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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

I like to send a New Year's message to our boys, and young men, at least once per year, and now through the courtesy of the Grapeland Messenger I am permitted to speak to you at this time. Some may ask why just boys and young men? Because the boys of today are the young men of tomorrow, as the young men of today are the men of tomorrow. Now this must be a brief word, and so I shall touch only upon the important things. To be clean of life, clear of head, strong of purpose, simple of ideals, steady of nerve, are assets that money cannot buy. They are the foundation to character that manhood knows. And today, as will tomorrow be on the lookout for these kind of men. All the positions of trust and honor are extending a hand of invitation to these kind of men, and are saying come in and possess the land. There has never been a time when the call for this kind of young man was louder, stronger, clearer. It has been said, that we are all the architects of our own fortunes, and that it is not so important to make a living, but the important thing is to make a life that is worth while. No great life was ever a mere accident, it was the result of well ordered and understood plans. It was said by one of old that the elements of true life are, something to love, something to do and something to hope for. It will be seen by an analysis of these elements that all that is necessary to the formation of true character are contained in them. To be bottomed with a true foundation, to live always

under the shadow of a great purpose, to have the eye fixed upon ideals that are high and worthy is the safe road to greatness. My strongest desire for all the young men about is that they give themselves to the business of making men, great big men, that promise leadership, and security to their fellows. May the highest aspirations possess your souls, may ambitions that fill you and thrill pilot you amid the pitfalls of life, may exalted principle and honest endeavor be the lode star of your early days that will lead you into a perfect manhood. May you have a vision wide enough and high enough to see your honored name written in letters of gold and pictures of silver clear enough to be a challenge to every ounce of all that is true and good in you. And now in the name of all that is good, true, and worthwhile, I bid you in the name of promise, go forth never wavering, nor doubting, and learn what this world will teach you.

Very truly your
well wisher,
A. O. Riall.

NOTICE

I desire to hear from every farmer and ginner in my district as to how they stand on the present ginner's law and as to whether they favor the repeal or amendment of the law creating the Warehouse Commission. Will you kindly write me your views on any other legislation you are interested in?

J. J. Strickland,
State Senator, Palestine, Texas

Miss Tommie Holcomb of Crockett visited her cousin, Miss Eddie Holcomb last week.

Local News Reported From The County Seat

Jan. 1.—Little Eleanor Irving, the four year old daughter of Mrs. Florence Irving, and granddaughter of Mr and Mrs. C. C. Mortimer, who was so badly burned on Friday of last week, is still alive, with slight chance of recovery. Her clothing caught fire while playing around a burning trash pile in the yard.

Beedie Elam, negress, was burned to death Dec. 24, her clothing catching fire while standing by a heater. She was holding a little babe in her arms, but had presence of mind to place it out of danger. There being no help in the immediate neighborhood, the woman was burned almost to a crisp, dying in a few minutes.

The case of J. F. Bell, convicted at a special term of the District Court last summer for the murder of J. T. Dawes and given a life term, was affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals and the defendant will have to serve his sentence. The defendant is over seventy years of age and quite feeble. His son, Jim Bell, is now serving a life sentence.

Bob McIntosh, white, aged 40 years, died in this city Dec. 24. He had been ill for several months with tuberculosis. His death was particularly pathetic from the fact that he died penniless, among strangers, and in a public institution. If he had any relatives, they are not known here.

1917 was ushered in by Crockett people by the firing of guns, pistols and every available kind of fireworks. The church bells of the town, both white and colored churches, did special duty for nearly an hour.

Two business changes in firms of Crockett have been announced, effective today. The firm of Moore & Shivers, Inc. has been dissolved, Mr. C. W. Moore retiring. F. H. Hill, Agent, doing a grocery business will discontinue, Mr. C. W. Moore buying out the business.

Local News Reported From Daly's Community

Dec. 30.—Xmas. has passed and Santa Claus was well loaded with toys and presents of all kinds and he remembered most everyone.

Mr. Woodie Spence and Miss Madge Lakey were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Pendergrast Thursday, Dec. 21, at 4 o'clock, Rev. M. L. Williams performing the ceremony. Miss Madge is a popular young lady of this place and is highly esteemed by all who know her. Mr. Spence is a popular young man of the Hays Spring community. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pennington and Mr. and Mrs. Hill Huff

spent Sunday with C. A. Story and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spence visited Mrs. H. W. Huff Sunday.

Misses Mae and June Pridgen are spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. W. W. Pridgen.

Miss Mary Kyle is spending Christmas with homefolks.

Mrs. J. E. Spence of Grapeland is visiting relatives at Daly's this week.

Reporter.



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NEW BUILDING

Work has begun on the Shaver brick building, mention of which was made in these columns a few weeks ago, and will be completed just as soon as possible. It joins the Howard building on the south.

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Air Kept From Wound Causes Pain to Pass Rapidly—Stop Flow of Blood by Several Methods—Use Antiseptic Fluids.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

To be able to render "first aid" to a wounded horse, and to follow up with proper treatment, not only insures a minimum loss of service of the animal, but frequently saves its life. Horses are liable ordinarily to such wounds as cuts, lacerations, contusions, bruises, punctures and poisoned wounds. They also may be burned or scalded, incur troublesome harness or saddle galls, or be afflicted with ulcers, abscesses, or fistulas.

An incised wound is a simple cut made with a sharp body, like a knife, producing merely a division of the tissues. The duller the body the more force is required, the more tissue destroyed, the greater the time required for healing. In a cut wound the edges are even and definite, while those of a lacerated wound are irregular and torn. Three conditions are present as a result of an incised wound: (1) Pain, (2) hemorrhage, (3) gaping of the wound. The first pain is due to the crushing and tearing of the nerve fibers. The secondary pain is usually due to the action of the air and inflammatory processes. When air is kept from the wound pain ceases soon after the lesion is produced. Bleeding may be from the arteries, veins, or capillaries. In the latter form of bleeding the blood oozes from the part in drops. Hemorrhage from the veins is dark red and issues in a steady stream without spurting. In arterial bleeding the blood is bright red and spurts with each heart beat. This latter variety of hemorrhage is the most dangerous, and should be stopped at once before attempting any further treatment. Bleeding from small veins and capillaries ceases in a short time spontaneously, while larger vessels, especially arteries, require some form of treatment to cause complete stoppage of the hemorrhage.

Stopping Hemorrhage.

Checking the flow of blood may be accomplished by several methods, such as compress bandages, torsion, hot iron and ligatures. The application of an iron at red heat will cause the immediate clotting of the blood in the vessels, and this clot is further supported by the production of a scab, or crust, over the portion seared. If the iron is at a white heat, the tissue is charred, which makes it brittle and the bleeding is liable to be renewed; if at a black heat, the tissue will stick to the iron and will pull away from the surface of the wound. Cold water and ice bags quickly stop capillary bleeding, while hot water is preferable in more excessive hemorrhages.

A solution of the chloride of iron placed on a wound alone or by means of cotton drenched in the liquid produces a rapid and hard clot. Tannic acid, alum, acetic acid, alcohol, and oil of turpentine are all more or less active in this respect. To check bleeding from large vessels compression may be adopted. When it is rapid and dangerous and from an artery, the fingers may be used for pressing between the wound and the heart (digital compression), but if from a vein, the pressure should be exerted on the other side of the wound. Tourniquet may also be used by passing a strap around the part and tightening after placing a pad over the hemorrhage. The rubber ligature has now replaced the tourniquet and is bound tightly around the limb to arrest the bleeding. Tampons, such as cotton, tow, or oakum, may be packed tightly in the wound and then sewed up. After remaining there for 24 or 48 hours they are removed.

Bleeding may sometimes be easily checked by passing a pin under the vessel and by taking a horsehair and forming a figure 8 by running it above and below the pin, thus causing pressure on the vessel. Torsion is the twisting of the blood vessel until the walls come together and form a barrier to the flow of blood. It may be accomplished by the fingers, forceps, or by running a pin through the vessel, turning it several times, and then running the point into the tissue to keep it in a fixed position.

Ligation is another method for stopping a hemorrhage. The blood vessel should be seized with the artery forceps, a clean thread of silk passed around it, and tied about one-half inch from its end. The silk should be sterilized by placing it in an antiseptic solution, so as not to impede the healing process or cause blood-poisoning or lockjaw, which often follows the ligation of a vein with unsterilized

material. Sometimes it will be impossible to reach the bleeding vessel, so it is necessary to pass the ligature around a mass of tissue which includes the blood vessel. Ligation is the most useful method of arresting hemorrhage, since it disturbs healing least and gives the greatest security against secondary hemorrhage.

After the bleeding has been controlled and all foreign bodies removed from the wound, the gaping of the wound is noticeable. It is caused by the contraction of the muscles and elastic fibers, and its degree depends on the extent, direction and nature of the cut. This gaping will hinder the healing process so that it must be overcome by bringing the edges together by some sort of sutures or pins or by a bandage applied from below upward. As suture material, ordinary cotton thread is good, if well sterilized, as is also horsehair, catgut, silk and various kinds of wire. If the suture is made too tight, the subsequent swelling may cause the stitch to tear out. In order to make a firm suture, the depth of the stitch should be the same as the distance the stitch is from the edge of the wound. The deeper the suture the more tissue is embraced and the fewer the number of stitches required.

Process of Healing.

In those cases where perfect stoppage of bleeding, perfect joining of the edges of the wound, and perfect cleanliness are obtained, healing occurs rapidly, without the formation of granulations, pus or proud flesh, by what is termed first intention. If wounds do not heal in this manner they will gap somewhat and become warm and painful. Healing then occurs by granulation or with suppuration, which is termed healing by second intention. The sides of the wound become covered with granulation tissue which may fill the wound and sometimes overlap the lips, forming a fungoid growth called proud flesh. Under favorable conditions the edges of the wound appear to grow together by the end of the first week, and the whole surface gradually becomes dry, and finally covered with pigmented skin, when the wound is healed.

All antiseptics are not equally destructive, and some germs are more susceptible to one antiseptic than to another. The most important are (1) bichloride of mercury, which is to be preferred on horses. It becomes weakened in its action if placed in a wooden pail or on an oily or greasy surface. It is used in the strength of 1 part of bichloride to 1,000 to 5,000 parts of water, according to the delicacy of the tissue to which it is applied. (2) Carbolic acid in from 2 to 5 per cent solution is used on infected wounds and for cleaning instruments, dressings and sponges. It unites well with oil and is preferred to the bichloride on a greasy surface. A 5 per cent solution in oil is often used under the name of carbolic oil. (3) Aluminum acetate is an efficient and cheap antiseptic, and is composed of 1 part alum and 5 parts acetate of lead, mixed in 20 parts of water. (4) Boric acid is good, in a 2 to 4 per cent solution, to cleanse wounds and wash eyes. Compound cresol may be used in a 1 to 3 per cent solution in water. Iodoform acts as an anodyne, stimulates granulation and checks wound secretion. A very efficacious and inexpensive powder is made by taking 5 parts of iodoform and 95 parts of sugar, making what is called iodoform sugar. Tannic acid is a useful drug in the treatment of wounds, as it arrests hemorrhage, checks secretion and favors the formation of a scab. A mixture of 1 part tannic acid and 3 parts iodoform is good in suppurating wounds. Iodoform, white sugar, ground and roasted coffee and powdered charcoal are all used as protectives and absorbents on suppurating surfaces. More depends on the care and the method of application of the drug than on the drug itself.

On aseptic wounds use only those antiseptics that do not irritate the tissue. If care is used in the application of the antiseptic, corrosive sublimate or carbolic acid is to be recommended. In order to keep air from the wound and to absorb all wound secretions rapidly, a dressing should be applied. If the wound is aseptic, the dressing should be likewise, such as sterilized cotton gauze, oakum or tow. This dressing should be applied with uniform pressure at all times and secured by a bandage. Allow it to remain for a week or ten days if the wound is aseptic or if the dressing does not become loose or misplaced or become drenched with secretions from the wound, or if pain, fever or loss of appetite does not develop. The dressing should then be removed, the wound treated antiseptically, and a sterilized dressing applied.

Healing Under a Scab.

This often occurs in small superficial wounds that have been kept aseptic. In order that a scab may form, the wound must not gap, secrete freely or become infected with germs. The formation of scab is favored by astringents or styptics, such as tannic

acid, iodoform and 5 per cent solution of zinc chloride. In case of fistulous withers, open joints or other large, hollow wounds that cannot be dressed, antiseptics may be obtained by warm-water irrigation, with or without an antiseptic fluid. It should continue day and night, and never be interrupted for more than eight hours, for germs will then have gained headway and will be difficult to remove. Four or five days of irrigation will be sufficient, for granulations will then have formed and pus will remain on the outside if it forms.

The following rules for the treatment of wounds should be followed: (1) See that the wound is clean, removing all foreign bodies. For this purpose, use a clean finger rather than a probe. (2) All hemorrhage should be arrested before closing the wound. (3) Antiseptics should only be used when it is suspected that the wound is infected. (4) When pus is present treat without closing the wound. This may be accomplished by drainage tubes, absorbent dressings or continuous irrigations. (5) Protect the wound against infection while healing.

Bugler, 15 Years Old, Wins D. C. M.

The youngest soldier in the British empire to win the distinguished conduct medal is Bugler Anthony Ginlay, fifteen years old, of the First Royal Montreal rifles. He carried dispatches through excessive fire during a battle in France, and besides being decorated was given a leave of absence to visit an uncle at Dunoon, Scotland. Young Ginlay's father and mother emigrated to Canada from Ireland and when the Boer war occurred his father enlisted and lost his life in South Africa. Just after the present war began the boy's mother died, leaving him alone in the world. Only fourteen, he persuaded the colonel of the Montreal rifles to take him to the front as a bugler. Now he is not only a D. C. M. but he has been enrolled as a private in his regiment and really is a full-fledged soldier.—Montreal Star.

Fish Substitution.

A correspondent writes: "I am willing to make many food concessions in war time, but I am not willing to have one kind of fish palmed off as another. The other day, at a famous London restaurant, turbot figured on the menu. I ordered turbot, and was supplied with inferior hake, swamped with sauce. Yesterday, on another menu, there was haddock. I ordered haddock, and was served with salt cod. Now, I know fish, and I carry a magnifying glass that enables me to identify them conclusively by the scales. If a man offers for sale Harris tweed that is not Harris tweed he may find himself in gaol. What about a restaurant that sells herring hake as turbot?—London Chronicle.

Found Gems Worth Thousands.

Jewelry valued at several thousand dollars found by a "sandwich man" under a wagon at Broadway and Forty-second, New York, several days ago, was recovered when the police found the man's wife offering a diamond-encrusted watch in a pawnshop for \$2. The woman said the watch was only one of a large number of pieces of jewelry her husband had found. The police then found the husband pacing up and down Broadway with a heavy sign over his shoulders. He said neither he nor his wife knew the value of the gems he had picked up. There was nothing about the jewels to indicate who owned them.

Treasure.

On Gallipoli, between whiles of attacking the Turk and being attacked by him, time hung heavy on the hands of the Australian soldiers of his majesty, King George V. Old prospectors among them took note of the fact that the soil of the inhospitable peninsula in which their trench was dug resembled that of the continent in the antipodes. Several enthusiasts began to dig. With the result (according to a French paper) that one ex-miner, working with what tools he could improvise in the pay dirt of his bomb-proof, panned out almost a pound of pure gold!

To Utilize Citrus Waste.

The city of Upland, Cal., in the heart of the finest orange-growing section in the world, has established a new industry, which promises to make use of the waste products of citrus and deciduous orchards. The plant, which will cost about \$100,000, will attempt to utilize all parts of the fruits that now are wasted, and will turn out acids, concentrated juices, fruit pastes and essential oils, and manufacture marmalades and preserves.

On Three Counts.

"No," said the editor, "we cannot use your poem."
"Why," asked the poet, "is it too long?"
"Yes," hissed the editor. "It's too long, and too wide, and too thick."

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2,000 AMERICANS FALL IN BATTLE

Lure of Adventure Sends United States Lads into Army of Great Britain.

EASY TO SECURE RELEASE

State Department at Washington Has Bureau to Look After Appeals of Parents Who Want Their Sons Returned to Them.

Washington.—Lured by the spirit of adventure, more than 2,000 Americans have died in battle, fighting in armies of the British empire.

Somewhere in the United States thousands of anxious mothers and fathers are awaiting the return of those who will never return, and somewhere in France there are Americans fighting in the khaki of Britain who will never return to their native land.

So serious has become the problem of American youths slipping away into Canada to join over-seas regiments that the American state department has been forced recently to create a new division to care for the hundreds of communications which pour in, asking officials of this government to obtain the release of American youths from foreign regiments.

In many cases, these boys have joined in Canada by the simple expedient of falsifying their ages. Today, these same boys can be found in the trenches along the Somme, in the training camps of England, and aboard British vessels patrolling the high seas.

Because of the willingness of the British government to release and send home boys who joined by fraudulent means, the state department has found little difficulty restoring "lost" boys to their parents when the boy himself can be located alive, but there are many cases, department officials say, where the names of American boys, sought by terrified parents in America, have been found in the lists of those killed in action. In many instances not even the body can be recovered.

Special Division Necessary.

During the early days of the European war, there was a constant stream of requests received at the state department, asking the release of American volunteer boy soldiers, but it was not until recently that the volume of these requests made it necessary for Secretary of State Lansing to designate a special division to handle such cases. It is called the Division of Application for the Discharge of Soldiers and Sailors in Foreign Service.

The figures of the newly created division show that the cattle boat traffic across the Atlantic from American ports to London, is a great recruiting source for the British army. Of late weeks, the number of American boys who have enlisted in London, has been

even greater than the number enlisting in Canada.

This is chiefly due to the extraordinary precautions the Canadian recruiting officers are taking to avoid such cases.

If an American boy has enlisted in Canada and his parents believe he has not left the dominion, the state department forwards the request, for a discharge to United States Consul General Foster at Ottawa. If the boy is still there, he is sent to the American consulate under guard and turned over to Mr. Foster.

If the Canadian contingent which such a lad has joined has sailed for England, the job becomes more difficult. Robert P. Skinner, American consul general at London, then takes up the case and appeals to the British foreign office. This request must pass through the proper official channels, and if the boy is alive, he will be located eventually.

The thing that makes difficult the task of locating these boys, however, is the almost universal tendencies of the youngsters to give fictitious names and addresses. This naturally complicates the task.

Many Pathetic Appeals.

The appeals received at the state department from parents seeking their sons are pathetic in many cases. One mother wrote in saying her son was "only fourteen and merely over-large for his age." Other parents charge that their sons were forced into the service of Great Britain, though such an idea is manifestly inaccurate, as the government of Great Britain readily releases boys who are under the proper age limit.

At the outbreak of the war, the British authorities made only two requirements—that the boy be an American citizen and under twenty-one years of age. Later, the age qualification was lowered to eighteen. Due to the volume of requests, the English authorities are now only releasing boys who are under that age. If the boy's father is a naturalized American, the certificate of naturalization must accompany the discharge application.

Owing to the fact that the department of state has no funds available to pay for the expenses of this work, parents are required to deposit \$45, which will pay the boy's passage home and when he is found, another \$25 is required to buy him clothes and food.

FREE WITH FOUND WEALTH
Philadelphia Boy Dislikes to Part With Remnant of Actress' Property.

Philadelphia.—After having a good time with \$2,350 worth of jewels and \$400 belonging to Dorothy Granville, a vaudeville actress, who lost the money and jewelry in a taxicab the other night, Abraham Kline, fourteen, who found it, tried to convince Detectives Greeby and Brown that he had been held up and robbed of his find.

When questioned at the Central station by Captain Tate and other detectives he said that he had distributed \$100 to boys with whom he worked, gave \$100 to his father, tucked \$200 in the thumb of a boxing glove for future use, and gave the jewels to his parents. The latter turned the jewels over to the police.

MR. BROOKS WRITES

Gatesville, Tex., Dec. 31, '16.
Editor Messenger:

I promised to let my friends hear from me, so I take this method of doing so.

I am now stopping in the busy old town of Gatesville. This is a very healthy country, and as we have just passed through the Christmas holidays with very few disturbances or accidents I think I can truthfully say it is strictly a moral and religious town. It is a dry town—dry in more ways than one. There is no booze sold here, and the small grain farmers are needing rain badly. I am getting hungry for a glimpse of the Messenger as I have not seen a copy since I left home.

Hope Grapeland passed thru the holidays all right. Would like to be among you all over there again, but can't be here and there at the same time. I am getting a little home sick but think a few copies of the Messenger will help me along that line. W. F. Brooks.

A CHRISTMAS TREE

Saturday night, December 23, 1916, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, their doors were thrown open to one and all to be present at a beautiful Christmas tree. After all were seated around the fire, someone knocked at the door and to our great delight there was a real Santa Claus. And my, how the tree was laden with everything! What visions of dolls, games, books, candies and all sorts of goodies, and the beautiful tree with its brilliant lights, gay colors and mysterious packages, some of which may contain the long wished for pair of skates or the huge jack knife for brother, just everything for everyone,

from the grown ups to the wee tots. After a very elaborate address by Santa Claus, and after bidding one all good bye, returned to his headquarters, promising to visit us all again next year. After a few minutes conversation, we repaired to the parlor where we enjoyed music and singing for awhile. At a late hour we all departed for our homes, wishing each and every one a merry Christmas and happy new year and hoping we would be permitted to attend another Christmas tree just like the one we had left. The visitors present were Mrs. M. V. Campbell and Mr. E. F. Campbell of Alto and Mrs. L. C. Smith of Grapeland.

Ethyle Muckleroy.

An Interesting and Newsy Letter From Percilla

January 1.—Riley Wright and family of Oklahoma are visiting friends and relatives here.

Grandma Shoemaker has returned home from central and north Texas, where she has been visiting her children for some time.

High priced cotton changes the appearance of most every farm. There is quite a lot of improvement going on. Joe Langham is building a new bungalow. Clay Jones is putting the lumber on the ground for a new house. There was a movement put on foot last spring to build a shed at Evergreen cemetery. The shed is almost completed. People from all over the country contributed very liberally. The people as a whole should be commended for it was a worthy cause.

It looks as if Houston county is going to have more good

roads, so let the good work go on. We notice some very expensive work being done on some of the roads that could have been avoided if the proper steps had been taken in time. That's digging the large trees out of the right of way. Suppose those trees had been deadened when the road was first established, you all see the point? Why not the overseers on all the public roads get busy and deaden all timber on the right of way, for as sure as time goes on the good roads spirit is going to every nook and corner of the county. The people are learning that bad roads are one of the most expensive things they have to contend with.

Our school is moving along nicely. The school board has been notified by the state department that this school will receive \$250 more out of the million dollar appropriation.

R. R. Sullivan and Mrs. Stedman are on the sick list.

Seth Fitchett and Mack Dickey have about recovered from the injuries received in an auto wreck. The boys say no more jitney driving for them.

Mrs. Reba Buckalew has almost recovered from a very severe attack of typhoid fever.

Today is the new year! How many of us have set a resolution to make 1917 the best year of our lives? We should profit by our past mistakes and we do not mean in a financial sense all together. We should try to make everyone feel better that we come in contact with. When we have done that we will feel better ourselves. A road strewn with flowers is much easier traveled than one strewn with thorns. We will close, wishing the Messenger staff and all its readers a happy and prosperous new year. James R.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS!

I will begin SHIPPING HOGS JANUARY 27, and will be shipping from then on every few days until the middle of April.

A few days prior to the shipment on the 27th I will be in the market for what hogs I can buy and will pay all the market will allow. The MARKET IS GOING UP and I think it will be better at that time. I am looking for the market to go some higher yet. If you have any SMALL HOGS to fatten for the market to be shipped in March or April I assure you there will be a market for them. I think the price will be fine through those months.

For any special information see me.

GEORGE CALHOUN

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THURSDAY, JAN. 4, 1917

.. Gentle Jabs ..

By Jno. R. Owens

Another leap year has passed and we have again escaped.

If you would start the New Year right—read the Messenger and pay for it.

Now that you have made all of your New Year resolutions, you may proceed to hunt excuses to break them.

No doubt about Livingston being in the "jungles" now, as a deer was killed by a train just below that town a few days ago.

The truth of the business is, we hate like the "dickunce" to go to work again, after a week of revelry, but it has to be did.

The New York Journal says the end of the war is in sight. Evidently some people have darn good eyes or a powerful field glass.

The "water wagon" was a lonesome sight during the holidays, but most of the occupants have gotten back on—to resume their journey until next Xmas.

The Elkhart Record says the high price of eggs caused an extensive use of eggless nog Christmas. Probably so, but the high price of nog never will increase the use of nogless eggs.

You may speak of many things,
Even talk about the weather;
But oh, what pain it brings
When you quote the price
of leather.

We start the New Year with bright hopes for the things it holds in store for mankind. We are optimistic over the condition of the country and are going to look on the bright side of everything.

There are a few tender-hearted molly-coddles who are protesting jack rabbit drives in West Texas. Let the West Texas people have their jack rabbit drives if they so desire. The East Texas people have their 'possum hunts.

An exchange prints the following: "A westerner had hanged himself to the bedpost by his suspenders. The verdict of the coroner's jury ran: "Deceased came to his death by coming home full and mistaking himself for his pants."

There is some talk of Europe sending a lot of war widows to America, in order that they may marry again. All women who have husbands had better chain them, and single women on this side of the pond should prepare to defend those who are not husbands against the invasion. The price of hat pins will doubtless go up.

SOCIETY NEWS

Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall entertained their friends at their home Saturday evening, Dec. 30. The parlors were decorated with holly and mistletoe and presented a beautiful appearance. Tables were arranged for progressive "Bunco" and the guests engaged in this fascinating game until a late hour, after which delicious refreshments were served. Music from the Victrola added to the pleasure of the evening. Misses Riall were assisted in entertaining by their sister, Mrs. W. A. Riall. Those enjoying this delightful social event were: Misses Rena Ross and Georgia Belle Richards, Mary and Jennie McLean of Crockett, Vera and Susie Fields of Ponta, Ora Gainey, Perlana and Carrie Spence, Winnie and Eula Mae Davis, Esther Darsey, Esther Davis; Messrs. Charlie Jones, Dan McLean, Homer Jones, Chester Owens, Arnold Clewis, Coleman Scarbrough, Brent Driskell, Murdock Murchison, Geo. E. Darsey, Chas. Wall, Clarence McCarty, Jim Ryan, Dr. Kennedy, Stovall White, Reagan Long, Jno. R. Owens.

Six O'Clock Dinner

Miss Marie White was hostess at a six o'clock dinner at her home Sunday evening, complimenting a number of her friends. Yuletide decorations gave the parlors and dining room a pretty appearance and the evening was one of pleasure to all. The personnel included: Misses Lois Sims, Rena Ross and Georgia Belle Richards, Perlana and Carrie Spence, Esther Darsey and Lucretia Riall; Messrs. Chester Owens, Frank and Jack Murchison, Jno. R. Owens, Dan McLean, Homer Jones and Arnold Clewis.

Misses Richards Entertain

Misses Georgia Belle and Rena Ross Richards entertained a number of their friends at their home Tuesday evening, Dec. 26. Progressive conversation and music from the Victrola was enjoyed until a late hour, when refreshments consisting of cake and chocolate were served. The parlors were decorated with holly and mistletoe. The personnel included: Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall, Carrie and Perlana Spence, Maud and Addie Eaves, Jake Taylor, Lura Mae Owens, Winnie Davis, Esther Darsey, Lucretia Collins, Marie White, Mable Boykin and Annie R. Hollingsworth; Messrs. Clyde Davis, Dan McLean, Dudley Eaves, Campbell Lively, Jno. R. Owens, Chester Owens, Chas. Kent, Reagan Long, Arnold Clewis, Clarence McCarty, Chas. Jones, Frank Murchison, Emory Long, Charlie Holcomb.

Chester Owens has accepted a position with McLean & Riall as bookkeeper and office man. Chester is a competent and popular young man and will prove a valuable addition to the force of this popular firm.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

As we now have crossed the threshold of a New Year, this store desires to thank its many friends and customers for their patronage during the past year, and to wish for each and all a year filled with peace, health and prosperity.

WE WANT TO SERVE YOU

During this year. We have spared no efforts to make this store the leading store in Houston county, and assure you that we shall do everything in our power to maintain this distinction. We bid for your business this year with the same inducements as in the past. If you want the best goods for the least money with satisfactory service and uniform price, you will find this combination at Darsey's. We are better prepared than ever to give you satisfaction in every detail, starting out with an experienced sales force, a big stock of goods bought right and to be sold right. Come in and talk over the years business with us. We want to serve you.

SHOES

THAT WILL KEEP YOUR FEET DRY

Our line of shoes is recognized as the strongest and best anywhere near here. If you are not enjoying shoe satisfaction, come here and let us fit you.

- Dress shoes for women 2.50 to.....\$4.00
- Dress shoes for men 3.00 to.....\$7.50
- Work shoes for women 2.00 to.....\$2.50
- Work shoes for men 2.50 to.....\$4.00

We have a complete line of dress and school shoes for boys and girls in all runs of sizes

OVERSHOES

We have just received a big shipment of overshoes and our line of sizes is complete

NOTICE

There is only one BILLIKEN SHOE and it is sold in GrapeLand at this store. There are shoes "copied" after Billikens and some merchants sell them for Billikens. If you want Billikens look for the name and trade mark on the bottom and you'll find them only at Darsey's

STETSON HATS

We have just received a big shipment in men's Stetson hats in staple shapes. We have a complete line of sizes in the biggest selling numbers at \$4 and \$5

Our line of men's hats range in price from \$1.75 and up and includes all shapes in the leading colors

UNDERWEAR

We have a complete line of sizes in men's, women's and children's underwear in union and 2-piece suits

- Men's undershirts 50c to.....\$1.50
- " drawers 50c to.....\$1.50
- Boys' underwear 25c to..... .50
- " union suits 35c and..... .50
- Women's and misses vests 25c to.. .50
- " and " pants 25c to.. .50
- Misses' " " 25c to.... .50

WINTER'S SEVEREST WEATHER IS AHEAD

And not so far off, either. It is more imperative than ever that you look to your clothing supply. A little bill of warm clothing may save a big doctor's bill. BE PREPARED!

GEORGE E. DARSEY

SERVICE FIRST STORE

LOCAL NEWS

Breaking plows and stalk cutters at Darsey's.

Rub my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

Clyde Davis of Harlingen spent last week here with homefolks.

Start the new year right by selling your produce to Darsey.

Ben Keen of Richards spent the holidays at home.

Mrs. Dave Warren and little daughter of Elkhart visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodson visited relatives in Troup last week.

Plenty of barb wire, hog fence, garden fence and nails at Darsey's.

Miss Mary Lou Darsey visited relatives at Cooper during the holidays.

Mrs. J. C. Kennedy went to Crockett Monday to visit relatives.

George Calhoun has an ad in this issue that will be of interest to hog raisers. Read it.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

FOR SALE

A good young sorrel mare for sale. See me at the Goodson Hotel. Herman Beazley.

Miss Esther Davis has returned to Voth to resume teaching, after spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lacy and children returned to Crockett Monday morning, having spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Virgie Lee Carter of Palestine visited relatives in and near Grapeland several days last week.

Misses Vera and Susie Fields of Ponta were the guests of relatives here last week, returning home Sunday.

Miss Vera Sims of Winona spent the holidays with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. C. T. Sims.

WOOD WANTED

I am in the market for 200 cords of 4-foot wood. A. B. Spence.

Lee and Dudley Eaves, who are teaching at Ratcliff and Hempstead respectively, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves, last week.

Andrew Spence and son Cleve, of Post City, visited relatives and friends here and at Latexo during Christmas. Mr. Spence was a former citizen of Houston county, living in the Wesley Chapel community. This is his first visit here in seven years.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.
 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Darsey buys coon, 'possum, mink and pole-cat hides.

Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

Miss Maude McCarty was home from Huntsville for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and children of Livingston visited relatives here last week.

Horse collars, single trees, hames, back bands, and plow lines at Darsey's.

J. W. Jones and M. L. Clewis were business visitors to Houston the first of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Stafford visited relatives at Ponta a few days last week.

Tom Clinton, who has been in the U. S. Navy for the past three years, has returned home.

Mrs. Lucy Cocke of Jacksonville spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler of Druso spent last week with relatives east of town and at Percilla.

M. M. Brashears of Claytonville spent several days here last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Bettie Richards.

Miss Mary Pearl Sheridan of Elkhart spent several days last week with her aunt, Mrs. A. L. Brown.

O. H. Davis, who spent the holidays with his parents, returned to Maynard Monday to resume his school duties.

Charlie Kent left Wednesday for Tyler, where he will take a business course in a commercial college.

Jesse Willis, who is attending the A. C. I. at Jacksonville, spent the holidays with homefolks in the Rock Hill community.

Seth Moreland Gray, who is now living in Little Rock, Ark., visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scarborough and little daughter ate Christmas dinner with Mr. Scarborough's parents in Palestine.

H. J. Shaw and family are now in their new home recently purchased at Latexo. Mr. Shaw says he likes his new location fine.

Misses Winnie and Gertrude Stout of Seguin and Freeport visited relatives at Augusta during the holidays, returning last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brooks and two little daughters of Livingston spent several days here last week with Mr. Brooks' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan and children of Crockett were here Monday and were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Leaverton.

Hemie Howard of Crockett and Miss Helen Long of Augusta were married in Palestine Dec. 20. For the present they are making their home in Crockett.

Misses Mary and Jennie McLean of Crockett were the guests of their cousins, Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall, Saturday night, returning home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Selkirk of Troup visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Selkirk have returned from a trip to Chester.

Cleve Sadler has returned from Thrall, where he has been working as relief agent.

Jim Ryan spent a few days with homefolks in Centerville last week.

Mrs. W. P. Traylor and children spent the holidays with relatives at Magnolia.

NOTICE

I now have my feed crusher in operation. A. B. Spence.

PEA THRESHING

I now have a pea thresher and will thresh your peas at your home. J. A. Bean.

Miss Gracie Mae Baber of Elkhart was the guest of Miss Lura Mae Owens several days this week.

Mrs. C. E. Dockery of Shreveport, La., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Spence.

BERRY PLANTS FOR SALE

All those who wish Macatawa berry plants call and see me. M. L. Williams, Route 4.

Misses Callie and Mary Bell Hill, and Miss Mae Pridgen, who are teaching at Oakwood, spent the Christmas holidays here with home folks.

Mrs. Ida Totty and daughter, Miss Eola, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton several days last week.

Mrs. B. H. Logan and little daughter and Miss Arline Howard of Carthage, and Mrs. Odell Faris and son of Lake Charles, La., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

NOTICE TAX PAYERS

I shall be in Grapeland Friday, January 5, for the purpose of collecting your taxes. C. W. Butler, Jr., Tax Collector.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

THE DESIGNER

Again we have a special offer on the Designer, the regular subscription price of which is \$1 per year. During the month of January, we will take new subscriptions and renewals at 59c a year, and in addition, give you the winter fashion quarterly and a 20c pattern without further cost. If you want to take advantage of this rate, let us know at once. We can let you have the January number if you desire to start now. The papers are to be delivered monthly at our store. Geo. E. Darsey.

AUTOMOBILE TIRE FOUND

Found on Grapeland and Crockett road, an automobile tire. Owner can have same by describing it and paying for this advertisement. Unless claimed by owner by Feb. 1st, it will be sold and proceeds placed to the credit of Grapeland Road Dist. No. 1. Geo. E. Darsey.

Some Bargains

For a few days only we will sell left-over articles at a big reduction:

\$1.25 Unbreakable Dolls now 75c
 .75 " " " 50c
 .60 " " " 40c
 .35 " " " 25c
 .60 German dressed dolls 35c
 .50 " " " 30c

MANY OTHER ARTICLES AT AND BELOW COST

We take off our hat to our friends and customers for the big business we have received during the year and trust that we may have the great pleasure of serving you every month of 1917 to your absolute SATISFACTION

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

Greetings to You

To our patrons and friends we send greetings.

May a benign Providence smile kindly upon you during the years to come and may your fondest hopes be realized.

For the generous measure of good will and patronage you have accorded us we wish to tender our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Your good will is dear to us and you will ever find us striving more and more to merit the same.

That our future relations may be equally satisfactory to both is the wish of

Your sincere friend,

T. S. Kent

QUALITY IS THE THING

OUR HONOR ROLL

The Messenger feels grateful to its many subscribers for the way they are coming forward and renewing. We hope they will keep it up until there is not an unpaid name on our list. Our honor roll is as follows:

- S. E. Howard, McLean & Riall,
- F. & M. Bank, Geo. E. Darsey,
- M. E. Darsey, S. N. Boykin,
- Guaranty State Bank, D. N. Leaverton, Cash Grocery Co.,
- N. J. Davis, Kennedy Bros., J. J. Brooks, Traylor Bros., T. S. Kent, Web Brooks, J. A. Bean,
- J. H. Bowman, Grapeland.
- J. H. Kolb, O. P. Brown, S. W. Duitch, John Pelham, Route 1.
- Geo. McCorkle, W. M. McCorkle, R. C. Ferguson, George Ivey, Route 2.
- Web Finch, Route 3.
- T. D. Zachery, E. L. Frisby, Route 4.
- W. S. Rodger, Bigbee, Ala. By W. M. Brown.
- Mrs. C. P. Hodgkins, Houston.
- Seth Gray, Little Rock, Ark.
- Edgar Brooks, Livingston.
- H. J. Shaw, Crockett, Rte. 1.
- O. H. Davis, Maynard.
- Frank Butler, Druso.
- G. B. Cutler, Alto.
- Ed Holcomb, Augusta.
- Miss Rossie Butler, Kennard.
- Frank Shipper, Mendota, Ill., by Mrs. J. F. Fulton.
- Sam Herod, San Angelo. By J. A. Bean.
- Miss Cinday Thomas, Ashburn, Ga. By J. M. Thomas.
- J. W. Darsey, Macon, Ga. By Geo. E. Darsey.
- J. B. Laseter, Margret. By Hugh Richards.
- Colored Subscribers: — Silas Marshall.
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- Miss Bertha Weisinger returned to Huntsville Monday to re-enter school, having spent the holidays with homefolks.

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LOOKING A YEAR AHEAD

What will the year 1917 mean to this town, to this community, to this people?

What will be your personal attitude toward the making of a better town, a more prosperous community, a more open hearted people?

The efforts of the individual citizen may accomplish something. The cooperation of a collective people will produce notable results.

Collective cooperation is only possible where confidence and good will exist, and where there is a determination to utilize this combination to the ultimate good of all.

The man who has a grouch against his neighbor cannot successfully pull in harness with that neighbor so long as that grouch exists. Lose the grouch.

The man who disparages and undermines the reputation of another cannot expect the community in general to think well of the assassinator of character. Speak gently and use the soft pedal.

The man who says "go ahead" cannot expect to keep pace with the hustler who says "come on". Step lively and get there.

And one man who says "I will" is worth a hundred of those who say "I Can't."

This is the time of year when the hopper of time is filled with new resolutions. But it is more profitable to act than to resolve.

Let us make this a year of action, of deeds, and of results.

Let us make this more than a collection of individuals. Let us make it a community of people with one aim, one ambition and one great purpose in life, and let us make that purpose the good of man and womankind in general and of this community in particular.

If we work collectively, earnestly and energetically we will achieve success, but if we labor individually we will accomplish but little.

The road of life is long and stormy, and many barriers bar our way. But many hands make light work of the heaviest burdens, and collective might may roll the heaviest barriers away.

We may each pursue our own chosen vocations, and yet all labor in the common cause of a better and more prosperous city and countryside.

Two horses pulling in one direction will get the load there. But when one pulls and the other balks the load stands still.

Will 1917 find us a community of loyal pullers or, a divided aggregation of pullers and balkers who accomplish nothing?

Nineteen seventeen will tell the story, and you will put the words in the mouth of the teller.

What are these words going to be? Will they be loyalty, cohesion, aggressiveness, success? Or will they be disloyalty, suspicion, disintegration, disaster?

A year of promise is ahead, but promise never makes good unaided and alone.

We must each grasp the opportunity with which nature has provided us, and turn those opportunities to individual and collective weal. To do otherwise will be to stand still while others march on to victory and success.

Shall we stand or shall we march?

1916 wasn't a bad year, 1917 will be better.

If eggs go up much higher farmers will have to guard their hens.

After a week's vacation pleasantly spent, we are back on the job, but man, how it grinds!

Here's hoping that you will take an extra hitch in your suspenders and make 1917 the best year of your existence.

Here's wishing you an abundance of prosperity during the coming year. Now, let us have a little of yours.

Villa seems to be waxing stronger in Mexico. We thought the old bandit had been eliminated. At least Carranza said so.

Now that Jeff McLemore, long time bachelor, has taken unto himself a wife, we look for him to "tone down" in some of his radical views about certain questions.

We hope all our subscribers will pay up promptly when their time expires. With the increasing difficulties facing us to secure a supply of paper, we will soon begin to cut off all who have not paid up. We regret this step, but when paper costs seven cents a pound as against three cents a year ago, we can't run our business on credit basis. If we are to continue publishing the Messenger at a dollar, we must not only get the dollar, but get it in advance.

East Texas is as full of grafters, street fakers and crooks at this time as a mule's tail is full of cockle-burrs in the summertime. Every now and then Timpson puts up with one of the things. They will come here, get out on the street, yell and the people will gather about. They usually have a white man to appear on the scene, dressed as a negro, and with a voice like a frog he will sing, and pick a banjo or guitar. The amusement about the thing is that the people will "bite" when they know they are going to get "skinned." Beware of the street faker; he will skin you every time.—Timpson Times.

Louisiana, Mo.—The Community Club of this city, a woman's organization formed last summer with a membership of 250, is succeeding in improving the town and in bettering social conditions. In a clean-up campaign the women called on every merchant and insisted that sidewalks be swept every morning and that the streets be cleaned to the center. The scheme worked. The streets today are cleared of all rubbish and present a fine appearance.—News Item.

Wouldn't it be nice if Grape-

land had the civic pride indicated in the above article. The business men of Grapeland seem so indifferent to the appearance of the town, why can't the ladies organize a civic league and keep the city looking neat? Our sidewalks are always cluttered up with rubbish and the streets present an unsightly appearance. It looks bad to the stranger within our gates and leaves an unfavorable impression on his mind. Let's turn over a new leaf this new year and resolve to keep the streets and sidewalks clean.

Another Christmas gone, and still the soldiers are in the trenches. However, there are some signs that they will be out by next Christmas. Let us hope the peace negotiations now under way will bear fruit.

WE WILL BET YOU HADN'T THOUGHT OF IT IN JUST THIS WAY

Had it ever occurred to you that you had as well try to be a successful physician without attending a medical school, or a successful lawyer without attending a law school, or a successful minister without attending a theological school, as to try to be a successful banker or merchant or business man of any kind without first getting a practical business training? If you wanted to make a first class doctor, lawyer or minister, you would attend a university with a reputation. Why not use the same good judgement in selecting a business school in which to secure your training? The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is the business university of the south; it enrolls more students annually than any other similar school in America. It's students have come from 39 different states and seven foreign countries; its graduates are holding the very best of positions in the leading cities of the United States.

If you will spend from \$100 to \$150 for tuition, board and books for a course of Shorthand, Stenography, or Bookkeeping, or Telegraphy, or Cotton Classing, or Business Administration and Finance, or better still, spend \$175 to \$200 and complete any two of these courses, you will have made the best investment of your life. What young man or woman with grit and determination cannot raise this amount? Hundreds of students who borrowed every cent of their money to attend our school or give us their note for part of their tuition have found it the best venture of their lives; they were soon able to pay back the borrowed money, or pay off the note, continue holding their good job or go into business for themselves and succeed. If you always remain where you are, you will always be what you are. Think this statement over seriously. More than 200 new students will be added to the thousand that are now here before this month closes. Why not you be among the number? You can enter any day and take up the work. For large free catalogue, verifying the above claims, and more, fill in and mail.

Name.....
 Address.....
 Course Interested in.....



START THE NEW YEAR

By opening an account with us. Don't simply resolve to do so, but come and DO IT. After you have experienced the convenience, safety and advantage of such an account for a while, you'll wonder why you hadn't opened one before. And the satisfaction is as great for those who open small accounts as for those whose affairs are large.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK



How to Find the Man You May Need

If you needed the services either of the best doctor, the best lawyer, the most reliable banker, contractor or dentist, you certainly would not select some unknown man to look after your wants.

You want a man with a reputation for dependable work. The man who advertises his business or profession assumes a responsibility. The responsible man is always the most successful and the cheapest in the end.

To make sure of his identity look through our advertising columns and be safe in your selection.

News Items Gleaned From Reynard Country

Jan. 1.—The holidays are over and what we have done is "did" and what we have not we cannot.

Old Santa visited our tree and he and the children had a big time. At many dinings the turkey was absent but a fat pullet was a good substitute.

The following communities were represented at our Christmas tree: Rock Hill, Antrim and Hays Spring—Geo. Kyle of Rock Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edens and children and Virgil Durnell from Antrim, Luther Warner of Hays Spring.

R. E. Kent and two sons, Volney and Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fuller all of Grantfield, Ok. spent the holidays in our midst. Miss Laura Lena Kent, who has been making her home with them for quite awhile, accompanied them home and will remain awhile.

Mrs. C. H. Beazley and son Harry, were in our midst. We hardly count them visitors as they seem like one of us.

The weather was all that one could desire, but sickness prevented a great many from enjoying the holidays to the fullest extent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Taylor and children were visitors in our midst.

A great many of our neighbors visited other places during the holidays.

If we were to give all the news in detail you would have to enlarge your paper. With the usual.

THE NEW YEAR WELCOMED

Following the custom of most every city and town throughout the country, Grapeland welcomed 1917 with the shooting of guns, ringing bells and blowing whistles. A night watch service was held at the Methodist church conducted by the pastor, Bro. Ansley.

Let Us Print Your Sale Bills

MOST PRECIOUS GEM

Diamond Always Has Been Conceded First Place.

All Through History the Stone Has Played an Important Part—its Cutting a Matter of Serious Moment—Imperfections.

Diamonds are always taken as the standard precious stone. There are many details concerning diamonds, of surpassing interest, such as the different methods of securing the rough stones in ancient and modern times, the prejudice against Brazilian diamonds as compared with Indian stones, the objections to South African diamonds, based on a theory that they were not so good as the Brazilian stones, methods of cutting diamonds, etc.

The cut of the diamond is of great importance. If it be cut perfectly and regularly its value is greatly enhanced. The properly cut diamond has 58 facets, including the table and collet, 32 facets above the girdle and 24 facets below. The surface of the table should be 40 per cent of the whole.

Among the imperfections for which the diamond buyer should look are rough edges on the girdle, which will cast a shadow through the center of the stone, causing great loss of brilliancy. In set stones they are often covered up by a prong of the setting, but the diamond is affected nevertheless.

A scratch may be found on top of the stone. This is often caused by stones rubbing against each other. If it is not too deep it may be removed by polishing.

There may be a nick in the girdle, which is often covered by the setting. This defect is caused either by the brittleness of the stone or the girdle having been cut too fine.

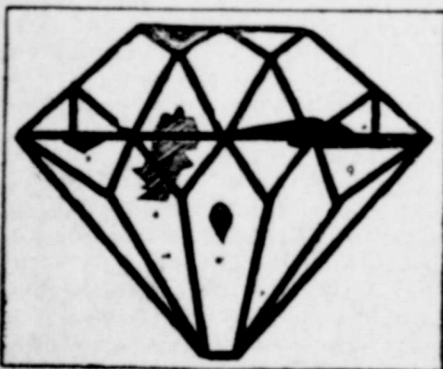
If the stone has thick edges they will cast shadows through the diamond, which will confuse the color.

If there is a feather in the stone it comes from faulty crystallization and cannot be removed. It may be only a small speck, or so large as to be visible to the naked eye. This flaw gives the diamond a hazy, lifeless appearance. Some feathers take the shape of white subtransparent lines in the body of the stone.

Fractures are usually found near the edge of the stone, and decrease the value greatly, as they deaden the brilliancy. They are caused either by a blow or carelessness in the setting.

Black spots of carbon are usually found in the top or in the lower half of the stone. These spots often appear in pairs, and when visible to the naked eye impair the value of the stone.

Do not expect to get an absolutely perfect stone for any reasonable figure, for they are so rare as to com-



Outline Sketch of Cut Diamond.

1. Rough edges on girdle.
2. A scratch.
3. Small nick in girdle.
4. Thick edges which confuse the stone's color.
5. A "feather," caused by faulty crystallization.
6. A fracture.
7. Carbon spots which look like black specks.
8. A bubble caused by air formation in carbon.
9. Muddy or cloudy patches, usually found along the grain of the stone.

mand excessive prices. If you want a good stone see to it that it is of good color and brilliancy and is well cut.—New York American.

"Aren't you in favor of good roads?" "Of course I am," answered the toll-gate keeper. "But this road of yours is miserable."

"Maybe. But I'm in favor of good roads. If the road hadn't been pretty good this far you mightn't have got here to pay your toll."

Road Drag an Aid.

The great farm builders are live stock, alfalfa and silage, aided by the manure spreader and the road drag.

Raising Big Potatoes.

Cottage Grove, Ore.—The prize potatoes for the season have been raised by Alfred Doolittle on his property within the city limits. The two specimens weigh four pounds and two and one-fourth pounds. Mr. Doolittle says the entire yield is large in size and will average two-thirds the size of the smaller of the mammoth specimens put on display.

BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

The stockholders of the Guaranty State Bank held their annual meeting at the bank Tuesday and re-elected all the officers and directors: C. W. Kennedy, Pres.; J. R. Pennington, Vice-Pres.; U. M. Brock, Cashier. The directors are the above and M. P. Herod, Eugene Walling, J. B. Thomas, W. H. Holcomb.

This has been the best year in the bank's history. A 10 per cent dividend was declared, payable to all stockholders, and 10 per cent was passed to the surplus fund.

J. A. Ritcherson of Augusta left Tuesday on a business trip to Ft. Worth.

Tom Brooks left Monday for Little Rock, Ark., to resume his work with the Western Union company.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

J. H. Leaverton has returned home from Roysce City, where he spent the holidays with relatives. While motoring to Fort Worth one day, Mr. Leaverton was in an auto wreck and sustained three broken ribs and several severe bruises. However, he is getting along alright, but says no more "joy rides" for him.

The editor visited Alto last week, and while there drove out five miles east of town to see Mr. G. B. Cutler, a former citizen of Houston county and a good friend of ours. Mr. Cutler owns a large farm of 350 acres, and besides growing good crops, is raising lots of hogs and cattle. He sends greetings to his friends here, who will be glad to learn of his prosperity.

Rev. E. P. Allen of Grapeland was a pleasant caller at the Record office Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Allen is an old time resident of this vicinity, having lived in Elkhart sixty-eight years ago. Of late he has been living at Bryan, but recently moved to Grapeland where he is at present making his home. He will soon be seventy-four years old, but is hale and hearty and is still preaching the Gospel. He returned to Grapeland Wednesday, having been in Elkhart since the previous Thursday, visiting relatives and old acquaintances.—Elkhart Record.

CAN OF MONEY IS FOUND

Small Boys Pay Out \$3,000 for 50 Cents' Worth of Candy Before Police Interfere.

San Francisco, Cal.—Three small boys, whose aggregate age is twenty years, playing near San Francisco's new city and county hospital, unearthed the "end of the rainbow" in the tangible form of a tomato can stuffed with real money.

Five thousand dollars in \$5 notes—federal reserve bills of the issue of 1914—the boys pulled forth and then began an onslaught upon neighboring candy stores. They did not count the money, but exchanged sheafs of the bills for bags of candy.

In all they passed out \$3,000 for 50 cents' worth of sweets before they were observed by a police officer, who took the remaining \$2,000 in charge.

In the opinion of the police the money was buried by a thief. The money will be returned to the boys if it is not claimed and identified.

We Value Your Good Will!

THAT some capital and much energy are necessary to the success of any business venture goes without saying. But there is one other element that is even more necessary to success, and that is **public confidence and good will.**

That we have been so fortunate as to command the confidence and good will of the people of this community is a matter of just pride to us. That we have had your cordial support and patronage is also a matter of self-congratulation.

For it all we wish herewith to tender our sincere thanks, and to wish one and all a year of prosperity and happiness.

Yours for continued success,

KENNEDY BROTHERS

The Store for Everybody

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sullivan of Percilla entertained at dinner on Christmas Day, their mother, brothers and sisters.

Those of a distance who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Snell of Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sullivan of Alto, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Conoway of Palestine.

The dinner of course, was beautiful, as the menu was of a

Christmas character and served in the same manner. The sweetest thought at the table was to see and have the mother seated with her children. The beautiful Christmas tree of Holly and Santa Claus made the children, as well as the grown-ups happy, which added much cheer for the day, which will long be remembered by all who were present.

Mrs. Jim Sullivan.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

A CORRECTION

J. H. Bowman, who recently purchased the produce business of S. T. Anthony, is originally from Elkhart and not from Slocum as stated by the Messenger a few weeks ago. Mr. Bowman was formerly in business at Elkhart and resided there ten years.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor visited relatives in Houston last week.