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\$1.00 PER YEAR

\$10.00 Doll To Be Given Away
FREE

Now on Display in the Show Window



THE PLAN

Each person spending as much as one dollar for jewelry and toys will be entitled to guess the doll's name, which is enclosed in a sealed envelope. After spending as much as a dollar you simply write your name and address, the name of the doll and the date and hour in a book here at the store. Remember you are entitled to one guess for each dollar spent and you do not have to spend the dollar all at one time, as we will issue trade checks for the amount spent if it is under one dollar. This beautiful and handsome doll, which will delight the heart of any child will be given away at 3:30 o'clock, December 24, to the one who guesses its name first.

If it should happen that no one should guess the correct name, the doll will be sold to the highest bidder

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

W. R. WHERRY

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND

FREE DELIVERY UNION PHONE NO. 45. CALL US UP

Big Cut IN Prices

In order to make room for our big stock of Xmas goods we will make extra low prices on everything in the house. We must have the room. Don't buy your bill until you see us.

19 pounds standard granulated sugar...	\$1.00
8 pounds of good coffee.....	\$1.00
20 pounds of rice.....	\$1.00
Garret snuff	20c
Brown Mule tobacco per pound.....	30c
12 boxes matches	35c
7 large size bars of soap.....	25c
7 packages Tода.....	25c

Our 5, 10, 15 and 25c Counter will be loaded down with biggest values ever offered!

Big Cut On Iron Beds Springs Chairs Dressers Leather Goods Hardware

Our big line of Holiday Goods will be on display next week.

Keeland Brothers

Special

We are making Special Prices on---

Flour, Bacon, Lard

Sugar and Coffee

In fact, most anything in our line. WE MUST REDUCE our Stock.

We are headquarters for Fruits, Candy and Nuts. How about that FRUIT CAKE? We have just what you want. We treat you right. Your business appreciated.

THE CASH GROCERY COMPANY
FREE DELIVERY Phone us Your Orders

Shoes and Clothing

Our stock of shoes is complete and everybody knows the value of our merchandise.

Why not get shoe satisfaction at our store?

Men's and Boys' Clothing in your size and priced to please all purses.

Our Christmas Goods

will be here this week. Be sure to see them before you buy

McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Nov. 29.—The weather record shows three Monday mornings in succession with ice and frost, and the awning vines are killed and torn down and the fields look bleak. It begins to look and feel like winter was with us, and it will only be a short time until we pass over the line again.

Sharp axes and saws are the tools most needed down this way just now, as very few do fall plowing.

Everybody had dinner on Thanksgiving and we tried to be thankful. There was not much outing, as we had the biggest rain of the fall.

Mrs. W. F. West and Forest Jr., spent Thanksgiving in Crockett.

J. L. and J. L. Chiles Jr., Homer and Glenn Beazley, W. F. West, Malcolm Obeart and Tom Taylor were Grapeland visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Taylor were the only visitors in our midst during the holidays, the guests of O. M. Rials and family. While in town we met the new

preacher. He is sure a big "old thing," but he impressed us as being a man rather than a "thing" and we are certain he will be heard from during his stay. We also met our friend, Bill Durnell, the potato man. He gave us a few dots on feeding hogs on sweet potatoes. Wish we had more men like Bill Durnell.

Our Sabbath School force was so badly scattered until only a few met.

J. S. Eaves attended the W. O. W. meeting Saturday night.

One of our old "black mam-mies" passed away last week, Aunt Rachel McDaniel. She was faithful and feel sure she is in a brighter and happier clime.

One thing we wish to mention seeing while in town was E. W. Davis' crane for unloading cotton at his place. The inventor must have been to the Lock and Dam on the river and saw the ease with which they handle things down there. Something new is bobbing up all the time.

J. N. Tyer and his better half sure have seen a good big slice of this old world. Enjoyed reading his letter. He is some writer, as well as Albert.

Cordially,
Zack.

The RED MIST

A TALE OF CIVIL STRIFE

By RANDALL PARRISH

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SYNOPSIS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XIX—Wyatt and Noreen win clear of the courthouse and Noreen decides to accompany him in his flight.

CHAPTER XX—Wyatt and Noreen obtain horses and escape from Lewisburg.

CHAPTER XXI—They meet old Ned Cowan in a deserted cabin, and in a fight Cowan is killed.

CHAPTER XXII.

We Understand Each Other.

Noreen had drawn away from the body of the dead man, and stood against the farther log wall, with face hidden in her hands. Cowan lay at full length, one arm thrown across his eyes. I bent over him, touching his flesh with my fingers. The ball had penetrated his abdomen, and how the fellow ever fought so fiercely after receiving his death wound I can never understand. I think that in his mad ferocity he was scarcely aware that he was hurt. I turned him partly over, and drew out from the inside pocket of his blouse a handful of papers concealed there. One was a buff packet, which had been roughly torn open—the one taken from Major Harwood the night of his murder.

The packet contained several official papers, but the principal paper was a carefully prepared list of irregulars operating throughout the mountain country, with names of the better-known leaders, the estimated strength of each separate gang, the region in which they hid, and the side they espoused, if any. This had evidently been carefully prepared by some staff officer, undoubtedly Major Harwood himself, as the letter referred to him as having been detailed to such duty, and was full and complete. I found therein this mention of the Cowans: "Father and two sons; probably control fifty or more men, with headquarters near Union in Green Briar mountains; raid indiscriminately;

have attacked our forage trains; refuse to co-operate, and continue to terrorize a large section; raided Lewisburg before it was occupied by troops, killing several, and looting the shops. Is considered the most dangerous gang operating in Green Briar and Monroe counties; reports of atrocities received almost daily, many too hideous to repeat."

I glanced up at Noreen, and her eyes met mine inquiringly.

"Is this your father's handwriting?" I asked, holding the paper toward him.

"Yes; what is it—important?"

"Not very complimentary to Cowan here. A report to General Halleck, at Washington, of conditions in western Virginia. I wonder how the old villain ever learned that such a paper was being forwarded?"

"It is not likely he did," she answered thoughtfully. "It may have been mere accident which put the document in his hands. See, here is a



I Ran My Hand Within, Touching the Flesh.

letter that father wrote," and she stooped and picked it up from the floor, uttering an exclamation of surprise. "Why, it—it is addressed to Ned Cowan at Union! What could he possibly have written this man about?"

"Let me see," and I took it from her hands. "We may find here an explanation of the whole affair."

It was a single sheet, very formal in expression, as though the writer merely performed a duty which he considered unpleasant, but necessary. He acknowledged receipt of a communication reaching him at Ramsay's headquarters, apparently an application for pardon, and a pledge to unite with the Federal forces, and stated that the writer would be at the Minor house near Hot Springs at a certain date, where he would be glad to confer further regarding the matter. He agreed to come unattended, and suggested

that his visitor use the name of Taylor so as to prevent any suspicion. The closing paragraph referred to a former misunderstanding between them, and expressed a kindly desire to blot out all memory of what had occurred. My hands trembled as I read the lines, and the girl at my side cried softly, her eyes so filled with tears I doubt if she could distinguish the words. Scarcely aware of the action, I held her with my arm, the letter crumpled between my fingers.

"It's all clear enough now, little girl," I whispered, my voice trembling from sympathy. "Your father met his death at the hands of a treacherous scoundrel. It was a plot carefully conceived, and now Cowan has paid the penalty. I am glad we have learned the truth; but Major Harwood would never wish you to mourn here in the midst of all this danger—you are listening?"

"Yes; I will do just as you say."

"It will be best to go; safer, I think, also."

Her hands clung to me, but she was no longer crying, although unshed tears dimmed her eyes.

"I—I thank God," she faltered, "that he sent you to me. I could not bear all this alone."

"I am glad you care to have me here," I answered eagerly. "I was half afraid you did not."

"Oh, but I do; I cannot tell you all it means. I—I think I have never felt

more helpless, or—or discouraged."

"It is the strain of so much occurring at once, and you are worn out. We will get away from here, somewhere back into the hills, where we can feel safe from discovery. Then we can rest all day, and you will be all right again. We need sleep and food."

I released her hands gently, began a swift search, and found all we required. I left Cowan lying just as he had fallen. Both of us were glad enough when we closed the door of the shack and returned to our horses. We rode on steadily for an hour, only occasionally exchanging a word. The road was rough and mountainous, so rocky underfoot our horses left no trail. At last we came to a narrow ravine down which a brook plunged over a stony bed. There was no trail visible, but it was possible to advance some distance by keeping close to the bank. I dismounted, and, holding to the rein, led my horse carefully forward.

"Follow as closely as you can," I called back to her, "and keep at the rock edge so as to leave no trail." A safer place surely could not have been found. We were in a narrow defile, scarcely fifty feet across, and guarded on either side by high rock walls, precipitous, and exhibiting no sign of a trail. I picketed the horses close to the stream and spread blankets for the lady to lie on at the foot of the bluff, where she would be well screened by a thicket of underbrush. Then I came back to where she sat silently against the bole of a large tree, watching my movements.

"No doubt we are safe enough here," I said, opening the pack. "But I'll not risk a fire; you can eat, I suppose?"

"I hardly know," wearily. "Perhaps I can choke a little food down; but really I am not hungry. How far have we come?"

"As a mere guess I should say nearly ten miles since leaving the cabin. By the sun it must be nine o'clock. Eat what you can, and then lie down on the blankets and rest. We will not leave here until just before dark."

"And you?"

"Oh, I may doze later if there is no alarm; I shall never be far away."

She ate of the coarse food daintily, apparently without appetite, but I did full justice to the meal, satisfied, for the time being at least, that we were securely hidden. There was a strange constraint between us, and, finally, hoping to make her feel more at ease, I ventured to broach the subject which I knew must be also uppermost in her mind.

"It is an odd situation in which we find ourselves," I began awkwardly, my eyes on the ground, "but I hope you—you will not feel embarrassed, or—or fail to have complete confidence in me. I—I have no wish to take any advantage; or—or assume any authority."

I stopped, unable to express the thing I desired to say, and the silence seemed long. I lifted my eyes, and she was looking at me.

"May I ask you one question?"

"A dozen."

"No, the one is all. You really believed those who attacked us were Cowan's men?"

"I had no other thought, Miss Noreen."

"Then your proposal was merely made in the hope of thus protecting me from insult?"

"That was my sole thought at the time," I replied soberly. "It was a desperate chance, yet the only one apparently left us. That is what I wanted to say, to explain." I went on hastily, before she could interrupt. "I realize the serious mistake made, and how embarrassing it must all be to you. But you must believe me a gentleman. I would never have spoken one word; never have made any claim upon you. Miss Noreen, I realize that I have no right."

"You may call me Noreen," she said simply. "We have been friends, and I think we will always be. I do trust you, and believe in you; only I wanted to understand fully your motive. I do not blame you, nor myself; we did what seemed best at the time, and now we must meet the issue as we best can. Perhaps I should not have said what I did back there in Lewisburg. I had no time in which to consider, and my only thought then was to justify my action in aiding your escape. My—my being your—your wife was the only excuse I could urge for such disloyalty."

"And now you are sorry?"

"I do not know," hesitatingly. "I cannot decide. Where do you take me?"

"Noreen," I said soberly, struggling to keep my head from touching her own, where it rested on the grass, "it is too late now to go back; to think of going back. We cannot deny or conceal our marriage, since you have openly acknowledged it, and we have gone away together. There is only one straight path left for us now—across the mountains to old Virginia."

"I—I know—and then?"

"You must trust my honor, my discretion. We are friends, you say, and I mean to prove worthy. My orders

will take me to Richmond; have you either friends or relatives there?"

"I am not sure, the war has made such changes—but I hardly think any in whom I could confide."

"Then we will find a way for you to join my mother; she is in North Caro-



Noreen Was Within a Few Feet of Me Higher Up On the Bank.

lina, out of the track of armies. You will consent to go to her?"

"If you think it best. I—I have never met your mother; perhaps—"

"You will be just as welcome; I will write her every detail, and she will be rejoiced to shelter you. The only trouble is the necessary delay involved by the war; the impossibility of your venturing to return to Green Briar until the conflict is over."

She was silent a long while, her eyes cast down, her breathing noticeably rapid. I waited, not knowing what else to add, and was about to propose her lying down, when she spoke suddenly:

"You mean our—our separation?"

"Certainly. That can be easily arranged as soon as the courts are again in session. Possibly the ceremony was not even legal without witnesses, but, under the circumstances, it had better be dissolved in court. Such action would remove all doubt from your mind."

"Yes—I suppose so; you—you make it very clear. And that would have to be done in Green Briar?—the—the action for divorce?"

"At Lewisburg; not necessarily, of course, but I supposed you would rather have the facts made known there, so that your friends can realize all the conditions—the cause, I mean. Possibly you may not need to do this."

"Not need! Why?"

"A soldier never knows what another minute means; I am a soldier."

She did not look at me, or move, although I thought the hand resting on the grass trembled.

"I believe I will lie down," she said finally. "Is that the place you have chosen, beyond those trees?"

"Yes; let me help you up; the blankets are both yours. I shall not need any."

I stood and watched her move across through the mingled shade and sun, until her slender form finally disappeared behind the screen of undergrowth. Once she had glanced about, pausing as though some thought had occurred suddenly, but she did not speak. I was left alone.

(To be Continued)

LET THE ADS HELP YOU
SELECT YOUR PRESENTS

Thanksgiving has come and gone again—and now for Christmas!

You realize what this means, of course: That you will have to keep both eyes and ears open every day, now, to pick up possible suggestions for gifts. One often hears in ordinary conversation a word or two that suggests something ideal for a present, but much more often are such suggestions found in reading—especially the advertisements. The advertising columns of The Messenger from now until December 25th will contain scores of such suggestions. To neglect reading them every week may mean to overlook the very thing that will not come to your mind otherwise.

Miss Annie Lois Taylor of Creek spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with homefolk.



"Just What I Want!"

"Give me cake made with Calumet—I know what I'm getting—I know it's pure, wholesome, nourishing, tempting and tasty."

"It's all in Calumet's wonderful leavening and raising power—its absolute purity. Use Calumet for uniform results and economy."

Received Highest Awards
New Cook Book Free
See Slip in Pound Can.



Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

OUR HONOR ROLL

Our honor roll this week covers a period of three weeks, and it's rather "shy." It ought to be a half column long every week. However, we thank these, and hope there will be many others to follow suit:

Curtis Walling, H. S. Harrison, C. E. Lively, Grapeland.
W. C. Howard, W. M. Weisinger, C. F. Stockbridge, Route 1.

J. J. Johnson, Ira Murdock, Route 2.
Dudley Ellis, Z. M. Weisinger, John M. Warren, Geo. L. Tyer, Route 3.

Hardin Pennington, Route 4.
C. H. Long, Ed Holcomb, J. D. Sloan, Augusta.

Joe Langham, M. E. Adams, Bert Roberson, Percilla.
F. C. Easley, Slocum.
Albert Gainey, Creath.

R. J. Dominy, Crockett, Route 1.
Stokes Pelham, Vera.

Mrs. Ida Booker, Higgins.
A. L. Sadler, May. Sent by Jno. A. Davis.

L. H. Willis, Palestine. Sent by S. T. Parker.
O. H. Davis, Carlton. Sent by Chess Davis.

Colored: John Smith, Grapeland.

W. J. Edgecombe, state secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association and editor of the official paper of the association, published at San Antonio, was in Grapeland last Friday on business for the association, and was a very pleasant caller at the Messenger office.

Biggest and Best Bargains at Darseys

Men, Women Boy's and Girls Ready-to-Wear

As listed below, we offer one of the greatest Bargain Sales in ready-to-wear goods of the season, and we invite you to come, bring your family and let us fit them out in this fall and winter ready-to-wear goods while our stock is good, as we will not re-order or duplicate any bargains at these cut prices. So we invite you to come as soon as you can and get your choice of the lot. You will find every item marked in plain figures and just as advertised.

<p>Hardware and Furniture Department</p> <p>We are offering some special values in furniture, bed springs, mattresses, iron bedsteads and stoves, and it will pay you to get our prices.</p> <p>Saddles and Buggy Harness</p> <p>We are over stocked on saddles and buggy harness and it will pay you to see us if you want a bargain.</p>	<p>Fall and Winter Goods</p> <p>In addition to the many bargains advertised below, you will find our stock of fall and winter dry goods, outings, domestics, dress goods, underwear, sweaters, shoes, hats and millinery goods very complete and our prices right. Don't fail to see us---get our prices and you will see that we will sell you.</p>	<p>Single and Double Barrel Shot Guns</p> <p>Our entire stock of both double and single barrel shot guns to be closed out at bargain prices. See us if you want a good shot gun cheap.</p> <p>We buy turkeys, chickens, eggs, hides, bees wax and furs, and will pay you the top price for what you have to sell.</p> <p>Come to Grapeland Come and bring your produce and let us sell you your bill complete.</p>
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Lot No. 1

Lot one includes our entire line of men's suits including a big shipment of Blue Serges received this week.

\$17.00 suits	14.90
now	
15.00 suits	12.90
now	
12.50 suits	10.90
now	
10.00 suits	8.90
now	

Boys Clothing Going at Cut Prices

Lot No. 2

Our entire line of Big Boy 3-piece suits, coat, vest and long pants in sizes of 17, 18 and 19 years only, \$7.00 and 9.00 values, your choice for only- **5.00**

Lot No. 3

Boys two-piece suits, all sizes from 4 to 18 years at big cut in prices.

All 5.00 suits	4.00
now	
All 4.00 suits	3.50
now	
All 3.50 suits	2.90
now	
All 2.50 suits	1.90
now	

We have more than 100 boys suits, including a big shipment that is to come in this week and every suit to be sold at a cut price. Don't fail to come and get the boys a suit while you can save big money on every purchase.

Clearing sale bargains in Ladies Ready to Wear, at great money saving prices.

Grocery Department

In Our Grocery Department We Sell

Garrett snuff	per bottle	20c
Brown Mule tobacco	three plugs for	25c
Good roasted coffee	8 pounds for	1.00
Best compound lard	per can	4.75
Best hog lard	per can	5.75
Best granulated sugar	18 lbs for	1.00
Best lemons	per dozen	15c
Jersey cream flour	per sack	1.45
Good second patent flour	per sack	1.35

GEO. E. DARSEY.

"The Service First Store"

Grapeland - - - Texas

Lot No. 4

LADIES DRESSES

4 only Ladies ready made all wool serge dresses was \$10.00, your choice for half price

5.00

Lot No. 5

LADIES READY MADE SUITS

2 only 12.50 suits	for only	\$8.48
5 only 15.00 suits	for only	9.98
5 only 16.50 and 17.50 suits	for only	11.98
2 only 18.50 and 20.00 suits	for only	12.48

Don't wait. These suits can't last long at these prices, and no duplicate orders can be taken at these prices.

Lot No. 6

LADIES COATS

4 only ladies coats, was \$9.00, clearing price-	6.48
1 only ladies coat, was \$12.50, clearing price	8.98

MISSES and LARGE GIRLS' COATS

2 only 3.00 coats	clearing price	2.48
1 only 3.25 coat	clearing price	2.68
4 only 4.00 coats	clearing price	3.48
1 only 7.50 coat	clearing price	5.48
1 only 12.00 coat	clearing price	6.00

P. S. Cash Register Check Given With Every Purchase Until December 18th

TO OUR CONTESTANTS.

Below is a statement of the standing of all contestants at our second call for votes, showing standing of all contestants who have turned their votes in for count, and the winners of our gold premiums. We have given each contestant credit for all votes counted, which will be included in our last count, December 18, at which time the gold watches will be given away.

<p>\$5 Prize</p> <p>Winners</p> <p>The following contestants have won the \$5 gold prize in their district:</p> <p>District No. 1, Talmage Hodges</p> <p>District No. 2, George McCorkle, Jr.</p> <p>District No. 3, Grady Finch</p> <p>District No. 4, Willis Shaver</p> <p>District No. 5, Pete Jones</p> <p>District No. 6, Miss Lila Dennis</p> <p>District No. 7, Victoria Daly</p>	<p>District No. 1</p> <p>Miss Katie Cherry..... 26,060</p> <p>Miss Annie Lee Mills..... 19,015</p> <p>Miss Ruth McDonald..... 17,720</p> <p>Miss Bamma Cunningham.. 5,705</p> <p>Talmage Hodge..... 31,725</p> <p>Ed Mosely..... 25,755</p> <p>Willie Taylor..... 7,490</p> <p>Eldridge Weisinger..... 4,970</p>	<p>District No. 5</p> <p>Miss Katie Caskey..... 172,785</p> <p>Miss Polly Pridgen..... 132,955</p> <p>Pete Jones..... 89,950</p> <p>F. M. M. Smith..... 21,580</p>	<p>\$2.50</p> <p>Winners</p> <p>The following are the winners of the \$2.50 gold prize in their district.</p> <p>District No. 1, Miss Katie Cherry</p> <p>District No. 2, Arwine Skidmore</p> <p>District No. 3, Woodie Spence</p> <p>District No. 4, Miss Florence Pennington</p> <p>District No. 5, F. M. M. Smith</p> <p>District No. 6, Miss Ellen Bridges</p> <p>District No. 7, H. W. L. Shepard</p> <p>Each winning contestants will please call at our store in person and receive the gold as above stated.</p>
	<p>District No. 2</p> <p>Miss Ava Skidmore..... 42,995</p> <p>Miss Helen Owens..... 21,160</p> <p>Miss Lizzie Ingram..... 12,960</p> <p>Geo^d McCorkle Jr..... 51,245</p> <p>Arwine Skidmore..... 43,170</p> <p>Howard Whitaker..... 12,130</p>	<p>District No. 6</p> <p>Miss Lila Dennis..... 52,045</p> <p>Miss Ellen Bridges..... 38,135</p> <p>Miss Glennie Bush..... 33,505</p> <p>Miss Norma Montgomery..... 13,705</p> <p>Pat Taylor..... 22,665</p> <p>J. W. Neely..... 7,605</p>	
	<p>District No. 3</p> <p>Miss Ola Willis..... 37,739</p> <p>Grady Finch..... 50,995</p> <p>Woodie Spence..... 39,975</p> <p>Dudley Ellis..... 30,145</p> <p>Quincy McDonald..... 18,855</p>		
	<p>District No. 4</p> <p>Miss Florence Pennington..... 69,560</p> <p>Miss Ruth Stevens..... 48,035</p> <p>Miss Pearl Clark..... 41,050</p> <p>Willis Shaver..... 74,835</p>		

Don't fail to see next week's Messenger which will contain a complete list of all contestants. Also a list of the extra premiums that will be given away in addition to the watches at our last count, December 18th.

Extra Free Votes

In Dry Goods Department, Beginning Thursday, Dec. 2nd and Continuing Until Saturday, Dec. 18.

With each ladies' coat suits we will give	1000
With each ladies' coat or dress skirt will give.....	500
With each man's suit we will give.....	1000
With each boy's suit we will give.....	500
With each man's Stetson hat we will give.....	500

These extra free votes in connection with big cut prices that we are making as advertised makes this the greatest of our offers.

Extra Free Votes

On stoves, furniture, shot guns and saddles, beginning Thursday, Dec. 2, and continuing until Dec. 18

We will give extra free votes as follows:

With each cooking stove.....	1000
With each saddle.....	1000
With each dresser.....	1000
With each double barrel shot gun.....	1000
With each bedstead.....	500
With each set Legget & Platt bed springs.....	500
With each single barrel shot gun.....	500
With each rocking chair.....	300
With each mattress.....	300

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GEORGE E. DARSEY

FIGARO PRESERVER

You had better get that jar of Figaro Preserver now. While they last they will be sold at half price. The Figaro Preserver is made by condensing wood smoke and the addition of other beneficial ingredients. It is a perfect agent for curing salt ment. Better and more economical than the old-fashioned smoke house

---For Sale By---

THE PEOPLE'S DRUG STORE

WADE L. SMITH

Rev. B. C. Ansley, recently appointed Methodist minister for the Grapeland charge, and Mrs. Ansley, arrived last week and are domiciled in the parsonage. Bro. Ansley preached the first time Sunday morning, and greatly pleased his audience.

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.

LOCAL NEWS

6121. _____
You need 6121. _____
All the new shades in neck-wear at Darsey's. _____
Dr. W. D. McCarty went to Palestine Monday. _____

Attend the oyster supper Friday night at the Grapeland hotel. _____

GOTHIC—the new Arrow collar, and a dozen other good styles at Darsey's. _____

Some child will be made glad with the pretty doll we are going to give away. W. R. Wherry. _____

Four-in-hand ties, bow ties and windsors in all of the new styles and shades at Darsey's. _____

J. L. Chiles of Reynard was here Saturday mingling with his many friends. _____

COMING—A big shipment of fur trimming and braids at Darsey's. _____

FOR SALE

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

Do you want five shares of Guaranty State Bank of Grapeland? J. B. Davis, Neches, Texas. _____

No man is correctly tailored unless he is "Royal Tailored." See the line of samples at Darsey's. _____

Here you are 6121. _____

Look out for 6121. _____

If you want a dressy, new hat for the holidays, get a Stetson at Darsey's. _____

The people of Salmon have begun the erection of a Baptist church. _____

Sam Lively of Dodge was here this week transacting business matters and greeting his friends. _____

See the beautiful doll in our show window that will be given away December 24. _____

W. R. Wherry. _____

Stokes Pelham left Monday night for Vera, Knox county, where he will teach school this winter. _____

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

Do you like oysters? Served in any style at the Grapeland hotel Friday night by the W. H. M. Ladies. _____

Mrs. W. R. Wherry and the two little girls spent Thanksgiving in Oakwood with the family of R. D. Wherry. _____

NOTICE

I now have with me a first-class horse shoer—Mr. Nobles, and will appreciate your work in this line, as well as other work. Bring your horses here and have them shod. A. C. Driskell, Blacksmith. _____

Now, everybody for 6121. _____

We will show you 6121 later. _____

6121 is better than any other. _____

Eat, drink and be merry—if you can. Be merry, anyway. _____

Born, a girl baby to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gilbert, Monday morning. _____

A lot of people talk, some think, and some are too darned lazy to do either. _____

Are you good at guessing? If so, you can get a beautiful doll free. See it in our show window and read our ad for particulars. W. R. Wherry. _____

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, 1 1/2 miles north of Augusta. This place will be sold for cash, or one-half cash, balance notes.
J. B. Lively. _____

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.



Shop Early. Shop Now. Shop at Kennedy Bros.

Make your Christmas Gifts useful. We have suitable Gifts for Father, Mother, Son and Daughter

Christmas Groceries

We have on hand the most complete stock of fancy groceries in Grapeland—can fill your orders for Christmas wants. FRUIT CAKE INGREDIENTS—full line, and to make your Xmas cake complete WHITE CREST FLOUR is what you want—the best flour in Texas.

In staple groceries we are offering—

50 pound can lard	4.85
for.....	
100 lb sack granulated sugar	5.50
for.....	
Sugar still 18 lbs	1.00
for.....	
9 bars of laundry soap	25c
for.....	
3 cans of Giant Lye	20c
for.....	
Garrett snuff	20c
per bottle.....	
3 plugs Brown mule tobacco	25c
for.....	

In fact, everything equally as cheap at this store

For Father and Son

Lion Special and Big Bear Hats, a nice suit—Curlee make, a dress shoe that is the best, dress Shirts—the newest patterns, Iron Clad Hose—none better and few as good, Paris and Boston Garters, underwear—the best for the least money, Arrow Collars, Ties that are always good, dress gloves that are the Osborn make.

For Mother and Daughter

Ladies' coats, the newest yet—skirts that are extra values, Selby shoes—the shoes of quality, the newest waists to be had, Iron Clad Hose—the better line, kid gloves that will please, windsor ties—the newest patterns, Handkerchiefs—the prettiest line ever shown; see these handkerchiefs; for you to see them you will buy them.

That new dress you want for Christmas—we have the goods and all the buttons you want for it, and fur trimming, too, if you need it.

Purses that are the latest. See them for your Christmas gifts.

Towels that are the prettiest to be had.

We have many other items that we cannot list here. Call and see our lines. Every department is complete. WE ARE STRIVING TO PLEASE. TRY US AND BE CONVINCED.

Kennedy Brothers

The Store for Everybody



THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

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

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

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

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—1-2c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

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

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1915

The country that has good roads is on the highway of success.

Everyone is inclined to give the industrious, honest man a fair show. It pays to be honest.

There is only one saving virtue about a drunken man—he is a terrible warning to others.

There's a lot of energy corked up in this community. Let's pull the cork!

Size up the little things of life and in time you will be able to take advantage of the big ones.

The politician next year is going to have rough sledding. There will be the prepartness, woman suffrage and prohibition issues, to say nothing of the minor issues that will be brought forward as the campaign progresses. Verily, the politician's pathway will not be lined with roses.

Those twenty-five postal clerks at Fairmont, W. Va., who went on a strike because the postmaster fired his assistant, have been arrested and are now charged with conspiring to delay the U. S. mail, the maximum fine for which is two years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. It doesn't pay to "strike" every time you feel like it.

Four hundred and fifty million Chinese tremble at the menace of seventy million Japanese—a giant helpless at the feet of a pigmy! Japan has a magnificent army of trained and seasoned soldiers and a complete equipment of modern guns and munitions of war, while China is without the means of self defense—just like the United States.

"If I had not seen it with my own eyes," said a friend in our office the other day, "I should never have believed that good roads would have helped a county so much as they have helped ours. A good road shortens distance and enables people to get together more easily, thereby developing community spirit. The good road has also promoted education by enabling the people to consolidate primary schools, while it has enabled children from a distance to attend the high schools by automobile or motorcycle. Furthermore, while I used to see teams going to town worn out pulling little measly loads, the horses now trot into the market with all the load the farmer can put on the wagon." —Progressive Farmer.

WRITE TO SANTA CLAUS

The Messenger is glad to announce to the children that we will publish their letters to Santa Claus in our big Christmas edition, which will be issued December 16. All the children are invited to write to the good old fellow, as he reads the Messenger the year round, and he'll be sure to see your letter. Make your letters just as short as possible, stating in as few words as you can what you should like to have him bring you. Sign your name and give your postoffice address so he will know just where to find you. You may begin to send in your letters now, and we will hold them to publish in our big Christmas number December 16.

Nervous Women.

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

THE GRUMBLER SEES THE GAME

(Crowded out last week.)

The chronic "Grumbler" was reading the notice in the Messenger announcing the basket ball game between the local and Ratcliff school teams.

"It's turrible," he said, "what this here skule bizness is comin' tew. Uster ter be that all we had time fur was readin', writin', and rithmatick, but now-a-days, land sakes alive! Larn 'em tew do domestick science an' manual trainin' an' even larn these here ath-a-leticks. Them's the wust. I'm agin 'em an'll do all I kin tew discourage 'em. Taint right no-how to charge a dime to see the game when the tax payers is a payin' fur it in the fust place."

A young man standing near by smiled. "It's going to be a good game, Uncle," he said. "Ratcliff has a strong team and say they are going to mop up our boys. I've got an extra ticket to the game and if you want it you can see the game and it wont cost you anything."

The "Grumbler" threw the paper down and hit the counter with his fist.

"Does enybody think our boys is goin' to let a bunch from that two-by-four village called Ratcliff beat 'em! Corse I'll go. 'Sides, after you've paid yur money for that extry ticket it 'ud be a shame not to use it."

But now the "Grumbler," after seeing the game, and watching the score run higher and higher in favor of the visitors, thinks the dime was wasted, and his opinion about the "2x4 town" and its bunch of ball players has been altered considerably. He is now advocating a stronger team and is longing to see the home boys get revenge.

Good for Constipation.

Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent for constipation. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

HUNTING PARTY WERE ROBBED

Messrs. C. C. Chaffin and Richard Cherry, who left GrapeLand the early part of last week for a week's hunt in the "big thicket," met with misfortune in San Jacinto county. Wednesday night they struck camp on San Jacinto creek, eight miles from Cleveland, intending to resume their journey early Thursday morning. They retired for night without taking any precaution against robbers and woke up Thursday morning to find that sometime during the night thieves had rifled their pants pockets and got what money they had with them, about \$32.00 belonging to Mr. Chaffin, and about \$11.00 belonging to Mr. Cherry. They didn't mind losing the money so much, but things began to look alarming when, after a dilligent search, they could not find their pants. Fortunately, however, they finally found them and begin immediately to get ready to come home. Cherry says it's bad enough to be caught in San Jacinto county with all of your clothes on, but when a fellow loses his pants it's something terrible. His advice to everyone who starts for the "big thicket" is to avoid San Jacinto county or carry a change of clothes.

NO ALUM
in ROYAL
BAKING POWDER
 Made from Cream of Tartar
 Absolutely Pure

NEXT LYCEUM ATTRACTION

The next number of the Lyceum course will be Thomas McClary, the noted lecturer, at the school auditorium, Monday night, December 13th.

There are few men on the lecture platform who have made as great a success as Thomas McClary. He has the humor of an Artemus Ward combined with the rare oratory and learning of a Wendall Phillips. He has done as much to make the lecture popular, and at the same time instructive, as any man in the lyceum field. Nature has endowed Mr. McClary with a face and figure like that of Lincoln and Emerson and Sol Smith Russell, and the same power with which to make an audience laugh or cry. His ideas are fresh, his illustrations apt and his wit keen —From the Circular.

Press clipping from the Times, Dunkirk, N. Y.: "Witticism of the highest order. Audience convulsed with laughter, yet the speaker clearly demonstrated that real pleasure and mirthfulness were not derived from folly and ridiculous nonsense. Eloquence, wisdom, wit and humor were happily combined in his lecture."

Remember the date, Monday night, December 13th, at the school auditorium.

Do your Christmas shopping both eaaly and late. You can't afford to miss the excrutiating joys of the grand rush.

"Competition Consists of More Than Quotation Marks."

MASURY
 PURE MIXED HOUSE PAINTS

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

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

WATCH THE DATE!

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

John Doe § 1 15

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

RENEW PROMPTLY!

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
 FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

..Drugs..

- Sundries
- Toilet Articles
- Perfumery
- Stationery
- School Supplies
- Cigars
- Smoking Tobacco

Come here when you want any of these.

A Little Money goes a long way and always gets the best of everything.

D N LEAVERTON
 THE LEADING DRUGGIST

Fortune Smiles Once on Every Man



WE Should be ready to take advantage of it when the time comes. The man without a little Bank Account is soon passed by Dame Fortune.

TAKE TIME BY THE FORELOCK

Be prepared whenever you see a chance for an investment that will bring you good profit, be prepared with a little cash. Let us help you save. We want your account.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
 A GUARANTY FUND BANK

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-62

M. L. CLEWIS, Tailor

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DONE THE SANITARY WAY

Satisfaction Guaranteed
Moderate Prices

TAILOR MADE CLOTHING A SPECIALTY
SEE OUR NEW FALL SAMPLES

IS NOW A LAWYER

It will be gratifying news to Harold Leaverton's many friends in Grapeland to learn that he recently passed the examination at El Paso and has been granted license to practice law. We take the following from the Midland Reporter:

"It is a matter of congratulation to our esteemed young townsman, H. A. Leaverton, and to his many friends in Midland, that he has passed the bar examination in the city of El Paso and has received license to practice in all the courts. This is Mr. Leaverton's fourth year as principal of our South Ward building, during which time he has won many friends, helped to foster and build up one of the finest school spirits anywhere to be found, has put South Ward "on the map" in school room efficiency, in interscholastic league contests, gymnastics and athletics, and has established the reputation of being one of Midland's most eloquent and forceful speakers. Endowed with a brilliant mind and a strong body, both of which have been well trained, and possessing the highest ideals of Christian service, he has already become one of our most useful citizens."

"ON STOCK LAW ELECTION"

In an opinion rendered from the Attorney General's office at Austin, Texas, Nov. 19th, 1915, under article 7232 R. S. 1911, "That Houston County" having been under the "Stock Law" for the entire county, cannot get rid of it in any other way, than by voting again for the "entire county." E. Winfree, County Judge.

C. W. Butler, teaching at Creek, and Frank Butler, teaching at Druso, were both home the latter part of last week.

GRAPELAND

While making one of our regular trips to Crockett last Saturday we had the opportunity to go to Grapeland, and we at once grasped the said "orp" as we were anxious to see the town that has received so much free advertising by its progressiveness. Ney Sheridan, county treasurer, invited the editor to be one of his party, and in company with Billie Aiken, editor of the Crockett Courier, District Judge John S. Prince and District Attorney Joe Bishop, we made the trip to Grapeland in Mr. Sheridan's new Dort car, which is a new machine on the market and one that is destined to become as famous as the Ford as it is a low priced car and among the leaders for our roads.

Grapeland is 12 miles from Crockett and we made the trip in something like thirty minutes and right here, we would like to state that going into Grapeland on Saturday seemed like entering the big gates of the Dallas Fair, there were so many people there. Grapeland is famed in East Texas for being the best Saturday town in the state, meaning that lots of people go there on Saturday to do their trading. As is a natural thing for a newspaper man to do, the first place we headed for was the Messenger office, where we met A. H. Luker who ably edits the Grapeland Messenger, which has been one of the main factors to advertise Grapeland. From there Billy Aiken guided us to the big store of Geo. E. Darsey where it seemed that everybody in the surrounding country was congregated. This is one of the largest stores in East Texas and probably does more business than any store in Crockett. While in Grapeland we also met Prof. Smith, who taught school at Kennard last year. He is now in the drug business at Grapeland and reports a very nice business.

The business men and citizens of Grapeland never let an opportunity go by to get their town advertised, and from what we had time to observe Saturday, they have a town to back up every assertion they have made in the past. Grapeland is a good town, and we are going back every chance we get.—Frank Weimer in Houston County Herald.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that is causing the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ill., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

Miss Lura Mae Owens, who is teaching at Ephesus, and Miss Winnie Davis, who is teaching at Hays Springs, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with home folk.

WHEN YOU ARE CONSTIPATED

Don't paralyze the bowels with a harsh, drastic cathartic that gripes and binds you up tighter after its effect is gone. Take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It does the work just as thoroughly as the strong cathartics. Yet it acts mildly and naturally, and what is still better, it leaves the bowels in a healthy state promoting regularity in the bowel movements.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

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

D. N. LEAVERTON

VETINARY L. S. HARRIS

Crockett, Texas
Will visit Grapeland second Saturday in each month. At Bobbitt's Stable

John Spence

Lawyer
Crockett, : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE
ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

CASKEY & DENSON BARBERS

Your Business
will be
Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

INEEDA LAUNDRY, Houston
Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

Take Hall's Chill Tonic EUCALINE

You will not have the best if you fail to get EUCALINE for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It acts on the liver and bowels and relieves the system of the cause, pleasant to take.

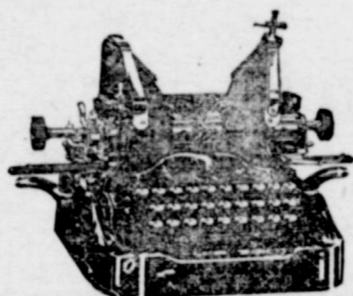
FIFTY CENTS by YOUR DRUGGIST
Take Hall's Chill Tonic

Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

A New Model Typewriter!

The **OLIVER** No. 9 Buy It Now



Yes, The Crowning Typewriter Triumph Is Here!

It is just out—and comes years before experts expected it. For makers have striven a life-time to attain this ideal machine. And Oliver has won again, as we scored when gave the world its first visible writing. There is truly no other typewriter on earth like this new Oliver "9." Think of touch so light that the tread of of a kitten will run the keys!

CAUTION!

The new day advances that come alone on this machine are all controlled by Oliver. Even our own previous models—famous in their day—never had the Optional Duplex Shift.

It puts the whole control of 84 letters and characters in the little fingers of the right and left hands. And it lets you write them all with only 28 keys, the least to operate of any standard typewriter made.

Thus writers of all other machines can immediately run the Oliver Number "9" with more speed and greater ease.

WARNING!

This brilliant new Oliver comes at the old-time price. It costs no more than lesser makes—now out of date when compared with this discovery.

For while the Oliver's splendid new features are costly—we have equalized the added expense to us by simplifying construction.

Resolve right now to see this great achievement before you spend a dollar for any typewriter. If you are using some other make you will want to see how much more this one does.

If you are using an Oliver, it naturally follows that you want the finest model.

17 Cents a Day! Remember this brand new Oliver "9" is the greatest value ever given in a typewriter. It has all our previous special inventions—visible writing, automatic spacer, 6 1-2 ounce touch—plus the Optional Duplex Shift, Selective Color Attachment and all these other new-day features. Yet we have decided to sell it to everyone everywhere on our famous payment plan—17 cents a day! Now every user can easily afford to have the world's crach visible writer, with the famous Printype, that writes like print, included free if desired.

Today---Write for Full Details and be among the first to know about this marvel of writing machines. See who typists, employers, and individuals everywhere are flocking to the Oliver. Just mail a postal at once. No obligation. It's a pleasure for us to tell you about it.

THE OLIVER TYPEWRITER COMPANY
OLIVER TYPEWRITER BUILDING, CHICAGO

NEGRO KILLED NEAR CROCKETT

Crockett, Texas, November 29. Saturday night Holly Jackson, negro, was shot and killed on the Murray farm, 24 miles south of this city, four shots being fired, one taking effect, his brains being scattered. Last night Sheriff R. J. Spence lodged in jail one Jake Bledsoe, a negro, charged with the shooting. He also has under arrest at Weldon Mack Bledsoe, a son of Jake, charged with complicity in the shooting.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATES

On December 2, 3 and 4, there will be held at Crockett examinations for teachers' certificates of all grades; permanent subjects being given on the 2nd, first and second grade subjects on the 3rd and 4th.

All applicants who are building certificates of higher grade are hereby informed that according to the ruling of the State Superintendent the last grade made on any subject hereafter will be the one counted, that is, an applicant may take the same subject several times and receive credit each time for the grade made, but the last grade made is the one that will be counted in the average. Heretofore an applicant must accept the grade made if it were above 50 per cent, and if he desired to take the subject over he was compelled to notify the department to not only cancel that grade, but all others that he had made that were 50 per cent or more. This gives the applicant better opportunity for building and is in accordance with a broad construction of the law. J. N. Snell, County Superintendent.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We are requested to announce services at the Christian church Sunday morning and night by Rev. J. W. Shockley of Ft. Worth. You are cordially invited to attend.

LOCAL NEWS FROM SAN PEDRO

Nov. 29.—Health of this community at present is very good.

School is progressing very well under the management of T. A. Morgan of Kennard. At present we have forty five enrolled and are expecting a few more soon.

Mr. Archie Wall and family have moved to the Jones School House community. We regret very much to lose them, but we wish for them success in their new location.

W. F. Kleckley and wife, who have been visiting their parents in this community for several days, returned to their home near Crockett Sunday.

Miss Ora Gainey left Wednesday for a few days visit with her brother at Houston.

Mr. Arland Gainey made a flying trip to Belott Sunday afternoon.

T. A. Morgan visited home-folks the latter part of the week.

Mr. Carl Gainey and wife were visiting Mr. Gainey's brother Sunday.

Success to the Messenger. "Nero."

OYSTERS FRIDAY NIGHT

The W. H. M. Society will serve oysters Friday night at the Grapeland hotel, and extend all an invitation to eat supper with them.

SEE THEM SATURDAY

I will have on exhibition in Grapeland next Saturday some Essix hogs. If you are thinking of buying some good hogs would be glad if you take a look at them. W. A. Kleckley.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickley Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. For sale by D. N. Leaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively of Waneta came in Monday and left that night for Buffalo Gap, to visit their daughters. We hope they will have a pleasant visit.

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.

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.

MULE LOST

Color, dark brown, weight about 850 lbs, head slightly grey, roman nose. Branded T on left hip. Notify R. C. Hager, Kennard, Texas.

To My Friends Both White and Black

This is to say that I am in the contest for the premium watch in District No. 7, and earnestly ask that you save and solicit votes and register tickets from yourself and friends for me. If you cannot see me personally, mail them to me and I'll pay the postage on same.

Respectfully,

H. W. L. Sheppard, Grapeland, Texas, Route 4, Box 16.

BIRD DOG LOST

Lookout for white and brown spotted bitch. Answers to call of Bess. Phone The Messenger office.

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

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickley Ash Bitters. It is just for such ailments. For sale by D. N. Leaverton.

W. F. Brooks was in town Saturday greeting his many friends, having just returned from an extended visit to Gatesville and Lampasas, the latter place being the home of his son, Frank.

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. For sale by D. N. Leaverton.

Our old friend, W. L. Douglass, living up near Slocum, was a visitor to the city Monday, and promised us he would again try to send us some letters for publication. "Old Gray," as he is known to Messenger readers, has been suffering a great deal with his eyes, and we regret to state that he still troubled with them a great deal.

YOUR BEST GIFT

In looking around for some-appropriate to send to your friend or relative at a distance for a Christmas present, just remember that your friend is always interested in the doings of the folks at home, and that the one thing of all others that he or she would appreciate is a year's subscription to The Messenger.

It is about the cheapest present you could make, and by far the most to be appreciated.

IT POINTS THE WAY

Thousands of dollars will be spent by the people of this community in doing their Christmas shopping.

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ODD BITS OF NEWS

Norris City, Ind.—Queer things are sometimes found in a coal mine. Recently a miner dug out a piece of slate which looked like a shoe-sole; even the sewing on the edges appearing perfectly. Not long ago another miner found a perfectly formed spinning top, made of slate.

Stoughton, Wis.—Mrs. Sigrid Larson, 95 years old, talked for the first time over a telephone recently. Up to two months ago she was deaf, but her hearing was restored to her suddenly.

Chicago, Ill.—"Stop thief!" The cry echoed through the city hall, and a passer-by clutched the flying coat-tails of Stephen McBett. At the Central police station Mrs. Marie Alphonso testified that McBett became nervous when they went to get a marriage license and started to run, and that she called "Stop thief!" because she knew if he got away she could never get him to the marrying point again.

Jena, La.—Benjamin Miller, formerly town marshal of River-ton, Ill., surrendered to Sheriff T. E. DeWitt recently. Miller, who is nearly eighty years old, says he is wanted for the murder of James Kirlin at Riverton in 1879, and that he has been a hunted criminal for forty years.

Birmingham, Ala.—The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCown celebrated their birthdays recently. Pauline is eight; Josephine is six, Lillian Mae is two years. Each was born on November 9th.

Kendallville, Ind.—As a protest against the high cost of living thirty nine young men have formed an anti-girl club. The prospects for increasing the number are excellent. The object of the club is to refrain from acquaintanceship with any young lady, or having any association with the female sex. Violations of the rules are punishable by a fine of \$5.

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