business, on the 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

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	Loans and Discounts,	
	personal or collateral. \$35,670	15
.00	Loans, real estate 8,300	00
.39	Overdrafts 286	
.08	Real estate (banking	
	house) 2,983	03
	Furniture and fix-	
.63	tures 2,000	00
	Due from ap-	
.90	proved re-	
	serveagents\$14,653 52	
.40	Due from oth-	
	er Banks and	
	Bankers sub-	
	ject to check 859 98 15,518	50
	Cash Items. 245 45	
	Currency 3,732 00	
.65	Specie 1,007 25 4,984	70
	Interest in	
	Depositors Guaranty	
.27	Fund 989	42
	Other resources as	
.63		
	Collection in Transit 369	16

	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	
	Cashier's Checks	855	98
	Bills payable and re-		

Total---- \$71,046 87

discounts		2,500	0
Total		71,046	3
State of Texas, County of Houston.	S	s	

as Cashier of said Bank, each of 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

date last aforesaid. J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest	:
W. G. DARSEY	)
M. E. DARSEY	Directors
T. S.KENT	)

## To Our Friends

Our Dry Goods Department is now Complete

Can Save You Money on Your Bill

We have plenty of underwear for men, women and children.

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.

REMEMBER QUALITY IS THE THING

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 Darsey's.

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 lady the past year, have moved to 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.

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

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. 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 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. Leaver-

Marshall Brimberry and Miss and notarial seal, on the guaranteed to fit you perfectly Ethel Coleman, two prominent and to be all pure wool. A big young people living east of town, line of samples now on display at were married Sunday afternoon in Grapeland at the residence of Eld. J. J. Brooks, who performed 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 Lovetheir farm near town. The Mes-

### Do You Have Sour Stomach?

If you are troubled with sour stomach you should eat slowly suffering. Take Prickly Ash 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. H. S. Harrison, who recently the ceremony. The Messenger 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 senger is glad to welcome them town. We are glad to have them with us again.

## **NOTICE**

**HULLS AND MEAL** ARE POSITIVELY CASH

Bill be sent with each Load

J. W. HOWARD