

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## Bargain Store BARGAINS

We will save you money if you will let us have your business. But please don't ask us to make deliveries for five or ten cents worth of merchandise. If you will stop and think it is asking too much and no man can sell you the goods at the price quoted and deliver them in small quantities.

### GROCERIES

Eupion oil, 5 gallons.....60c  
Best granulated sugar  
13 pounds for.....\$1.00  
Extra good roasted  
coffee 6 lbs for.....\$1.00  
Best 2 lb can tomatoes....10c  
Best 2 lb can sweet corn  
2 can for.....25c  
Home made ribbon cane  
syrup 1 gallon for....60c  
Best compound lard  
per pound.....14 3/4c  
American Queen flour, ..\$2.25  
11 bars good soap.....25c  
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### DRY GOODS

All wool serge, 36 inches  
wide, per yard.....50c  
Extra heavy, best grade  
of outing, per yard...10c  
George Washington brand  
best bleached domestic,  
per yard.....10c  
Heavy grade brown domestic  
per yard.....10c  
Best quality gingham...10 1/2c  
Good grade book-fold  
ginghams.....8 1/2c  
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Good flannel overshirts...50c  
Best grade overalls.....\$1.00  
Best grade jumpers....\$1.00

Car of Alfalfa Hay, Chops, Bran and Oats to arrive  
**THIS WEEK**

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

**W. R. WHERRY**  
Telephone 37 Free Delivery

## News Items

### Reported From Antrim Community

Jan. 7.—Health of our community is not very good at present. A good many have lagrippe. Among those who are sick are: Mrs. John F. Martin and little daughter, Estelle, Dan Wright and J. F. Williams.

Mr. V. L. Durnell spent Saturday night with Mr. Jim Ritchie.

Rev. Preston Florence filled his regular appointment here Sunday evening. A good crowd was present to hear him preach.

Quite a crowd visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell Sunday, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell and children and Mrs. W. R. Durnell and children.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment at Slocum Saturday night and Sunday.

A few of the young people of this community attended the party at Joe Hudson's, in the New Prospect community Saturday night.

A. N. Edens has just returned from Daly's, where he erected a modern residence for Mrs. C. B. Dailey.

Mr. Ellie Hendricks of Percilla visited in this community Saturday night and Sunday.

Prof. Preston Wilcox of New Prospect attended church here Sunday afternoon.

Our literary society met Friday night for the first time since Christmas. A good crowd was present and a very good program was rendered. Our next

meeting will be Friday night, January 19th. We are going to try to have a good program and everybody is invited to attend.

Henry Kyle visited in this community Sunday evening and attended church.

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Sim Finch's little boy, Horace, of the New Prospect community. We learned that diphtheria was the cause of his sudden death. To the bereaved parents and relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

George Williams and daughter, Linnie of Percilla, visited his brother, J. F. Williams of this place a few days last week.

Wishing the Messenger and its many readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

Hiawatha.

### Grapeland Will Have Up-to-Date Light Plant

A. B. Spence announces that he has about completed arrangements to install an up-to-date light plant, and if everything works out according to present plans, he hopes to have the plant in operation in about sixty days. The plant will be located on his property on the east side of the railroad near his gin and bottling works.

A light plant will be a step forward for Grapeland and we congratulate Mr. Spence upon his decision to "take the plunge." It should easily prove a good business investment for the promoter and will be a source of convenience for our people.

## Tick Eradication Movement Begun

The Cattle Tick is to Be Banished  
From Houston County

The Commissioners Court on Monday of this week took the initial steps that if properly followed up will result in freeing this county of the Texas fever cattle tick and removing the quarantine restrictions that will mean thousands of dollars to our people annually and greatly encourage the raising of better stock.

Properly constructed dipping vats in each community and all the stock in that community dipped every two weeks, is the plan of operations that will result in freeing the county of ticks within one year. To get the campaign started the county was asked to pay one half the expense of four vats in each commissioner's precinct, making sixteen in all, the amount for each vat to be sixty-five dollars, the other half to be paid by the farmers in each community that would use them.

The court unanimously voted to do this, making a total expenditure of \$1,040. Thus this great movement was put in motion, and Houston county started on the road to better things in dairying and stock raising generally.

### OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

- J. W. Jones, Grapeland.
- Walter Caskey, W. L. Craig,
- R. F. Herod, W. F. Brooks,
- Route 1.
- Turner Skidmore, Route 2.
- Mrs. Lucy Willis, Route 3.
- W. L. Fox, Route 4.
- Dan Trigg, W. R. Campbell,
- Salmon.
- Miss Audrey Campbell,
- Weches.
- Ed Musick, Elkhart, Route 2.
- Joe King, Mt. Calm
- Mrs. J. B. Cunningham, Henrietta.
- H. F. Anthony, Ft. Stockton.
- Dr. L. H. Harris, Crockett.
- Claude Sadler, Percilla.

### GINNERS' REPORT

There were 18978 bales of cotton ginned in Houston County, from the crop of 1916 prior to December 13, 1916, as compared with 21188 bales ginned to December, 13 1915.

E. B. Hale, Agent.

### 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.



## HORSES OUT AT PASTURE

become soft and need sound, clean feed to harden up on preparatory to working. We handle a line of the BEST FEED on the market.

At the prices we are asking, we can save you money on your feed bills.

DUE TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK: A car load of the famous LIGHT CRUST FLOUR and all kinds of FEED STUFF.

## CASH GROCERY COMPANY

LONG & DAVIS, PROPRIETORS  
PHONE US YOUR ORDER. WE DELIVER RIGHT NOW

## NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR PLOWING

You will find here all kinds of trim stuff, things you are sure to need. Come to see us before you buy.

Remember too, that we have plenty of work shoes in various prices--Shoes that are solid leather--the very kind you need to stand the hard work ahead.

We have your size in Overalls and Jumpers. Come to see us for whatever you may need for the home or farm. We can fill the bill.

## McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE  
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

To leave the Store without calling for "GREEN" Coupons is like leaving your Change on the Counter.

### STICK TO IT

If there is one enterprise on earth that a quitter should leave severely alone it is advertising. To make a success of advertising one must be prepared to stick like a barnacle on a boat's bottom. He should know before he begins that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody must tell him that he cannot hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game' Advertising

does not jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. In increases day by day and year by year until it exerts an irresistible power.—John Wanamaker.

W. F. Brooks has returned home from Gatesville, where he spent several weeks visiting relatives. He reports a very pleasant time, but he says he is glad to be home again. The wheat crop, Mr. Brooks says, is suffering badly for rain.

## SHELL ON HIS HOUSE; TELLS HOW IT FEELS

Lieutenant Zanghieri Calmly Records His Impressions of the Moment.

### BOMB IS LITERARY ASSET

Most Exciting Adventure in Officer's Career Occurs While He Is Quietly Seated in His Home Engaged in Literary Pursuit.

By TANCREDO ZANGHERI, Lieutenant in the Italian Army. (Special Correspondence to the Chicago Daily News.)

Goritz, Austria.—Heine tells in one of his poems how he sought happiness all over the world without ever finding it; returning home disconsolate, he met it seated on the hearth of his own house. It is an adventure which may happen even to a newspaper correspondent. A city like Goritz is an Eldorado for the sensation seeker. Yet I had the most interesting adventure of my sojourn today, without moving from my table.

Permit me to tell you about it in detail and with precision, divided into three chapters of varying length, and admit that even when one is the principal personage of a story one still has the right to consider oneself from more than one viewpoint.

#### Chapter I.—The Setting.

Up till September 21 the weather was bad. It was not rain; it was a deluge. The Italian trenches, like those of the Austrians, are all cut into the slopes of mountains and hills; despite the shelters, the rain pours in, forms ditches and flows through them; the trenches become small noisy torrents. To fight in these conditions is not possible. The official bulletins express the situation in the words: "Bad weather hinders the operations."

Hence a forced truce to the work of destruction. Nature takes care of the destruction by a sudden cold wave, dampness that penetrates one's bones and slows up the vital functions.

But on the 22d the weather determines to better itself. The clouds, confounded in a gray veil, take on forms, thin out, show bits of sky. The day becomes divinely beautiful; the air is limpid as crystal. One can distinguish every tree, every bush of Podgora, a green mass. The Sabotino, more bare, veils its reddish scars made by hundreds of thousands of shells, in the violet vapor of a cloud, vast but tenuous, interposed between it and the sun. Monte Santo, San Gabriele, San Daniele, gathered up beneath the crest of the Selva di Tarnova, seem to smile at their unhappy brother, the Carso, which innocently stretches its low arid knolls to the sun, as though to intoxicate itself with warmth and quiet.

No sound of cannon is heard; no rifle crack disturbs the silence of this spring, like florescence.

The 23rd—not a cloud in the spotless sky; the solar warmth raises light mists which tint the distant mountains, palest azure.

And not a concussion, not a shot; only above, the airplanes are flying and little cloudlets of white smoke follow them. But it is not "our" war; we are down on the earth, breathing the vivifying air in great gulps. Like the little dog of Maeterlinck we do not deign to cast a glance at that sky which is not deemed "eatable" by our desires. The province of the air, the theater of war 3,000 feet above, does not interest us. The bursting shrapnel is so far away that one has to pay attention to hear it.

This "truce of God" is strange, so strange that it seems the armies have forgotten the war. I have never felt my soul more peaceably inclined, more bourgeois, less warlike. I forbid my orderly to wake me early tomorrow.

And in truth this morning I got up at 8, full of crazy ideas, with the desire to climb up, up over the wooded slopes of a mountain, to throw myself on the ground upon a carpet of moss, to look at the trees, hear the chirping of birds, enjoy all the beauty of this enchanted region. And the Austrians? But do the Austrians still exist?

Some books lying on my table tempt my fancy. I half close the curtains of the two windows, which are filling the chamber with light, raise the shutters and sit down, taking up the reading of a study of Alphonse Daudet by Doctor Balke. And I read, read until a curious statement strikes me:

"Whereas, Daudet as a bachelor wrote only when the inspiration struck him, after his marriage he acquired the habit of daily work."

This fact interests me. I go over to the table and make a note of Doctor Balke's statement.

#### Chapter II.—From Another Angle.

Lieutenant Puviani, an officer in the same battalion to which your correspondent has the honor of belonging, is attached to the local command at Goritz. He is a strong man, rather heavy, getting on in years (he completed the fortieth a few days ago), a good father and a brave soldier, who has been at the front and in the immediate neighborhood since the beginning of the war. At present he has a rather quiet post and takes advantage of it to make horrible photographs for which he goes about begging compliments, and copies of which he distributes to all his friends.

It is 11:45 a. m. and he is late for the officer's mess which is located near the open door of a courtyard, in the same street where stands the house of your correspondent.

Lieutenant Puviani arrives late at the mess. This tardiness is not necessary considering that he has nothing to do from morning till night, but it gives him a certain air of being a "slave of duty," which he cultivates.

So Lieutenant Puviani walks along with firm and measured step toward the mess. Behold him in Via L—, behold him in Via A—, two steps from his goal. The street is quiet as though lulled to sleep in the heat of a summer afternoon.

Suddenly, at the end of the street, a hundred yards in front of him, he hears a sinister whistling, an explosion, a terrific noise. Pieces of wall, beams, broken glass rain upon the street, while a great cloud, first reddish, then whitish, rises into the sky.

Lieutenant Puviani looks at the stricken house and utters a cry. In one jump he reaches the mess, where all the officers of the battalion are lurching and talking about the shell, "which must have fallen very near," and with a sentence causes them to start to their feet.

"Lieutenant Zanghieri's house has fallen in!"

The officers leave the mess and run toward the spot where lies perhaps the body of their brother officer.

#### Chapter III.—What Really Occurred.

"After his marriage he acquired the habit of daily work."

At the word "marriage" a dull, far away boom, half obliterated by distance. One hears thousands like it every day; today none have been heard and this is the only reason why the ear distinguishes this. At the word "habit" the whistle of a shell. The customary noise, the whistle of a shell begins shriller and again sinks as the shell passes over. When it explodes near you it seems to stop at its shrillest point, as if to collect its forces in a great howl of rage, which is the explosion. But the shell of which I speak differs from all the others. The low tone, the shrill tone, ever nearer, ever nearer, nearer, near—here it is! My pen stops at the word "daily" in expectation of the horrible thing. The house receives a shock that makes it tremble to its foundation, there comes an immense roar as of a hundred cannon firing together. The plaster falls from the ceiling everywhere in the room, which fills with a white powder, while a hail of fragments strikes the shutters. Something caves in with a great rumble. Everything rattles, trembles, jolts and seems to fall downward into chaos, into an inferno of broken things. Then silence.

The word "work" is traced hastily, almost illegibly, by the nervous hand. I write across the sheet: "11:45, a shell on my house." Then I go to the window and throw it open. Two military policemen and four or five soldiers are looking up, showing round eyes, and pale, almost idiotic, faces.

At the left I see my dear colleagues coming toward me. One of them arrives on a bicycle, the others on foot. They too, are pale, and look at me silently, as though I were a ghost.

An entire corner of the house has fallen in, but it is an uninhabited corner. The shell entered through the roof and exploded inside. The ceiling of my room shows two great holes in the front part and two smaller ones above the bed. But the room, though partly crushed, is intact.

"What are you doing up there?" shouts Lieutenant Fusco, the adjutant major of the battalion. "The upper floor is on fire."

Really it is a false alarm; it is only the dust of a fallen ceiling. This does not keep me from hurrying down to my colleagues, happy in the escape from danger, and even more so from having read on their faces affectionate solidarity for their friend. This satisfaction is worth at least a 12-inch shell, especially when it shows itself as well-bred as that whose untimely end I have described.

#### A Martyr.

"Your family must be very fond of oysters."

"You don't think I'm ordering oysters by the bushel because we like them, do you? I'm the only one in the family who can eat them at all."

"Then what do you want with so many?"

"I don't want them. My wife wants the shells to make a roadway from the sidewalk to the garage."

## ROAD BUILDING

### NEED OF STANDARD METHODS

Roads Should Be Classified on Basis of Density of Traffic into Main Lines and Feeders.

Standardized methods of road construction and a standard system of classifying highways are needed. No system of classifying highways is better than that of traffic density. It is highly desirable that careful counts should be instituted by state highway officials to determine the present main routes of travel. Just as in railroad evolution, density of traffic determines the amount of investment, so highways should be classified on the basis of density of traffic into trunk lines, main lines and feeders.

In railroading, a light traffic is handled by a single line of track with switches; main line traffic is handled by double tracks. Trunk lines handling heavy traffic are sometimes four tracked, six tracked and even eight tracked.

The solution reached in the construction of permanent country roads around Cleveland is instructive. It is similar to the solution followed in



Good Roads in New York.

railway evolution. The right of way for the highway lies between two fences 60 feet, more or less, apart. Economy is attained by building the permanent highway one-half as wide, leaving the balance of the dirt road for the present as before.

In railroading it is an axiom that the capacity of a single track of railway with sufficient switches and uniform speed of trains is practically unlimited. In Cuyahoga county, Ohio, hundreds of miles of permanent country roads of narrow widths are being built, using a special type of brick which is produced cheaply in that locality for the surface, set upon cement foundations. Future generations may widen these country auto tracks if they so desire. But they will act more wisely if they invest the money in an equal number of miles of new narrow roads of permanent construction to act as feeders.

A 12-foot permanent road is passable, summer and winter, for the harvest loads. The dirt road lies to one side of the new trackway just as before. The country needs thousands of miles of narrow roads of permanent construction, intersecting as feeders with the wider main lines and trunk lines. Such feeders need not be wider than 12 feet. The advantages are plain. Not only are such roads passable summer, fall, winter and spring for the harvest loads, but they are also permanent.

And, above all, they are a state and municipal undertaking, and not a subject for federal endowment.—Wall Street Journal.

### WIDE WAGON TIRES FAVORED

Oklahoma Adopted Measure After Considerable Study of Road Question—Most Economical.

Oklahoma, when it drafted its new road legislation, provided a penalty for using wagons of two tons or more capacity that do not have at least three-inch tires. The measure was adopted after a considerable study of the road question. Dealers who sell vehicles which do not come up to the state requirement make themselves liable for a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for each wagon sold.

Tests by the federal roads department indicate that the three-inch tire is the most economical for farmers. Instead of being destructive to roads, it helps to make them better. Narrow-dred wagons, which are universally common, are very hard on roads.

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It is a Fine Relieving Remedy

It is good for colds settled in the lungs, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, Soreness in the Bronchial tubes, Hard Coughs, Congestion in the Lungs. It is soothing and healing and very comforting to the sufferer.

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Buy the \$1.00 size. You get five times as much as the 25c size, and you get free with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

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There may be circumstances under which a "fair exchange is no robbery," but it wont work in a reputable drug store. In such a store

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Your doctor is supposed to know what he orders in the prescription he gives you and WE FILL IT TO THE LETTER or not at all.

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Insist on your prescriptions coming to us, where you get protection to life and health.

## LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

## HE HAD NOTHING TO WEAR!

So he missed an important engagement. He also missed a stroke of business. He had several fairly good suits but they all needed

## CLEANING AND PRESSING

Don't be caught in that predicament When your clothes become soiled and wrinkled from wear BRING THEM TO US. We make them look like and prolong their usefulness.

## M. L. CLEWIS TAILOR

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## GUIDED BY BEACONS

LIVES OF TRAVELERS SAVED BY  
"LAND LIGHTHOUSES."

Safety Signals on Desolate English Waters Were a Necessity in Times Gone By—Many of Them Still in Existence.

Of all the remarkable lighthouses in existence, and there are many of them, what is described as "the only land lighthouse" is the most extraordinary. This is the lofty tower, 100 feet high, on the lonely levels of Lincoln Heath, five miles from Lincoln, in the parish of Dunston. It is known as "Dunston Pillar," says a writer in London Answers.

When the strange building first came into being in 1751 Lincoln heath was easily the most dangerous waste place in England. About twenty miles square, it had then no made roads, no signposts and no inclosing hedges.

Travelers found it a risky place to venture in, especially in the short days of winter.

The registers of Leasingham church, on the outskirts of the vast solitude, contain accounts of the burials of many unfortunate travelers who lost their way here and perished in snowstorms and tempests.

So notorious were those dangers that at Potter Hanworth and at Blankney, in this region, there are pieces of land bequeathed as thank-offerings by strayed wayfarers whose lives had been saved by hearing the church bell's chimes, so that their steps were guided to shelter. The revenues from these lands were intended to secure the continuance of those nightly ringings, so that no others should run such risks.

It was Francis Dashwood, Lord le Despenser, who built Dunston Pillar. It served as a signpost by day and as a beacon by night, being at that time surmounted by a lantern, which was brilliantly illuminated.

But, after some fifty-nine years, a good road was at last made across these wilds and the lantern was no longer considered necessary. So in place of it a colossal stone statue of George III. was placed there in 1810, the year of his jubilee. And there it stands today.

Besides Dunston Pillar, there are many more beacons that were intended to keep the old-time travelers in the right path. We have one in the neighborhood of London. This is the old iron firepot, or cresset, on the angle turret of Monken Hadley church, near Barnet, placed there originally hundreds of years ago for the express purpose of guiding travelers who might be coming after nightfall through the lonely and deeply wooded districts of Enfield Chase. The iron pot has, of course, been often renewed.

A similar firepot stands on the tower of Gillingham church, near Chatham, overlooking the River Medway.

A much more elaborate affair, which was as much a "land lighthouse" as Dunston Pillar, is the lantern which still stands on the tower of Great Weldon church, in the Rockingham Forest district of Northamptonshire. It was

lighted every night for the express purpose of guiding benighted travelers to safety through the entangled forest brakes.

Of course, many of our lighthouses serving our mariners along our coasts are actually built on land, notably the famous North Foreland and the Lizard lights.

Among the most curious of these is Dungeness lighthouse, standing on the desolate wastes of shingle on the Kentish coast.

It was about 1615 when the first lighthouse was built there by a private speculator, who disposed of his interest to one William Lamplough, clerk to the king's kitchen.

### To Stimulate Reading.

Five books, fiction or nonfiction, may henceforth be drawn on one card issued to an adult reader from the Chicago public library. This is to include all sorts of books, except the newest fiction, which is issued as before, only for a seven-day period, nonrenewable.

"We do not expect, however, that there will be a noticeable increase in the number of books taken out according to this privilege," said Carl B. Roden, assistant librarian. "We are doing this merely as an incentive to the public to read more. The power of suggestion is more effective than anything else in making the public read. For instance, one of the popular column conductors of a city newspaper will merely mention a certain book, and our librarians are swamped with requests for that book, no matter how abstruse or lengthy it is. No other book on the same subject will do."—Chicago News.

### Start of Phrenology.

The first announcement made by Franz Joseph Gall regarding his system of phrenology was in an address delivered before his medical colleagues in Vienna just a century and a quarter ago. Gall was a native of Baden, but settled in Vienna in 1781 and began the practice of medicine in the Austrian capital. From his boyhood he had been interested in studying the craniums of his companions, and many observations and much study convinced him that the talents and dispositions of men may be inferred with perfect exactitude and precision from the external appearance of the skull. This theory he elaborated in many lectures, pamphlets and books, and soon gained many adherents in the scientific world.

### A Martyr.

"When we were married you said there was nothing you wouldn't do for me," said the spoiled darling.

"Well, my dear," answered her husband, patiently, "I was thinking the matter over the other day, and it seemed to me there was nothing you hadn't asked me to do for you, but if there is any little thing in your mind you haven't mentioned yet, speak and I will do the best I can."

### Cocoa From the Enemy's Country.

A cargo of 400 tons of cocoa recently arrived in London from the former German colony of Cameroons. Before the war the colony was Germany's chief cocoa-producing colony, and from Cameroons and Togoland she derived something like 4,000 tons a year.

## Local News Gleaned From Rock Hill Country

(Delayed)

Jan. 2.—Old Santa Claus has come and gone. We think he visited everyone in this community.

New Year's Day has also come and gone and that certifies that we are three hundred and sixty six days nearer our destination than we were last New Year's day, but there is a bright side for another year is now beginning its existence.

There was quite a crowd at the box supper, although the weather was very disagreeable. The Y. L. S. C. collected thirty-seven dollars for the boxes and prizes.

Mr. A. H. Streetman has been ill for the last few days with la-grippe, but think he will soon be alright.

We had a Christmas tree at this place Monday, Christmas night and Old Santa served us well. It was the quietest Xmas. tree the writer has ever witnessed.

Mr. P. W. Morrison, a former teacher at this place, spent a part of Christmas in this community.

Messrs. C. R. and G. L. Streetman spent Christmas with homefolks.

Mr. J. L. Nichols and family and Lizzie Beth Streetman visited Mr. R. H. Cook of San Pedro community a part of last week.

Luther Campbell is back in this community for a little stay.

Mr. L. L. Morgan, our principal, visited friends in Louisiana during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt Clark

of Cooper community spent Christmas with C. M. Streetman and family.

Some of the people of this community are thinking of declaring war on the black birds to protect the spring corn.

Mrs. Blackwell and son have moved into this community and the son is going to school.

Our literary society will meet again Friday night, January 12. Everybody invited to come.

Rattler.

## UTILIZING THE WHOLE PEANUT

Over at Cleburne a contract has been closed for 100 carloads of peanut hulls to be used in a combination feed for live stock. This completes utilization of the entire peanut, a possible factor in prices next season. That the forthcoming crop will be more profitable to the producer than past season seems to be the general opinion of field men interested in promoting safe farming. Plant peanuts and let the peanut politician go—Ft. Worth Star Telegram.

## JAIL "FOR RENT"

Palestine, Texas, January 7.—"For rent, apply to John Middleton, chief of police," was the wording on a sign placed in front of the city jail Friday night by parties who wanted to play a joke on the chief. The jail has been empty since January 1, no arrests having been made since that time by city policeman.

Let Us Print  
Your Sale Bills

## Local News Reported From Ephesus Country

Jan. 1.—The health of this community is very good at present and everybody is looking forward to a prosperous New Year.

Mr. Hugh Goolsby is very ill at this time.

Mr. Lee Graham has his new house almost completed. He has bought an unimproved farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Parker are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born Dec. 23.

This community is posted for an election, to be held at the school house on the 27th of this month to decide whether the taxpayers of this community will issue bonds for the purpose of building and equipping a new school building. If the bond issue carries we hope to begin work on the house early next spring.

Mr. Reuben Graham entertained with a dance Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Anderson visited at the home of A. J. Kelley Sunday.

Mr. Monroe McVey has moved on Mr. Joe Turner's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Tyer of San Pedro spent Christmas with Mrs. Lee Graham.

Mrs. J. M. Anderson visited Mrs. Henry Graham Christmas. Correspondent.

Quite a number of Grapeland farmers attended the meeting in Crockett Monday afternoon, which was called for the purpose of discussing tick eradication. The tick exacts a heavy toll from the farmers of Houston county every year, and the sooner the pests are eradicated the better it will be.

# 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

**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER**

A. H. LUNKER, Editor and Owner

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

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

**SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE**

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 1917

You can't please everybody, so why try?

Every day brings forth a new scheme to make a dollar.

We are about to get the habit of writing it 1917.

Just along about this time of year is when those good resolutions begin to stretch and snap.

The new half dollars have been put into circulation. But their purchasing power is no greater than the old ones.

If the people had the privilege of voting for war or peace there would be no room for speculation as to the result.

The Harlingen Star says: "Another reason why a woman is a woman is because she tells what she has heard before she mentions what she knows."

Twenty-one Hereford calves were sold at Berclair, Texas a few days ago for \$70 each. And yet some farmers continue to raise "scrub" stock.

People who delight in magnifying the faults of others will at some future time find the spotlight turned upon their own shortcomings.

Newspapers all over the United States should do what they can to create in this country a sentiment for peace. If the war is not stopped Europe will be butchered.

If it is true that the styles in women's clothes is the cause of men's necks being longer than they were twenty years ago, we predict that the men of the next generation will be hard to distinguish from giraffes.

The city council of Nacogdoches has passed an ordinance barring all carnival companies from exhibiting within the city limits. It's a good thing. The average carnival, with its various fake attractions, has a very demoralizing effect upon the morals of the people, especially young people of the community.

It has been apparent to the public for a long time that there have been many opportunities for private parties to make huge fortunes in stock manipulation if the diplomatic moves of the government, or other official news, could be secured several hours before its arrival to the public. Since the publication of the recent peace note, we regret to see charges that several par-

ties have made stupendous fortunes through a leak somewhere, and we are glad that the matter is being gone into by responsible investigators. There should be no impression in this country that millions have been made through such methods. There must be no such impressions, and an investigation should determine whether there was such a leak.

An old fashioned Methodist revival was recently held at the First Methodist church in Houston. Did anyone observe Geo. Bailey of the Houston Post avail himself of the opportunity to display his shoutin' ability? If Geo. Bailey shouted an old-fashioned, soul-stirring, Methodist shout, we have no doubts whatever, about the success of the revival.

**ARE YOU RED HEADED?**

Over in the European munitions factories they have found that red-headed women are the best and safest workers where the greatest danger is. And now a Milwaukee manufacturing concern asserts that red-headed boys are brighter and more alive than those with less noticeable topknots. The red-headed and freckle-faced boy with the stumped toe has been considered one of the country's greatest assets since the forefathers first discovered America.—Houston Post.

**AT HIS OLD JOB**

The Messenger is glad to report that S. N. Boykin is now back at his old job with Geo. E. Darsey as manager of the dry goods department. For the past three years Mr. Boykin has been traveling for a shoe firm out of Kansas City.

**ANOTHER WRECK**

The I. & G. N. is playing in a streak of hard luck as to wrecks. Hardly a day passes that a wreck is not reported. Last Friday afternoon one occurred just below the depot when three cars of gravel were derailed while passing from the siding to the main track, which blocked both the tracks. The lower end of the switch having been torn up a day or two before, made it impossible for trains to move either way, causing two to be blocked on the switch track. The passenger due at two o'clock was delayed here several hours, but the wreck was cleared for the Sun Shine Special to pass through on time.

**IT ISN'T EVERYBODY**

It isn't everybody who can observe the Golden Rule, and it isn't everybody that tries.

It isn't everybody who thinks of others while he is thinking of self, and mighty few ever try.

It isn't everybody who goes through life returning good for evil, and outside of the preachers we don't know of a single one who tries.

Now do you?

Mr. Henry Calloway, aged sixty, died at his home in the Guiceland community Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, of pneumonia. Deceased was an old resident of this community and leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn his death. The Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved wife, children and other relatives.

# Master of the Tape Line

This is the distinction of merit and honor enjoyed by this store and is the highest award for merit issued by the ROYAL TAILORS--America's foremost artists of made to measure clothes. The Master of the Tape Line Degree is awarded to dealers on the following points:



1. Efficiency in judging and describing customers form.
2. Efficiency in taking and transcribing customers instructions.
3. Neatness and legibility of order blank.
4. Conscientious care and courtesy in rendering service to the customer.

Think what this means to you Mr. Man, when you get ready for a new suit. Our experience and the reliability of the house with whom we do business makes it possible for us to guarantee

- Every Garment to Fit Perfectly
- Every Thread to be all Pure Wool
- Delivery on the Date Specified

Our new spring samples will be here in a few days. In the meantime should you desire a heavier suit to finish the season with, we have some dandy numbers at remarkably low prices.

THE ROYAL TAILORED MEN in the GrapeLand community are the best advertisements we have to offer for this famous line of made-to-measure clothes. Come in and see who they are. The list includes our foremost men.

**MEN'S 3-PIECE SUITS**

We have in stock at present a complete line of sizes in men's and young men's three-piece suits in a big range of the season's best selling patterns. This list includes serges and fancy woolens, cut to fit fat men, slim men, short men, regular men and the tight fitting models so popular with the young men. We can fit you with a suit or overcoat and guarantee same to give you absolute satisfaction at

**\$10 \$12.50 \$15 and \$17**

Why pay \$20 and more for the same you'll find at Darsey's for less?

We have some good numbers left in boys two piece suits, mostly in the large sizes, from 14 to 18 years.

**OUR LINE OF SHOES**

With the prediction for bad weather within the next few weeks, you should not neglect the comfort and safety of your feet. Our line of shoes offer maximum wear for the price, and whether you need shoes for dress, work or school, you will find just what you are looking for at Darsey's. We have shoes that fit your feet and give satisfaction in every way.

Friedman-Shelby all leather line of work shoes.

Florsheim Styles of the Times for Men.

Brown's Star-5-Star shoes for men, women and children.

White House Shoes for men.

Maxine and Smith Sterling Women's Dress Shoes.

BILLIKEN and BUSTER BROWN shoes for children and grown ups.

NOTICE—The fact that all other shoe people make shoes similar to Billikens and sell them as Billikens, is proof enough that Billikens are the best for children.

# GEORGE E. DARSEY

**SERVICE FIRST STORE**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Fresh bread for sale at Hatchell's restaurant.

Cheese 25c per pound at the Cash Grocery Co.

Rub-my-ism - Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

Eat at Hatchell's restaurant when you are in town.

Kennedy Bros are installing an up-to-date gasoline filling station.

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

Albert Haltom and family, who formerly lived on Route 1, have moved to the Slocum community.

We serve Bevo—the great malt soft drink. Try it. Cash Grocery Co.

John Pelham and Alfred Caskey went to Crockett Tuesday morning on business.

A home with 4 acres, close in, residence property at a bargain, on easy terms. S. E. Howard.

W. N. Sheridan of Augusta was here Tuesday and went to Crockett on business matters.

W. G. Darsey and Lon Beuchamp went to Palestine Tuesday on business with the court.

**FOR SALE**

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

Mrs. Hood Pitts and little daughter, Peggie, of Austin, are here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Swanson Yarbrough of Troup came in Tuesday morning to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Finch of the New Prospect community will be grieved to learn of the loss of their three year old son, who died Sunday morning of dyptheria.

Tax Collector Butler was here last Friday for the second time collecting taxes, and a large number of our citizens availed themselves of the opportunity to square accounts with the county and state.

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.

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.

**Bank No. 183  
 OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE **Farmers & Merchants State Bank** At GrapeLand, State of Texas,

at the close of business, on the 27th day of Dec., 1916, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at GrapeLand, State of Texas, on the 11th day of Jan., 1917:

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$38,599 86
Loans, real estate	6,500 00
Overdrafts	138 14
Suspense Acct.	100 00
Real estate (banking house)	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures	1,750 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	49,232 63
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	7 53
Cash Items	419 90
Currency	8,450 00
Specie	1,545 00
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,260 73
Other resources as follows:	
Collection in Transit	110 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,097 07</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	12,000 00
Undivided Profits net	1,038 12
Individual Deposits, subject to check	75,967 75
Time Certificates of Deposit	7,043 70
Cashier's Checks	47 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,097 07</b>

State of Texas, }  
 County of Houston. } ss

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
 GEO. E. DARSEY, President.  
 W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 3rd day of Jan., A. D., nineteen hundred and seventeen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS,  
 Notary Public.  
 Correct—Attest:  
 W. G. DARSEY }  
 M. E. DARSEY } Directors  
 T. S. KENT }

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

Dr. W. N. Puntch of Latexo was here on business Tuesday.

Dr. W. B. Taylor of Creek spent Monday in GrapeLand.

A. B. Spence is driving a new model five passenger Ford.

Some thorough bred Poland and China pigs for sale, or trade. S. E. Howard.

A car load of Light Crust flour and feed stuff due to arrive this week. Cash Grocery Co.

**NOTICE**

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

Joe Adams of Crockett was here Tuesday to attend a directors' meeting of the F. & M. Bank.

**BERRY PLANTS FOR SALE**

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

Rev. J. E. Morgan, of Navasota, the new presiding elder of this district, held the first quarterly conference Sunday afternoon and preached at the Methodist church Sunday night.

**Bank No. 768  
 Official Statement**

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE **Guaranty State Bank** At GrapeLand, State of Texas,

at the close of business on the 27th day of Dec., 1916, published in the GrapeLand Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at GrapeLand, State of Texas, on the 11th day of Jan., 1917.

**RESOURCES:**

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$27,447.76
Loans, real estate	2,044.14
Overdrafts	1.10
County warrants	1,047.50
Real estate, (banking house)	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	59,061.96
Cash Items	2.31
Currency	9,793.00
Specie	2,953.10
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	805.16
Other resources as follows:	
Collection in transit	440.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,025.68</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net	1,872.41
Individual deposits, subject to check	83,594.51
Time Certificates of Deposits	4,592.60
Cashier's Checks	166.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,025.68</b>

State of Texas, }  
 County of Houston. }

We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
 C. W. KENNEDY,  
 President.  
 U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of Jan., A. D., nineteen hundred and seventeen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

JNO. A. DAVIS,  
 Notary Public,  
 Houston County, Texas.  
 Correct—Attest:  
 W. H. Holcomb }  
 E. G. Walling } Directors  
 J. R. Pennington }

**OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED**

The stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank held their meeting Tuesday afternoon and re-elected all the old officers, Geo. E. Darsey, Pres.; T. S. Kent, Vice-Pres.; and W. D. Granberry, Cashier. The directors are the above and Joe Adams, C. H. Beazley, W. G. Darsey and M. E. Darsey. A ten per cent dividend was declared, payable to all stockholders.

Buy your shoes and hats at Howard's.

**NOTICE**

I have a good reliable, gentle work horse for sale. Will take good note for same. See me. J. E. Hollingsworth.

George Calhoun purchased a lot of nice hogs Saturday from J. B. Lively and Bob Wherry, and shipped a car load of them to the Ft. Worth market Monday.

Tom Whitaker has returned to Muldoon to resume his school duties after a two weeks' vacation spent with his parents in the San Pedro community.

The owner of the auto tire advertised last week was found, it belonging to Dr. L. S. Harris of Crockett. Dr. Harris was here Tuesday and carried it home with him. "It pays to advertise."

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
 FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

**Why You Should Trade During 1917 at THE PEOPLE'S DRUG STORE**

We carry a most complete line of Drugs, Sundries, Toilet Articles and our Jewelry is the biggest and best assortment in town.

WE SHARE WITH YOU OUR PROFITS and the burdens of the increased price of drugs.

We have a pharmacist who knows how and fills your prescriptions correctly.

We live up to our motto: "HONESTY and QUALITY."

Don't send your money away to some mail order house of questionable reputation and pay as much or more for an inferior article.

**The Peoples Drug Store**  
 "Honesty and Quality"  
 WADE L. SMITH

**Let us Join Hands for a Prosperous Year**

Even if we had no convictions in the matter, our dealings with the public have convinced us that "honesty is the best policy."

**Honest Goods at Honest Prices**

Has built our business to the splendid trade we now enjoy.

**BOYS' CLOTHING**

We have a number of boys' Suits and Pants that we wish to close out and will

**Sell them at a Sacrifice!**

**T. S. Kent**  
 QUALITY IS THE THING

**THREE OF A KIND**

The loafer, the kicker, and the bluffer are three of a kind, and the breed is not conducive to the welfare of any community.--Eagle Pass News Guide.

**"I SHOULD WORRY"**

A Government bulletin says that so far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbors. No fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide. No squirrel ever died of anxiety least he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of for one, and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years.

Will Musick has resigned his position as chief deputy to sheriff Spence, and has accepted a position with the City Market and Grocery Co. of Crockett.

**FOR SALE**

One 7 passenger Studebaker car, in first class condition, for sale at a bargain for cash if sold at once. Or will sell for part cash and part on time. See R. T. Kent, or phone No 5, Farmer's Union, GrapeLand, Texas.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the sickness and death of our little boy. Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan and children of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Cunningham, who is now living at Henrietta, sends her renewal and writes: "I can't stay away from home and do without the home paper."

### Letter From The Lone Star Community

We have had one of the driest falls and winters up to now I ever saw in this country and I have been here ever since Aug. 1860.

Our community has more la-grippe and bad colds I think than I ever saw.

Now, I will tell you something about our Fifth Sunday meeting, held at old Lone Star, commencing Friday, Dec. 29 and lasted 3 days. 10:30 was the time to begin but owing to some delay we got to work at 12:00. We organized and got ready for business with Brother Tarrish Moderator and Bro. Billie Durnell as clerk. Then we adjourned for dinner and let me tell you, those good ladies know just how to spread those large table cloths out and fill the whole top of them with edibles that were good enough for Woodrow Wilson. Then Bro. Andrews was called upon to bless those refreshments and we did eat and were filled and the ladies took up at least five basketsful of the fragments, then we reassembled and went back to work after we had some good singing, led by Brothers Billie Durnell and Johnnie Foster and we then had some good talks and discussions by Brothers McDaniel, Andrews, Durnell and Tarrish, which lasted till nearly 5 o'clock, then it was suggested that we have preaching at early candle light by Bro. Durnell, but the condition of the weather would not permit night services. Then we returned to our homes taking all visiting brothers and preachers, next morning returning back to commence again. At 10:30 we got down to business with Bro. Tarrish, moderator and Bro. Billie Durnell clerk. Then Bro. Black being with us, we put him up to open the discussion, which he did in a manner we approved of. Then at 12:30 we adjourned for dinner and those good ladies did as the day before and Mr. Editor, if you could have been there you and I would have shown some body how to hide those good refreshments. If I am lucky enough to see the next one held at old Lone Star I intend to notify you beforehand. Then after dinner same as the day before, we got to business again. We had some good discussions which lasted until about 5 o'clock and the weather was still bad so we had no night services. Sunday morning it was raining, so the writer did not get to go. But have been told that Bro. Durnell preached one of the best sermons—as good as any that ever fell from a pulpit. One good lady, who is a member of what some people call the Campbellite Church, said it was the best sermon she ever heard in her life. Old Lone Star church was at one time the leading church of the county, both in preaching and glorious meetings and Sunday School. We at one time numbered about 80 Sunday School pupils and it stood that way for several years. I have heard at that place young ladies recite whole chapters by heart and remember one time, when a young lady recited the longest chapter in the Bible. I do hope to see the day come when it will be like those days and it can if the good people around old Lone Star will put their time, talent and desires in

it like we did then. I do hope and trust that the time is near at hand when old Lone Star will shine as bright as she did years ago.

Now, Mr. Editor, I will close these few words by saying that I hope and wish you and your staff a happy New Year, and that you may be successful in your work and all good undertakings, also all those good preachers and brethren who were with us during those days and that all people may come to be reconciled to their God and Creator. Wishing all people well, I remain,  
J. N. Tyer,  
Crockett, Rte. 1.

### MAKE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS GET AHEAD OF THE OTHER FELLOW BY PICKING SCRAPS OF TIME FROM THE WASTE BASKET.

Abraham Lincoln would split rails all day in the forest and then after his day's work, would walk five miles to borrow a book to study and improve himself. It is said of George Washington, in answer to a question of his mother as to why he studied so late at night, replied that he was working out the destiny of his country, and he did.

There are hundreds of young people today who are desirous of gaining a practical education, but for one reason or another, they can not leave home to secure it, so they drag along from one year to the next in the same old rut. There are hundreds of others who cannot attend our school in person that are availing themselves of the opportunity offered by our Correspondence Department of the College, saving their leisure moments and investing them in an education that will mean thousands of dollars to them in the coming years.

You say that you are not able to take a course, but the person who can least afford it is the one that needs it most, and should have it by all means at any sacrifice; it does not cost much.

Young friend, why not take advantage of your opportunity and gain a business education by using the moments that would otherwise be wasted? Why not spend an hour of the long winter evenings after nightfall, qualifying yourself with a knowledge of the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand, Steno-typewriting, Practical Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Arithmetic, Grammar, Writing, Salesmanship and Business Efficiency, Advertising and Telegraphy, for which the business world readily pays cash.

Fill out the following blank and mail to the Correspondence Department for catalogue and full particulars.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name .....

Address.....

Correspondence Course Inter-  
ested in.....

Cash or note plan.....

### THINGS LOOK QUEER

The laundry building at the Insane asylum at Austin was destroyed by fire the other day. It was worth \$86,000. The dispatch carrying the news item stated there was no insurance. Who is responsible for this loss to the taxpayers of Texas? Things about Austin sometimes look rather queer.—Seguin Bulletin.

### Old Timer Writes News From Oak Grove Community

(Delayed)

Dec. 31.—The last day of the year 1916 is a very gloomy day, and we hope that the new year will open bright and that every day may grow more lovely as the year passes off. It is very seldom that the sun rises clear on New Year's morning. I have heard older men say that a bright New Year day was an indication of short crops but let us hope that this may prove untrue.

I think we are entering one of the hardest years since away back in the sixties. If the farming people will adopt the following resolutions and stick to them we will all be better off when the year comes to an end.

Resolution No. 1. Plant plenty of feedstuff.

No. 2. Stay at home and work it.

No. 3. Help bear each other's burdens.

No. 4. Visit the sick, widows and orphans in their distress.

No. 5. Do unto others as you would have them do unto us.

Our school will open again tomorrow and we hope the last half of the term will be better than the first, although we have had a nice school.

There has been some moving, but it is not all done and I will speak of it later. The time of year has come when people change places to suit themselves better.

Wishing the Messenger force a prosperous New Year and the working people a good crop, I am, as ever,  
Old Timer.

### SAVING ROLLING LAND

The rainfall in the Southwest is not as heavy as some places in the South, yet it is heavy enough in many localities to wash away soil and inundate fields at certain seasons of the year. Although we have a very large area of land that is very level, there are many farms rolling enough for considerable washing every year. Hillside fields are in many instances being eroded rapidly, and the time is coming when these fields will not be worth cultivating unless steps are taken to stop this waste in fertility.

Terracing is greatly needed on rolling farms when the slope is steep enough to make this desirable. It has been shown by many practical farmers in recent years that when terraces are properly made they save the soil and enable the manager to build up his soil rather than suffer it to be lost.

By using careful judgement in plowing, running the rows in the right direction and arranging the cropping system, fields that have begun to wash may be saved.—Farm & Ranch.

### HOW FAR WILL A DOLLAR GO?

Cuero, Texas, January 7—The secretary of the Cuero commercial club, by way of an apt practical demonstration of home buying has taken a dollar check from Mayor Milligan and left room for 14 indorsements, representing that many trades or transactions, and when they are filled it will be cashed at the bank. This of course does not represent fully the work of an actual cash dollar, but it will be a valuable lesson in the work a single dollar can do.



### OUR CONSTANT DESIRE

Is to meet the financial requirements of the substantial trade and mercantile element of the community as well as to serve the individual depositor. To this end we bend every effort. How well we succeed we leave to our hundreds of depositors to testify. We invite your account.

### 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.

### People Read This Newspaper

That's why it would be profitable for you to advertise in it

- 
- If you want a job
- If you want to hire somebody
- If you want to sell something
- If you want to buy something
- If you want to rent your house
- If you want to sell your house
- If you want to sell your farm
- If you want to buy property
- If there is anything that you want the quickest and best way to supply that want is by placing an advertisement in this paper

The results will surprise and please you

**It Always Helps**

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

**CARDUI**

**The Woman's Tonic**

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

**Get a Bottle Today!**

**A "SMOKING COSTUME"**



Suggesting the orient and the harem this "smoking costume" is a necessary adjunct to the wardrobe of the woman who enjoys her sweet-scented cigarettes. It is a Calotte model of tulle color and gold brocaded chiffon. The sleeves and pantaloons are of gold shot silk and the turban which is of the same material as is the jacket, is draped with a soft chiffon veil of tulle color.

**LIGHTED LIFE BELT**

**Guides Rescuers to Assistance of Drowning Person.**

**That Invention of New York Man Has a Practical Value Will Be Readily Seen From Description of Its Construction.**

The difficulty of saving a man who has fallen overboard at night is almost insuperable, because of the impossibility of seeing him in the heaving waste of waters. When a great maritime disaster takes place at night, as the wreck of the Titanic did, and hundreds or thousands of human beings are scattered over the sea in the darkness the loss of life is appalling, simply because they cannot be seen.

If every life belt could bear a light, the floating or swimming persons could readily be picked up. To provide such a lighted life belt is the object of an invention by A. M. McGuff of New York.

It consists essentially of a bag made of rubber or other waterproof material, containing a small electric flashlight and attached by straps to the ordinary life belts and life preservers. The flashlights may be either tubular or flat, the former being more suitable to ring life belts, the latter to those that are strapped about the body. The flashlights can be of small size, for these will glow through the greater part of a night.

When a life preserver is thrown at night to a man who has fallen overboard he can rarely find it in the dark, but with a little flashlight glowing upon it he will see it and be able to reach it if he can swim.

**Blowing Up a Gun Position.**

There had been moderate firing all through the day, but, as often happens, there was now a complete calm. An officer, staring through his periscope binoculars, called my attention to a group of Germans. They were some distance back of their own front lines and were working under a screen of green branches. They were evidently laying steel plates for a machine-gun protection. The artificial bushes were almost a sufficient blind, but not quite. At that second there was the burst of a gun back of our lines. The next instant I saw a tree crash down at the exact spot where the Germans were working. A wave of black dirt rose, mixing its color into the white puff of the exploded shell. There was no more machine-gun parapet repairing that afternoon.—Lucian Swift Kirtland in Leslie's.

**Run Down Deer With Auto.**

Auburn, Cal.—In running down a deer near Emigrant Gap, Bert Lyons and David Campbell scored another triumph for the automobile. Lyons and Campbell were returning from Lake Tahoe and saw the deer, a big five-pronged buck, standing in the middle of the road. The animal must have been confused by the lights, as he stood still until the car struck him and knocked him down. As the buck arose he was struck a second time. Although the men had rifles and revolvers in the car the deer escaped.

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**CORBETT LOSES THE FIGHT!**

**Many May Think Pugilist's Defeat by Fitzsimmons Was in the Nature of a Judgment.**

If I were a superstitious man I might give undue weight to the following incident as a bad omen. Just before Corbett had met Sullivan and while he was in training he bought a collie for \$10—a wonderfully pugnacious dog, which would tackle anything. There was one thing on earth that Ned loved, and only one, and that was Corbett. And Jim loved the dog for his bravery. Ned always slept at the end of his master's bed and if anybody approached the room he would give a terrible growl. In a word, he was Corbett's protector. Ned was Corbett's constant companion during training for the Sullivan fight and went with him to New Orleans. Then he traveled everywhere with his victorious master and made his appearance on the stage with him in the training scene in "Gentleman Jack." It was Ned's growls that aroused the camp one night when Corbett was training for the Mitchell fight to the fact that some persons had climbed up next to Corbett's room. It looked as if they were there to maim or hurt Corbett. In fact, when they were discovered and shot at, they shot back. Of course, Ned was the hero of the affair.

When we went to Europe Jim lent Ned to John W. Norton and he remained with that man until Norton died.

When Corbett went to Carson he forgot all about Ned, partly from the fact, I suppose, that his brother Harry had brought from San Francisco a beautiful full-blooded collie for whom Jim had now conceived a deep affection. Not knowing this, I thought it would be a good idea to take Ned with me when I should join Corbett at Carson. I paid Ned's expenses across the continent in the baggage car, took good care of him and anticipated great pleasure in introducing him to Corbett again. I found Jim sitting with the beautiful collie dog in his lap. Ned, furiously jealous, sprang at the throat of the dog who had supplanted him in his old master's affections, and they had a terrible row until Corbett savagely pulled them apart and kicked Ned out of the door into the deep snow. That night Corbett, who slept in a cottage opposite the little hotel where we were training, took the collie and went to bed, and the next morning, outside of Corbett's door, with his nose on the sill, was Ned—frozen stiff! And Corbett lost the fight!—From "The Fighting Man," by William A. Brady.

**STILL DOES THE DICTATING**

**Faithful Stenographer Had One Stipulation to Make on Receiving Proposal of Marriage.**

"Miss DeClique," said her employer, "you have been a faithful worker during the last year and I believe you will make some man a good wife. May I hope to claim you as such?"

"Mr. Oldboy," replied the blue-eyed blonde, "I appreciate your kindness in making me this offer, but before accepting it I wish to say one word. As your stenographer it has been your privilege to dictate to me, but if I become your wife I shall reserve the right to do all the dictating myself, and—"

"Pardon me for interrupting you," said the old man, "but further words are unnecessary. You will continue in your present position, Miss DeClique, and I will add an extra dollar to your weekly salary, which will enable you to drown in ice cream soda any hopes that my words may have raised."

**An Advantage.**

"What are your qualifications for the position you seek?" asked the eminent official.

"I don't know anything about the job," replied the confident candidate. "That doesn't constitute a qualification."

"Maybe not exactly. But when you get ready to proceed with reforms, it makes me easier to get on with because I haven't any prejudices to overcome."

**THE REASON.**



"I call this engagement ring 'the cat.'"

"Why, so?"

"Because it always comes back."

**Told by Streaks.**

"Do you know what that town was we passed through a few minutes ago?" asked the driver of the fast automobile as they flew through space.

"No," was the reply of his companion; "it looked like a yellow streak to me."

"You're right; it was St. Louis."

"Now what's this town we're going through?"

"This looks like a red streak."

"Right you are! Chicago!"

**Seems Reasonable.**

"I put all the money I had on Happy Boy and the beast didn't even show!" wailed Mr. Sportkins.

"Is Happy Boy a horse?" queried Mrs. Sportkins.

"Certainly, ma'am."

"And he didn't show, you say?"

"Didn't you just hear me say it?"

"Well, if the horse didn't put in an appearance, I should think you could get your money back."

**Two Kickers.**

"What do you suppose that little long-eared donkey did when I kissed him on the nose?" said the sweet young thing.

"I surely don't know," replied the young man with the pink spats.

"He kicked."

"Did you only kiss him once?"

"Yes."

"Well, I don't blame him. I'd kick, too, if you only kissed me once."

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# FOR BETTER ROADS

## TILE DRAINING MEETS FAVOR

Wisconsin Highway Commission Outline Plan for Improvement of Wet Spots in Roads.

(By the WISCONSIN HIGHWAY COMMISSION.)

Most of the springy places or sink holes in roads are due to two causes: Lack of drainage in the side ditches, and second, and probably the greater cause, lack of drainage beneath the surface. In other words, the underground water flows so close to the surface of the road that there is not sufficient hard crust to hold up the travel, and the whole road surface cuts through and becomes bottomless. Deepening the ditches will help, inasmuch as they will help get the surface water off the road into the ditches, and will carry it away, if the ditches are properly dug. But no matter how deep the side ditches are made (within limits of safety to travel), they will not catch any great part of the underground water, as it flows just so far below the surface wherever the surface is.

In the case of springy places on flats or near marshes, the road should be raised as much as money permits, the side ditches deepened and made with an even grade so that they discharge to some outlet. Down the center of the road, as deep as you can get it and still get an outlet, should be laid a line of four or six-inch land tile. Inverted sod or burlap should be placed over the tile joints. The trench for this should be dug with ordinary tiling tools to an even grade. It is much better if the trench is back-filled with clean crushed stone or clean stoney gravel. These things being done, you will be astounded at the improvement in conditions next spring and in all wet times. The tile should be given a fall of about three inches in 100 feet, if it is possible to get it, the more the better, though it will flow with a fall of as little as one inch in 100 feet, if well laid. If the trench described above is filled with rock or coarse gravel, results are secured, but tile is much better.

The short spring holes, on hills usually, should be treated by opening good ditches at each side so the surface water flows off readily, and then in the shoulder about ten feet from the center of the road should be laid a four or six-inch tile at a depth of at least three feet below the center of the road. This tile should be placed on the edge of the road toward the side from which the underground water comes (the side of the road on which the land is highest).

The trench should be back-filled with stone or gravel, and if this work is well done so the tile runs freely, you will be surprised to see the amount of water it will discharge, and the improvement in the road during all wet seasons. In exceptional cases, the tile should be placed on both sides of the road, but usually a line of tile on the high side will intercept the underground flow and lower the water level enough to save the road. Piling stone in sink holes until the bottom is reached will usually improve conditions, but the expense of this method of fixing a sink hole is usually very much greater than tiling it, and the results are not as good, because it does not remove the cause which produces the bad spot, while tile does.

Four-inch unglazed field tile is worth from 3 to 5 cents per foot; six-inch from 4½ to 7 cents per foot; four-inch glazed sewer pipe with bell is worth from 6 to 10 cents per foot; six-inch from 10 to 14 cents per foot. Prices vary with quality desired, kind of delivery and local profit. Your local dealer can give you prices.

As for surface drainage, the only safe rule is to grade the road so the water will run promptly from the surface of the road into the ditches, and to so grade the ditches that water will not stand at any point, but flow rapidly along the ditches and away to some natural outlet. Standing water (except in some cases on marshes) is evidence of lack of care in making and maintaining the ditches, and a sink hole or springy place is an absolute indication that both side ditches and tile under-drain are very badly needed.

### Must Rebuild Bridges.

New York state is facing the necessity of rebuilding two-thirds of her highway bridges because they are not strong enough to bear a weight of eight tons. In addition, there are damage suits totaling \$1,000,000 as the result of the failure of bridges.

### Champion Melon Eater.

Berkeley, Cal.—Thomas S. Vanasz, world's champion, is in training. Vanasz, a senior in the College of Letters and Sciences at the University of California, says that next summer he'll either break his own record or bust something trying. He holds the title of world's champion cantaloupe eater. Last summer he worked in Imperial valley. Before his tent he put a marker, and every time he ate a cantaloupe he added a notch. When he got through there were 789 notches, an average of 26 a day. Now he's practicing on oranges and cup custard, just to keep his hand in.

### Strange Birds in Hollow Tree.

Port Clinton, Mass.—Rev. J. T. N. Braithwaite of Lakeside made a peculiar discovery on his farm near the Marblehead lighthouse. Rev. Braithwaite was having his apple tree doctored and in one of the hollow trees some strange birds were found. The birds were of a bluish color, with a white breast, and are thought to have become lost in their cross-country migration, as they are strangers to this section. Seventeen of the birds were taken out in a weak condition, while 35 dead ones were found further down in the trunk of the tree.

### Begins School at Nineteen.

Vancouver, Wash.—The State School for the deaf has opened and 104 pupils reported, among them being a lad from Granger, Wash., nineteen years old, who had been deaf since he was five months old and has never attended school.

### Incomplete Comprehension.

"A great many people talk about things they don't understand."  
"Of course," replied Miss Cayenne; "if we all thoroughly understood everything it is considered necessary to talk about, we should all be immoderately wise — and sometimes rather impolite."

### Good Reason.

"I think Jackson has had a fight with the couple in the apartment next to his."  
"What makes you think so?"  
"He bought his boy a drum and a bugle yesterday."

### Opportunity Lost.

What you might have made if you could have delivered your produce to market that day when the price was up, will never be entered on the profit side of your books as long as the road to town is a string of mudholes.

### Limestone as Manure.

"Ground limestone will be used as commonly as barnyard manure by many Missouri farmers of the coming generation," says M. F. Miller of the agricultural experiment station of the University of Missouri.

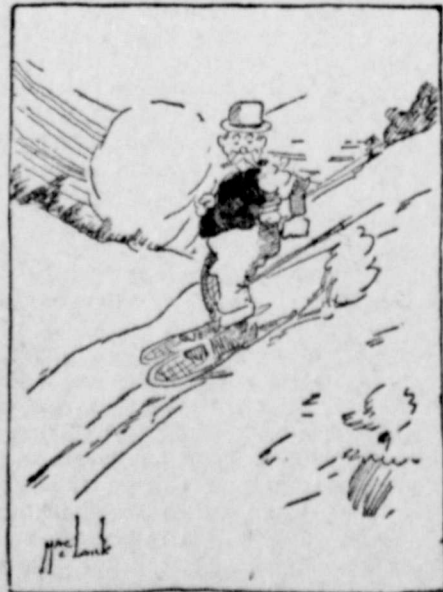
H. F. Anthony left Tuesday for his home in Ft. Stockton, after spending several weeks here.

The Messenger regrets to learn of the death of R. R. Thames, who died at his home in the Glover community January 1st. A more extended write-up will appear next week.

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## THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



Tobogganin' Would Suit Cy Cawkins if It Wasn't For Climbin' Back Again.

Th' men who say th' world is drear  
An' wear funeral faces,  
Are not considerin', that's clear,  
A jackpot full on ace.

Some men are naturally so depraved  
That th' devil don't waste any time on 'em.

# Put This Down for Resolution No. 1 "I'll Pay Enough for Clothes"



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Many men don't pay enough for clothes to get all the value they ought to get. You buy clothes to wear; and the way they wear is the value you get.

Wear means more than so many months; it means looks as well as lasting; it means mental as well as bodily fit. You may pay a very low price for a suit or overcoat—that is, low in the sense of a few dollars. And if you have plenty of money, you may pay a high price, in the sense of a good many dollars.

But it's very easy to forget—many men seem to forget—that a price is low or high in proportion to the value you get for it. There are \$15 suits in this town that are very high-priced, and \$35 or \$40 suits that are low priced.

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### A SURPRISE PARTY

Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, Miss Owena Johnston gave a surprise party, special invitations being given by her in person and were gladly accepted by all who were fortunate enough to be placed on her list for the evening. Those honored were Misses Minnie Lee Hague, Bell and Ida May Thedford and Messrs. Seth Wright Yarbrough, Luther Brown, William and Lu-

ther Thedford and the writer. Many delightful games were indulged in until 11:30, then delicious chocolate and cake were passed around by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, assisted by Miss Owena and Seth Wright Yarbrough, after which a new series of games were introduced by Miss Dora Johnston, which proved so attractive that the flight of time was forgotten until the clock chimed 12, which reminded us that we must bid good-

night to our hostess, which we did with the hope that we would always be on her favored list. Ragweed.

Eugene Walling has moved to our city and is occupying the Johnson place in South Grape-land, which he purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Campbell, formerly of Weches, are now living near Salmon, Mr. Campbell having purchased the H. J. Shaw farm.