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Bargain Store Specials:

Garrett Snuff, 1 bottle for.....	20c
Good laundry soap, 11 bars for.....	25c
3 pounds of Brown Mule Tobacco for.....	95c
Special High Patent Flour, per sack.....	\$1.50
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Maize chops, per sack.....	\$1.20
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THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND

FREE DELIVERY UNION PHONE NO. 45. CALL US UP

M. K. MURCHISON WITH THE DEAD

Mr. M. K. Murchison died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Richards, in this city at an early hour Saturday morning, being in his 90th year.

Mr. Murchison was born in Carrol county, Tennessee, Nov. 13, 1826. He came to Texas in February 1848, when 21 years of age, locating near Crockett at Cook's Mountain, living there two years, then moving 4 1-2 miles north of Crockett, where he remained until a few years ago when he came to Grapeland to live with his daughter. He was married three times, his first wife being Miss Evelyn Gossett. After her death he was married to Miss Lizzie Driskell, who died in 1896. In 1901 he was married to Mrs. Heron. He is survived by the following children: Mesdames Geo. E. Darsey, S. N. Boykin, J. R. Richards and J. P. Royal and Mr. M. D. Murchison of this city, and Mrs. F. A. Paris of Lake Charles, La.

His remains were carried to Crockett and interred in Glenwood cemetery Sunday morning, a large crowd of Grapeland people going down to attend the services. Funeral services were conducted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Crook by Rev. W. A. Craven of Reagan, Texas, who when pastor of the church in this city, received Mr. Murchison in the Methodist church. It was his special request that Bro. Craven conduct the services over his remains. The old soldiers also took part in the ceremonies' Mr. Murchison having seen two years' service in the army during the war.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

With bowed heads and heavy hearts, we bow to the will of Him who shapes the destinies of our lives, to Him, who in His wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved comrade, M. K. Murchison, member of Crockett Confederate Veteran Camp No. 141, who departed this life at Grapeland, Texas, on March 18th, 1916—89 years of age the 13th of Nov. 1915.

The Crockett Confederate Veteran Camp, the Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, as well as the entire community from Grapeland and the entire community from Crockett followed his remains to their last resting place in the beautiful Glenwood cemetery at Crockett, where he was laid to rest at 11 o'clock Sunday morning the 19th day of March 1916, when loving hands covered his grave with a perfect bed of flowers.

The occasion which called us there was one which awakens the emotions of our lives; it brings us face to face with three great epochs of our lives, the past, the present and the future. It whispers in silvery eloquence of the rapidity of the flight of the fast receding years as they roll in countless thousands down the aisle of time, it speaks in accents loud and shrill of the necessity of so living in the present as to be worthy of the reward in

DID IT ever occur to you that it is an advantage to trade at a store that carries a full and complete line of GROCERIES and also a stock of all kinds of feed?

What is the advantage in dividing your grocery and feed business? You can be supplied from one store at one time and be relieved of half your usual troubles.

Give Us Your Patronage and Save Time and Money

"Sunshine Special" Free Delivery

THE CASH GROCERY COMPANY

LONG & DAVIS, Props.

FREE DELIVERY

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NEWS FROM CHAPPEL HILL

The health of this community is good at present with the exception of a few cases of lagrippe.

Mr. John O. Grounds and family were visiting at Mr. N. A. Grounds Sunday.

Several of the young people of this community attended Sunday School at Ephesus Sunday and report a nice time.

Messrs. Grady and Elbert Parker have been building some new cross fences on their farm. It looks as if they are going to try a "live at home" crop this year, and we expect it would pay others to do likewise.

Mrs. Tom Luce is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Alvey Grounds of the Grapeland vicinity was visiting relatives in this community last week.

Mr. Frank Patton of west Texas, who has been visiting relatives in this section of late, left for his home on the Sun Shine Special Saturday.

Mrs. Myrtle Parker was visiting in the Ephesus community Sunday.

There will be preaching here Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

Wishing the Messenger and its many readers much success. Chieftain.

Nervous weakness or palpitation of the heart indicates disorder in the stomach and indigestion. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a wonderful remedy in such cases. It cleanses, strengthens and regulates the stomach, liver and bowels, removes the cause of the heart symptoms and builds up a strong and vigorous body. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

WANTED—An old fashion, soaking rain to drench the Grapeland country so corn and gardens can be planted.

NEGROES FIND SKELETON OF MAN

Two negro woodchoppers found the skeleton of a man last Friday afternoon, about two miles south of Grapeland. They were cutting and stacking wood at Convict Springs, several hundred yards from the railroad, when one of them came across the skeleton. They brought the skull and lower jaw to town with them.

The skeleton still held a portion of clothes. Near where the skeleton was found and in the clothes pockets were found two pipes, a knife, \$4.30 in money, a can containing matches and some coffee and beans. No papers or other identification was found.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

The Messenger is authorized this week to announce the candidacy of T. R. Deupree of Crockett as a candidate for the office of tax collector, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Deupree has resided in the county since he was 14 years of age. He is one of the leading business men of his home town and has always showed great interest in things that would be of benefit to the community. He is well known to many people over the county and is a man who enjoys the respect and confidence of his friends. He is qualified to fill the office and if elected to fill the same promises a faithful discharge of every duty of the office. He expects to make an active campaign to see all the voters before the primary. He will greatly appreciate your support, and we commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

A CORRECTION

An error went through last issue in the ad of George Calhoun relative to shipping hogs. The correct date is Saturday, April 8, instead of the 1st, and the ad so reads this week.

Enthused!

We are enthused and all those who see our line of

Kirchbaum Suits

ARE ENTHUSED

We know if you see these you will become ENTHUSED too. For truly Kirchbaum Clothes are the GREATEST ready-made clothes on earth.

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THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

COMING

A Good Minfrel Show, March 25

Huntington's Mighty Minstrels, known in every city and hamlet in Texas, are billed for Grapeland, Saturday, March 25. Larger, better and grander than ever. The company carries 40 people, band and orchestra, and is featuring Jolly E. Davis, better known as "Sweet Papa Snowball," originator of The Blues and 35 others, headed by John Pamplin, Demon of the Tropics World's Greatest Rifle and Bayonet Juggler. Popular prices: 25c for children, 35c for adults. Watch for parade and band concert at noon.

the future.

Comrade Murchison was in every respect a strong man, a warm friend, a good neighbor, a kind and loving father. He lived a life of worthy example, and bequeathed to those he left behind a precious legacy of good works, and a record of high and lofty achievements.

Resolved, that a blank page of the minutes be set apart by the secretary, upon which shall be inscribed the name, birth and death of our departed comrade.

E. WINFREE, Com.
Crockett Camp U. C. N. No. 141.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, - - Editor and Owner

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

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 23, 1916

FARM AND FACTORY LIVE

February was a pretty good "egg month" for this town, 600 cases being shipped during the month. A case of eggs contains thirty dozen, which would be 18,000 dozen. The average price paid was 23c per dozen, meaning that \$4,140 was paid out to our farmers during the month for eggs alone. Other produce will swell the above figures considerably. It pays to look after the small things on the farm.—GrapeLand Messenger.

You are right. To look after the small things on the farm is the beginning of big things on the farm. The farm is essentially a good factor. It is from the farms that all the world's eats come. But in some portions of our country the farm's functions as a food producer has been allowed to atrophy. Lots of farms in this state are only clothes factories, and the farmers and their families live on about the same scale as that of factory hands in an industrial center—which is to say they live hard. Few factory hands are able to afford abundance of eggs, butter, milk, poultry, vegetables and fruits, but most of the farm family may enjoy most of these luxuries the whole year round, if the farm family wills it so. Many farm families, unhappily, do not will it so.—Galveston News.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

Jeff Kennedy of Lovelady was in GrapeLand Saturday and called at the Messenger office and authorized his announcement for the office of county clerk, subject to the action of the voters in the July primary.

Mr. Kennedy was raised in Houston county, and is one of the foremost business men of his home town. He is making the race solely on his qualifications to fill the place and will appreciate the support and influence of all. He has had experience of the kind that amply qualifies him, and if elected, will give the people good service. Besides his vast experience in the mercantile business, he was for several years head bookkeeper for a large concern and understands office work thoroughly. While in the city he met many of our people and no doubt made a very favorable impression. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

FOR CONSTABLE

C. R. Taylor authorizes his announcement this week as a candidate for re-election as constable of this precinct—No. 5. Mr. Taylor did not intend to stand for re-election, but was persuaded by his many friends to again serve them in this capacity. He has made a splendid officer, discharging his duties without fear or favoritism and is "always on the job." Having yielded to the solicitation of his friends, he asks the support of all voters for a second term.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, a boy, Wednesday morning.



NO WONDER THE MENFOLK ARE DELIGHTED

--for real made-to-measure Clothes Royal Tailored are now offered at \$16 to \$35

Don't merely envy the tailor-dressed man—BE ONE yourself. This store offers you the opportunity to wear the best in made-to-measure clothes—at the price you want to pay.

Since the Royal Tailors came to town and located in our store, there isn't a single excuse for any man of average means who deprives himself of

made-to-measure clothes.

Royal prices will fit the pocket book of any moderate money earner; and Royal quality will delight the discerning eye of the man to whom price is no object. Whether you can afford \$65 to \$80 for a suit of clothes—or only \$20—Royal Tailoring offers you your good clothes ideal at \$16 to \$35.

MEN! GET READY FOR EASTER!



Easter is just a month ahead of us and of course every man in this community wants to be at his best. We can dress you up to the very latest styles, and then you will be surprised at the small cost. It makes no difference what you want, we believe we can please you if you take into consideration that we are behind every article we sell.

READY TO WEAR SUITS

We are in receipt of a part of our shipment of men's medium priced clothes—from the makers of the best line of clothes in America. We ask you to come and see our line of woolens and serges shown in the famous line of STYLEPLUS CLOTHES \$17. We have other suits that range in price from ten to fifteen dollars. If you will come and see the patterns you will wonder how we do it.

And then there are other things you will need--

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| Straw Hats | Panamas | Florsheim Shoes | Oxfords |
| Hosiery | Neckwear | Shirts | Trousers |
| Underwear | Union Suits | Belts | Suspenders |
| Supporters | Cuff Buttons | Collar Buttons | Tie Clasps |

We have the best line of work clothes on the market. See us for all-leather work shoes, overalls, jumpers, shirts, etc.

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

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CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to those who were so kind and thoughtful of us during the recent illness of our wife and mother. May God bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allen and Children.

COUNTY TRACK MEET

Houston County Track Meet will be held at Crockett April 1st. All school members of the Inter-scholastic League and also those that are not members who have

pupils that are eligible are requested to send the names of contestants to director of athletics at Kennard, Texas.

Hope that all have pupils in readiness and will co-operate with us in making the meet a success.

The time for entering contestants will close Wednesday, March, the 29.

J. S. Driskell, Director of Athletics.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial services is to be at Evergreen cemetery May, 5 Moderator, J. R. Sewell;

speakers, W. F. Murchison, Bro. Lambright, Aaron Foster, Bro. Hodge, C. A. Campbell; singers, W. R. Campbell, Mart Hogan; finance committee, Mrs. Susan Hendrick, Mrs. Jesse Elliot, Mrs. Frank Newman, Mrs. J. C. Denson.

J. E. Bishop, Jas. Morris, J. H. Dickey, Committee.

SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING HOUR

We the following undersigned merchants and business men of GrapeLand, agree to close our places of business at 6:00 o'clock

on each evening except Saturdays, starting April 1st, and running until September 1st. S. E. Howard, Carnes Cash Store, Geo. E. Darsey, J. W. Howard, Cash Grocery Co., Keeland Bros. Kennedy Bros., S. T. Anthony, J. J. Brooks, T. S. Kent, Traylor Bros., Frank Allen, M. L. Clewis, McLean & Riall, W. R. Wherry.

COTTON SEED

If you have some cotton seed you wish to dispose of would like to buy them between now and April 1st. After that date we cannot use them.

J. W. Howard.

ONE DAY ONLY GLASSES FITTED

We take pleasure in announcing that we will have with us on the following date—ONE DAY ONLY—an
EXPERT OPTICIAN
—representing the celebrated firm of—



A. K. Hawkes Co
Atlanta, Ga.

ONE DAY ONLY, Tuesday, March 28th

We have specially arranged for this visit that our customers may have the advantage of expert service and secure a properly fitted pair of the genuine Hawkes glasses. As authorized agents, we take pleasure in guaranteeing the work of this special representative.

REMEMBER THE DATE—ONE DAY ONLY

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

LOCAL NEWS

Carnes sells Red Cross Snuff for 15c.

Hawkes optician at Smith's drug store March 28.

Buy your coffee at the Bargain Store. We grind it for you FREE.

Another week of rare bargains at Carnes Cash Store.

Hawkes optician at Smith's drug store March 28.

W. F. Rayburn of Lovelady was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Kent and children of Eldorado are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent.

One gallon Peacock cane syrup, best yet, only 65c. Carnes Cash Store.

Ed Stevens of Reynard went to Jacksonville last week and while there purchased a 5-passenger Maxwell car.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your eyes scientifically tested by Hawkes optician March 28. Smith's drug store.

FOR SALE

Pure Rhode Island red eggs for hatching; also 150 bushels of peanuts for planting. Call me on Union phone. R. B. Edens.

The people of Grapeland and surrounding community enjoyed a rare treat Sunday at the Baptist church, the occasion being a song service conducted by the various leaders of this and adjoining communities.

Our Business Succeeds by the Goodwill of our Customers

The Evidence of Your Goodwill by your Orders Encourages us to Hope for Your Continued Goodwill in the Future. We Heartily Thank You for Your Support.

Consult us when You need Medicine of any Kind or Have a Prescription to fill.

Complete line of Stationery, Toilet Articles, Sundries, Etc.

LEAVERTON'S THE LEADING DRUG STORE

Sweeps, plow points, garden hoes and all kind of bolts at first cost at Carnes Cash Store.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your eyes scientifically tested by Hawkes optician March 28. Smith's drug store.

WANTED—to figure with you before placing your order for monumental work.

L. Q. Browning.

New spring samples are now on display. Many styles, reasonable prices, fit guaranteed. Be sure to see them. Clewis.

Most everybody except you has called around and had that picture framed and we are expecting you right away.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

Mrs. P. H. Stafford returned Sunday from Caldwell, where she spent several days in the interest of the order of the Eastern Star.

FOR SALE

Good jersey cow; fresh, with heifer calf, \$50.00.

J. W. Furr,
Rte. 1, Grapeland, Texas.

We have a large stock of 14 mesh galvanized screen wire. Prepare against the flies and avoid sickness.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

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DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. C. L. Moore, Georgia dentist is at the Grapeland Hotel, and is prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

A large crowd witnessed the first episode of the "Red Circle" at the Electric Theatre Tuesday night. This is going to be a thrilling serial. See it every Tuesday night. Only 10c.

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.

School Trustees Election Notice

There will be an election held Saturday, April the first, to elect four trustees for the Grapeland Independent School District, to succeed W. D. Granberry, D. N. Leaverton, M. D. Murchison, and U. M. Brock, whose terms as trustee expire this year.

E. W. Davis is appointed manager to hold said election.

W. D. Granberry,
President Board.
W. P. Traylor,
Secretary.

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BIG SHOW TONIGHT

To-night (Thursday) at the Electric Theatre, 4 reels of pictures. See the program: "Tricks of Fate", 2-reel drama; "Monkeyshines of Bootblacks," 1-reel comedy; 1 educational reel. All for a dime. Come.

Rev. W. A. Craven, wife and baby of Reagan have been visiting among their many friends in Grapeland this week. Bro. Craven was called here to conduct the funeral of Mr. M. K. Murchison, Bro. Craven was formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, during which time he and Mrs. Craven made many warm friends.

Mr. I. M. Baber of Elkhart is spending the week in Grapeland with the families of Jas. Owens and R. L. Pridgen. Mr. Baber formerly lived in the Antrim community, where he now owns a large farm, but since the death of his wife a few months ago he has been visiting among his children. He says he will return to his farm in a few weeks.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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No better know brands are made than the following:

FOR MEN: Hamilton-Brown, Knox, Matchless,
R. P. Hazzard, Nunn & Bush.

FOR WOMEN:

Selby Shoes, Hage-Montgomery
-- and --
American Lady



For the Best line of work shoes in the world see us for what you want

Kennedy Bros.

"THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY."

PEANUTS AS A MONEY CROP

Editor Messenger:

I am receiving so many inquiries about seed peanuts, as a money crop, etc., that I have decided I would answer the many questions arising through the papers, thereby giving what information I have to a greater number of farmers. The peanut crop is destined to be the foremost money crop of the south. We have, just this year, found new uses for the peanut and they will soon be manufactured into many different varieties of food for both man and beast.

I have just recently had a letter from the Fidelity Oil Co., Houston, Texas, stating that they could crush more peanuts than were raised in Texas, and do this after the cotton seed crushing was over. Now if this one company has added peanut crushing machinery with capacity sufficient to handle more than a million bushels annually, what a competitive market it will mean when all the oil mills in the state put in this machinery, and there are over two hundred oil mills in the state. The Fidelity Co. also stated to me that their cotton seed buyers over the state would be authorized to purchase all the peanuts they could get next fall, buying them from the farmers wagons in any quantity. This means that you can sell your peanuts as you now do your cotton seed.

Now the only obstacle we have in the way is the matter of a threshing machine. We have not a sufficient number of threshers in the county. But I believe that if a sufficient acreage is planted to peanuts the thresher will follow, just as the cotton gin comes to the cotton fields. Now, I would like to urge upon the business men of every town in the county that they take action on this matter at once and see if some man or men cannot be induced to purchase a threshing machine for this year's peanut crop, and we should have one or more machines in each section of the county. These machines are a paying proposition to their owners. Let the merchants of Grapeland, Crockett, Ratcliff, Kennard, Lovelady and Weldon call meetings at once, and find some one who will agree to purchase a machine. If the merchants help the farmers this much, the farmer will repay him by having more money to spend with him next fall.

There are a great many opinions as to the best method of planting, time to plant, distance, etc. I shall here give you the benefit of my experience, and the actual tests made by the experiment stations of different states. First, flat break your land with turning plow or disc harrow. If weeds or grass appear, use a section harrow once or twice over the land or re-break. Then about the last of April or the first of May lay off in rows two feet apart, using a small shovel. Soak the peanuts (I am speaking of the Spanish peanut) for about two days and nights and sow them in these rows, trying to drop them not more than three inches apart in the drill. Work them flat. A good way is to take the middle tooth out of a side harrow attachment to the cultivator and plow two rows at a time, or there are many ways to work them in these narrow rows.

Now, some may take issue

MEETING OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

On the fourth day of March the trustees of the various school districts of the county met with the county superintendent at the court house, and among other things that came up was the selection of candidates for county trustees from the commissioner's precincts. Three places must be filled on this board this year on the first Saturday in April from the following precincts: Precinct No. 1, D. E. Holcomb and D. C. McCarty are the nominees; precinct No. 2, J. J. Willis and C. W. Jones are the nominees; precinct No. 3, D. D. Montgomery is the nominee.

All trustee elections must be held on the first Saturday in April, and when voting for the local trustees voters shall vote in the above named precincts for the man of their choice for trustee to the county from their precinct only, in other words the county trustee is selected on the same plan that the county commissioners are. There will be no election for county trustee from precinct No. 4, for this trustee was chosen last year. The law provides that two shall be selected one year and three the next. Two were chosen last election; one from precinct No. 4 and a member at large.

All independent districts shall hold their trustee election on the first Saturday in April this year and hereafter instead of as heretofore on the first Saturday in May. The independent district voters must also vote for county trustee. A voter must vote for the trustee from the precinct in which he lives, it matters not in what precinct his school is situated, voting for county trustee at the same place that the election for local trustees is held. It was my opinion that this was not to be done this way, but I have learned that it is to be on the same plan as the election of commissioners. J. N. Snell, County Superintendent.

We are requested to announce that on the fourth Sunday afternoon there will be singing at Antrim, and a cordial invitation is extended all singers and others to attend.

Miss Bula Ford, teaching at Union, visited homefolk at Laxo Saturday and Sunday.

with me on that method of planting, as it will require from two to three bushels of seed per acre; but you will make from two to three times as many peanuts per acre, and won't have to work so much land. The Arkansas experiment station made their greatest yield on peanuts planted in this way, making 118 bushels on one acre. Planting them in two foot rows and six inches apart in the drill they made only 98 bushels per acre. Thus, you see for the extra expense of only one bushel more of seed, they raised an additional 20 bushels of peanuts on the same acre of ground. Last year I sowed one and a half acres broadcast in Spanish peanuts, planting on ground after oats were cut. I mowed the tops off for hay and let the hogs root the peanuts out. I never saw more peanuts on any place of the same size than I raised there.

I shall not take up more space this week, but will try to give you another article soon along this line.

Yours truly,
O. C. Goodwin.

WOLF'S PURPOSE IN CREATION

Chicagoan Sees in the Use That Can Be Made of Its Pelt Reason for Its Being on Earth.

If the sheep grower had his wish there would be no wolf in America. The sheep grower thinks that the only thing a wolf was made for was to kill sheep. The wolf must have some other calling in life or the Good Book "missed fire" when it said, "Nothing was made in vain." "My opinion of it," says A. B. Schubert of Chicago, is, "the wolf is here to give up the ghost and surrender his hide to the furrier, who, by the way, makes good use of the good wolf pelt, but has but little use for the poor ones. The European war created an outlet last year for the low grades for coat linings for the man behind the gun and in the trench. The skin is large and requires but little work; it answered the purpose. Seventy-five per cent of the best grades of the wolf pelts collected in the Northwest are used in America. Our manufacturers know better how to use them and our dyers dye them better than the Europeans. We make better and more attractive articles out of wolf than are produced elsewhere. The balance of the world will some day learn the lesson and I can safely say that the hide of a midwinter-caught wolf will then bring a much higher price than the present one."

FASHIONABLE CAMP



"And how did you like rough life in the Adirondacks, Reggy?"
"It wasn't bad fun. We drank the champagne out of tineups."

BRITISH EMPIRE EXTENDED.

Another addition has been made to the British empire by the annexation of 25 midwestern Pacific islands, the Gilbert and Ellice groups. An order in council published in a supplement to the London Gazette recently stated that the annexation has been made at the express desire of the natives. There are 16 islands in the Gilbert group and nine in the Ellice group. The area is 166 miles and the population 30,000. These islands, which were declared British protectorates in 1892, are coral atolls. The natives are of Malayo-Polynesian race who have been friendly to missionaries. The islands were discovered in 1765 by John Byron.

IN THE CONFUSION.

"There was considerable confusion in the cafe last night when the lights went out. Didn't I see you at a table?"
"Yes, I was there."
"Some fellows got kisses in the darkness."
"I got a check for six dollars. Somebody switched checks on me. My own was for two."

QUITE DIFFERENT.

"The Chinamen are very different from us. I know one high official there who, because he did not get a yellow jacket on him—"
"Well?"
"He felt himself stung."

YEA, VERILY.

"Half a loaf is better than no bread," quoted the moralizer.
"But half the truth is often worse than a whole lie," rejoined the demoralizer.

THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT



TIME TO BEGIN-NOW!

Small Depositors Same as Large

You will receive the same courteous treatment if your account is small as though you carried a large account.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

Don't wait until you have a large deposit.

We want your business whether large or small.

We are here to receive deposits and loan money.

NEATNESS IS OUR SPECIALTY

NO BOTCH WORK HERE!

WE STRIVE FOR PRINTING

NEATNESS



Our Type is the Best and Latest and Prints Clean

Church Directory

The following is the directory of the churches and Sunday Schools of Grapeland:

METHODIST:

Services every Second and Fourth Sunday. Prayer Meeting Wednesday night.

Rev. B. C. Ansley, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
M. E. Darsey, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN:

Services every First Sunday.
Rev. J. W. Shockley, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
T. H. Leaverton, Superintendent.

BAPTIST:

Services every First and Third Sunday. Prayer Meeting Thursday night.

Rev. S. W. Edge, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
W. D. Granberry, Superintendent.

WATCH THE DATE!

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GROWING SWEET POTATOES

By W. R. Durnell

We now come to the question of fertilizers; what kind and how much; how should it be used and when.

In the year 1913 and 1914 we conducted a fertilizer test for sweet potatoes under the directions of the A. & M. College, with Dr. Fraps director. This test was carried out in the following manner: One half acre was used, it being divided into ten plots, consisting of three rows, three feet and four inches apart. The first and eighth plots received no fertilizer, the others were fertilized in different ways. We shall not go into detail as to kinds and amount, but in addition we also experimented with other methods. The best success we have ever had was with well rotted, stable manure and phosphoric acid. Lands differ a great deal in their formation and no one fertilizer would be best for all, but most all East Texas land is defunct in phosphate and potash, which are two of the most essential elements necessary for the successful growing of potatoes, both Irish and sweet. However, fresh land with a clay subsoil will produce fair crops without it. In fact, the difference is quite as marked in one as the other.

We believe that four hundred pounds of stable manure and 5 pounds of 14 per cent phosphoric acid will give good results on all medium soils that have a clay foundation. Cotton seed meal gives good results at about the rate of 15 lbs. The above rates are for a row 70 yds. in length.

Last year we hauled in seven good loads of leaves and broadcasted them on 3/4 of an acre of land during February. Then at planting time used 300 lbs. of acid in the drills. Despite the long dry summer the yield was more than 250 bushels from the plot of ground.

Most people advise that it is bad practice to plant potatoes on the same piece of land more than one year in succession. We put them on the same piece of land three years straight running and our yield the third year was the best of the three. But we do not advise this unless you are going to use a liberal supply of suitable fertilizer. Fertilizer should be put in before the slips are set and should be put deep in a furrow and the land bedded out on it. This prevents the heavy rains from leading it out and also gets it where it is needed most in case of a long drouth. Here are some things good to remember: All bought fertilizer cost money and are merely plant food—only feeding the crop as you would feed an animal. But such fertilizer as leaves and stable manure furnish an abundance of plant food and in addition lots of humus that helps the soil, and last, but not least, we can raise it and save the cost of buying.

Next week—"Harvesting and Caring for the Sweets."

CALL FOR ELECTION

By the authority vested in me, it is hereby ordered that an election be held for the purpose of selecting County Trustees from the following Commissioners' Precincts: Numbers 1, 2 and 3, said election to be held in connection with election for local trustees in both independent and common school districts, on the first Saturday in April, same being the first day of April.

E. WINFREE,
County Judge, Houston Co.

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

The condition of a man's vision is sometimes governed by the brand he drinks.

Some men are so smooth that when they "slop over" they "slip up."

So far we have failed to see an account in the papers of a Henry Ford peace party entering Mexico

Women kiss when they meet, men shake hands, while animals rub noses. But what will Villa and the devil do when they meet.

The veil of love which so successfully hides the faults of lovers, often becomes full of holes after marriage.

"What day in the year does a woman talk the least?" an exchange asks. The shortest day we suppose.

The war is causing lots of things to go up, and we suppose when ankle watches "go up" they will be known as "elastic watches."

Grapeland should have a clean-up day with the coming warm season, and exterminate the breeding places of the flies and mosquitos.

Those Mexicans may make a "goat" of Uncle Sam, but before they succeed in getting rid of the old gentleman they will find that his butting qualities are excellent.

It may take a few rough places in the road of life to make one appreciate the smooth places, but a fellow is calculated to become a grouch when nine tenths of the way contains rough places.

Speak a word to encourage the organization of a Young Men's Business League in Grapeland. Its the only sure way of boosting the town and surrounding country.

One thing the old men can't boast of is—that they ever proposed to their wife driving a six-cylinder car at a twenty-mile clip with one hand and held the blushing maid in her seat with the other.

Harvard college has discovered that dam is no longer a "cuss" word, as its origin has been traced back and it was the name of an ancient Persian coin. This may be true but there are very few men who cuss without using a dam, and considering this little word's already great popularity, it is not conceded that it will be dropped from the "cussing vocabulary" by this discovery.

After all, the man who has a tendency to transfer the responsibilities of the garden to his wife isn't any worse than the man who advocates woman suffrage. They are both in the same class and for the same purpose—to shirk as much of their duty as the women will assume—the more the better. By their actions they assert that they are not competent to attend to their own business without the help (?) of the women. These classes of men should have never donned pants, but merely lengthened their dresses as they grew up.

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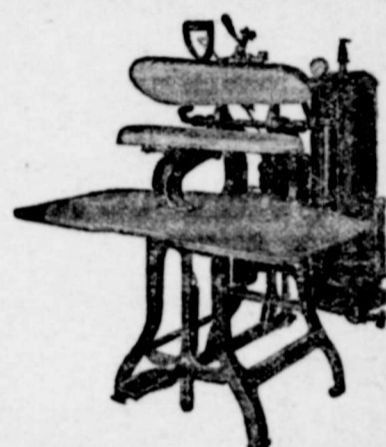
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District: B H Gardner Anderson County J S Prince (Re-election) of Henderson county

For State Senator: J J Strickland of Anderson County

For County Treasurer: W M (Willie) Robison Ney Sheridan (Re-election) G R Murchison

For County Attorney: J L Lipscomb Sonley LeMay

For County Clerk: O C Goodwin A S Moore (Re-election) Arthur Owens D R Baker Ed Cassidy Jeff Kennedy

For Tax Collector: C W Butler Jr W N (Will) Standley T. R. Deupree

For District Clerk: John F Gilbert Jno D. Morgan, re-election Barker Tunstall

For Representative: J D (Joe) Sallas

For County Judge: B F Dent E Winfree (Re-election)

For Sheriff: R J (Bob) Spence (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor: Ed Holcomb

For Constable Prec't. No. 2: John Scarbrough (Re-election)

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1: E E Holcomb (Re-election) Oscar Dennis Alvey D Grounds C E Jones

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2: J C Estes J E Bean S A (Silas) Cook

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 5: Jno A Davis (Re-election)

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 2: Clyde Story, (re-election) R R (Riley) Sullivan

For Constable Prec't. No. 5: C. R. Taylor (re-election)

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FEDERAL AID FOR HIGHWAYS

Public Sentiment is Strong for Law to Authorize Government Help in Road Improvement.

Public sentiment throughout the United States is overwhelmingly in favor of federal aid in highway improvement, as shown in the report recently made to congress by the joint committee on federal aid. It is no longer a question of the desirability of a national law providing for such governmental help in creating a national system of good roads, nor of the constitutionality of such an act, but of deciding upon a measure the provisions of which shall be framed so carefully that when enacted into law it will be so equitable and effective that it will remain practically unchanged for many years and be a credit to the congress that enacts it.

In its report the committee gives many reasons for recommending national participation in the good roads movement and clearly indicates that



Vitrified Brick for Paving Country Roads.

no doubt exists in the minds of the members that a federal aid law soon will be passed, although members did

not agree upon any particular plan or bill to be presented to congress.

Federal aid is justified not only because past methods, including state participation in road building, have proved inadequate, but because the activity of the government would emphasize the importance of better roads, establish higher standards, and to some extent shift the burden of expense from the rural resident to the city dweller.

Although under federal aid city residents would contribute two-thirds of the money to be expended, and all would be spent on rural roads outside of incorporated cities and villages, no opposition has been heard to it on the ground that it would place an unjust burden on the city resident, who, while only indirectly benefited, appreciates the value of good roads to the community and the benefits that all will enjoy.

WORK OF MAINTAINING ROADS

People in Many States Spending Much Money for Improvement, but Overlook Needed Care.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of maintenance in connection with the work of improving the roads. The people in nearly all the states are filled with enthusiasm for road improvement and are spending enormous sums of money in the construction of superb roads; and yet almost without exception they are making little provision to care for the roads after they are built. This is true not only in the various counties, but under many of our state highway departments.

To maintain the roads in good condition year after year requires a considerable annual outlay, but this outlay is infinitely less than the loss which must fall upon the people eventually if they allow their roads to go to utter ruin. The thing for all advocates of good roads to do is to urge continuous, systematic maintenance and the setting aside every year of an amount per mile estimated by the engineer in charge to be sufficient for the proper maintenance of the road—a course which must make for economy and efficiency.

Rebuffed.

"I hope you are prepared to discount the foibles of humanity and look for the good beneath the surface," remarked the altruist.

"Oh, yes," replied the man whose curiosity is never satisfied, "but every time I ask people a few simple questions they act as if they thought it was none of my business."

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C. A. Mills, Route 1. W. E. Gainey, Grady Edge, Route 2.

W. W. Spence, C. E. Brooks, Lee Burden, J. W. Taylor, Route 3.

Clarence Turner, Route 4. John LeGory, Harry Brewton, S. D. Webb, Ed Cassidy, Crockett.

Perry Herod, W. M. Young, (by W. R. Durnell), Elkhart.

Joe Wall, Jim McLean, Augusta.

R. R. Sullivan, Percilla.

Frank Brooks, Lampasas. (by C. E. Brooks).

Mrs. John Moorehead, Robstown. (By N. S. Herod).

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W. D. GRANBERRY, President of Board